

# Coming Out of the Wilderness

## Matthew 4:1-11

### I. This world is a wilderness test.

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.” (Matthew 4:1-2 NKJV)

“Then one said to Him, ‘Lord, are there few who are saved?’ And He said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from,’” (Luke 13:23-25 NKJV)

### II. Yielding to temptation will keep us in the wilderness.

“Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’” (Matthew 4:3 NKJV)

“Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

*‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’*

and,

*‘In their hands they shall bear you up,*

*Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” (Matthew 4:5-6 NKJV)*

“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’” (Matthew 4:8-9 NKJV)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.’” (John 8:34 NKJV)

### **III. Jesus has provided a way for us to come out of the wilderness.**

“But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*”’ (Matthew 4:4 NKJV)

“Jesus said to him, “It is written again, “*You shall not tempt the LORD your God.*”’ (Matthew 4:7 NKJV)

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*’” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”  
(Matthew 4:10-11 NKJV)

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 NKJV)