

Sunday, March 6, 2022  
First Sunday in Lent  
Lectionary (Year C) Summary

Lent is the church season when we remember the 40 days of Christ in the wilderness during which he was tempted by the Satan. This preceded the beginning of His public ministry.

**Old Testament - Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

This is one of the foundational books of the Torah, the first five books of the Jewish Bible. The other books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. The Torah is considered The Law portion of the Jewish Bible. Other sections to follow include History and the Prophets.

Writing of Deuteronomy is credited to Moses and consists of **three sermons**:

**Sermon 1.** Review of God's acts on behalf of Israel (Creation, Ten Commandments). Freedom from Egyptian rule, and warnings of the seductive power of prosperity and complacency.

**Sermon 2.** Laying out of ceremonial laws, civil laws, and social laws. Ordinances: Civil duties, system of justice, criminal laws, laws of warfare, and rules of property, personal, family morality, and social justice.

**Sermon 3.** Prophetic: What God will do. Ratification of the Covenant, Palestinian Covenant. Moses, at 120 years old, and too old to continue, saw Joshua assume leadership of his people. Moses bid farewell with, "I am with you always..." Christ used similar words. "Lo, I am with you always...". These passages won't be read today, but Jesus uses verses from Deuteronomy to counter Satan's temptations in the wilderness.

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

A psalm of reassurance. We will not be free of all painful and fearful times in our life. But those who put their trust in the Most High, the Lord, the Almighty, He will be with them to protect, shelter and reassure them in their darkest moments. "He will command his angels concerning you..." This Scripture was used by Satan in the third temptation of Christ in the wilderness.

Our hymn, On Eagles Wings, #787, is based on this Psalm.

**Epistle of Paul – Romans 10:8b-13**

Paul states the key words of faith..." "...confess with our lips..." "believe in our hearts..." "you will be saved". Believers will not be shamed, but will find strength, comfort, confidence, and do so without any class distinction.

**Gospel Luke 4:1-13**

This portion of Luke describes Christ's 40 days in the wilderness in which he went without food and was tempted strongly by Satan. Jesus uses Scripture to counter Satan's temptation.

- 1) Satan: "Turn these stones to bread." Jesus: "It is written..."
- 2) Satan: Shows Jesus the kingdoms of the world that he could rule over.  
Jesus: "It is written...", worship and serve God only.
- 3) Top of the Temple...Satan: "Throw yourself down...angels". Jesus: "It is said..." Don't tempt God.

After the extended temptations, Satan departed, but we're told that there will be future temptations. This is good to know for our own lives.