

***The Son Who Fulfills All Righteousness***  
2023.10.22 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 3:17–4:11**

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” 7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”

8Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**Main idea**: Jesus is the great and true Adam, the great and true Israel, and the great and true David, Who Himself has obeyed righteously and perfectly as the perfect and forever humanity, the perfect and forever church, and the perfect and forever King.

**Introduction**: Jesus’s righteousness counted for us, promised to us, and commanded/commended by His example. Not either/or but both. In Him we “fulfill all righteousness” by His work apart from us (justification) into us (sanctification) and even through us (godly living).

1. The righteousness of persistent piety (3:17–4:2)
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Fasting
  - c. Meditation upon Scripture
2. True Adam. The righteousness in which Adam failed to be: a seed of a righteous humanity (v3–4)

- a. “Has God really said”
  - b. Fellowship with God the greater food
  - c. “it is written,” the inspiration of Scripture, and the faith that saves us
3. True Israel. The righteousness in which covenantal/ethnic Israel failed (v5–7)
- a. A vine/tree/house/city of a consecrated humanity.
  - b. Jesus was always the Seed and the Vine of elect Israel (cf. Rom 9), even during the Sinaitic covenant
  - c. Putting God to the test (cf. Ps 78:18; 95:9), and the faith that saves us
4. True David. The righteousness in which kingdom Israel failed spectacularly (v8–10)
- a. They were to be an exemplary nation that drew people to YHWH
  - b. Instead they went after other gods
  - c. Jesus’s Daniel 2 promise/right/inheritance
  - d. Even for the greatest possible payoff, He was unwilling to commit even a moment’s sin. This last obedience is indicative of a continual, absolutely perfect keeping of Deut 6:4–5, 13
5. True Son. Angels come and attend Him Who is the heir.
- a. They are a testimony that He is still the beloved Son, Who has continued to be well- pleasing
  - b. In Jesus, and because of Jesus, Christians are heirs whom angels serve (cf. Heb 1:14)

**Conclusion:** You need nothing else for salvation but Christ. There are many things that are needful, but they are all in Him. Come to Him! Get everything from Him!

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Matthew 3 verse 17 through chapter 4 and verse 11. These are God's words. And suddenly, A voice came from heaven saying, This is my beloved son. In whom i am? Well pleased. Then jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, Afterward, he was hungry.

Wow. Now when the temperature came to him, he said, If you are the son of god, Command that these stones become bred. But he answered and said, It is written. Man shall not live by bread alone. But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of god. Then the devil took him up into the holy city.

Set him on the pinnacle of the temple. And said to him. If you are the son of god, Throw yourself down. For it is written. He shall give his angels charge over you. And in their hands. They shall bear. You up. Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Jesus said to him. It is written again. You shall not tempt. The lord your god. Again, the devil took him up on an exceedingly high mountain. And showed him all the kingdoms of the world. And their glory. And he said to him, All these things. I will give you If you will fall down and worship me.

Then jesus said to him. Away with you, satan. For it is written. You sell worship, the lord your god. And him only used to serve. Then the devil left him. And behold angels came And ministered to him. I mean, that sounds just reading. Of god's inspired in an errant worked.

We're joists to know that he adds his blessing. To the preaching of it. Please be seated.

It was our privilege and our pleasure last week to begin to hear. This portion of god's word, preached and There's a special pleasure in verse 17. Which is as it were the The text. For that glorious. Doxology. Uh that as one giant run-on sentence from ephesians 1, verse 3 through effusions, one verse 14 and how Believers have been chosen in the beloved before the world began.

So that we are beloved with god's love for his son for. We were chosen in him. And then in the course of time in the history of god's redemption, we have been made acceptable in him, we have been made pleasing in him. So that christ's righteousness is counted for us.

And god is pleased with us. And for the sake of his son, with the pleasure that he has in his son, And in that pleasure and from that love he proceeds to make us to be actually pleasing in our character. As he conforms us to Christ and finishes. His work and what a joy?

It was to hear that. That jesus is righteousneses countered. For us. This of course was what had convinced john to. To go ahead and baptize his cotton whom he had identified as the mighty one who's sandals, he was not worthy to lift the one who is, of course, not just man, but god and man, Who can baptize not just with water, which is a creature but who baptizes with the holy spirit?

Who has authority and power to pour out a person of the godhead, which is exactly what we needed. Because the command was b, e converted. For the kingdom of heaven, as at hand, And only god could do that. And so god the song by god, the spirit gives us those new hearts and those new lives.

