

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation

³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

³² A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.”

³³ And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Luke 2:29-35

Occasions where Jesus could have been “conflicted”

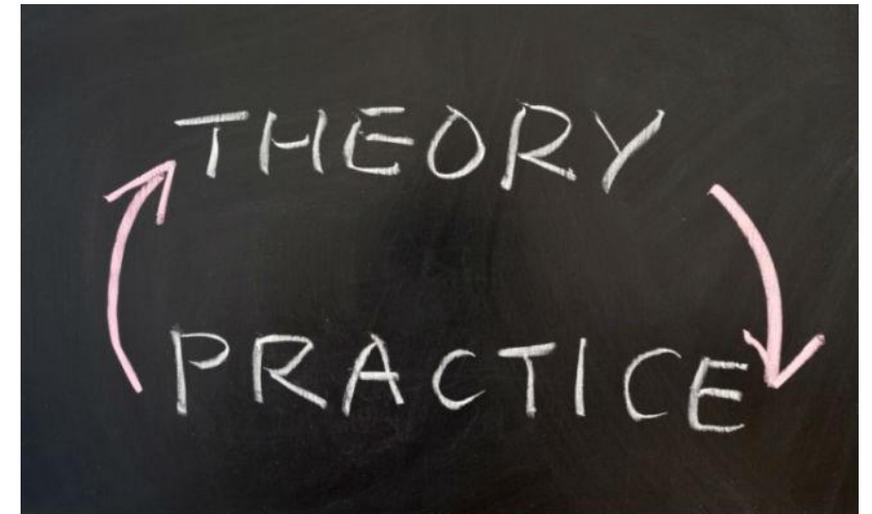
- At His baptism: Jesus would have been transported back to the suffering servant passages of Isaiah
- In the wilderness temptations: opportunity to take a short cut!
- After the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000: make Him king!
- At the behest of His loved one Peter: far be it from you Lord!



Ways that the devil tries to do the same with us

I. Theory Without Practice

- You cannot love Jesus without loving His word and you cannot love His word and not practice it! “If you love me keep my commandments”!
- Knowing the word is so important (John 8:32; Acts 17:11)
- The crown of education without the cross of application!



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II. Salvation Without Obligation

- Satan will try to convince us that we can be participants in the reward without being participants in the process.
- It is he that does the will of the Father who will inherit eternal life (Matt. 7:21ff)
- Faith without works is dead! (James 2:24-26)
- Do we feel like sheep because we are among sheep or because we are sheep!



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III. Redemption Without Reformation

- Jesus commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17)
- Satan says no, you can live like you want...
 - ✓ Paul: no yoke/ fellowship/ communion/ accord/part/agreement (2 Cor. 6:14-16)
How many ways does it need to be said!
 - ✓ We should know how we ought to act!
(1 Thess. 4:3-5)
 - ✓ It's high time to change (1 Pt. 4:3)



A Crown Without A Cross?

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REVELATION 3:21

