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- c. The perfect Son of God **battles** the devil (4:1-13)  
(He's like us who are **subjected to his temptations**)

21 Now when all the people were baptized,  
& when Jesus also had been baptized & was praying,  
22 the heavens were opened, & the **Holy Spirit descended**  
on him **in bodily form, like a dove**;  
& a **voice came from heaven**,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**c.f. John 1:32-34**

32 And **John bore witness**: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven  
like a dove, & it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him,  
but **he** who **sent me to baptize with water** said to me, 'He on  
whom you see the Spirit descend & remain, **this is he who**  
**baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**' 34 And I have seen &  
have borne witness that **this is the Son of God.**"

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(He identifies with us who are **subjected to sin**)

(3:21-22)

**God**



**Jesus**



**Man**



As the Son of God, Jesus has **absolute authority**;

### **c.f. Matt 3:13-15**

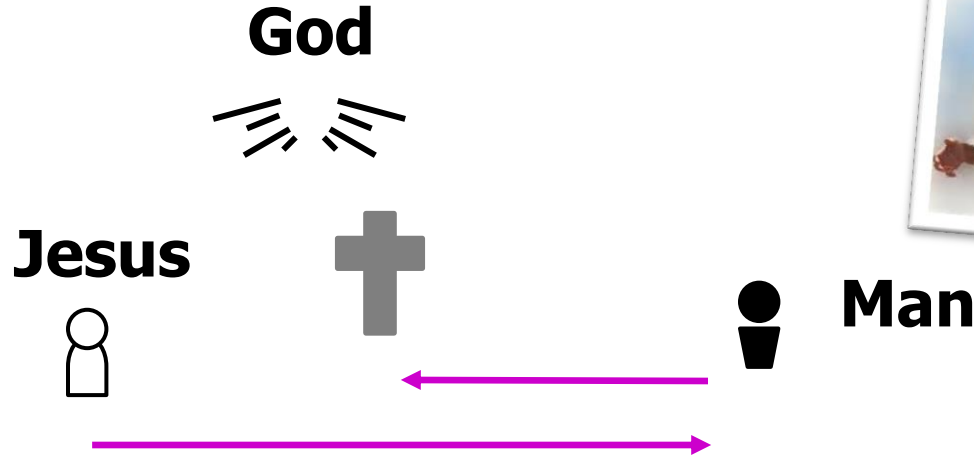
13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, & **do you come to me?**" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus **it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he consented.

### **c.f. 2 Cor 5:21**

For our sake he made **him to be sin who knew no sin**, so that in him **we** might become the **righteousness of God**.

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(3:21-22)



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He **fulfils God's law** so that **His righteousness**  
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**Man**



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Joseph, Mattathias, Amos, Nahum,  
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Semein, Josech, Joda, Joanan, Rhesa,  
Zerubbabel, Shealtiel,  
Neri, Melchi, Addi, Cosam, Elmadam,  
Er, Joshua, Eliezer, Jorim, Matthat,  
Levi, Simeon, Judah, Joseph, Jonam,  
Eliakim, Melea, Menna, Mattatha, Nathan,  
David, Jesse, Obed, Boaz,  
Sala, Nahshon, Amminadab,  
Admin, Arni,  
Hezron, Perez, Judah,  
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Luke's  
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**Joseph,**

Jacob, Matthan,

Eleazar, Eliud,

Achim, Zadok,

Azor, Eliakim, Abiud,

**Zerubbabel, Shealtiel,**

(Babylonian Captivity) Jechoniah, Josiah,

Amos, Manasseh, Hezekiah, Ahaz,

Jotham, Uzziah, Joram, Jehoshaphat,

Asaph, Abijah, Rehoboam, Solomon,

**David, Jesse, Obed, Boaz, Salmon,**

**Nahshon, Amminadab,**

Ram,

**Hezron, Perez, Judah,**

**Jacob, Isaac, Abraham**

Matthew's  
Genealogy

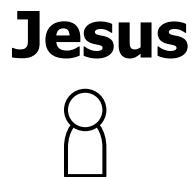
(Matt 1:1)

The book of the genealogy  
of Jesus Christ, the son of  
David, the son of Abraham.

