

Ord uden afsender kontra ”Der står skrevet”

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Matthæus 4,1-11

Så blev Jesus af Ånden ført ud i ørkenen for at fristes af Djævelen. Og da han havde fastet i fyrre dage og fyrre nætter, led han til sidst sult. Og fristeren kom og sagde til ham: "Hvis du er Guds søn, så sig, at stenene her skal blive til brød." Men han svarede: "Der står skrevet: 'Mennesket skal ikke leve af brød alene, men af hvert ord, der udgår af Guds mund.' " Da tog Djævelen ham med til den hellige by, stillede ham på templets tinde og sagde til ham: "Hvis du er Guds søn, så styr dig ned. For der står skrevet: Han vil give sine engle befaling, og de skal bære dig på hænder, så du ikke støder din fod på nogen sten." Jesus sagde til ham: "Der står også skrevet: 'Du må ikke udæske Herren din Gud.' " Igen tog Djævelen ham med sig, denne gang til et meget højt bjerg, og viste ham alle verdens riger og deres herlighed og sagde til ham: "Alt dette vil jeg give dig, hvis du vil kaste dig ned og tilbede mig." Da svarede Jesus ham: "Vig bort, Satan! For der står skrevet: 'Du skal tilbede Herren din Gud og tjene ham alene.' " Da forlod Djævelen ham, og se, der kom engle og sørgede for ham.

Nåde og fred være med jer fra Gud, vor Fader, og fra Jesus Kristus, vor Frelser. Amen.

I.

Angreb på Guds Søn efter fødslen

Hun skal føde en søn, og du skal give ham navnet Jesus! For han skal frelse sit folk fra deres synder. (Matt 1). Ordene lød til Josef. Trøstende og frelsende ord, da hans kære Maria var blevet gravid. Sådan fik han Maria som sin hustru uden frygt. Og han fik barnet Jesus som sin Frelser. Fred og håb til Josef.

Men kong Herodes ønskede at dræbe barnet. Det mislykkedes, fordi Gud beskyttede og sørgede for sin Søn. For Sønnen skulle frelse sit folk fra deres synder! - Matthæus fortæller, at Jesus blev flygtning i Egypten, for at han senere kunne blive kaldt fra Egypten, ligesom folket Israel var blevet kaldet fra Egypten (Matt 2,15).

Nu bekræftede Faderen, at Jesus var hans Søn ved Jordans flod: **"Det er min elskede søn, i ham har jeg velbehag."** Ånden havde ledt Jesus til Dåben, hvor han blev forenet med det folk, der bekendte deres synder og blev døbt. Forenet i samme dåbsvand. Hvordan kunne det rense folket fra deres synder? Fordi Jesus var i vandet, og fordi Jesus med sin kommende lidelse og død ville bære deres synder på korset! Derfor! Og

Words without sender versus "It is written"

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Matt. 4:1-11 NAS

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" 11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and from Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

I.

Attacks on the Son of God After Birth

She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. For He will save His people from their sins. (Module 1). The words were spoken to Joseph. Words of comfort and salvation when his dear Mary had become pregnant. Now could marry his dear Mary without fear. And he had the child Jesus as his Savior. Peace and hope to Joseph.

But King Herod wanted to kill the child. Without success because God protected and provided for His Son. For the Son was to save His people from their sins! - Matthew tells us that Jesus became a fugitive in Egypt so that he could later be called from Egypt, just as the people of Israel had been called from Egypt (Matthew 2:15).

Now the Father reaffirmed that Jesus was his Son at the Jordan River: **"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."** The Spirit had led Jesus to baptism, where he was united with the people who confessed their sins and were baptized. United in the same baptismal water. How could it cleanse the people from their sins? Because Jesus was in the water, and because Jesus with his coming suffering and death would bear their sins on the cross!

hvad skulle nu ske efter dåben? Det ved vi fra Israels Historie i Gamle Testamente.

Efter at Guds folk Israel folk var blevet *døbt til Moses i skyen og i havet (1 Kor 10,2)*, blev det de ført ud i ørkenen. Apostlen Paulus fortæller, *at de alle spiste den samme åndelige mad og drak alle den samme åndelige drik -- for de drak af en åndelig klippe, som fulgte med, og den klippe var Kristus (1 Kor 10,2-4)*.

Det samme skulle ske med Jesus, når han skulle gå i sit folks sted og frelse dem fra deres synder. Først forenede han sig med sit folk i havet, i dåben. Og ligesom Guds folk Israel derefter blev ført ud i ørkenen på vandringerne mod de forjættede land, blev Guds Søn ført ud i ørkenen for at være der, hvor folket var: i deres nød, i deres ørken, i deres fristelser. Han skulle overvinde den Onde, Djævelen, og ødelægge hans onde gerninger.

