

“THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD”

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GOD IS A SPIRIT BEING WITH A SPIRIT

“GOD IS A SPIRIT,...” and He **“...SITTETH UPON THE THRONE OF HIS HOLINESS.”** **“And OUT OF THE THRONE PROCEEDED LIGHTNINGS** and thunderings and voices: **AND THERE WERE SEVEN ‘LAMPS OF FIRE’ BURNING BEFORE THE THRONE, WHICH ARE ‘THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.’**” (John 4:24; Psalms 47:8; Rev. 4:5)

God is a Spirit Being sitting on His throne, but He is not some formless Being, for Christ said that God has a shape (John 5:37), and we were created in His image (Gen. 1:26), therefore when we look at our own shape, we can know that this is the shape of God.

God has a face (Isaiah 59:2), has hair on His head (Dan. 7:9), has hands and ears (Isaiah 59:1), eyes (Amos 9:8), fingers (Deut. 9:10), feet (Ex. 24:10), and you get the point that clearly the Scriptures teach us that God is a physical Spirit Being, but as this much is true, **WE ARE ALSO TAUGHT THAT GOD HAS A SPIRIT.** John described it as the **“SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.”**

Some may have thought that the number seven was related to the seven angels that stood before God in Revelation 8:2 by the idea that God works through the angels to administer His Spirit to us, but if the principle is that the seven Spirits of God were determined or dependent by the number of angels before the throne, then we cannot discriminate the other angels like the four with six wings each in Revelation 4:6-8, and another four with four wings each that were also before the throne of God mentioned in Ezekiel 1:5,6, and since the seven Spirits of God are depicted as “lamps of fire,” then it seems to be that all the angels have the Spirit of God because David wrote that God **“...maketh his angels spirits; HIS MINISTERS A ‘FLAMING FIRE’**” (Psalms 104:4), thus the seven angels in Revelation 8:2 are irrelevant to why the seven Spirits of God.

But we know that there is only one Spirit of God (Eph. 4:4,5), yet John wrote that it's the seven Spirits of God, which he later described as the seven horns and seven eyes on the Lamb (Rev. 5:6), which tells me that God was not using the number seven quantitatively, but to the significance of its principle of “completeness.” For instance, the first seven occurred in the works of the Creation of our world. God rested on the seventh day because His works of creation was completed (See Genesis 2:2,3), and God made the seventh day of the week as the “sign” that we know Him (Ezekiel 20:20), therefore the seven Spirits of God is signifying the completeness of God.

Now let us apply this knowledge with the idea that God have His completeness to His begotten Son.

“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: **FOR GOD GIVETH NOT THE SPIRIT BY MEASURE UNTO HIM. THE FATHER LOVETH THE SON,** and hath **GIVEN ALL THINGS INTO HIS HAND.**” “For it pleased the Father that **IN HIM SHOULD ALL FULNESS DWELL;**” “For in him dwelleth **ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD** bodily.” “...even his

ETERNAL POWER AND GODHEAD... “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth **WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH POWER...**” (John 3:34,35; Col. 1:19, 2:9; Romans 1:20; Acts 10:38)

And this is why the seven Spirits of God were upon Christ, and not upon the angels, because the completeness or the fulness of the Spirit of God is all of the divine essence of the personhood of the Father, hence Christ is the “express image” of the Father’s person (Heb. 1:3), and not any of the angels. This is why Christ is divine and the angels are not.

“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **LAMB** as it had been slain, **HAVING SEVEN HORNS AND SEVEN EYES, WHICH ARE ‘THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD’ ‘SENT FORTH INTO ALL THE EARTH.’**” (Rev. 5:6)

The Lamb here was Christ (See John 1:29), and the seven Spirits were depicted as seven horns and seven eyes. Horn denotes power (Hab. 3:4), and eyes denote wisdom (Ecc. 8:16) thus the power or the **omnipotence**, and the wisdom or the **omniscience** of God are complete in Christ, hence “...Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God” (1 Cor. 1:24), and sent forth into all the earth alluding to Christ’s Spirit as His **omnipresence**, therefore the Spirit is the power of God (See Luke 1:35), or His eternal power, or His “Godhead” (Romans 1:20), and the nature of God’s Spirit is holy (Psalms 51:11) therefore God, whose Spirit it is, is holy.