And jesus had come and To be baptized with a baptism that says that we need repentance and john's response was I can't baptize you with a baptism that says you need repentance, you don't need repentance. But of course, the lord jesus was identifying with us to do. And that wonderful us.

Back up in verse 15. Permitted to be. So now for thus, it is for fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. You see all repentance isn't good enough and our faith. Isn't good enough to be received by god. Our faith receives christ, and he is what and who is.

Good enough. And so that us, it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. There's a john. Uh, the baptizer in that us and there is a jesus in that us. And if you are a believer in jesus christ, There is you. In that us. For it is in christ.

That all righteousness. This fulfilled, and we come now to hear About the Temptations to read and hear preached. About the temptations of christ and the wilderness as a recorded in this portion of matthew, knowing that as jesus perfectly obeys, And heart and mind, and desire, and word and action.

That is the obedience that is counted for us when we believe in him. That you are, that you are counted by god as perfectly obedient and as perfectly righteous as jesus is here because he himself is your righteousness when you believe in him. If you're here this morning and you have no righteousness before God and if you have, if you do not have christ, you do not have righteousness before god.

Than it is this christ whom you need. And when you come, And rest in him. You are united to him to that faith. And there's obedience is counted for you. But his obedience isn't just counted for us. It is also promised to us. Because god never justifies. Anyone never makes someone just or right before him.

Without acts without proceeding, then to make them righteous in character without conforming them to the christ who is our righteousness. And so, as we heard a few weeks ago, in the midweek, sermon, Those whom he justified, he also glorified, we get here. A picture of and a guarantee that.

We will be like this. When the lord has done with us and then of course, Of course, we are also instructed to follow his example. Just as whenever you hear anything in the law of God. Whenever you hear anything in the the moral law of god, you hear described what jesus is like his perfect righteousness.

God's commandments are the impact, the applications. Of the implications of who he is the applications to our life, and our conduct of the implications. Of who he is and so you read god's law. You see his, you read his commandments, you have a picture of Christ and sometimes we go, the other way, don't we?

We read something god's law and we we don't understand it quite quite fully and we have we have some questions about what that looks like and we can look at jesus And how he obeyed and we say, okay that's what it looks like. So the first thing whenever you you read god's law or hear god's law, as you hear a description of the righteousness of Christ ought to make.

If you're a believer, your heart's swell with, with amazement and thankfulness, amazement that he is this obedient and thankfulness that he has been disobedient and heart behalf. And then the second place you read God's law with joy because it is a promise of what we will. Be like when he has done with us he is committed to giving us that holiness without which no one will see the lord.

He is committed to making us to be like him because when he appears, we will see him and it's from that hope. Then that you, you make the third one. This is what saves you from legalism without making you one of those people who hates commandments? And, and to squirms when people talk about holiness and the necessity of zeal and devotion and obedience, which the bible was full of.

And so, you must be one of those people who squirms with those things. You'll you'll have to ignore or be uncomfortable with much of the scripture, much of the, the new testament scripture, not just the old testament. If you're not familiar enough with the new testament to know that that's the case.

It's just you read it. But that's how you escape, legalism is because the law describes crisis to us. And it describes what we shall be when he is done with us. What? They? Who are counted righteous already in him. Completely. Never increase your right to standing with god by sanctification.

But they who are counted righteous will be like and then it comes to us as the the law of christ and the royal long king jesus and the law of liberty that we have been freed in him to obey. All those wonderful bible phrases that describe the law and then we receive the commandments.

From the hands that was pierced for us. And we are glad to obey. What we do similarly here. Not just with god's law when it comes. Prescriptively. But also wherever his law is is displayed in historical texts. Don't listen to those people who say you mustn't, learn more. Oral lessons from old testament, stories old testament, historys now, the first Corinthians 10, says this old testament history happened to them but it was written down for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the age of come.

Make sure you read it. First about christ, and god bringing christ into the world. And when you look at you see the moral lesson, make sure you see it first about christ and what his character is. And in the context of, knowing that our father loves us more than we love ourselves.

And he is more determined to make us holy than we are to be holy, but do learn receive the admonition. That our father prepared in history for us to learn from and then how much better When the history is not just of those whom we have to, we have to examine by the rest of scripture to see whether or not what they were doing is righteous, right?

You have to do that with everyone but one When you come to jesus, you don't have to ask the question. You don't have to examine From the prescriptive passages. Whether what he did in this situation was right. You don't have to look for a commendation in the text. What he did was right in the eyes of yahweh.