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(He's like us who are **subjected to death**)

(3:23-38)

As the Son of God,  
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**c.f. Heb 2:17-18**

17 Therefore he had to be **made like his brothers in every respect**,  
so that he might become a merciful & faithful high priest in the service  
of God, **to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted,  
he is able to help those who are being tempted

**c.f. Rom 5:12-14, 17**

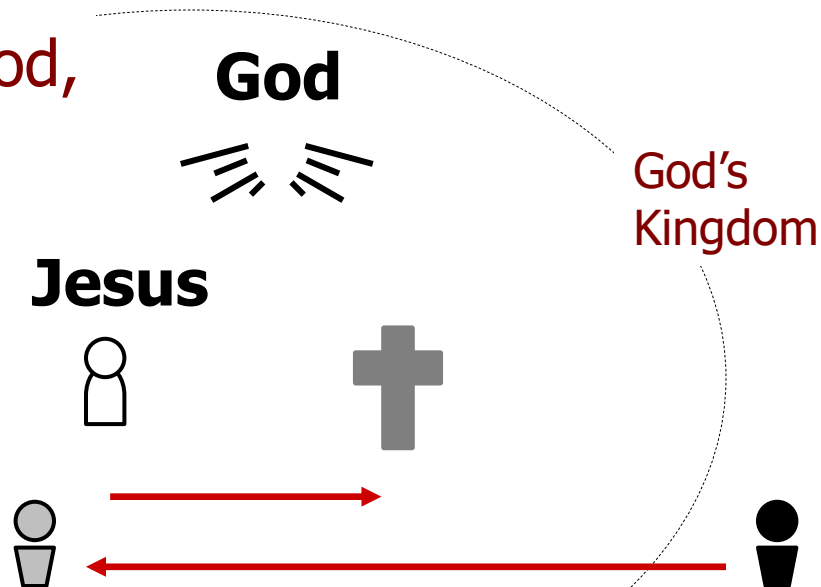
12 Therefore, just as **sin came** into the world **through one man**, & **death through sin**, & so death spread to all men because all sinned - 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet **death reigned from Adam** to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a **type of the one who was to come**.

17 If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace & the free gift of **righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ**.

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- 1 And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**,  
returned from the Jordan  
& was **led by the Spirit** in the wilderness
- 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil.  
And he ate nothing during those days.  
And when they were ended,  
**he was hungry.**
- 3 The devil said to him,  
    **"If you are the Son of God,  
    command this stone to become bread."**
- 4 And Jesus answered him,  
    **"It is written,  
    'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"**

**c.f. Deut 8:2-3**

- 5 And the devil took him up  
& **showed him all the kingdoms of the world**  
in a moment of time,
- 6 & said to him,  
"To you I will give all this authority & their glory,  
for it has been delivered to me,  
& I give it to whom I will.
- 7 If you, then, will **worship me,**  
**it will all be yours."**
- 8 And Jesus answered him,  
**"It is written,**  
**'You shall worship the Lord your God,**  
**& him only shall you serve.'"**

**c.f. Deut 6:13-15**



9 And he took him to Jerusalem  
& set him on the pinnacle of the temple  
& said to him,

**"If you are the Son of God,  
throw yourself down from here,**

10 for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,'"

