

Reflecting On The Root of Satan's Lie In All Temptation

Introduction: Satan continually says: "Is The Father's Love As Advertised?"

I. Temptation Summarized: Christ's 40 days <As The New Adam> <As The New Israel> **(but especially)** ... AS GOD'S BELOVED SON Luke 3:22 !!!!!!!!!!!!!

II. A description hated by Satan and which he continually calls into question:
"If You Are The Son of God."

III. Because the Father-Son Relationship is despised by him (Luke 4:5-7)

IV. As he tries to stir insecurity in Christ: "Throw yourself down from the temple."

On the pinnacle of the temple satan said to Him: "You are the Son of the Father and share in His love. Hence You must also long for proof of His love. That proof is easy to come by. Throw yourself down from this pinnacle, for then He will surely see that You are protected by angels, in accordance with His promise. This proof of His love will do you good." There satan touched the most tender chord of all. If the Lord thirsted for anything, it was for His Father's love and for proof of that love. But would He willfully conjure that proof, and compel the Father to give it to Him? Wouldn't that be a sign that He did not trust the Father's love? That was exactly what Israel kept doing in their unbelief. ("Promise and Deliverance," S.G. De Graaf, p 43)

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Reflection

Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPONSE

*** Opening Hymn**

The Man Who Once Has Found Abode
90 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1, 4-7)

1 The man who once has found abode, within the secret place of God
shall with Almighty God abide, and in his shadow safely hide.

4 His outspread pinions shall thee hide, beneath his wings shalt thou confide.
His faithfulness shall ever be a shield and buckler unto thee.

5 No nightly terrors shall alarm, no deadly shaft by day shall harm;
nor pestilence that walks by night, nor plagues that waste in noonday light.

6 Because his angels he commands to bear thee safely in their hands,
to guard thy ways, lest left alone, thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 "Because he set his love on Me, from danger I will set him free.
Because to him My name is known, On high I'll set him as Mine own." **

*** 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** (Psalm 126)

Restore Us, O Lord

1 Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us O Lord! Restore us O Lord!

Chorus: Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping Will go out with songs of joy!

2 The nations will say He has done great things.
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us O Lord! Restore us O Lord! [Chorus]

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Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Dedication & Offering

Offertory Song

How Deep The Father's Love for Us
1 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

1 How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

2 Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

3 I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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*** Gloria Patri**

#735 Trinity Hymnal

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer & Scripture Readings

Luke 4:1-22 (p 1021 pew Bible)

Sermon Title

The Devil Asks, "Should We Trust in The Father's Love?"

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**

Loved With Everlasting Love
703 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,
Spirit went from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so.
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;
in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine;
in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine.

2 Heav'n above is deeper blue, earth around is sweeter green,
that which glows in every hue Christ-less eyes have never seen.
Birds in song his glories show, flow'rs with richer beauties shine
since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine;
since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine.

3 Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,
all his love as blood out-poured seals the pardon of his grace.
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love's design?
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.

4 His forever, only his - who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, first-born light in gloom decline,
but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine;
but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine. **

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

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