We know that that's true with jesus. Here's the beloved son. With whom god is. Well, pleased. And so in him, Believers, fulfill all. Righteousness. And so we'll see this righteousness. Displayed In four different ways. In four different ways. Uh, first, the righteousness of persistent piety. Uh, second, the righteousness of the true Adam.

Third. The righteousness of the true israel. Fourth, the righteousness of the true david. Or the true king. And, Um, And then having seen those four ways in which he fulfills all righteousness, and those who are in him, have it fulfilled both, Um, by him on our behalf and then continue as he applies himself to us, by his spirit, conforming us to him by his grace.

He will will produce. In us. These obediences, these aspects of righteousness and godliness. And then we rejoice at the end verse 11. God helping us to get all the way there as the angels come and minister to him. To really understand the privilege into which we have been brought.

As hebrews 1 verse 14 describes, so That's the map of where we're going. You may have noticed that there's three temptations but there's four righteousnesses here for sections on righteousness and that's because the first one is in preparation for the temptations, the righteousness Of persistent piety. One of them we know is the background to verse 16 and 17 from last week.

If you remember We considered that luke tells us that when jesus came from the water. What he was doing when heaven opened. And what he was doing was praying. The lord. Jesus was a man of prayer. It puts to shame all of our questions. If god already knows, why should i pray or if god already plans?

What he's going to do? A do than praying? Doesn't change anything? So why should i pray? What are what a wretched loveless? Arrogant heart such ideas. Come from. And we don't mean to be those things when we ask such questions. But we are and it's good for us to have the bible.

Be that mirror that sends in front of us and and says oh, Thinking that way about prayer means i don't desire his fellowship in prayer and i don't love the privilege and the glue. The privilege that comes to me and the glory that comes to god when he is a father, loves to hear the voice of his children.

So i don't love the fellowship and i don't love that, he loves the fellowship and and i'm not submitting to his way of doing things. Yes, he knows everything and he's already planned. What he's going to do, but he's planned to do it in response to prayer. He's given me a part and he even says that there are things that he is not going to do because we didn't pray.

You have not because you asked not, so it doesn't change anything. It just means you are in belly and against the privilege of gives you by being one who prayed, and he responded to my answering. But not only does jesus, pray, but he's he's a man of prayer. We see him at times all night in prayer, when he's coming to the The cross he he prays with his being so fervently that his sweat comes out like great drops of blood.

Like he's been pierced already, as he will be the next day. And the, the sweat is pouring out of him as the prayer, pours out of him. Many of us have felt our weakness and prayer, our inconsistency, and prayer are halfheartedness, and prayer are uninstructedness in prayer. Unable to pray for extended periods of time because either we we don't value the fellowship that we're having with god and the moment or our thinking upon him and understanding his word is is so small and so poor that we don't have more than a few seconds worth.

Of god to pray about. Jesus is a man of prayer. Is also a man of Fasting. Now, the spirit whom. Um, The, the spirit whom this passage Has promised us and the words of john at first a couple sermons ago that the lord jesus pores out on us. And if you're a Christian, this is the only way you've come to me of christian.

There's by the holy spirit giving you life and giving you faith. Is the same spirit. Now who has made display of himself descending upon Christ, the same spirit. In verse 1 and 2 jesus has led up by the spirit into the wilderness. To be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, Now, the fasting in verse 2 is tied to the spirit and his leading in verse 1.

It's not because there wasn't food in the wilderness. How do we know? This is a good quiz for the children to see if you've been paying attention. These last few weeks and family works with his dad has been leading you in matthew 3. And in the in the lord's day morning, sermons as we've been hearing, matthew 3 who was living in the wilderness at this time.

We'll give you a hint. He wore camel's hair and a leather belt. Was there anything in the wilderness to eat? What did he eat? There's locusts and honey. No, you guys are from tennessee. You eat crawdads. There's no problem with locusts locusts are clean. The crawdads, you know, you're We'd all be ceremony.

Filthy of thought had not caught if christ had not come. But the locus at least you had the jointed legs and And you would take the legs off, of course, and you'd roast them up real nice. And And there's not a bad diet, there's food there. He's not fasting.

For lack of provision. That's an idea from the devil. The same devil who is trying out the stuff that worked before. As god really said, you may not eat of any of the truth of the garden. Who's trying to? Proposed to adam. And to eve really to Adam, He doesn't know that Adam is not deceived first.

