

## STONES AND BREAD

Heb12v15-17, Mat 4:1-17— *Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."*

The tempter found Him out because something had happened that had never happened before in that the HOLY SPIRIT REMAINED upon Jesus.. the Tempter knew that the H/S had fallen and remained. makes me to conclude that the devil knows when their is a move of the Spirit

Immediately there is a challenge in the Spirit from the moment one dedicates ones life to the call of God and to walk in sanctification and a lifestyle of repentance (Jesus went to the River Jordan place of death burial and resurrection it was a baptism of repentance (Acts 13v24)- there is a shift in the realm of the Spirit - its when I come to Him and offer myself up from that place of repentance AND TURN AWAY FROM THAT IN MY MIND AND HEART THEN theirs a refreshing and an empowerment to accomplish the will of the Father.

**REPENTANCE IS NOT A ONE TIME EVENT AT SALVATION BUT A CONTINUING CHALLENGING BY THE SPIRIT OF ONES HEART AND MIND TO DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS THAT DISPLEASE GOD - AND TURN AWAY FROM THEM**

**ITS NOT EMOTIONS - ITS NOT TEARS OR REGRET, THOU BOTH CAN ACCOMPANY REPENTANCE; GODLY A SORROW PRODUCES REPENTANCE EARTHLY SORROW LEADS TO DEATH (2Cor7v10)**

REPENTANCE IS A DECISION OF THE HEART AND MIND TO STOP WHAT I'M DOING AND TURN AWAY FROM THAT WHICH OFFENDS GOD  
REPENTANCE IS NOT SAYING SORRY TO GOD ... REPENTANCE IS TO TURN AWAY IN MIND AND HEART - AND BEAR FRUITS OF REPENTANCE (MAT3V8)

**REPENTANCE IS NOT SPEAKING ABOUT ANOTHER ITS INTIMATE REVEALING CONFRONTING AND YET AT THE SAME TIME REFRESHING AND EMPOWERING ITS ALL ABOUT ME AND JUST ME - MY HEART, MY MIND**

**ACTS8V9-24 (SIMON THE SORCERER) GOT SAVED! - PETER TOLD HIM TO REPENT SIMON ASKS PETER TO PRAY! - NO ONE CAN REPENT ON YOUR BEHALF  
Heb12 v15-17 Esau sought repentance with tears but did not find it**

V3 ; V6 IF YOU ("IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE") Devil tempts Jesus to respond to his needs

Command theses stones to become bread - appeals to Jesus immediate need—satan will tempt those who have come out of the waters of repentance to feed off the bread of this world OR LIKE JESUS "TRUST" GOD (DEUT8V3&4)

if he can get the saints STAGNANT **REFUSING TO REPENT AND EAT OF THE BREAD OF THIS WORLD THEN WE BECOME POWERLESS INSTEAD OF POWERFUL.... DEALING WITH BREAD AND STONES INSTEAD OF PREACHING THE KINGDOM AND HIS WORD WITH POWER**

**WE NEED TO COME TO THE RIVER NOT JUST TO DRINK BUT TO REPENT AND BE RE-FRESHED EMPOWERED AND RENEWED IN MIND AND HEART. MY HEART WILL BE CHALLENGED MY FAITH TESTED; AS GOD REQUIRES OF ME TO PICK UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF (2cor4v7-17)**

V8 3rd temptation Devil tempts but does not ask the Question "IF YOU" ... now the Devil tempts him with excesses and a glory( the splendor, magnificence, pre-eminence, and excellence) And status weight and importance;

AWAY WITH YOU SATAN - A STRONG REBUKE - "GET OUT OF HERE "..... then the devil left Him But Angels embraced Him.....

**WHEN ONE STANDS STRONG IN THE HIDDEN UNSEEN PLACES AND HUMBLER ONE-SELF HEAVEN IS OPENED AND GOD MINISTERS TO US IN THAT SITUATION AND EQUIPS US AND EMPOWERS US**

**LUKE 4v14 -Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee**

Jesus hears that John is in prison **Jesus immediately picks up where John left off**, THE KINGDOM Is paramount in the life of one who dedicates oneself to the will of the "Father"  
Jesus went about ... **DOING KINGDOM BUSINESS—HAVING KINGDOM PRIORITIES - DEMONSTRATING KINGDOM POWER -**

**JESUS WANTS HIS CHURCH TO PICK UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF** their is not a shortage of "kingdom" but a shortage of those who choose to repent and turn away from Ready to do kingdom business have kingdom priorities - so we can return in the power of His Spirit... to demonstrate the Kingdom Power

**DON'T JUST COME TO THE RIVER TO DRINK—COME TO REPENT TO BE EMPOWERED  
REPENTANCE HAS TO BE A LIFESTYLE NOT SOMETHING WE JUST DO!**

IT'S A GIFT FROM GOD THAT PRODUCES FRUIT AFTER ITS OWN KIND – TRUE REPENTANCE BEARS FRUIT OF CHANGE IN OUR ACTIONS ARE ATTITUDES OUR HEARTS (Math3v8)

TRUST- HUMILITY – GRACE – LOVE – INTIMACY  
**Kingdom mindedness — Kingdom priority — Kingdom demonstration  
REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!**