We are on a 260 journey through the NT, and today we are reading in Luke 4. Let me read to you one of the most amazing chapters of the 150 in the book of Psalms, it's chapter 91 and some of those verses are in are reading today in Luke 4. Psalm 91 starts off with these familiar words:

Psalms 91:1-2 (NASB) 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!”

And then Psalm 91 ends with these powerful words:

Psalms 91:15-16 (NASB) 15 “He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 “With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation.”

It is an entire Psalm of God’s protection on His children. Sandwiched in between these verses is specific protection… and that protection is from God’s angels, His army.

Psalms 91:11-12 (NASB) 11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. 12 They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone.

BUT WHAT MAKES THIS CRAZY IS the person who QUOTES THIS GREAT PASSAGE FROM PSALM 91 IN LUKE 4. Ready for this? SATAN, THE DEVIL HIMSELF QUOTES THE BIBLE. More specifically this passage Psalm 91:11-12.

Let me say that again… THE DEVIL QUOTED THE BIBLE in the wilderness while he was 1 on 1 with Jesus the Son of God.

If you remember the story, this is Jesus in the wilderness with the devil and Jesus was fighting the 3 temptations from Satan by quoting the Scripture. Jesus said 3 times “IT IS WRITTEN” to the devil. For the second temptation, Satan takes Jesus to the top of the temple and tempts Jesus to jump off the pinnacle and then complicates the temptation by quoting PSALM 91.

Luke 4:9-11 (NIV) 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”
A CRAZY TEMPTATION JUST GOT MUDDY WHEN THE DEVIL QUOTED THE BIBLE WITH IT. What is forgotten in the temptation of Jesus is that Satan said “It is written” just like Jesus said it. THE DEVIL KNOWS THE BIBLE & THE DEVIL QUOTES THE BIBLE This is a very scary thought.

People don’t realize that nothing is off limits for Satan. His attacks are not ALWAYS using porn, alcohol and drugs. He can use the Bible to try to get people to do things IN THE NAME OF GOD AND DON'T HAVE GOD ANYWHERE NEAR IT.

HERE’S A QUESTION: just because you have a Bible verse to back up your thoughts and actions may not mean that verse came from God. Could the devil have spoken a verse to you? HE DID TO Jesus. LISTEN CLOSE. How do you think cults get started… right here… one verse. WHERE DO CULTS GET THEIR BEGINNING… with a Satanic interpretation of a Bible verse. Satan’s interpretation of Psalm 91 is God wants you to jump off into crazy things and God will catch you. Nothing could be more of an abuse to a passage of Scripture then what Satan just told Jesus.

It was getting Jesus to do something based upon AN ISOLATED SCRIPTURE THAT WASN’T BEING INTERPRETED IN LIGHT OF THE WHOLE BIBLE. Did you get that? It is not that the Bible is in contradiction it is our interpretations that contradict the bible. AND THE MISINTERPRETATION COMES WHEN YOU DEFINE A VERSE WITHOUT IT’S CONTEXT WHEN YOU DEFINE A VERSE WITHOUT THE ENTIRE BIBLE.

Some years ago I was sitting with a young man in a DETROIT dinner who was convinced that me and Billy Graham go to hell if we have not been baptized with a certain formula that his group says you have to be baptized with. Now for him salvation is built on a baptism formula instead of the blood and Calvary. His religious group took a Bible passage and instead of adding all the other verses together. HE JUMPED OFF INTO THIN AIR. THE VERY THING JESUS DID NOT DO.

Remember the issue in the wilderness temptation: not bible contradiction but wrong interpretation.

There are people that will take passages and find themselves JUMPING INTO THIN AIR and will find NO angels to catch their fall.

So here is what Jesus does - HE INTERPRETS THE WORD WITH THE WORD. Many times we interpret the Word with books. The bible interprets the Bible.
SO WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN TO ME:

1. NOTHING IS OFF LIMITS TO SATAN. HE WILL USE HOLY THINGS AND PERVERT THEM. The Bible is not out of bounds; Satan is no respecter of persons. Think about it, he is quoting the verse to Jesus, not some new convert, but Jesus, THE WORD. He will pervert passages and preachers and churches. Nothing is safe when there is a devil.

2. LIVE BY THE BIBLE NOT A VERSE. People have started and have done crazy things based on one verse and have failed to enrich themselves and others.

Satan can use an “out of context” Bible verse to get me to do something out of the will of God. OUT OF CONTEXT IS OUT OF THE WILL OF GOD. THAT’S WHY WE ARE ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE WHOLE NEW TESTAMENT.