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   Job 1
   Zechariah 3
   Matthew 4 - Jesus tempted in the Wilderness
   (Matthew 4:1-11)

4. The plan of God is to make provision for man to escape unrighteousness
   Gen 4:26
   Deut. 6:1-4
   Psalm 119:11
   James 1:13-18
   Heb 4:14-16; 5:5-10