

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Jesus & Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy 8/Matthew 4

Jesus: The True Son

Jesus comes as the true Son, the true Israel, who obeys His Father and triumphs on our behalf

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Matthew 1-3

- 1:1 – the son of Abraham
- 2:15 – the son called out of Egypt
- 3:17 – God's beloved Son/servant

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1. Overview

- Like Israel, God led His Son into the wilderness to be "tested"
- Like Israel, Jesus experienced real hunger and deprivation
- Unlike Israel, Jesus was victorious and trusted in God's Word

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2. Means of Victory

- Jesus had treasured in His heart and mind the words of Deuteronomy
- Jesus had learned from God's Word the lessons of the wilderness

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3. Example: *Lesson of manna*

- Life is not about merely satisfying our appetites, but about treasuring and trusting God's word
- Jesus refused to use His sonship in a manner inconsistent with God's ordained mission

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4. Necessity of the Wilderness

- The wilderness (suffering) was necessary for Jesus as God's training course
- Jesus learned obedience from the things which He suffered

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"For it was fitting for Him...in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."

-- Hebrews 2:10

"Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered,

And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation."

-- Hebrews 5:8-9

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Application

1. Jesus, Our Savior

- As our representative head, Christ's obedience is our obedience/righteousness
- As our representative head, Christ's obedient death removes our guilt and condemnation

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2. Jesus, Our Sympathetic Savior

- Jesus is our example of how to endure suffering under the will of God (1 Peter 2:21-23)
- Jesus is able to come to our aid in our suffering as a sympathetic High Priest (Heb. 2:18; 4:15)