

760 John's Baptism  
 2706 Repentance (1)  
 716 Preeminence of Christ, Jn 1:15  
 1716 Humility (3)  
 4215 Unworthiness Felt, 8:8^  
 1603 Spirit Promised, Lu 11:13  
 2032 Searcher, Lu 11:13  
 73 Winnowing†  
 291 Separation (5)  
 3823 Wheat (2), 13:30  
 1372 Future of Wicked (5), Jn 3:36  
 3076 Chaff†  
 1373 Eternal Fire, 13:42

**The Baptism of Jesus,**  
 Lu 3:21; Jn 1:21  
 1903 John the Baptist, 3:15  
 759 Christ Baptized, Mk 1:9^  
 1716 Humility (3), 8:8  
 2075 Humble Leaders†  
 3193 Self-abasement  
 4215 Unworthiness Felt

1903 John the Baptist, 4:12  
 1175 Christ's Example  
 2731 Christ's Perfection  
 3078 Righteousness (2)  
 3234 Submission (2)

**The Descent of the Spirit**  
 758 Baptism (3)  
 p.p. Mk 1:10  
 3644 Divine Tokens†  
 1548 Heaven Opened, Ac 7:56  
 1610 Spirit upon Christ, Jn 1:32  
 2504 Spirit as Dove, Jn 1:32^  
 456 Doves, 10:16  
 703 Divine Witness, 17:5^  
 706 Beloved Son, 12:18  
 707 Son of God, 8:29  
 1253 Pleasing God, Jn 8:29

**Temptation of Christ,**  
 Mk 1:12; Lu 4:1  
 1611 Spirit Guides  
 297 Solitude  
 2421 Moses (2), 8:26  
 3831 Wildernesses, Lu 3:2  
 3587 Christ's Temptation, Lu 4:2^  
 3151 Satan's Work, 4:3  
 3638 Satan's Names, 4:3  
 721 Christ's Humanity (3)  
 3214 Fasting (3), Lu 4:1-2  
 1732 Hunger, 12:1

11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>1</sup>  
 12 "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

*John Baptizes Jesus  
 (Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22;  
 John 1:29-34)*

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.  
 14 And John *tried* to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"  
 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "*Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*" Then he allowed Him.  
 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He<sup>2</sup> saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.  
 17 And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**CHAPTER 4**

*Satan Tempts Jesus  
 (Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13)*

*Christ fasts, is tempted, and overcomes: 17 He begins to preach: 18 He calls some disciples: 23 He teaches in the synagogue.*

**T**HEN Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.  
 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."  
 4 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.'*"<sup>3</sup>  
 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,  
 6 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.'*"<sup>4</sup>

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, '*You shall not tempt the LORD your God.*'"<sup>5</sup>  
 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.  
 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."  
 10 Then Jesus said to him, "*Away with you,<sup>6</sup> Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'*"<sup>7</sup>  
 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

*Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry  
 (Mark 1:14, 15; Luke 4:14, 15)*

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.  
 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the

3638 Satan's Names, 12:24  
 3584 Temptation (1), 2 Co 2:11  
 3151 Satan's Work, 13:19  
 4149 Divinity Challenged, 4:6^  
 4200 Satanic If, 4:6^  
 707 Son of God  
 361 Spiritual Weapons, 2 Co 10:4  
 2153 Spiritual Life  
 416 Word as Food, 1 Pe 2:2  
 4126 Word of Life, Jn 6:63^  
 1885 Holy City, Re 21:10  
 3587 Christ's Temptation  
 3580 Temple, Ac 3:1

**Scripture Misused,**  
 Mt 22:29  
 3153 Satan the Deceiver, 2 Co 2:11  
 4149 Divinity Challenged, 27:39-40  
 4200 Satanic If, Mt 27:40  
 707 Son of God  
 2921 Presumption (1)  
 3593 Enticers  
 1028 False Doctrine  
 4099 Scripture Misused, 22:29^  
 p.p. 2 Co 4:2;  
 2 Pe 3:16

