**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**July 21st, 2019**

**Matthew 4:8-11**

**RECAP:** Last week, we looked at the nature of pride within a human being. When Christ is confronted with demonstrating His own goodness, He makes clear His own self-worth isn’t found in Himself.

**EXEGESIS:**

**v.8; “Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.”**

* Satan shows Christ all the things he could ever want in humanity; power, money, and glory.
* So what’s going on in this offer here? Doesn’t Christ already “have” all this stuff? There are a few things we have to remember here, and one of them is the bigger picture. **Phil. 2:6-11.**
  + So here, Satan is offering Him less of a kingdom, and more of a shortcut. Christ could go through with suffering, crucifixion, and death...or here, Satan offers an easy alternative.

**v. 9; “And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”**

* Is this really Satan’s to give? Yes and no. He is called the “prince of the power of the air,” **Eph. 2:2**, because he has power over the “spirit,”of this world.
* But while this may not be the most biblical argument, there is a lot of extra-biblical data that suggests regardless of whether he has the power or not, Satan operates this way.

**v. 10; “Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”**

* There’s a clear reversal of roles here. Here Satan offers something as though he has the power to give. This is a lie, and that’s demonstrated by Christ showing his power over Satan.
* This Greek word for “Satan” is not “diabolos,” but instead more specifically, “Satanas.” This means something different. Instead of just “slanderer,” it means “enemy, adversary, opponent.”
  + Then, he quotes one more quote from Deuteronomy, this time from **Deut. 6:13**.
* While it is true that we reject this world because it is fleeting, and Christ’s life and joy is forever, that’s not the reason Christ states that here. He states that God’s power trumps Satan’s.
* We don’t seek material wealth because that brings us life. We know that our life, our joy, or experience of peace and happiness, is found when we submit to Christ. **1st John** **2:16-17.**

**v. 11; “Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.”**

* We see in conclusion, Satan does as he is told and leaves. Just like Christ, he submits to the will of God, and has to bow down to Christ, and obey Him, as Christ bows down to God the Father.

**CONCLUSION:**

* The first is the answer to the temptation of stuff. And it’s that Satan and this world cannot give you anything you’re seeking for.
* But also, more importantly, we remember; this passage demonstrates the power of Christ, and the humanity of Christ.