11 & "'On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

12 And Jesus answered him,

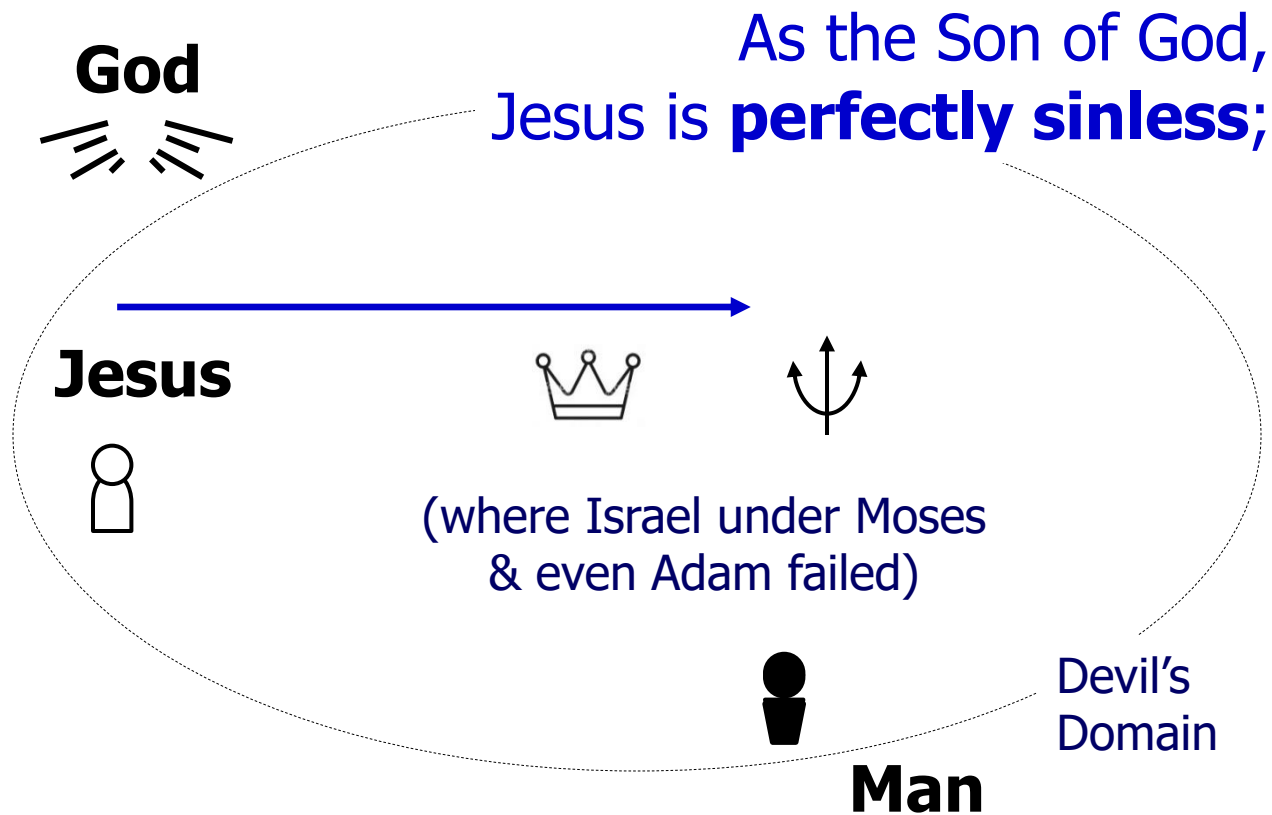
**"It is said,  
'You shall not put the Lord  
your God to the test.'"**

**c.f. Deut 6:16-19**

### **c.f. Gen 3:1-7**

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God actually say**, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.** 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, & **you will be like God**, knowing good & evil." 6 So when **the woman saw that the tree was good for food, & that it was a delight to the eyes, & that the tree was to be desired to make one wise**, she took of its fruit & ate, & she also gave some to her husband who was with her, & he ate.

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See & realize the splendor of His rule

Prove His authority by throwing Himself off a pinnacle height

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Delight to the eyes

Makes one wise like God

## How the devil tempts today

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Needs, Likes & Wants

Desires of the eyes  
Greed & Covetousness

Pride of life  
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## 1 Jn 2:16

