



Sword Fighting Sand Dunes
(Taking On Temptation)

November 8, 2015

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Mark 1:12-13 (NCV)

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Hebrews 4:12 (NIRV)

✓ **Hebrews describes God's Word as:** _____, _____, and _____.

"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep."
Ezekiel 34:11 (NLT)

TAKING ON TEMPTATION WITH THE RIGHT WEAPON:

1. THE _____ TEST:

² For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry. ³ The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread."

Luke 4:2-3 (MSG)

✓ _____ its arrival.

✓ **Remember there is** _____ **to this life than just** _____.

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" *Luke 4:4 (NIV)*

2. THE _____ TEST:

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Luke 4:5-7 (NIV)

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" *Luke 4:8 (NIV)*

✓ **Give** _____ **the rightful place of** _____ **in your life.**

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

3. THE _____ TEST:

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off!" ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, "He will order his angels to protect and guard you. ¹¹ And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone."

Luke 4:9-11 (NLT)

⁸ But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Luke 4:12 (GNT)

✓ **Allow God's Word to be both your** _____ **and** _____.

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