

SEVEN  
SERMONS  
ON  
THE VVONDERFVLL  
COMBATE  
(for Gods Glory, and Mans Salvation)  
BETWEENE  
CHRIST  
AND SATHAN.

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DELIVERED

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JAMES I. 12.

*Blessed is the man that endureth Temptation : for when he is tryed, he shall  
receiue the crowne of life, which the Lord hath promised them that love  
him.*

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The Temptation of Christ in the  
W I L D E R N E S S E.

The first SERMON.

M A T T H. 4. 1.

*Then was Jesus led aside of the Spirit into the Wildernesse to be tempted of the devill.*



OUR Saviour Christ by his Nativity, tooke upon him the shape of man; by his Circumcision, hee tooke upon him, and submitted himselfe to the degree of a servant. By the first, he made himselfe in case, and able to performe the worke of our Redemption: By the second, he entred bound for the performing of it. All was to this end, that he might restore the worke of God to his originall perfection.

In the bringing of which to passe, it was decreed by God in the beginning (as a thing necessary) that the head of the Serpent (by whose meanes it was violated and defaced) should be bruised. And For this cause (saith John) appeared the Sonne of God, that hee might loose the workes of the Devill: whereof this was the first. For in Gen. 3. we read, that his first worke after his fall, was enviously to tempt our first Parents, and thereby to overthrow all man-kinde. And here, straight after our Saviour was baptized, hee with like envy setteth on him. Christ therefore first beginneth with the overcoming of that: and for that purpose he is here led forth to be tempted, that so being tempted he might overcome.

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