

“The Promise Of God”

The Temptation Of The Righteous! A “Leap Of Faith”? Maybe?

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Setting, Luke 4.1-2

Temptation of the bread and God’s care, Luke 4.3-4

Temptation of rule through false worship, Luke 4.5-8

Temptation to test God’s protection, Luke 4.9-12

These temptations have been compared to texts like 1 John 2:16, so that Jesus is tempted with regard to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. Others see the tests of Jesus at the level of Priest (temple), Prophet (stone to bread), and King (kingdoms of the world). However, both of these arrangements are unlikely for Luke. The Prophet, Priest, and King model fails because two of the tests are explicitly tied to the same title (Son), and because there is no priestly motif for Jesus in Luke. The comparison to 1 John 2:16 fails because it is not clear how to align the temptations to the three categories.

Darrell L. Bock, Luke Volume 1: 1:1-9:50, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1994), 383.

Num 14.22 — 10 “Grumbles” — Grumble #1, Ex 5.20-21; Grumble #2, Ex 14.10-12; Grumble #3, Ex 15.24; Grumble #4, Ex 16.2-3; Grumble #5, Ex 16.20, 27; Grumble #6, Ex 17.2-3; Grumble #7, Ex 32.1-4; Grumble #8, Num 11.1; Grumble #9, Num 11.4-5; Grumble #10, Num 13.26-14.3.

Failure and withdrawal of the devil, Luke 4.13