



Introduction:

- Have you ever watched the game show Deal or No Deal?
- If you think about it the premise for the game is really life in a nutshell.
- Not that this life is about playing for 1 million dollars but we are constantly being offered deals.

I. Temptation of Jesus – Luke 4:1-2

- A. Sometimes we read this text and walk away thinking Jesus was only tempted 3 times.
- B. How long had He been tempted? _____
- C. Hebrews 4:15; Luke 4:13; John 14:30

II. Stone To Bread – Luke 4:3

- A. Jesus had been fasting for how many days? _____
- B. What was Satan really challenging Him to do? _____
- C. Deuteronomy 8:1-3 _____

III. Kingdoms of the World

- A. Satan here pulls his classic “half-truth” as we like to call it
- B. John 12:31; 14:30; 1 John 5:19: Satan is what? _____
- C. Romans 13:1-4; Psalm 24:1: Who is in control? _____
- D. Deuteronomy 6:13

IV. Throw Yourself Down

- A. Satan here quotes scripture himself (Psalm 91:11-12) but not in the right way.
- B. What is he tempting Jesus to do? _____
- C. Deuteronomy 6:16 – “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”
- D. What did they do in Exodus 17:7? _____

V. Deal or No Deal?

- A. Satan is still using the same tactics today on us and those we love every day.
- B. Stone to Bread
 - 1) The temptation to rely on other things or ourselves rather than God.
 - 2) He offers us deals that bring immediate satisfaction rather than patiently waiting on our God.
- C. Kingdoms of the World
 - 1) We may not be able to conquer the world but Satan is constantly offering deals that would seem to make our “world” more what we want it to be.
 - 2) “why wait until eternity and go through all that when you can have happiness here and now.” (Satan says)
- D. Throw Yourself Down
 - 1) We know from scripture of those like Job, David, Moses, and others who questioned God at times but Satan tempts us to put Him to the test
 - 2) The temptation to use scripture to fit our will and wants rather than sacrificing our will and wants to His wil.

Conclusion:

- Don't ever let Satan fool you to think that you are past struggles to sin
- He's always looking for the next “opportune time” to get us to slip up again.
- As Christians we have been assured of the prize so don't take the “deal”!