**The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis**

**BOOK TWO:** THE INTERIOR LIFE

**Chapter 12 Review:** Few Love the Cross of Jesus

**Scripture:**

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be temptedby the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,
    and they will lift you up in their hands,
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

**Concepts:**

By taking up your cross and following Jesus thereby becoming one with Christ, we will be assured of eternal life.

God wants us to grow in humility through serving and enduring suffering without expectation of consolation.

When we ask Jesus to come into our heart, we must also ask Him to instruct and correct us so that we can become more like him

Suffering for Jesus is not an option or a duty but rather it is a privilege because it allows us to understand Jesus in greater depth and grow in a deeper love for and relationship with him.

### Discussion:

### How did Jesus being tempted by Satan demonstrate His love, passion and submission to God?

### Did Satan's tempting Jesus empower or disempower Jesus?  How?

### How did Jesus's knowledge of scripture empower him to overcome the temptations of Satan?

Is being tempted by Satan a form of suffering?   How did Satan's temptations make scripture more relevant to Jesus?

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