Timothy 2 tells us that Adam is not seen, he knows what's going on. The whole time means to see Certain thinks he's pretty clever, though. Trying to get them to feel like in the midst of all of this provision there, that god hasn't provided for them. The 40 days and 40 nights are not.

About scarcity. It was fasting in which the spirit had led him. Now if you and i know that we're going to be tempted and sometimes we do come into seasons, don't we? In which we know that we're going to be tempted Then we should have heed christ's command watch and pray that you enter not to temptation.

We should follow christ's example, that our prayer be with fasting. As we not only express our need of the lord, but as he communicates to us through prayer, and does he communicate to us through the fasting of our dependence upon him and his abundance for us? The sufficiency of his supply to us that he himself is enough.

Not the fast like Isaiah 58. Where the Jews say? Oh, we're so miserable. Why, why have we fasted? And you see it? Not don't you see how we have afflicted ourselves and not the past, but i want Fasting should make you see her generous? He is The god himself is enough and abundance for us.

And so, jesus is a man of prayer, and he's a manifesting, and he's a man of meditation upon scripture. The, the scriptures that he quotes and responds to the devil are all from. Two from deuteronomy 6, one from Deuteronomy 8. He's meditating upon scripture that is given to to israel and in the wilderness.

In fact, Deuteronomy as Moses's final sermon. Just on the other side of the Jordan, on the east side of the Jordan, jesus is here. Just across the river. On the west side of the Jordan, also in the wilderness. And what's he doing? He's meditating upon scripture that particularly applies to the time and the place on the season that he's in.

So that we, too, one of the great benefits of being in his word morning and evening. Every day in our homes, uh, secretly privately, you know, personal personal devotion, and, and in family worship, and then weak by week in the assembly, many of you have experienced this, you have an issue in your house or you have a, a question that comes up theologically and one or two of two or both things happen, you just covered it.

In the last few weeks, in the teaching of the church or we're just about to cover it or cover it again in the next few weeks. And why? Because god's word is so rich. And one of the things that happens then is that you always have available to you a scripture that particularly applies, To meditate upon it.

And and when you meditate upon a scripture that particularly applies to the situation, you're in, part of what you're doing, is you are following the example of the lord jesus christ. Who quite evidently was meditating on the book of Deuteronomy in the wilderness. Where the great sin of israel.

Was they were not being eating bread and they were very dissatisfied.

But, For the lord jesus, he is well prepared. The righteousness of persistent piety. Piety being that religious life that we have in our heart before god piety being that loving the lord. Our god

with all our heart soul, mind and strength. Which is not. Do you feel? Continuously. This elated pseudo romantic.

Uh, intense warmth. Toward god. There is an affectional component for sure. But god defines for us. He he divides out to us what? Loving the lord our god with all horse. All our hearts soul, mind and strength in the first four commandments. Just as he explains out for us loving our neighbor, as ourselves in the the next sixth amendments.

The godly life has always been a life in which piety had the priority. Now, there are teachers out there now who who claim the title reformed and they're always sneering at. And and Talking about. Those who are pietists and pietism. Well, pietism is just the first table of the law without the second table of the law.

It's a, it's a claim that the reason you're ignoring your neighbor, the reason you're you're not working hard. The reason you're not serving the lord in the community. The reason you're not doing those things is because you're too busy with the first table. But this, of course, Despise this god.

But watch out for those who sneer against pietism. Because those who are always talking about pia tests and their pietism are in piatests. Who live in an empietism? And they are ignoring the first table of the law for the sake of the second. Which knowing, which is the first, and which is the greatest as a far more dreadful error.

I don't want to be either. I want to be conformed to the christ who has been my righteousness. And to whom, He has promised to conform me. But if you make me choose lose, the first table, or lose the second table away with the second table. Praise god. There is no such choice because god is not divided within himself.

But the first part of the righteousness that we see christ render here, Happens before the temptations even come. And his resistance too, in success. In the in response to the temptations flows from his piety. From the maintaining of his religious life with god having gone alone as his god worshiping god in the particular ways which are for us.

Also, memes by which god works in us, that god has said to worship. Worshiping god with a reverence that leads to living before god with a reverence. So that we don't become light and silly and impulsive in our life. Has been hearing weak after week in in the book of titus.

How much of the christian life is? How much of gobliness in the christian life is a life of temperance, and seriousness, and discipline, and waginess, Not misery, not not christian, eeyore But that the joy of the christian, Would be great and weighty and everlasting. And not subject to the fluctuations that come.