II.

Angreb på Guds Søn efter dåben

Så blev Jesus af Ånden ført ud i ørkenen for at fristes af Djævelen. Og da han havde fastet i fyrre dage og fyrre nætter, led han til sidst sult. Og hvad kunne vi så forvente andet end at fjenden igen forsøgte at få ham bort og fjerne ham Guds Søn fra hans embede som Frelser? Men hvis det ikke lykkedes med magt og trusler, da han var baby, så kunne det måske lykkes med fristelser, nu .

Jesus hørte da også en stemme tale til sig. Hvor kom den fra? Fra Skriften? Nej, et andet sted fra! Ubestemmeligt. En tanke. En indskydelse. Det var den onde, djævelen. Sådanne er fristelser uden afsender, navnløse, for at vi skal overveje, om ikke det er en god ide, en mulighed, ja, det bedste for os.

Den onde var snedig. Han vidste, at Jesus stoledes på sin Far i himlen og holdt fast ved Ordet i Skriften og Ordet fra himlen ved dåben. Derfor modsiger Djævelen ikke Guds ord, men spørger i stedet: *"Når du nu er Guds Søn, så prøv lige at se dig omkring. Nu har du fastet i 40 dage. Og der er kun sten og støv. Gør noget ved det – for din egen skyld! Du kan, hvad du vil. Gå ud af lidelsen! Gør ørkenen til frugtbar have! Gør den til Eden og Paradis. Det kan du jo."*

Samme stemme talte til Guds Søn, da han hang på korset: *"Du, som bryder templet ned og rejser det igen på tre dage, frels dig selv, hvis du er Guds søn, og stig ned fra korset!" (Matt 27,40)*. Det var Djævelen, som talte. *"Hvorfor affinde sig med modgang og lidelse, hvis du er Guds Søn?"*

Inde i vort hjerte og tanker kan de samme tanker vokse frem. Hvis jeg er Guds barn, hvorfor er livet da nogle gange en ørkenvandring? Det er en stemme uden afsender. Sådanne ord synes at være rimelige og uskyldige spørgsmål til overvejelse.

Therefore! And what would happen after the baptism? We know this from Israel's History in the Old Testament.

After God's people Israel was *baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea (1 Corinthians 10:2)*, they were led into the wilderness. The apostle Paul tells us *that they all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink -- for they drank from a spiritual rock that came with it, and that rock was Christ (1 Corinthians 10:2-4)*.

The same was to happen to Jesus when he was to take the place of his people and save them from their sins. First He united himself with his people in the sea, in baptism. And just as God's people Israel were then led into the wilderness on their trek toward the Promised Land, so the Son of God was led into the wilderness to be where the people were: in their need, in their wilderness, in their temptations. He was to overcome the Evil One, the Devil, and destroy his evil works.

II.

Attacks on the Son of God After Baptism

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he finally suffered hunger. And what could we expect other than that the enemy would again try to get him away, to remove him from his office as Savior. But if it did not work with force and threats as when he was a baby, then perhaps temptation could be a successful tool now in the desert.

Jesus heard a voice speaking to him. Where did it come from? From Scripture? No, from somewhere else! Indefinable. A thought. An impulse. It was the evil one. The devil. Such are temptations without a sender, nameless, for us to consider whether it is not a good idea, a possibility, yes, the best for us.

The evil one was cunning. He knew that Jesus trusted in his Father in heaven and held fast to the Word in Scripture and the Word from heaven at baptism. Therefore, the devil does not contradict God's Word, but instead he asks: *"Now that you are the Son of God, just try to look around. Now you have fasted for 40 days. And there are only stones and dust. Do something about it – for your own sake! You can do what you want. Get out of suffering! Turn the desert into fertile garden! Make it Eden and Paradise. You can."* The same voice spoke to the Son of God as He hung on the cross: *"You who break down the temple and raise it up again in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross."* (Matthew 27:40). It was the devil who spoke. *"Why put up with adversity and suffering if you are the Son of God?"*

Inside our hearts and thoughts, the same thoughts can grow. If I am a child of God, why is life sometimes a walk in the desert? It is a voice without a sender. These words seem to be reasonable and innocent questions for consideration.

* Hvorfor skal kvinden føde børn i smerte? * Hvorfor skal manden spise sit brød i sit ansigts sved? * Hvorfor skal jeg mærke lidelse og sygdom og til sidst dø? * Hvorfor skal vi vende tilbage til støvet?

III.

Der står skrevet

Hvad skal vi gøre, når vi får sådanne indskydelser og tanker uden afsender?

