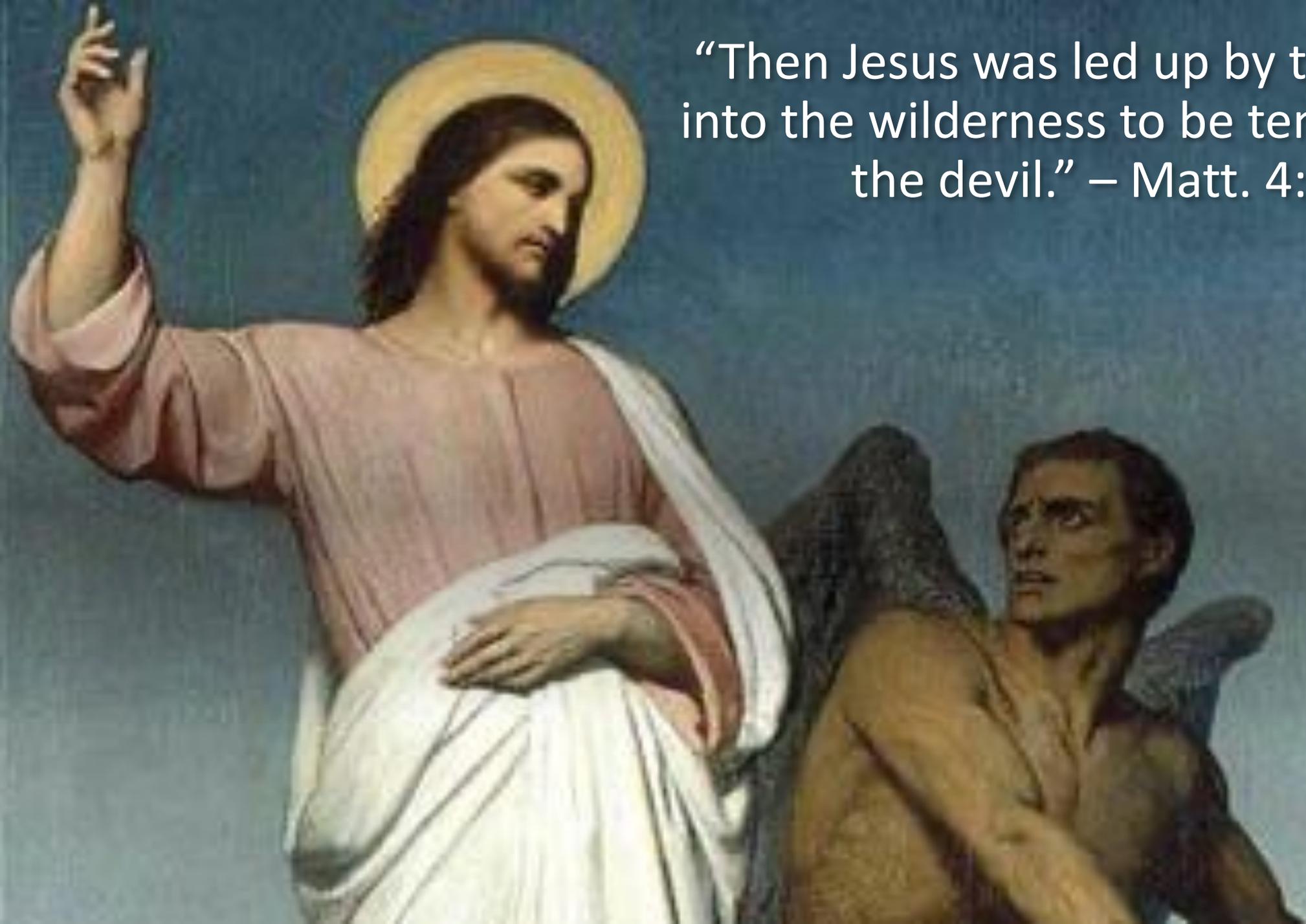


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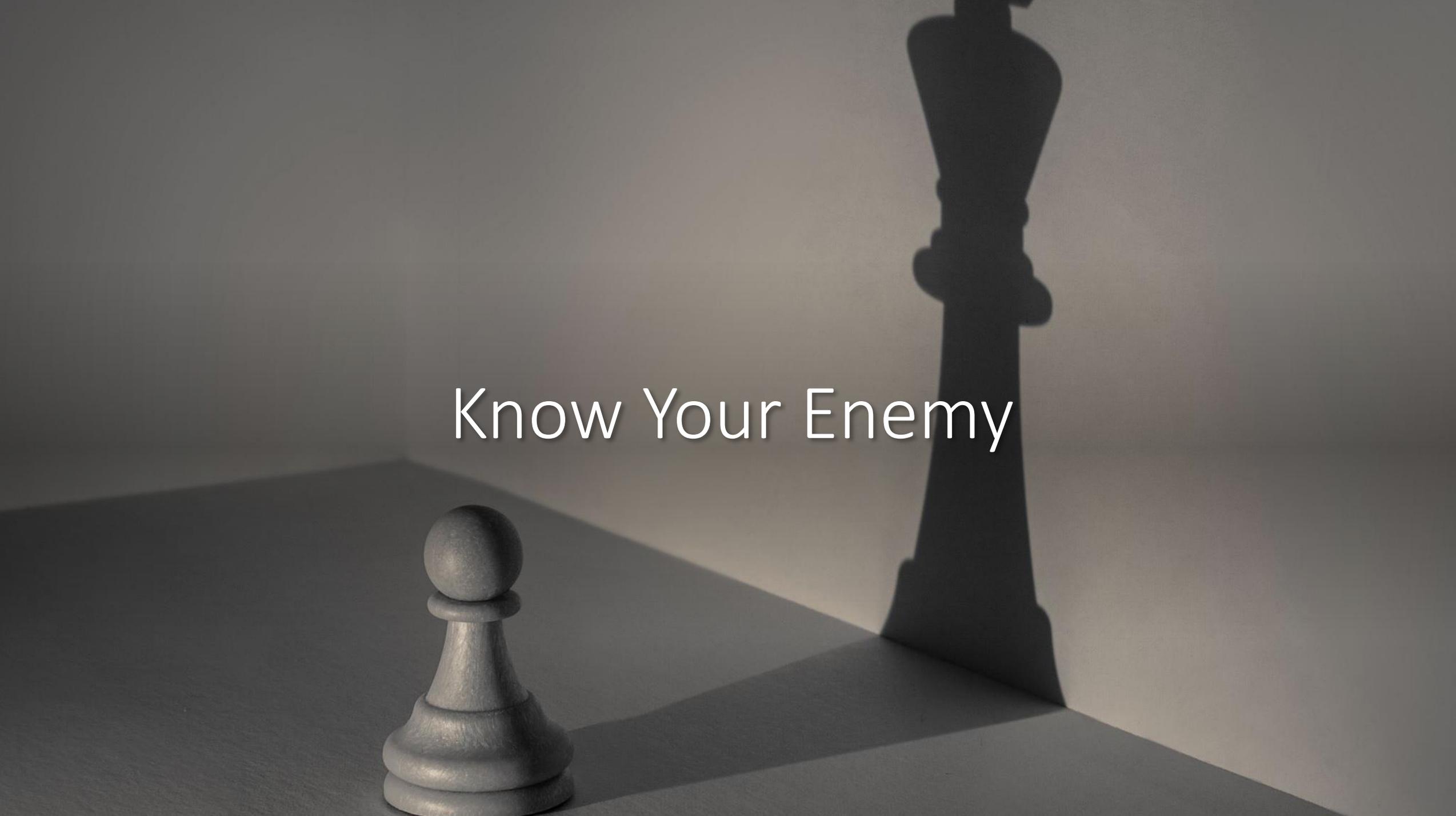


Know Your Enemy and Know Yourself

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

Introduction

- “Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.” (Mk. 1:12-13)
- “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Matt. 4:1)
- Know your enemy
- Know yourself

A photograph of a chessboard with a single white pawn in the foreground and a large, dark shadow of a king piece cast on the wall behind it. The scene is lit from the side, creating strong shadows and highlights.

