

## The "Son of God"

RSV Translation with Emphasis and Notes Added by Rev. Troy Sims

2 Samuel 7: <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. <sup>14</sup>**I will be his father, and he shall be my son.** When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men; <sup>15</sup>but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

Psalms 2 (probably used at the coronations of Jewish kings): <sup>1</sup>Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup>"Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us." <sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision. <sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup>"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "**You are my son, today I have begotten you.**" <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling <sup>12</sup>kiss his feet, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Galatians 3: <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all **sons of God**, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4: <sup>4</sup>But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption as sons.** <sup>6</sup>And because **you are sons**, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So through God you are no longer a slave but a **son**, and if a **son** then an heir.

Romans 8: <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God.** <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the **sons of God**; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; <sup>21</sup>because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the **children of God.**

Romans 9: <sup>25</sup>As indeed he says in Hose'a, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'my beloved.'" <sup>26</sup>"And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called '**sons of the living God.**'"

John 1: <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become **children of God**; <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

## Imitators of God

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Ephesians 5: <sup>1</sup>Therefore be **imitators of God, as beloved children.** <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Matthew 5: <sup>48</sup>You, therefore, must be perfect, **as your heavenly Father** is perfect.

Luke 6: <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even **as your Father** is merciful.