And Jesus received all the fulness, therefore He is “...the brightness of his [the Father’s] glory, and the express image of his [the Father’s] person...” (Heb. 1:3) [mine].

Christ’s brightness comes from none other than the seven Spirits of the Father, or the lamps of fire, and the Spirit of God given to Christ is life.

“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath **HE GIVEN TO THE SON TO HAVE LIFE IN HIMSELF.**” “For the law of **THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS** hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” “**IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.** And **THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS;** and the darkness comprehended it not.” (John 5:26; Romans 8:2; John 1:4,5)

“And the earth was without form, and void; and **DARKNESS** was upon the face of the deep. And the **SPIRIT OF GOD** moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and **THERE WAS LIGHT.**” (Gen. 1:2,3)

And God “...created all things by Jesus Christ” (Eph. 3:9), therefore the light of the world was the glory of God in Christ, the fire of the Spirit of God, which is brighter than the sun! This is why before the sun was made, there was light already, and for the same reason that in the new earth, “...the city” will have “...no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” (Rev. 21:23)

THE GLORY OF GOD IN CHRIST REFLECTED IN ALL THE HOLY ANGELS

The prophet Ezekiel was given a vision of the throne of God just like John. Ezekiel saw the form of God as the appearance of a man, and this is why I mentioned earlier that when we look upon our shape that this is the shape of God for man was created in His image, but you might recall that Jesus said to the Jews that “...Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape” (John 5:37), this however applied only to those that did not receive Jesus as the

Son of God (v.18), but to those that did, they heard God's voice and understood (See 2 Pet. 1:17,18), and regarding His shape, the prophet Daniel for example was able to describe the Father as he saw Him in vision (Daniel 7:9), and Ezekiel saw His form in vision as you will read next.

“And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the **NORTH**, a great cloud, **AND A FIRE INFOLDING ITSELF**, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of **FOUR LIVING CREATURES**. And this was their appearance; **THEY HAD THE LIKENESS OF A MAN**. And every one had four faces, and every one had **FOUR WINGS**.”

“And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a **THRONE**, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: **AND UPON THE LIKENESS OF THE THRONE WAS THE LIKENESS AS ‘THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN’ ABOVE UPON IT**. And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, **FROM THE APPEARANCE OF HIS LOINS EVEN UPWARD, AND FROM THE APPEARANCE OF HIS LOINS EVEN DOWNWARD, I SAW AS IT WERE THE APPEARANCE OF ‘FIRE,’ and IT HAD BRIGHTNESS ROUND ABOUT**. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. **‘THIS WAS THE APPEARANCE OF THE LIKENESS OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD.’** And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.” (Ezekiel 1:4-6, 26-28)

What was the appearance of the glory of God? The appearance of a man on fire! This radiance was God's Spirit emitting the brightness of His glory, and by and through Christ, the angels received the Spirit of God.

“And they [*the four living creatures with four wings*] went every one straight forward: **WHITHER THE SPIRIT WAS TO GO**, they went; and they turned not when they went. As for the likeness of the living creatures, **THEIR APPEARANCE WAS LIKE BURNING COALS OF FIRE, AND LIKE THE APPEARANCE OF LAMPS: IT WENT UP AND DOWN AMONG THE LIVING CREATURES; AND THE FIRE WAS BRIGHT, AND OUT OF THE FIRE WENT FORTH LIGHTNING.**” (Ezekiel 1:12,13) [*mine*]

The bright fire, like the appearance of lamps, went up and down these angels, and lightning being discharged by the fire. Remember the “seven Spirits” as “lamps of fire” in John's vision and the Lamb (Jesus) possessed its fullness? Therefore the brightness of the glory of the angels comes from God by and through Christ.