3589 Temptation Resisted

**World Exhibitor**  
 2447 Mountains  
 503 Earthly Vision (1), 1 Jn 2:16

3351 Allurements of Sin  
 1681 Earthly Honor  
 3044 Earthly Reward  
 3947 Devil Worship

3154 Resist the Devil  
 3589 Temptation Resisted  
 3898 Undivided Service, Lu 16:13  
 3921 Worship God, Jn 4:24

143 Ministering Angels  
 3149 Satan's Defeat

1903 John the Baptist, 11:2  
 3478 Imprisonment  
 3480 Persecution (1)  
 1384 Galilee  
 2571 Nazareth, 13:54  
 4416 Nazareth  
 641 Capernaum, 8:5^  
 4355 Capernaum

1 M-Text omits *and fire*. 2 Or *he* 3 Deuteronomy 8:3 4 Psalm 91:11, 12 5 Deuteronomy 6:16 6 M-Text reads *Get behind Me*. 7 Deuteronomy 6:13

4308 Tree of Jesus' Life-59

2892 Prophecy Fulfilled (1), 8:17

1803 Isaiah, Ro 15:12

3986 Zebulun (2)†  
p.p. Is 9:1

1385 Sea of Galilee

4127 Works Prove,  
Lu 10:36-37^

2179 Spiritual Darkness  
p.p. Is 42:7; Lu 2:32

3246 Shadow of Death†

2168 Christ the Light,  
Lu 1:79  
**Public Ministry of Christ Begins,**  
Mk 1:14; Lu 4:14  
2087 Preaching  
2706 Repentance (1)  
2010 Kingdom at Hand,  
10:7

**Call of Peter and Andrew**

1385 Sea of Galilee, 8:24  
2746 Peter, 14:28^  
140 Andrew, Mk 1:29^  
2578 Net (1), Jn 21:8  
241 Fishermen, Lu 5:2^  
4308k Life of Peter

1017 Followers  
2082 Apostles Called  
3636 Minister's Names  
3908 Soul-winners, 18:15  
1015 Discipleship  
3206 Leaving All  
2619 Obedience (7), 7:24^

**James and John Called**

1842 James (1), 10:2^

3984 Zebedee, Mk 1:20^  
1902 John, 17:1^  
570 Industry (2)

1790 Divine Call (2)  
2615 Obedience (2)  
3899 Immediate Service  
3206 Leaving All  
3458 God's Claims First  
1017 Followers

1075 Christ's Zeal

3555 Christ, Teacher, 5:2^

2087 Preaching  
1440 Gospel (1), Ac 20:24^  
1539 Christ Heals, 8:3

1684 Fame, 9:31

regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 *"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:*

16 *The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."*<sup>1</sup>

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

*Four Fishermen Called as Disciples*  
(Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11)

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, **"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

*Jesus Heals a Great Multitude*  
(Mark 1:35–39; Luke 4:44; 6:17–19)

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

24 Then His fame went

throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

**CHAPTER 5**

*The Beatitudes*  
(Luke 6:20–26)

*Who are blessed. 13 The disciples called the salt of the earth, and light of the world: Christ exhorts them to be good examples.*

**AND** seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

- 3 **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- 4 **Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.**
- 5 **Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.**
- 6 **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.**
- 7 **Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.**
- 8 **Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.**
- 9 **Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.**
- 10 **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

3524 Syria, Ac 21:3  
3363 Burden-bearer  
2787 Christ Thronged  
4134 Bringing to Jesus, 8:16^

1524 Infirmities  
1509 Insanity, 17:15  
1507 Epilepsy, 17:14–15^  
3157 Demons Cast Out  
975 Demoniacs  
1512 Palsy, 8:6^  
3807 Christ's Power  
2369 Christ's Miracles  
2788 Common People, v25  
Mk 12:37^

