

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Being All I Am Created To Be:

Gospels Interpretation

Part 3

RESIST NOT TEMPTATION

The first event that Jesus participates in to prepare for his public ministry is his baptism by John. (Mt 3, Mk 1, Lk 4) Between the birth of the Christ level of awareness (Jesus) into consciousness and its full maturity of expression (ministry) is a passage of time (30 years). 30 symbolizes the three phases of being: Spiritual, Mental, Physical, raised to a state of completion (the added 0). When we come into a new awareness it is wise to allow for its maturity in consciousness when it is ready for baptism.

Baptism is symbolic of Spiritual cleansing of the mind, washing away all limiting material thoughts that we are anything less than the Holy Perfect Child of God. Every one of us is God's "...beloved son (expression), with whom I am (God indwelling is) well pleased." The baptism of John is the denial or release of the limitations of sense consciousness which prepares us for the baptism of Jesus: the divine affirmation of creative mind that lifts us to a new level of life expression, the regeneration.

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." (Mt 4:1) It is said that absolute power corrupts absolutely. This may be true in human, sense level, consciousness. When we are lifted by Spiritual awareness (baptism) we transcend the temptations of Sense consciousness (the devil).

Jesus fasted (refrained from negativity) for 40 days and nights, symbolizing a sufficient time of preparation (similar to the stories of Noah, Moses, Elijah, etc.) "...afterward he was hungry." In the spiritual level of awareness our hunger is for a greater experience of the presence of God, good, in our lives.

The first temptation of sense consciousness is to believe that bread (physical substance) is our source of life. Christ awareness teaches us that God, Spirit, is the source of life and all needed good.

The Second temptation is to "make" things happen. Christ awareness teaches us that God is in charge and that all things happen for good.

The third temptation is to place our priorities on the physical, sense level of existence. Christ awareness teaches us that there is only one presence and power: God the good, and we **look to God first in all situations.**