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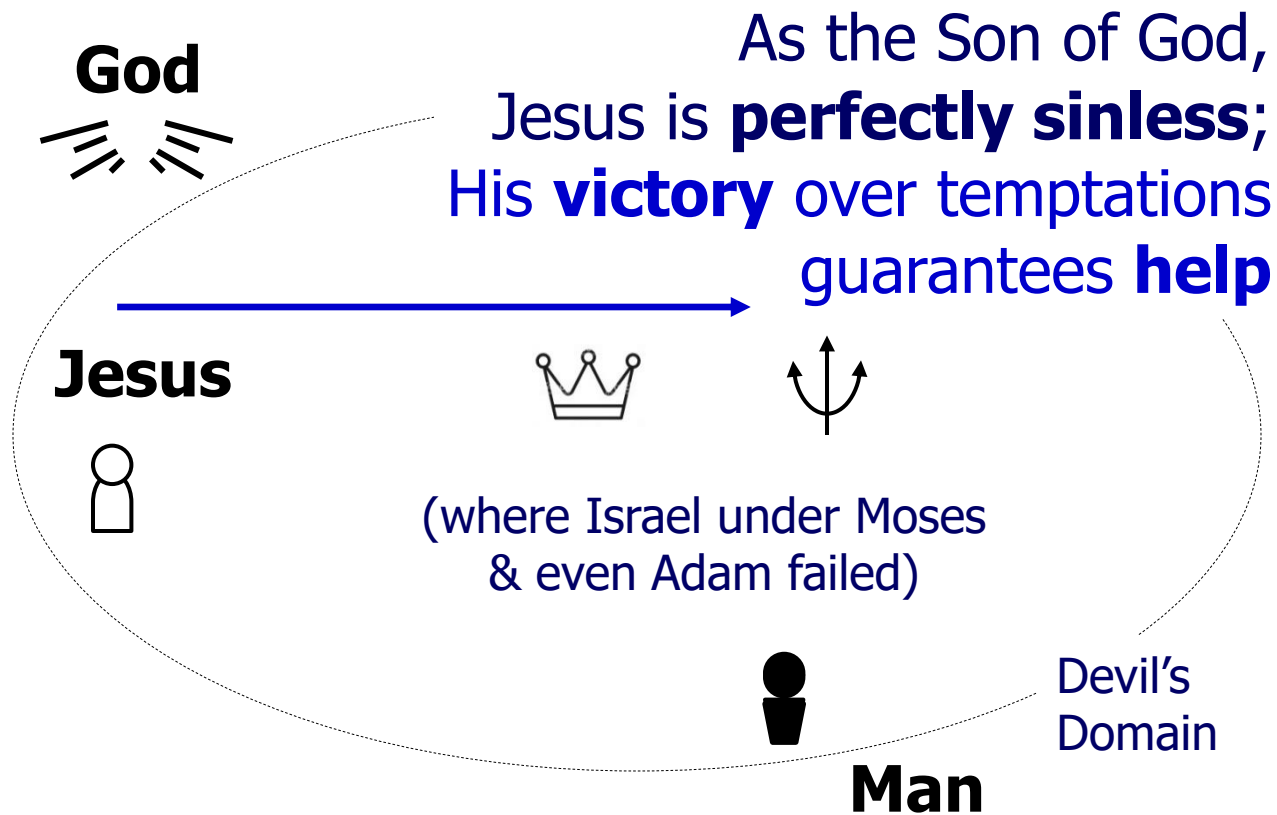
### **c.f. 1 Jn 2:15-17**

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world - **the desires of the flesh & the desires of the eyes & pride in possessions** - is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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13 And when the **devil** had **ended every temptation**,  
he departed from him **until an opportune time**.