“Who **MAKETH** his **ANGELS** spirits; his ministers a **FLAMING FIRE**.” (Psalms 104:4)

“And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. **HIS COUNTEenance WAS LIKE LIGHTNING**, and his raiment white as snow.” (Matthew 28:2,3)

The lightning emitted by the fire of the glory of God signifies the swiftness of the work of His Spirit (See principle in Zech. 9:14), thus the angels of God must swiftly move “whither the Spirit was to go” as we read above in Ezekiel 1:12. They are God's ministering spirits administering to us the sweet influences of the work of God's Spirit in Christ.

“And he [*Jacob*] dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: **AND BEHOLD THE ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDING AND DESCENDING ON IT.**” (Gen. 28:12) [*mine*]

“And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, **AND THE ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDING AND DESCENDING UPON THE SON OF MAN.**” (John 1:51)

The ministration of the angels between the Father and us is done only through Christ, thus they can only descend from Heaven by the Spirit of Christ moving them (See Ezekiel 1:12 above), and they can only ascend through Christ back to the Father, for Jesus said, **“I AM THE WAY, the truth, and the life: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME”** (John 14:6).

These holy angels ministers for God as His eyes upon the earth, and execute His commands.

“And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; **I WILL GO DOWN NOW, AND SEE** whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.”

“And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.” **“AND THERE CAME TWO ANGELS TO SODOM** at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.” “And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; **AND THE LORD HATH SENT US TO DESTROY IT.**” (Gen. 18:20-22,33; 19:1,12,13)

“FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RUN TO AND FRO THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him...” (2Chronicles 16:9)

But although the Spirit of God and of Christ abide in the holy angels, it does not translate to the omnipresence of God and Christ, unless we get tempted into worshipping angels.

“And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I FELL DOWN TO WORSHIP BEFORE THE FEET OF THE ANGEL** which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, **SEE THOU DO IT NOT:** for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.” (Rev. 22:8,9)

“Let no man **BEGUILE** you of your reward in a voluntary humility and **WORSHIPPING OF ANGELS...**” (Col. 2:18)

THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD AND OF CHRIST

Let's consider the presence of God upon the mount with Moses.

“AND THE SIGHT OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD WAS LIKE DEVOURING ‘FIRE’ on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.” (Exodus 24:17)

This was the glory of the LORD that appeared to Moses - as fire, but then Paul wrote:

“And when forty years were expired, there **APPEARED** to him in the wilderness of mount Sina **AN ‘ANGEL OF THE LORD’ ‘IN A FLAME OF FIRE’** in a bush.” “This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with **THE ANGEL WHICH SPAKE TO HIM** in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us.” (Acts 7:30,38)

Between these two accounts, we can easily recognize that there is a clear distinction between the personality of the LORD, and the personality of the Angel of the LORD, and both were present at the mount in a flame of fire, which reminded me of the seven Spirits of God were in a form of lamps of fire, therefore it begs the question, did God and His “Angel” descend from Heaven to appear and speak with Moses physically or spiritually? The fact that They descended in flames of fire is a strong indication that They were present there by Their Spirit.

But who was that “angel of the LORD?” It was Christ.

“And **THE ANGEL OF GOD**, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and **‘WENT BEHIND THEM;’** and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them.” (Exodus 14:19)

Now compare that with this:

“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of **THAT SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT ‘FOLLOWED THEM:’ AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.**” (1Cor. 10:4)

Thus Christ was called that **“SPIRITUAL”** Rock. He was there by His Spirit at the mount with God the Father.

“And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.” “And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, **AND WORSHIPPED.**” (Exodus 34:5,8)

When Moses worshipped the LORD, it was the omnipresence of the LORD, and not by any angelic agency. God was there by His Spirit conversing with Moses “face to face” as a man would speak with his friend.

“And the LORD spake unto Moses **FACE TO FACE**, as a man speaketh unto his friend...” (Exodus 33:11)

“And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, **AND WE HAVE HEARD HIS VOICE OUT OF THE MIDST OF THE FIRE:** we have seen this day that **GOD DOTH TALK WITH MAN**, and he liveth.” (Deut. 5:24)

God’s was able to talk with man “face to face” without leaving His throne, which signifies that His omnipresence operates as a Person.

