

Thought for the day – Wednesday 6th April 2022

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This will pass

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. - Luke 4:13

I love the rain, but would prefer it to rain when the cricket season is not on! As a young boy, I would sigh in frustration when rain stopped an international match. and felt uplifted, when the covers, which protected the wicket, came off, which signaled that play would start again soon.

I don't want to compare rain with the work of the devil (except for cricket!), but Jesus' intense time in the wilderness, which admittedly did last longer than several cricket matches, did come to an end. The devil left him. Until another time. Perhaps at the Garden of Gethsemane? I wonder how Jesus recovered?!

Paul talks about momentary troubles in 1 Corinthians 4:17-18. When we feel like we are going through the storms of life, may we remember that this will pass. When we are particularly tempted, may we remember that this too will pass. Circumstances and people who cause anxiety and worry, these too will pass. The full Corinthians text is: *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*