**c.f. John 13:2-4**

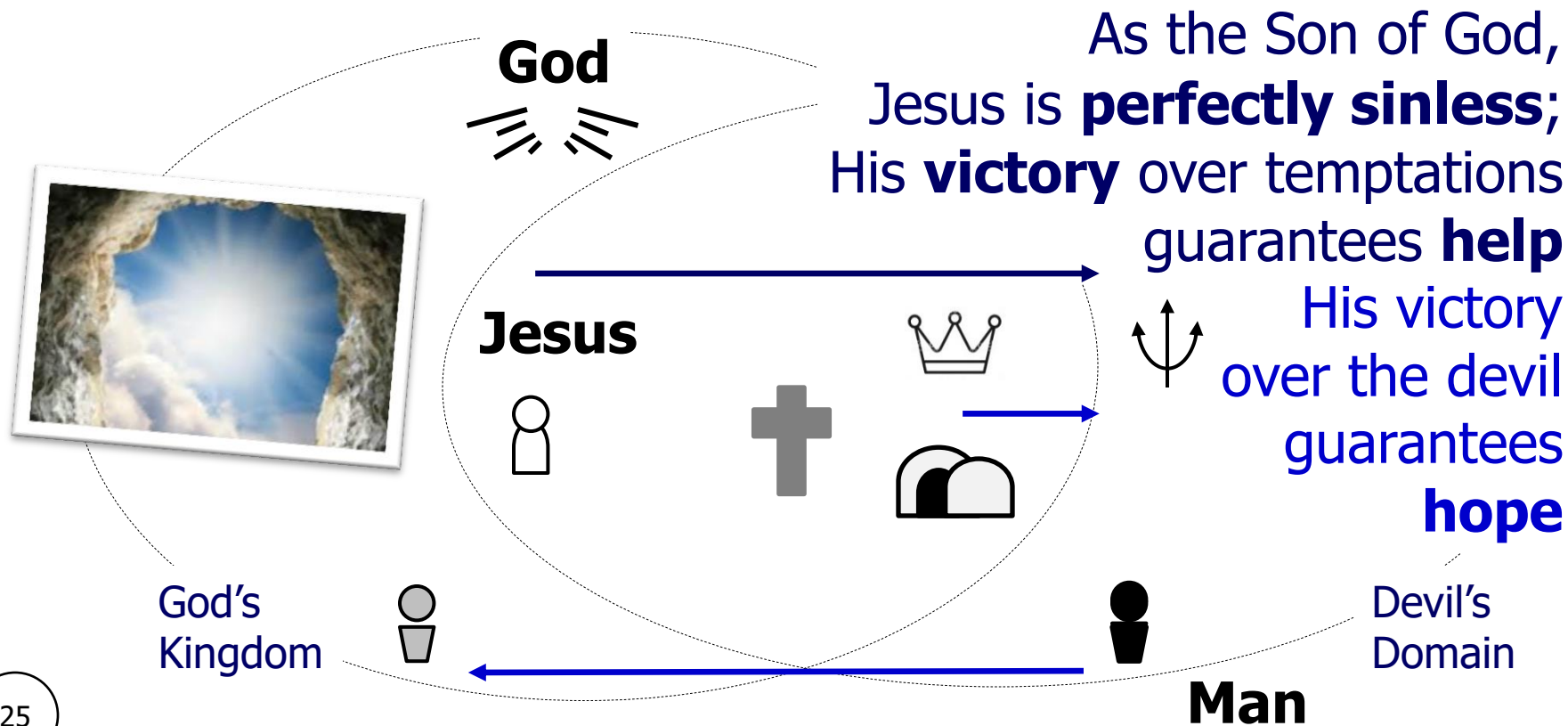
2 During supper, when **the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot**, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 **Jesus, knowing** that the Father had given all things into his hands, & that **he** had come from God & **was going back to God**, 4 rose from supper.

**c.f. Heb 2:14-16**

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh & blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that **through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil**, 15 & deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.



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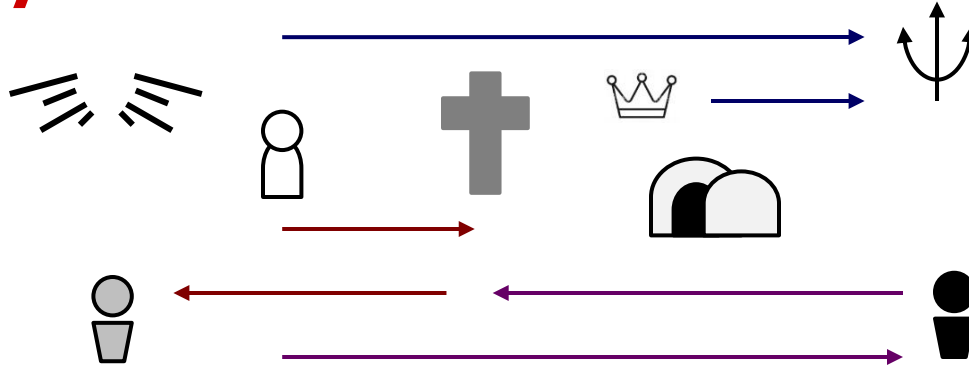
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In the world that we live in today, what are the dangers of over- & under-estimating the **powers of sin, death, devil & his temptations?**

How does our understanding of the life, death & resurrection of Jesus help us face these issues correctly?

Powers of...	Over-estimate	Under-estimate	In the light of Christ
- Sin			
- Death			
- Devil			
- Temptations			