Similarly, when Solomon offered up a prayer, “fire” came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offerings and sacrifice, and the glory of the LORD filled the sanctuary, the children of Israel worshipped and praised the LORD, because they recognized His presence was with them.

“Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, **THE FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,** and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; **AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE.**

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, **BECAUSE THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAD FILLED THE LORD'S HOUSE.**

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and **WORSHIPPED**, and **PRAISED THE LORD**, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.” (2 Chron. 7:1-3)

And when Paul had his first encounter with Jesus, he testified:

“**13** At midday, O king, **I SAW IN THE WAY ‘A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN,’ ABOVE THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SUN, SHINING ROUND ABOUT ME** and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, **I HEARD A VOICE SPEAKING UNTO ME**, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I AM JESUS** whom thou persecutest.” (Acts 26:13-15)

Was Jesus physically there on the ground with Paul, or was an angel sent to speak for Jesus? No! no!

The voice that spoke with Paul declaring Himself was Christ Himself by the light that descended from Heaven that was brighter than the sun, which was the glory of the fire of His Spirit that shone round about Paul, and spoke saying, “I am Jesus,” because the Holy Spirit is whose Spirit it is. This was Christ’s omnipresence.

And if God or Christ descends by Their omnipresence, “...put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5).

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT A BEING, BUT SENT AS A PERSON

Others think that the Holy Spirit is a “Being,” and equate it with the word “person.” And so they say that the Father is a Being, the Son is a Being, and the Holy Spirit is a Being, then there must be three distinct Beings or Persons in the Godhead, thus are compelled by this conviction to worship the Holy Spirit as another distinct “Being.”

However, a “being” does not necessarily equate to a “person.” Let me share how I came to this conclusion.

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Gen. 2:7)

The first part of this verse deals with forming the anatomy of the man, but the last part deals with the soul of the man. Without the “breath of life,” which is the “Spirit of God” (Job 27:4), that human body made from dust was nothing, but a structure of the “human being” lacking “soul.” It would be just a lifeless “being.”

But when God put in that human being His Spirit, that “man-being” became a “living soul,” and by His Spirit “...formeth the spirit of man within him” (Zech. 12:1), which is the soul of his life, thus by his spirit, he has a mind of his own to know the things of man.

“FOR WHAT MAN KNOWETH THE THINGS OF A MAN, SAVE THE SPIRIT OF MAN WHICH IS IN HIM?...” (1 Cor. 2:11)

And because God formed his spirit within him, the human-being became a person for his spirit is his personality, his personhood. This is why David prayed, “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalms 51:10), because he desired to be a righteous person. He was not referring to his anatomical structure as a human-being, but to his personhood.

Now the last part of 1 Corinthians 2:11 said, “...**EVEN SO THE THINGS OF GOD KNOWETH NO MAN, BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.**” This means that as the human being has a mind to know the things of man by his spirit within him, “even so” with the Spirit of God. In other words, the anatomy of God being a “Spirit-Being” is not what makes Him a Personal God, but by His Spirit that is within Him, the essence of His divine Personhood.

And when God sends His Spirit (John 15:26) in the name of Christ (John 14:26), communicated to us by the angels to work in the hearts and minds of the believers, it is the presence of the sweet influences of the power of His Personhood that God is giving to us, “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).

But if we persistently reject the works of His Holy Spirit within us, we sin against God our Father whose Spirit it is (See Acts 5:3,4 cf. verses 9,30), and grieve His Spirit away, thus Christ leaves us, and His angels that minister to us the power of the Spirit also leave us and we are left to our idols serving the spirit of unholy angels that reside in the fallen churches.

“Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.” (Hosea 4:17)

The worship of the Spirit of God as another Being is the idolatry in the doctrine of the Trinity, but if you recognize the Spirit of God or of Christ as Their omnipresence, then like Moses, you must need to put off your shoes and worship.

God bless,

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