Know Your Enemy

1. He is Ruthless



- He does not show mercy
- He tempts when we are most vulnerable
- EX: David

2. He is Relentless



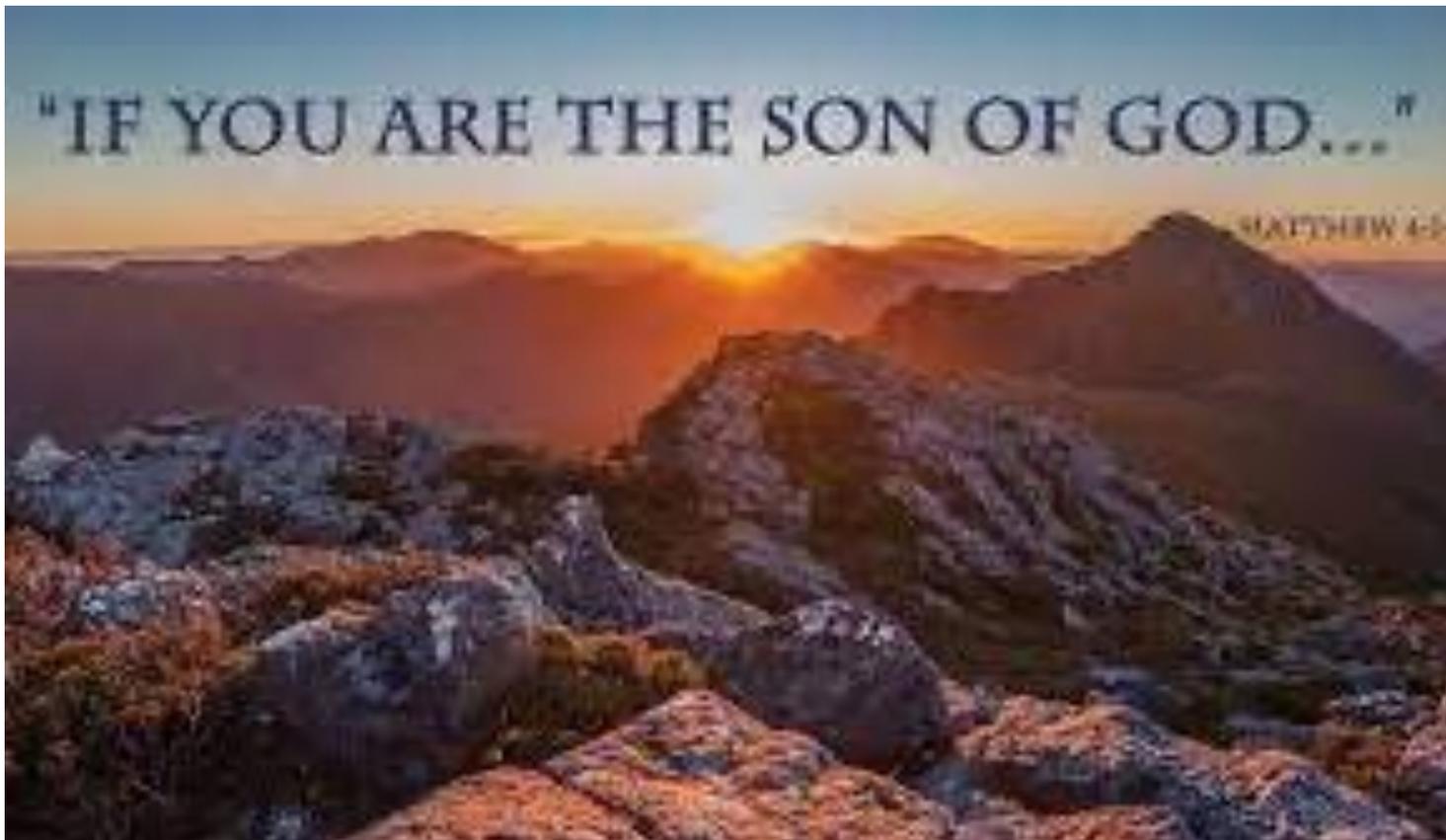
- “...being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.” (Lk. 4:2)
- “Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.” (Lk. 4:13)
- EX: Daniel
 - “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies...” (Dan. 1:8)

3. He is Thorough

- Satan attacks the Lord on multiple levels
- Physical
- Psychological
- Spiritual



4. He is Crafty

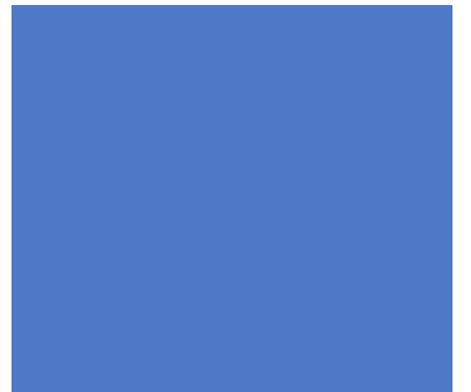


- “If you are the Son of God...”
- He wants to engage the Lord Jesus in a discussion

