

# Matthew 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

## Analysis

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The phrase 'Then the devil leaveth him' shows testing has seasons—Satan departed 'for a season' (Luke 4:13), returning in Gethsemane and Calvary. Immediately, 'angels came and ministered unto him' demonstrates the Father's care after faithful endurance. Jesus' victory qualifies Him as our High Priest who understands temptation (Hebrews 4:15) and proves Him the obedient Son where Israel failed.

## Historical Context

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The angel's ministry likely included physical nourishment after 40 days fasting. This parallels Elijah's angelic provision (1 Kings 19:5-8). Having resisted Satan's provision of bread through compromise, Jesus receives legitimate provision through obedience.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you experience God's ministry after seasons of testing?

2. What does Jesus' victory over temptation mean for your own spiritual battles?

## Interlinear Text

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Τότε	ἀφίησιν	αὐτῷ	ὁ	διάβολος	καὶ	ἰδοὺ,	ἄγγελοι
<b>Then</b>	<b>leaveth</b>	<b>him</b>	G3588	<b>the devil</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>behold</b>	<b>angels</b>
G5119	G863	G846		G1228	G2532	G2400	G32
προσῆλθον	καὶ	διηκόνουν	αὐτῷ				
<b>came</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>ministered</b>	<b>him</b>				
G4334	G2532	G1247	G846				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 26:53** (Parallel theme): Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

**Hebrews 1:14** (Parallel theme): Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

**Luke 22:43** (Parallel theme): And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

**Luke 4:13** (Evil): And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

**Hebrews 1:6** (Parallel theme): And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

**Mark 1:13** (Parallel theme): And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

**Matthew 4:6** (Parallel theme): And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

**John 14:30** (Parallel theme): Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

**Luke 22:53** (Parallel theme): When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

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