

**Title:** If you are the Son of God 2  
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## 1) The devil's temptation

### Matthew 4:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, % You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.+<sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, % is written, % Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.ϕ<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and said to Him, % You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: % He shall give His angels charge over you,ϑand, % in *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.ϕ

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, % is written again, % You shall not tempt the Lord your God.ϕ<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to Him, % All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.+

## 2) Man's Authority

### Psalm 8:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet

## 3) Satan's authority

### 1 John 5:19

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one.

### John 10:10

<sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

### 1 Peter 5:8

<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

## 4) Jesus's Authority

### John 5:19

<sup>19</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, % Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Dunamis [(doo'-nam-is) → Miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself)]

Exousia [(ex-oo-see'-ah) → Delegated *influence*: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength]

## 5) Our Authority

### – Position

#### **Ephesians 2:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

### – Representation

#### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

Now then, we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

### – Been given

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.+

### – Presumption

- . Never assume God to do our will
- . Name it and claim it
- . Power and principalities
- . Making our plans, expecting God to bless them
- . We alone have arrived
- . Wrong timing

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1. We do not own it
2. We are not better
3. Use it rightly
4. We are not indispensable
5. Obedience
6. Fear of God . accountability
7. Love