

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

Matthew 4:3-9

³Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, % You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.+⁴ 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.ϕ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ 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

⁷ Jesus said to him, % is written again, % You shall not tempt the Lord your God.ϕ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, % All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.+

2) Two sons in the house

Luke 15:17-31

¹⁷ % But when he came to himself, he said, % How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, % Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.ϑ²⁰ % And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

²¹ And the son said to him, % Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.ϑ²² % But the father said to his servants, % Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.ϑ And they began to be merry.

²⁵ % Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, % Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.ϑ²⁸ % But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ So he answered and said to *his* father, % o, these many years I have been serving you;

I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.ϑ

³¹ % And he said to him, % Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.ϕ

3) An orphan spirit

Romans 8:15

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, %Abba, Father.+

John 14:16-18

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever. ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

4) Identity and authority

Galatians 4:1-7

Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ² but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, %Abba, Father!+ ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Ephesians 2:4-6

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

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, %All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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.+