In the changes of providence. Well, if It's a great big part of your life is coming before god in light of the third commandment. We have reverence in the morning of reverence in the evening. Near reverence whenever you lift your heart up to him in prayer and reverence whenever you meditate upon his word.

We have a whole day of reverent delights. Which is what the sabbath is supposed to be, right? That's part of the answer and isaiah 58 to the the wrong fasting that we were Criticizing a while ago. Then when you come and you're doing your schoolwork to the glory of god, you're doing the laundry to the glory of god, and glory of god, and you are bearing and forbearing with annoying.

And it's part what it is, wicked co-workers. To the glory of god. Then you have reverence in the way that you live. And you become a dignified slave. Like we heard about Trying to remember, I think it's two weeks ago, maybe last week. And Titus. Where the the christian slave, you know, the christian young man has one word of instruction.

The titus is supposed to get another christian slave as this great big, long sentence for adorning, the gospel. Well, Because he has a way to great college. That comes from the priority of the first table. The righteousness of persistent potting me. Have to move quickly now. And second place christ's righteousness, is the true Adam.

The two atom we already. Began in this direction. The temperature comes to him and says, if you are The son of god. Command that these tones become bread. In other words, I know. I know you heard a voice. That said this is my beloved son. But really help beloved, can you be if you're so hungry?

Help. Beloved. Can you be if you've been in the wilderness 40 days and 40 nights without any bread? Yeah. This worked not on, not only on Adam and also had worked on the israelites.

But he answered and said it is written man, shall not live by bread alone. But by every word, The proceeds from the mouth of god.

Instead of satan. Comes with a version of has, god really said. And jesus answers in the way that adam ought to have interrupted. The conversation between the serpent and the woman and remember. Genesis 3 says, she ate and she gave some to her husband who was with her. That almost there.

An adam was not deceived and he knew it was happening. What a dreadful, atom. The first Adam turned out to be what a glorious Adam the last Adam. Has turned out to be. Not like Noah, who by the way is the Is the second atom. The bible clubs jesus the last Adam, not the second and perhaps, because Noah becomes the second, the one from whom the the rest of us are descended and you have all of that recreation sort of language after the flood.

And what does the first thing that noah does? Is he indulges his sin with the provision of god? Was not the first thing he does, but Almost immediately. The scripture tells us that he did that. But how glorious the last Adam? Who answers the word with the word at the first?

Adam should have said, No, no, no no. Not only do we have every tree. That we made. Besides that one. But the reason we don't have that one. Is because we have something better than food. We had the words of the one who created by speaking, we have fellowship with him.

I enjoy not eating from that tree, more than I enjoy. Eating from all the rest of the trees. Because the not eating, is by the words that has proceeded from the mouth of god. That's how that's how the first Adam should have answered, right? Was it not? Is it not how the last Adam, our Adam, the first born of the new humanity, the one who's righteousness is counted for us through faith, and we believe in him.

Is that not how he has answered? What do you mean if I miss on? My body is famished, but my soul is full. I have had a continual feast. In the words of my father and they're not just the words of my father. They proceed from his mouth. You know, the doctrine of inspiration doesn't appear for the first time.

And second Timothy chapter 3. Doesn't appear for the first time in Deuteronomy. Either. Deuteronomy 8. But it does appear. There, doesn't it? Mention not live by bread alone, but by

every word that Proceeds. From the mouth of god. There's that wonderful. Jesus says it is written. And then he refers to the words that proceed from the matter.

What's he saying? You think? When i meditate upon the scriptures that in scripturated, the inscribed words of god, It is every bit. The fellowship of my father, talking to me. As if we were face to face and he was breathing. Those words out. This is what we have in our bibles.

The. God breathed words to us. And so fellowship with god was the greater food of our lord jesus. And every time you or i have agonized over our lack of hunger for him and our lack of fullness, when we read his word, Haven't you had that experience? I can hardly believe.

That you're a christian who doesn't who does your devotions if you haven't had this experience? You prayed and you've read his word and to come away. Feeling kind of, yeah. And praise god, he doesn't take internet reviews. Did nothing for me. Because then it'd be like, The proprietor answered and said, that's a you problem.

Not an us problem. And it is an us problem, but jesus never had that problem. The word of god never did nothing for him. He was full when he was satisfied. And that's been counted for me because i believe in him and if you believe in him it's been counted for you.