Jesus sagde til indskydelsen uden afsender, dvs. til djævelen: **"Der står skrevet: Mennesket skal ikke leve af brød alene, men af hver ord, der udgår af Guds mund."** Og det er Guds ord til os!

"Det står skrevet." Gud taler i Den hellige Skrift. Bibelen er hans trofaste og sande ord. Guds ord er ikke et ord, du skal udvikle i dit sind og i dine tanker. Det står skrevet i Den hellige Skrift. Det er ikke en stemme, du skal forsøge at fornemme i dit hjerte og følelse, for at du derefter kan stole på, at det er Guds ord. Det er Guds ord, fordi det står skrevet i Bibelen. Guds ord er åbenbareret og givet til os i Bibelen. Her åbenbarer Gud for os om Skabelsen, Syndefaldet, Frelsen, Dommedag og Saligheden. Her står om Udvandringen af Egypten, og at Gud sørgede for sit folk i ørkenen. De blev døbt til Moses i Havet. Og der blev sørget for dem 40 år på ørkenvandringen. Klippen, de drak af, var Kristus, som fulgte med.

Sådan er du også døbt til Jesus Kristus. Det står i Skriften. Det lyder til os i den kristne kirke. Der står skrevet! Så må vi holde os til det ord, der står skrevet, når vore hjerter er tomme og vore følelser er forkerte.

Der står skrevet, at *"kvindens afkom skal knuse slangens hoved"* (1 Mos 3,15). Gud er i sit løfte, at kvinden vil få et barn uden mands medvirken. Gud er i sit ord, at det barn skal knuse den onde. Gud er i sit ord, at dette barn skal lide meget ondt og dø, men opstå på den tredje dag.

Det barn er givet til alle kvinder. Det er deres barn, deres Jesus! Han trøster dem, når de føder børn. Han tager deres børn i favn og velsigner dem i dåben og i troens oplæring. Han trøster dem også, hvis de ikke kan føde børn. Da er han deres barn, som blev født af jomfru Maria.

Og da han selv var en ung dreng, gik han på værkstedet og hjalp Josef. Han mærkede sin stedfars sved og slid. Og han svedte og sled med ham. Sådan er Jesus i alle mænds slid, sved og arbejde. Og han er også deres frelser, når de dør og vender tilbage til støvet. I kærlighed og nåde!

IV.

Brød og ethvert Guds ord

Jesus siger: **"Mennesket ikke skal leve af brød alene, men af hvert ord, som udgår af Guds mund"**. Det står skrevet i 5. Mosebog kapitel 8, 2-5: *Husk, hvordan*

* Why should the woman give birth to children in pain? * Why should the man eat his bread in the sweat of his face? * Why do I have to feel suffering and illness and eventually die? * Why should we return to dust?

III.

It is written

What are we to do when we have such impulses and thoughts without a sender?

Jesus said to the intervention without a sender, that is to the devil: **"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"** And that is God's word to us!

"It is written." God speaks in Holy Scripture. The Bible is His faithful and true Word. God's Word is not a word you should develop in your mind and in your thoughts. It is written in The Holy Scripture. It is not a voice you should try to sense in your heart and feeling in order for you to then trust that it is God's Word. It is God's Word, because it is written in the Bible. God's Word is revealed and given to us in the Bible. Here God reveals to us about creation, the fall, salvation, judgement day and heaven. It tells about the Exodus from Egypt and that God provided for His people in the wilderness. They were baptized to Moses in the Sea. And it was taken care of them 40 years in desert. The rock they drank from was Christ who went with them.

This is how you are baptized into Jesus Christ. It's written in The Holy Scripture. It is being spoken to us in the Christian church. It is written! We must stick to the word that is written when our hearts are empty and our the feelings are wrong.

It is written that *"the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent"* (Genesis 3:15). God is in His promise that the woman will have a child without the man's involvement. God is in His Word that that child will crush the evil one. God is in His Word that this child will suffer much evil and die, but will rise on the third day.

That child is given to all women. It is their child, their Jesus! He comforts them when they give birth. He embraces their children and blesses them in baptism and in the training of faith. He also comforts them if they cannot bear children. Then he is their child, who was born of the Virgin Mary.

And when he was a young boy himself, he went to the workshop and helped Joseph. He felt his stepfather's sweat and toil. And he sweated and toiled with him. This is how Jesus is in the toil, sweat and work of all men. And He is also their Savior when they die and return to the dust. In love and grace!

IV.

