

Title: The Son of God
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Curse of Fatherlessness

Malachi 4:6 NKJV

And He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

The Only way to the Father

John 14:6-7

⁶ Jesus said to him, "**I am the way**, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father **except through me**."

⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."



Jesus the Great High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a **great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus, the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **sympathize** with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect **has been tempted as we are**, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence **draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5:5, 8-9

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "**You are my Son, today I have begotten you**";

⁸ **Although he was a son**, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

⁹ And **being made perfect**, he **became the source of eternal salvation** to all who obey him,

We are also Sons of God

Romans 8:15-17

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs--**heirs of God** and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Shepherds and hired hands

John 10:11-12

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **lays down his life** for the sheep.

12 He who is a **hired hand** and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and **leaves** the sheep and **flees**, and the **wolf snatches them** and **scatters** them

Sons walk in the Spirit of God

John 7:37-38

³⁷ ὁ Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, **let him come to me and drink.**

³⁸ Whoever **believes** in me, as the Scripture has said, '**Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**'"

John 11:25-27

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me,** though he die, yet shall he live,

²⁶ and everyone who **lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"**

Sons walk in freedom

John 8:31-32

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "**If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,**

³² and you will **know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"

Sons serve in the house (kingdom)

John 12:26

If anyone serves me, he must **follow** me; and where I am, there will my **servant** be also. If anyone **serves** me, the Father will **honor** him.

Sons get disciplined

Hebrews 12:8

If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are **illegitimate** children and **not sons**.

Sons cover their brother's weaknesses

Romans 15:1-3

¹ We who are strong **have an obligation to bear** with the **failings of the weak**, and not to please ourselves.

² Let each of us **please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.**

³ For **Christ did not please himself**, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

Sons walk in the righteousness of God

Galatians 3:11

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sons trust in the Lord

Psalm 37:3-5

³ **Trust in the LORD**, and do good; **dwell** in the land and **befriend faithfulness**.

⁴ **Delight** yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the **desires** of your heart.

⁵ **Commit** your way to the LORD; **trust** in him, and he will act.

Sons have an inheritance

Psalm 2:7-9

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "**You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**"

⁸ **Ask of me**, and I will make the nations your **heritage**, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but **those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

Psalm 37:34

Wait for the LORD and keep his way,
and **he will exalt** you to **inherit** the land;

Sons have endurance

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also **lay aside** every **weight**, and **sin** which clings so closely, and **let us run with endurance** the **race** that is set before us,

² **looking to Jesus**, the **founder and perfecter of our faith**, who for the **joy** that was set before him **endured the cross**, despising the **shame**, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

We are Sons of God

Revelations 21:7 NKJV

He who **overcomes** shall **inherit all things**,
and **I will be his God** and **he shall be My son**.