God sees you and counts. You as righteous as if every time you have ever read or thought about his word you have found it satisfying and filling. So that no. No attempt by satan to say, oh, If you are a child of god, you wouldn't have cancer. If you are a child of god, you wouldn't lose your job.

If you were a child of god, your children would be a lot easier to deal with.

Jesus. Was as it were. Strengthened against prepared for that temptation. He is the true, Adam. He's also the true israel. Verse 5, the devil takes him up into the holy city.

We sets him on the pinnacle, the temple. He says to him. If you are the son of god, Throw yourself down they quotes now? Right. You know you go by every word that proceeds from the mouth of god. Well i i have dealt With the people before, who had promises.

Throw yourself down for this retina quotes from Psalm 91. He shall give his angels charge over you and in their hands, they saware you up unless you dash your foot against the stone. How many people? How many believers even Have come to a promise in the word of god and the fact that god said it and god promised, it was not good enough for them.

There's a but how will he do that? And if he shows me a little bit then you know, maybe all believe that israel had done that in the wilderness. They'd been promised that they were going to be given the lands. It was a certain as the word of god.

That they would make it. But they didn't believe god about eating the the bread. Like we just uh just just considered they didn't believe god about the drinking. They didn't believe God about defeating amorite's. One. After another, of these things came came in the way. Psalm 78 to even tells us what's going on there on in their hearts.

Sure. Yeah, he made water come out of the rock but it can he give us meat? And bread. Jesus. Jesus says, Who's written again? You shall not tempt. You shall not test. You always your god? The fact that he said, it means it's true. I don't need him to prove it.

And i certainly am not going to do something. To force him to perimeter demand. That he prove it to me. Oh, how we need to watch? Against that demanding, sort of response to God's word.

Remember what the lord jesus said. If you have that demanding response, nothing is ever going to satisfy you.

Because you're thinking like the rich man. Who said send me back. If someone rises from the dead, they'll listen to him. And jesus said what he said, they have Moses on the prophets. Even if someone rises from the dead, they're not going to listen to him. That demanding testing response.

That we all have. So ingrained in our flesh, that we can hardly imagine what it's like to be without that sin, but jesus is like us in every way, except without sin, And so he refuses. He refuses to put them to the Put the lord. To the test. That's why we're going to sing from some 78.

About. The. Israel, putting the lord to the test and then the lord blessing them. Anyway, Why? Well for two reasons, one is bringing christ into the world. And two. For those among them who are believers. In that case are the great minority, aren't they? So jesus, who has earned that bread, For them.

Just like every time you and i come and we pray for our daily bread. Basically admitting and confessing neither, can we get it for ourselves apart from the power of god? And we certainly don't deserve it for ourselves apart from the mercy of god. That is in jesus christ.

We see jesus as the true vine. We just read about. The lord. In the remnant at the end in isaiah walking about Um, Walking about as people as a vineyard of red wine. And that doesn't just correspond and we're just going straight through the psalms and straight through. Isaiah, by the way, this was not like conspired.

It corresponds to psalm 104, which we read and say. About wine for the gladness of the heart. But that's not the kind of vineyard israel was, was it? Because in our reading in isaiah 27, he's comparing what his people will be at the end to what he has complained, that they are in chapter 5.

You remember the vine that he planted in the wilderness and he furnished with everything it needed and what else could be done for it that the lord hasn't done for it but when it came time to to see its fruit, what kind of it was wild grapes. Sour and useless.

You couldn't use it to make the wine. But there's a vine coming. And a vineyard coming that we've heard prophesied and even in our serial reading through isaiah today. Where it's a vineyard of red wine or go back a couple weeks and he's describing the, the feast, you know, the the feast of wines on the leaves and and, you know, Even makes a A wine, appreciating Presbyterian blush.

The way it was gosh saying you know, quite literally there But it's all related. Isn't it to what the lord jesus says? In john 15. We are all false. Vines. Bearing bitter, fruits. And israel as a church. Was a false vine despite all of the advantages that had was a false vine that produced bitter fruit.

But here now is the true vineman Bearing. Good fruit in the wilderness and jesus says, i am the true vine. An amazingly. He is pleased to produce his fruit through us. Who believe in him? We are the branches. If we abide in him, we will bear good fruit. And his father will be the the gardener from isaiah 27, who waters it continually and defends it.