2786 Multitudes, 13:2  
1384 Galilee  
950 Decapolis, Mk 5:20^  
1954 Judea, 19:1^

2786 Multitudes  
2447 Mountains  
2080 Apostles  
3237 Sermon on the Mount, Lu 6:20-49^  
4222 Temple of Truth

1779 Instruction (2), Lu 24:27  
3555 Christ, Teacher, 7:29  
**Beatitudes** See 4222  
377 Beatitudes, Lu 6:20-23^  
1714 Humility (1)  
2008 Heavenly Kingdom, 5:10^

2712 Contrition

2707 Repentance (2), Lu 15:7  
787 Comfort (5), Jn 14:1  
1753 Earthly Heritage, Ro 4:13

2271 Meekness (2)†  
982 Spiritual Desire  
985 Thirst Satisfied, Jn 4:14  
1123 Spiritual Fullness, Jn 15:11  
4086 Promises to Merciful, 6:14  
2298 Mercy (2), Lu 6:36  
2299 Mercy Promised, He 8:12

1759 Purity, 1 Ti 1:5  
509 Spiritual Vision, Jn 14:19  
3190 Seeing God  
3732 Strife Forbidden v9  
3778 Peacemakers, Ro 14:19  
742 Children of God, Lu 20:36  
3637 Saint's Names, 5:13  
490 Afflictions (2)  
3480 Persecution (1)  
3475 For Christ's Sake

2008 Heavenly Kingdom, 25:34-35

1 Isaiah 9:1, 2

saw all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.

**Ge 13:11** Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.

**Ge 13:13** But the men of Sodom *were* exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

#### Appetite

**Ge 25:29** Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he *was* weary.

**Ge 25:30** And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I *am* weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.

**Ge 25:33** Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

#### Silver and Gold

**Jos 7:21** "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

**Jud 14:17** Now she had wept on him the seven days while their feast lasted. And it happened on the seventh day that he told her, because she pressed him so much. Then she explained the riddle to the sons of her people.

**Jud 16:17** that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I *have been* a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man."

**1 S 13:12** "then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."

#### A Woman

**1 K 11:1** But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—

**1 K 11:4** For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of his father David.

**Jb 31:27** So that my heart has been secretly enticed, And my mouth has kissed my hand;

#### Ambition

**Mk 10:35** Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

**Mk 10:36** And He said to them, ["What do you want Me to do for you?"]

**Mk 10:37** They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

**2 Pe 2:20** For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again en-

tangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

See *Allurements of Sin*, 3351.

### 3589 TEMPTATION

#### 6. Resistance

**a. Examples, Ge 14:23;** 39:10; Jud 8:23; **1 K 13:8;** **2 K 5:16;** **Jb 2:9-10;** **Je 35:5-6;** **Da 1:8;** Mt 4:7; 4:10; **Lu 4:4-8;** **Jn 6:15;** **Ac 8:20;** 1 Jn 2:13; 3:9; 5:18; Re 2:26.

**Abraham**, by refusing a reward for service rendered

**Ge 14:23** "that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'—"

**Man of God**, by rejecting the king's reward

**1 K 13:8** But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place.

**Elisha**, by refusing payment for healing

**2 K 5:16** But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

**Job**, by rejecting evil counsel

**Jb 2:9** Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

**Jb 2:10** But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**The Rechabites and Daniel**, by refusing wine

**Je 35:5** Then I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine."

**Je 35:6** But they said, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever.'"

**Da 1:8** But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

**Christ**, by refusing worldly honor

**Lu 4:4** But Jesus answered him, saying, ["It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"]

**Lu 4:5** Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

**Lu 4:6** And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

**Lu 4:7** "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

**Lu 4:8** And Jesus answered and said to him, ["Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"]

**Jn 6:15** Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

**Peter**, by refusing a bribe

**Ac 8:20** But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"

See *Overcomers*, 374.

