Title: The Son of God
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Curse of Fatherlessness

Malachi 4:6 NKJV
And He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Galatians 3:13
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

The Only way to the Father

John 14:6-7
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Jesus the Great High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-16
14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5:5, 8-9
5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";
8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

We are also Sons of God

Romans 8:15-17
15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 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.
Shepherds and hired hands

**John 10:11-12**
11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd *lays down his life* for the sheep.
12 He who is a *hired hand* and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and *leaves* the sheep and *flees*, and the *wolf snatches them* and *scatters* them.

Sons walk in the Spirit of God

**John 7:37-38**
37 É Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, *let him come to me and drink.*
38 Whoever *believes* in me, *as the Scripture has said*, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

**John 11:25-27**
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
26 and everyone who *lives and believes in me* shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Sons walk in freedom

**John 8:31-32**
31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "*If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,*
32 and you will *know the truth*, and *the truth will set you free.*"

Sons serve in the house (kingdom)

**John 12:26**
If anyone serves me, he must *follow* me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.
If anyone serves me, the Father will *honor* him.

Sons get disciplined

**Hebrews 12:8**
If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are *illegitimate* children and not sons.

Sons cover their brother’s weaknesses

**Romans 15:1-3**
1 We who are strong have *an obligation* to bear with the *failings of the weak*, and not to please ourselves.
2 Let each of us *please his neighbor for his good*, to build him up.
3 For *Christ did not please himself*, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

Sons walk in the righteousness of God

**Galatians 3:11**
Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."
Sons trust in the Lord

Psalm 37:3-5
3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Sons have an inheritance

Psalm 2:7-9
7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
9 For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
Psalm 37:34
Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land;

Sons have endurance

Hebrews 12:1-2
1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

We are Sons of God

Revelations 21:7 NKJV
He who overcomes shall inherit all things,
and I will be his God and he shall be My son.