

The Way of Adam or the Way of Christ?

Luke 4:1-13

Lent = a time of revival and renewal.

We face the same challenges as the early Christians:

- ✦ Complacency and mediocrity
- ✦ Laziness
- ✦ Loss of passion
- ✦ Fuzzy vision from the lures of the world

Who will we follow, the first Adam or the second Adam?

Genesis 3:1-7]

1. Setting (vv. 1-2)

a. A time of preparation

b. A time of self-denial

c. A time of testing

Hebrews 4:16

Temptation is attractive.

Temptation confronts us with choices . . .

2. The Choices

a. To trust or distrust the Care of the Father (vv. 3-4)

What will we follow, God's word or follow self?

b. To trust or distrust the Plan of the Father (vv. 5-8)

Ephesians 2:1-2

Whom will we serve, God or the god of self?

c. To Trust or Distrust the Confirmation of the Father (vv. 9-12)

Luke 3:22

Where do we find our security, in God or in things of this world?

We tend to look a lot more like Adam when tempted than like Jesus.

- 1) We are focused on our own agenda.
- 2) We want things in this world that satisfy self.
- 3) We have a faulty understanding of who God is.

3. Victory (v. 13)

- a. Jesus was confirmed by baptism and the voice from heaven.
- b. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit.
- c. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the Desert.
1 Peter 1:6-9
- d. Jesus was prepared through fasting.
- e. Jesus was armed with the Word of God.

If we give in to temptation, we follow the way of Adam. If we overcome temptation, we follow the way of Christ.