### 3590 TEMPTATION (M. Resist Temptation)

#### 6. Resistance

**b. The Duty of Resisting, Pr 1:10; 4:14; Lu 21:34; 22:40; Ro 6:13; Ep 6:13; 2 Pe 3:17.**

**Pr 1:10** My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

**Pr 4:14** Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil.

**Lu 21:34** ["But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

**Ro 6:13** And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

**Ep 6:13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**2 Pe 3:17** You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

See *Resist the Devil*, 3154.

### 3591 TEMPTATION (M. Temptation)

**7. To Deceit, Ge 12:13; 26:7; 1 S 21:2-3; 2 K 10:18; Mt 26:73-74.**

### 3592 TEMPTATION (M. Snares)

#### 8. Special Sources

**a. Worldly Snares, Ex 23:33; 34:12; De 7:25; Jos 23:13; Jud 2:3; Ps 106:36; Pr 20:25; 22:25; 29:8; 29:25; 1 Ti 6:9; 2 Pe 2:20.**

**False gods, Ex 23:33.**

**Sinful covenants, Ex 34:12.**

**Silver and gold, De 7:25.**

**Evil associations, Jos 23:13.**

**Idolatry, Ps 106:36.**

**Broken vows, Pr 20:25.**

**Friendship with violent people, Pr 22:25.**

**Scoffing, Pr 29:8.**

**Avarice, 1 Ti 6:9.**

See *Net*, 2579.

### 3593 TEMPTATION

#### 8. Special Sources

**b. Enticers, Nu 25:18; De 7:4; 13:2; 13:6; 20:18; 29:18; Jud 16:16; 1 K 13:15; 22:13; 22:20; 2 K 21:11; Pr 1:10; 16:29; 28:10; Is 8:19; 9:16; 30:11; Da 6:8; Ho 5:1;**

**Am 2:12; Zec 13:3;** Mt 4:6; 16:23; 24:26; Mk 8:32; Ac 13:8; 2 Pe 2:14; **2:18.**

### 3594 TEMPTATION

8. Special Sources

c. **Seducers,** De 13:5; 13:8; 13:13; **2 K 21:9;** 2 Chr 33:9; **Pr 12:26;** Is 19:13; Je 23:27; Eze 13:10; **Mi 3:5; Mal 2:8; Mk 13:22;** Ac 8:11; **20:30; Ga 5:10;** **1 Ti 4:1; 2 Ti 3:13;** 2 Pe 2:18; **1 Jn 2:26; Jude 1:4;** Re 2:20.

See *Deceivers, 3707; Evil Influences, 1749.*

### 3595 TEMPTATION

8. Special Sources

d. **Evil Companions,**

**Ge 13:12-13; Nu 11:4;** **2 Chr 18:1; 19:2; Ho 7:9;** **1 Co 15:33.**

**Injured Lot,** Ge 13:12-13.

**A detriment** to Israel, Nu 11:4.

**A snare** to Jehoshaphat, 2 Chr 18:1; 19:2.

**Devoured** the strength of Ephraim, Ho 7:9.

**Corrupt** good morals, 1 Co 15:33.

See *Allurements of Sin, 3351; Temptation, 3584; The Flesh, 1290; Temptresses, 3880.*

**3596 TENTS,** movable habitations used by nomadic and semi-nomadic peoples, **Ge 13:18; 26:17; 31:25; Jos 7:22; 2 K 13:5; Je 35:7; He 11:9.**

**3597 TERAH,** father of Abraham, **Ge 11:24; 11:31; Jos 24:2;** 1 Chr 1:26; **Ac 7:4.**

See *Abraham 15.*

**3598 TESTIMONIES,** De 4:45; **6:17; 1 K 2:3; Ps 19:7; 25:10; 78:5; 119:24; 119:31; 119:111; 119:146.**

See *Word of God, 414; Ordinances, 2662; Ordinances, 2662; Statutes, 442.*

## RELIGIOUS TESTIMONY

(3599-3605)

**3599 TESTIMONY,** religious, open declaration of one's personal experience with God (M. Testimony (1))

**1. What,** Ex 18:8; De 32:3; Jud 5:11; 1 Chr 16:31; Ps 22:31; **26:7; 35:28; 64:9; 68:11; 71:24; 92:2; 106:2; 118:17; 119:27; 119:172; 145:4; 145:11;** Song 4:3; **Is 32:4; 43:10;** 50:4; **Eze 24:27;** Mt 8:33; **10:20;** 10:32; **Lu 21:13;** 24:9; Jn 12:17; **Ac 2:11;** 1 Co 1:6; 2:1; Tit 1:1; Re 12:17.