And if someone tries to bring a briars or thorns into it, he says, what are those going to do against me? I could burn those up. And yeah, bringing a brier to fight against god is way worse

than bringing a tiny little David to fight against Goliath. And he says, i'll even make him my own, you know, bring me a briar, i'm gonna graft him in, i'm gonna make him a branch and i'm going to make him bear fruit.

When Jesus describes, then his own fulfillment of that. And here he is. Vine in the wilderness, not bearing. The better fruit. Bearing the good fruit to the righteous response. I trust his word. I will not test him. You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. And the more he gives us to contentedly.

Trust his word. What's he doing? He, whose righteousness has been counted for us. By his spirit then is being worked out in us. Contentment is a fruit that grows on the branches of the Jesus vine. He has always been. He has always been. The true root. Of. The true church.

When the earth, there's no such thing as replacement theology. I mean, people use that word. There ought to be no such thing. There are those who get everything wrong. You know, there's a bunch of Nonsense. But you know, Noah didn't replace Adam and Abraham didn't replace Noah. Uh, Isaac didn't replace Abraham and take.

It didn't replace. I said, Moses didn't replace Jacob and David didn't replace Moses. It's all been Jesus the whole time, hasn't it? Isn't that what our children's catechism kids have been telling us for the last few weeks? Those who are saved before his coming were saved by Christ to his coming.

And those who are saved after he came or saved back Christians, come The great difference. Now is that Christ himself has become a man and he is the covenant head of his visible church. Even though. Unlike Moses, he's in heaven. As he represents us there. So, he is. The true Israel in the last place.

He is the true David. I'm sorry, we're gonna do this so quickly. Again, the devil took him up on an exceedingly high mountain. And showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. Full stop. Do you know your Bible? Well enough. To know what verse 8 has describing.

I'll fill in a couple more details. See when you get there. A stone cut without hands. That becomes an exceedingly, high mountain. That takes in and overcomes and supersedes all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. You got it now. Many of you don't you it's Daniel 2.

Satan. Knows that Jesus knows who he is. And what he's here to do and what's been said about him. And he offers him the crown. That belongs to him. Just one catch. He offers him a crown without a cross. Many of us would like a crown without a cross.

We do not resist unto the setting of our blood and our fight against sin, Hebrews 12.

It says, all these things, I will give to you if you'll fall down and worship me. You might think that. Because Jesus. It doesn't have the sinfulness of our nature. That these are not real and great temptations. But if you want a savior who has made like, you by being made sinful, then what you want is to be eternally, lost.

Again, don't make God obey your rules. When you come to his word, But Jesus knows better than we do. The good things. That are offered in each temptation. You and I who are indignant about wicked civil magistrates at every level of government. You and I who are indignant. That.

The wicked are not punished. And there are so much injustice in the poor are oppressed and taken advantage of. That no one puts a stop to the obscene amount of money that has taken

from the poorest. Whether by, you know, Well, by the drum trade. For instance. And no one seems to care about human trafficking.

And no one seems to care about the slaughter of babies. And those who are most perverted and irrational and self-destructive not seeing god or his image in man at all, least of all in themselves. We were indignant of how all those things. Do you not think the Lord Jesus is more indignant?

Do not think he desires. To take over as he will. All the kingdoms of the earth and all their glory. And execute perfect justice. This is what he's promised to do. This is what he will do. So he knows the greatness of what is being offered here. And he refuses, he refuses to get it.

At the cost of even a moment of sin, in fact, Deuteronomy taught them that if anyone taught you to said to you, to worship another god, you should come and testify against them and, and the whole community should stone them. So Jesus makes the righteous response, doesn't he? When he says away with you say,

Away with you sent me. For just written, you shall worship the lord, your god and him. Only your souls are And so you see how Jesus even for the greatest possible payoff? Refused to commit to even the slightest sin. And isn't that, what you and I need to do.

Because often the the temptations that are most difficult for us, are the ones that seem to have the highest payoff. And sometimes it's because There's a high payoff, even that's neurochemically, neurochemical And and men hitting their dopamine pump. Like a morphine pump. And it just keep coming back for the hit.

From that moment of lust, Or sometimes, the the payoff is itself, is not necessarily a moment of wickedness, but it feels like if I would just It's such a small sin, really? I'm not even convinced it's a sin and if you're already thinking that way, you know, it's a sin and you're just trying to talk yourself into it.

Stop and don't do it. Get counsel. You might be wrong.

But it's such a small sin. Look, what I would be able to do for the for my family, with all the might look, what I would be able to do for the church with all the money.

