

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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Matthew 4 (NRSV)

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished (*peinaó*). 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Deuteronomy 8 (NRSV)

1 This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. 2 Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. 3 He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Such Love

C. Bishop; arr. Rick Lee James

That God should love a sinner such as I
Should yearn to change my sorrow into bliss
Nor rest till He had planned to bring me nigh
How wonderful is love like this?

Refrain: Such love, such wondrous love
Such love, such wondrous love
That God should love a sinner such as I
How wonderful is love like this

That Christ should join so freely in the scheme
Although it meant His death on Calvary
Did ever human tongue find nobler theme
Than love divine that ransomed me? [Refrain]

That for a willful outcast such as I
The Father planned, the Saviour bled and died
Redemption for a worthless slave to buy
Who long had law and grace defied. [Refrain]

And now He takes me to His heart a child
He asks me not to fill a servant's place
The "far-off country" wand'rings all are done
Wide open are His arms of grace. [Refrain]

You Are My Salvation*

Rick Lee James

When the waves are crashing and the storm won't calm
When I've lost direction and I can't find home
When my guiding stars are hidden by the clouds
And the waves are surging in to pull me down
I will call on Him who calms the raging seas
Trusting he'll be stronger than the storms in me
When my journey takes me to the great unknowns
You are my Salvation

When I've lost myself and fallen to my sin
When my shame blinds me to all the grace you give
When I've placed my trust in lies that I've believed
And I wonder how my God could still love me
Christ is interceding when I cannot pray
Groaning words unknown that I may still be saved
My lament for sin now turns to songs of praise
You are my Salvation

When the night surrounds me and my fears begin
When my grief is threatening to do me in
When the pain is crushing and I can't escape
When the strength I had is slowly drained away
Even in death's shadow on the darkest night
There is not one breath that you have not supplied
Give me faith my Lord that with the Son I'll rise
You are my Salvation

When the dawn breaks through and we are truly healed
When we climb the stairs to what will be revealed
When our days are lighted by the Risen Lamb
When our tears are wiped away by God's own hand
When creation's birth is finally made complete
When the guests are seated at the Saviour's feast
What a day of gladness when we join their song
You are my Salvation

Food for Thought: Fast Food (Matthew 4)

- **Introduction**

- **No Substitutions: Adam and Eve**
- **Craving the Past: Numbers**
- **Under New Management: Matt 12**
- **Jesus' temptation in the wilderness: Mark 1; Luke 4; Matt 4**
- **The Top 10 Most Unnecessary Phrases in the Bible**
 - **Number 1: Judges 4:21b (KJV)**
 - **Number 2: Matt 4:2: he was hungry**
 - ***peinaó*: to be hungry, needy; to earnestly desire**

- **Preparation**

- **Testing**
- **Luke 2: Jesus' eagerness**
- **Increased in wisdom**
- **30 years plus 40 days to prepare for ministry**

- **Provision**

- **Adam and Eve; Israelites in the wilderness**
- **Jesus does not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped**
- **It is written**
- **Deuteronomy 8**

- **Priorities**

- **Jesus' hunger is *a* priority, but not *the* priority**
- **A time to fast and a time to feast: wilderness or Promised Land**
- **How do we know?**
- **Led by the Spirit**
- **Philippians 4: the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry of having plenty and of being in need**

- **God will prepare us, God will provide for us, and God will shape our priorities, as we are led by the Spirit, through the wilderness and into the future that He has promised for us.**

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost