

It is Written

Intro:

A couple months ago I was reminded about God wanting us to record our dreams. I had had some difficulty doing that in the past. I heard about the benefit of doing it online several times and then pastor Robert mentioned it again during a teaching. *Note: when you hear something several times from different reliable sources, there is a good possibility that God is talking to you! I made a note of it in my mind, but it took me several weeks before I put a pen and notebook on my bedside table and then it was several more weeks before I heard God say, “**It is Written**” and then I heard “**Write it down!**” I was sound asleep when I heard this voice. It is hard to explain in words how strong and loud these words sounded, but it was strong enough to wake me up and cause me to reach out for the pen in the dark and write “**It is Written**” in my notebook and then I quickly went back to sleep.

It was several days later that I remembered about writing something down and when I checked it out, and read the words **It is Written**, it spoke strongly to my heart. As I pondered these words, I started to wonder how many times **it was written** in the Bible. I didn't find an exact number of instances, but I grew eager to study about it. I mentioned it to Tom and He asked me if I wanted to share about my quest this Thursday! And hear I am!

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MATTHEW 4:3-4 NKJV 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.'"

So this is where **It was Written** in the Old Testament **Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV)** states: "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord."

When tempted, Jesus did not use any supernatural powers to resist the devil. Jesus simply quoted the **written Word** of God to the devil.

We must do the same thing. Jesus was our example, showing us how to overcome the attacks of our enemy.

Notice how the devil came to tempt Jesus -- with a thought -- a thought contrary to the **written Word** of God. **Explain**: We don't fight with our thoughts or opinions -- we fight with the wisdom of God's Words.

Then after Jesus quoted the Bible, the devil also quoted the Bible but twisted the meaning. Jesus responded only with another verse from the Bible.

MATTHEW 4:6-7 NKJV 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.'" So, this is where **It was Written** in the Old Testament in **Psalms 91:11,12**

For He shall give His angels charge over you,

To keep you in all your ways.

¹² In *their* hands they shall ^[a]bear you up,

Lest you ^[b]dash your foot against a stone.

⁷ Jesus said to him, "**It is written** again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" And this is where **It was written** in the Old Testament in **Deuteronomy 6:16** ¹⁶ "You shall not ^[a]tempt the Lord your God as you ^[b]tempted *Him* in Massah.

If we read the whole passage in **Matthew 4:1-11**, we will see that quoting **the written Word** was the only defense Jesus used against the devil. Nothing else.

Satan Tempts Jesus – NKJV-

⁴ Then 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.'"

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**:

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and,

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⁷ Jesus said to him, "**It is written** again, 'You shall not ^[a]tempt the Lord your God.' "

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, ^[b]"Away with you, Satan! For **it is written**, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

If we are going to overcome temptation and walk in victory, we must follow Jesus' example and quote the Bible to the devil. There is no other way.

God's Word in our mouths is our spiritual weapon. If we neglect to use it, we will be overcome instead of walking in all the victory and blessing Jesus has provided for us.

EPHESIANS 6:17 NKJV ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Obviously, we must know what the Bible says to quote it to the devil. So, it is evident how important it is to read and study the Bible for oneself.

Yet it is not enough to just read the Bible or study it. When thoughts come that are not in agreement with the Bible, we must speak the Word to the devil who is behind those negative deceiving thoughts.

The Significance of the Phrase "It Is Written"

What does it mean when the Bible says, "**It is written**"? In biblical terms, this phrase is used to emphasize the authority and reliability of the Scriptures. It signifies that the words following it are not merely human opinions but divinely inspired truths. This phrase underscores the belief that the Bible is a sacred document, written under divine guidance, its teachings enduring through centuries as a source of wisdom and moral compass.

We need to determine to resist the devil with **what is written** in God's Word.

God's Word has Power and Authority over the enemy! It is one of our Spiritual Weapons and a very important weapon.