Wouldn't want. Wouldn't want people to think badly. About my family, if I Uh, if I just Enter into the The gossip back and forth, maybe I can. Elevate my name, you know, good name is better than riches, and it's really important for the sake of my family. When somebody ways that we we see the payoff, but we don't see the sin.

All Jesus, psalmist and sin. He was going to the payoff, he was going to the payoff through the cross. To paying for our sin. But in the moment, The sinfulness of the sin was the thing. That he saw him that he rejected, He is the true David. This was him succeeding where Israel failed Israel was supposed to be an especially David in the wake of seconds annual seven.

Supposed to be a king at the line at the head of a great kingdom, that would rule over the rest of the world. But what did what did Israel do? And the kings in particular and the kingdom in particular, rather than trusting that God would keep his promise and that they would gather the nations in gather the nations unto the lord.

They followed the gods of the other nations. They tried to synthesize themselves. It was the original seeker friendly movement. Where you bring the gods of the nations into the church and

do you think that by doing? So you can bring others into the church and to the one true and living god Jesus refused.

I will not. Commit. The smallest sin of the least compromised.

Away. When you say, And praise god. He announces to us something wonderful. Jesus has been declared to us the true Adam the true Israel. The true david verse 11, the devil left him and behold angels came And ministered to him. So, his father's angels or his father's slaves. And i know from isaiah 6, for instance, the will of the lord.

Sends the, the hovering seraphim immediately. To atone for. Isaiah. The will of his father, sends them and serve him and their service is an affirmation. He's still the beloved son. And even up to now in response to all these temptations you still well pleasing. Yes, he is. The son of god.

Verse 11 is answering again. If you are the son of god, if you are the son of god verse 11, yes he is. The son of god.

And one of the One of the amazing things about angels. According to Hebrews 1 verse 14. Is that they're all ministering spirits sent forth to serve us to our Inheritance salvation. Because our salvation is in christ and our adoption is in christ. Do you know child of god? That there are myriads tens of thousands of angels.

Serving you and all of the other heirs. We can't see them. Kelvin. Yeah, speculated That one of the reasons why the lord kept us from seeing them as a, we would mistakenly worship them, which is probably a pretty good call considering john did that and And even in revelation after having seen christ, And the other there was just be paralyzed.

At the frenetic and powerful activity. In which they are serving and attending, those who are inheriting salvation, But even better than having tens of thousands of mighty beings. Serving us because we are god's children. Is to know that in this beloved and well pleasing son. We have god. Because we are God's children.

And that's the great thing that the spirit does in our hearts, isn't it? He cries out from our hearts. Baba. Father. And he convinces us to be like christ and he conforms us to christ. And we become righteous. Not just in the righteous standing, which is only by what christ has done.

Button. What jesus? Produces in us by his spirit. You need nothing else for salvation, but christ, Oh, you need many things for salvation. But you need nothing else for salvation. The price Because it's all in him. The righteousness is counted for you. The grace that will conform, you to him.

The certainty that you will be like in. Come to christ. Get everything from him. It's all in him. And only. And, Woman looks great. Progressive garden. Our heavenly father. How we thank you and praise you. That's the word that proceeded. From your mouth. It's really and truly, the expression of your son, who is the word from all eternity and he became flesh.

And dwell among us. We thank you for the help of your spirit. That by grace, you have given us in some measure to behold his glory here as the one who is full of grace and truth. And we pray that your spirit would continue giving light To our minds and our hearts so that the light of the knowledge of your glory would shine in our hearts, in the face of jesus christ.

And his name. We ask it. Amen. Well, let's conclude our time and the preaching by affirming. Our conviction of some of what we have heard. From god's word. Let's stand and we'll use confession of faith, eight, three, and four. To affirm some of these truths from this passage.

The lord jesus in his human nature of us united to the divine was sanctified and anointed with the holy spirit above measure, Having in him, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge in whom it pleased, the father that all fullness should dwell to the end that being holy harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth.

He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a radiator and shorty, which office, heat up not unto himself, but was their unto-called by his father who put all power and judgment into his hand and gave him commandments to execute the same. This office, the lord jesus did most willingly undertake.

Which that he might discharge, he was made under the law and did perfectly fulfill it. Endured most grievous. Torments immediately in his soul and most painful sufferings in his body was crucified and died was buried and remained under the power of death. Yet saw no corruption On the third day, he rose from the dead.

Same body in which he suffered. With which also the ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand. Father, making intercession and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world, Amen.