Know Yourself

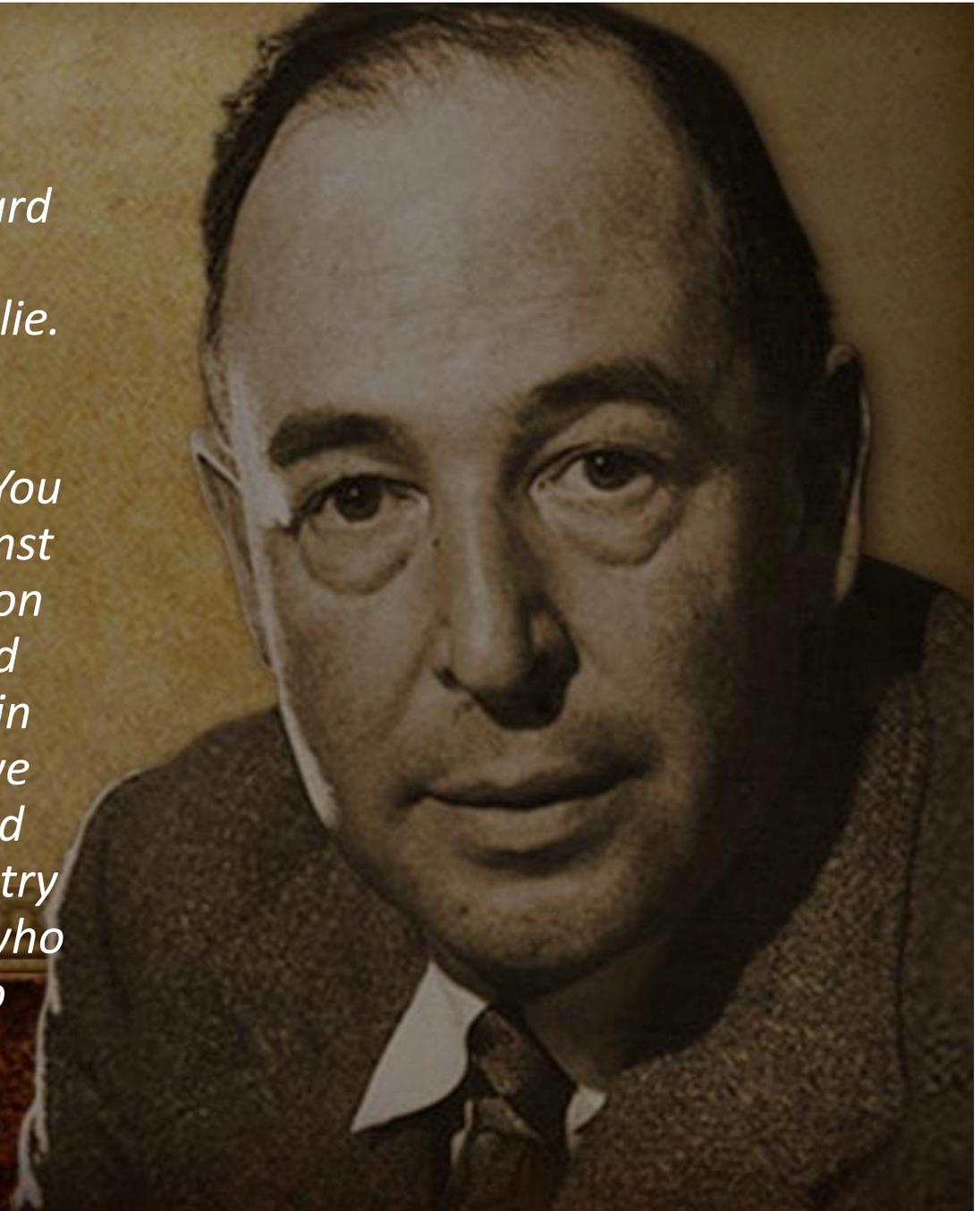
Know Yourself

- Repentance
- Fasting
- Trials/Temptations



CS Lewis

- *“No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good. A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness — they have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means — the only complete realist.”*



Summary

- The Lord wanted to teach His disciples about two things:
- Know your Enemy
 - He is Ruthless
 - He is relentless
 - He is thorough
 - He is Crafty
- Know Yourself
 - #1 Repentance
 - #2 Fasting
 - #3 Trials/Temptations