See *Confessing Christ, 814.*

**3600 TESTIMONY** (M. Testimony (2))

**2. When, Where, How,** Ex 10:2; **2 K 7:9; 1 Chr 16:8; 16:24;** Ps 9:11; 48:13; **60:4; 96:2; 96:10; 105:1; 107:2; 107:22; Pr 3:6; Is 12:4; 40:9; 43:21; 48:20; 62:6; Je 51:10; Eze 33:7; 40:4;** Am 3:3; Mt 11:4; Mk 4:21; **5:18-19;** 13:9; 16:7; Lu 7:22; 8:39; **Ac 1:8; Ep 5:19;** 6:20; 2 Th 1:10; **2 Ti 1:8; He 13:15; 1 Pe 2:9; 3:15;** Re 12:11.

**2 K 7:9** Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household."

**1 Chr 16:8** Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

**Ps 60:4** You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah

**Ps 107:2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

**Is 12:4** And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted.

#### Unceasingly

**Is 62:6** I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,

**Je 51:10** The LORD has revealed our righteousness. Come and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

**Eze 33:7** "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.

**Eze 40:4** And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and fix your mind on everything I show you; for you were brought here so that I might show them to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see."

#### In the Home

**Mk 5:18** And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

**Mk 5:19** However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, ("Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

#### Empowered by the Holy Spirit

**Ac 1:8** ["But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### In the Assembly of the Saints

**Ep 5:19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

#### Without Shame or Fear

**2 Ti 1:8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings of the gospel according to the power of God,

#### Constantly Ready

**1 Pe 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

See *Secret Discipleship, 1016.*

**3601 TESTIMONY** (M. Testimony (3))

**3. Characteristics,** 2 K 5:15;

Ps 9:1; 22:22; 40:9; 51:15; **66:16; 71:15;** 73:28; 75:9; 77:12; 78:4; 79:13; 89:1; 102:21; 116:10; **119:13; 119:46;** 145:6; Is 21:10; **63:7;** Je 9:12; **20:9;** Eze 11:25; **Da 4:2; Jona 1:9; Mal 3:16;** Mt 8:4; **9:31;** Mk 5:20; 16:10; 16:13; Lu 2:38; 8:36; Jn 4:29; 4:39; 9:11; **Ac 2:4; 4:20;** 4:31; **5:32;** 8:25; 14:27; 15:12; 17:23; 18:5; 20:27; 21:19; 24:14; 24:24; 26:20; **26:22; 28:23;** 1 Co 2:13; **2 Co 4:13;** 1 Th 1:8; 1 Ti 6:12; **1 Pe 5:12;** 1 Jn 1:3; Re 1:2.

#### Relates to Personal Experience

**Ps 66:16** Come and hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul.

**Ps 71:15** My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And Your salvation all the day, For I do not know their limits. **Ps 119:13** With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

**Ps 119:46** I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be ashamed.

#### Recounts God's Blessings

**Is 63:7** I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD And the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

#### Bursts Forth from an Inward Fire

**Je 20:9** Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.

**Da 4:2** I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me.

**Jona 1:9** So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

#### An Everyday Duty

**Mal 3:16** Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.

**Mt 9:31** But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

#### Inspired by the Spirit

**Ac 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

#### Becomes Irrepressible

**Ac 4:20** "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." **Ac 5:32** "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

**Ac 26:22** "Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come—

#### The Outgrowth of Faith

**2 Co 4:13** And since we have the same