

RC Sproul on Christ, The Second Adam, in The Temptation

REVIEW: What I am concerned about most significantly is where these genealogies go. From Matthew, we see that the genealogy of Jesus is traced to Abraham. It's clear that Matthew is trying to communicate to all who read his gospel that Jesus is the son of Abraham, which would be of extreme importance for any Jewish audience. At the same time, Luke is not satisfied to trace the genealogy of Jesus simply to Abraham. Rather, he goes before Abraham, all the way back to Adam and even beyond, where he shows that this One who is a descendant of Adam was (in His human nature) also a descendant of God, being created by God. So, Jesus' lineage is traced to Adam and to God.

PAUL? ... Why does Luke take the genealogy all the way to Adam? Of course, one reason is to show that the gospel is not just for the Jews, but for Gentiles as well. However, I'm going to suggest another reason, and this would get me a lot of debate in the theological world because nowhere in Luke's gospel does Luke ever mention the role of Jesus as the new and second Adam, which is so important to the teaching of the Apostle Paul. However, Luke mentions Jesus' descent from the first Adam, and it's inconceivable to me that Paul wouldn't have discussed with Luke on their missionary journeys the significance of Jesus as the new Adam to redeem us from the failure of the first Adam.

REAL HISTORY with THE NEW ADAM: Luke is concerned with the historical reality of the person and work of Christ. The presence of Luke's extended genealogy, which goes beyond the limits of what Matthew gives us, underscores Luke's concern: the history and account he has given is not of a mythological figure who lives somewhere in the mythological realm of Mount Olympus, but One who came in space and time—indeed, in the fullness of time—to be our Savior.

When Luke finishes the genealogy, he moves quickly to the test that Jesus faces. Even as the first Adam was tempted in the garden, so now the new Adam is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 1, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Reflection

Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPONSE

*** Opening Hymn**

We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name
104 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

St. Patrick (adapted & copyrighted Edmund Clowney)

We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name, The strong name of the Tri-ni-ty,
By in-vo-ca-tion of the same: The Three in One and One in Three. Our Rock and
Tower, God of Light, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word; we claim the name of grace
and might: salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Immanuel, incarnate Lord, from Mary's womb was given breath, was baptized at
the Jordan's ford, and gave his life to conquer death. He rose triumphant from
the tomb, was lifted to the Father's throne to come on God's dread day of doom
and bring salvation for his own.

By faith we claim his grace today: the pow'r of God to hold and lead, his eye to
watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to our need; the wisdom of our God
to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to give us speech,
his hea'nly host to be our guard.

*** Invocation & Lord's Prayer**

God's Law

Psalm 91:1-16
(p 588 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Psalm 73:1-3 & 73:21-22
(p 574 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 73:23-26
(p 575 pew Bible)

*** Song of Response**

Now Unto Him Who Is Able
28 *Covenant Praise* (all verses)

Now unto Him who is able
To keep you from falling
And to make you stand in His presence
Blameless and with great joy
To the only God our Saviour
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Be the glory and the majesty
Dominion and authority
Both now and ever Amen

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Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Dedication & Offering

Offertory Hymn (Psalm 73:25-28)

Whom Have I in Heaven But Thee
16 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

Whom have I in heaven but Thee,
Besides Thee I desire nothing upon the earth
My heart and my flesh may fail,
but God is my heart's strength and my portion forever.
As for me the nearness of God is my good.
I have made the Lord God my refuge that I may tell of all Thy works.

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*** Gloria Patri**

#735 Trinity Hymnal

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer & Scripture Readings

Luke 4:1-15 (p 1021 pew Bible)

Sermon Title

Christ, The God-Man, Tempted By Satan

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**

The Sands of Time Are Sinking
546 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
the summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;
dark, dark, hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

2 The King there in his beauty without a veil is seen;
it were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between:
the Lamb with his fair army doth on Mount Zion stand,
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

3 O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand,
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

4 The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
not at the crown he gifteth, but on his pierced hand:
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land. **

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

#731 Trinity Hymnal

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