Bread and Every Word of God

Jesus says: **"Man must not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."** It is

Herren din Gud nu i fyrre år har ladet dig vandre i ørkenen, for at ydmyge dig og sætte dig på prøve, så han kunne få at vide, om du har i sinde at holde hans befalinger eller ej. Han ydmygede dig og lod dig sulte og gav dig manna at spise, som hverken du eller dine fædre kendte, for at lade dig vide, at mennesket ikke lever af brød alene, men af alt, hvad der udgår af Herrens mund. Dit tøj blev ikke slidt i laser og faldt ikke af dig, og dine fødder svulmede ikke op i disse fyrre år. Du skal være forvisset om, at Herren opdrager dig, som en mand opdrager sin søn.

Det huskede Jesus på. Og det må vi også huske på!

"Ikke alene" betyder "ikke kun". Vi lever af brød og noget mere. Hvad angår brødet: Hvor får vi det fra? Fra vores himmelske Far. Jesus lærte os at bede *"Giv os i dag vort daglige brød!"* for at vi ikke skal fortvivle, når der er tjørn og tidsel, og vi indser, at vi skal vende tilbage til støvet og dø. Fortvivl ikke! Det brød, du får, sørger din Fader for. Vi lever ikke af vort arbejde. Vi lever af brød, som Gud giver os. Der står skrevet, at vi kan bede sådan. Og det gør vi så. Og det gør vi tillidsfuldt, når vi også lever af **"hvert ord, der udgår af Guds mund."**

Mange gange i Jesu liv så det ud, som om han ikke kunne være Guds elskede søn, når han måtte lide. Men når han huskede, at han skulle frelse sit folk fra deres synder, vidste han, at han skulle til Jerusalem for at blive ofret som Guds Lam. Det holdt han fast ved. Og det lærte han sine disciple om, så de også kunne tro det og stole på det. Og det lærer han også os, som er døbt i Faderens og Sønnens og Helligåndens navn. Han oplærer sine kære disciple i troen.

Til sidst

Når fristelsen lyder til os: Hvis du er Guds barn, hvorfor skal du da lide ondt? Hvorfor skal du føde børn med smerte? Hvorfor skal du spise dit brød i dit ansigts sved? Hvorfor skal du vende tilbage til jorden og dø? Da kan du frimodigt svare, som Jesus svarede Djævelen: **"Der står skrevet: Mennesket lever ...!"** Jeg lever. Og jeg lever, fordi Gud giver mig: 1) Dagligt brød. Jeg lever ikke af mit arbejde, men af det, min far giver mig. Og 2): jeg lever af hvert ord, der udgår af Guds mund. Hvert eneste ord. Og han har så mange gode ord til os. Et af dem sang vi i dag: *Alt mit håb satte jeg til Gud, / og han bøjede sig til mig og hørte mit råb, / han trak mig op af undergangens grav, / op af slam og dynd. / Han satte mine fødder på en klippe, / og gjorde mine skridt faste, / han la' i min mund en ny sang, / en lovsang til vor Gud. (Salme 40)*

written in Deuteronomy 8:2-5: *Remember how the Lord your God has made you wander in the wilderness for forty years now, to humble you and to test you, so that he might know whether you intend to keep his commandments or not. He humbled you and made you starve, and gave you manna to eat, which neither you nor your fathers knew, to let you know that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothes did not wear out in tatters and did not fall off you, and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Be assured that the Lord will bring you up as a man brings up his son.*

Jesus remembered that. And we must also remember that!

"Not only" means that we live on bread and something more. As for the bread: Where do we get it from? From our heavenly Father. Jesus taught us to pray *"Give us this day our daily bread"*, so that we will not despair when there are thorns and thistles, and we realize that we are about to return to dust. Don't worry! The bread you receive is provided by your Father. We do not live by our work. We live by bread that God gives us. It is written that we can pray like that. And so we do. And we do so with confidence when we also live by **"every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."**

Many times in Jesus' life, it seemed as if He could not be the beloved Son of God because he suffered. But when he remembered, that he should save his people from their sins, he knew that he had to go to Jerusalem to suffer and be sacrificed as the Lamb of God. He stuck to that. And he taught his disciples about it, so that they too could believe it and trust it. And this is also taught by us who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. He trains his dear disciples in the faith.

Finally

When we are tempted by words like these: 'If you are a child of God, why should you suffer evil?' Why should you give birth to children with pain? Why should you eat your bread in the sweat of your face? Why do you have to return to earth and die? Then you can boldly answer, as Jesus answered the devil: **"It is written, 'Man lives...!'"** I'm alive. And I live because God gives me: 1) Daily Bread. I don't live by my work, but by what my Father gives me. And 2): I live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Every single word. And he has so many good words for us. One of them we sang today: *All my hope I put in God, / and he bowed down to me and heard my cry, / he pulled me up from the grave of destruction, / out of mud and mud. / He put my feet on a rock, / and made my steps firm, / he put in my mouth a new song, / a song of praise to our God. (Psalm 40)*