



The Godhead Truth



Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and Lucifer, that glorious angel, got up a warfare over the matter, until he had to be thrust down to the earth. He knows what I am saying today. He knows whenever there is a company assembled together as you are here. He knows when we are making efforts in every way possible to reach out to win the minds of the people. He has his agencies appointed so that after this meeting will be over, circumstances will arise and the enemy will try to gain the victory. {Ms86-1910}



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Last call to the world

Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,



Last call to the world

Revelation 14:7

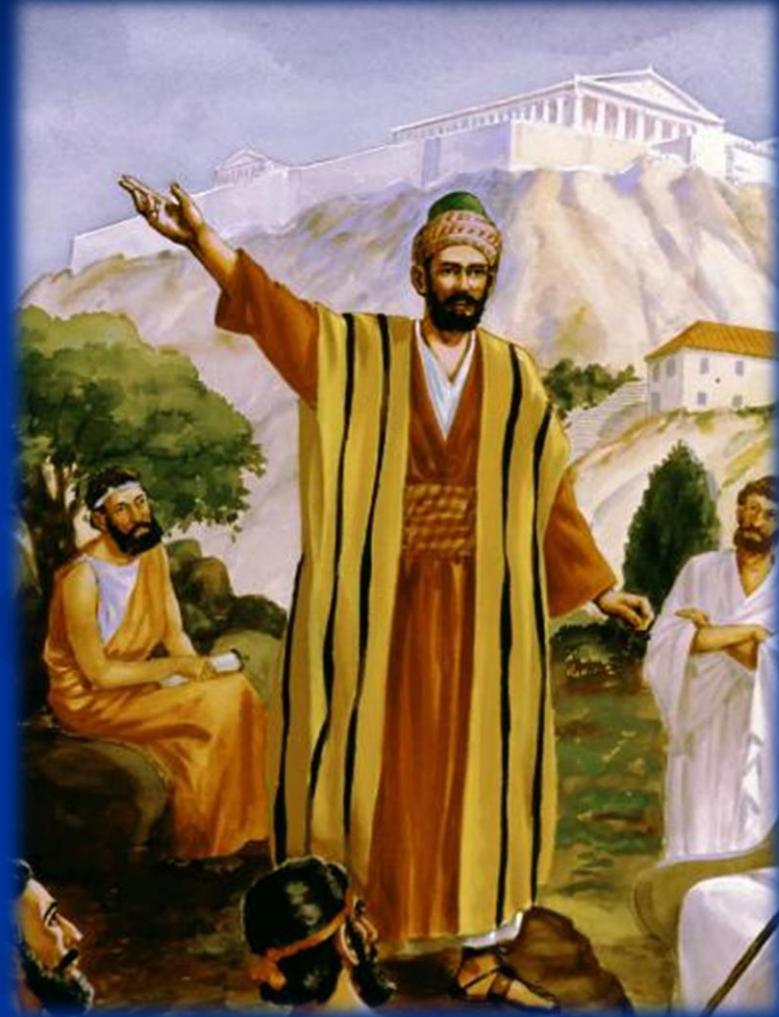
Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship **him that made heaven, and earth**, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.



Who is this God?

Acts 17:24

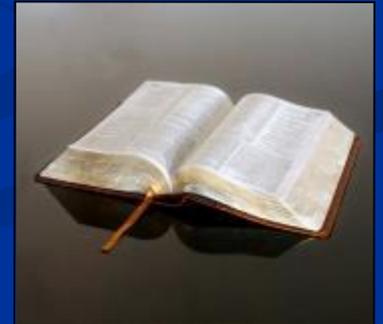
God that made the world and all things therein, **seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth**, dwelleth not in temples made with hands



According to Jesus, who is the Lord of heaven & earth?

Matthew 11:25

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, **O Father, Lord of heaven and earth**, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.



Last call to the world

The Father



God is one

Deuteronomy 6:4
Hear, O Israel:
The LORD our
God is one LORD



According to Jesus, which is the first commandment of all?

Mark 12:28-32

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, **Which is the first commandment of all?**



**According to Jesus, which is the first
commandment of all?**

**And Jesus
answered him, The
first of all the
commandments is,
Hear, O Israel;
The Lord our God
is one Lord**



According to Jesus, which is the first commandment of all?

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy **mind**, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

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And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: **for there is one God; and there is none other but he**

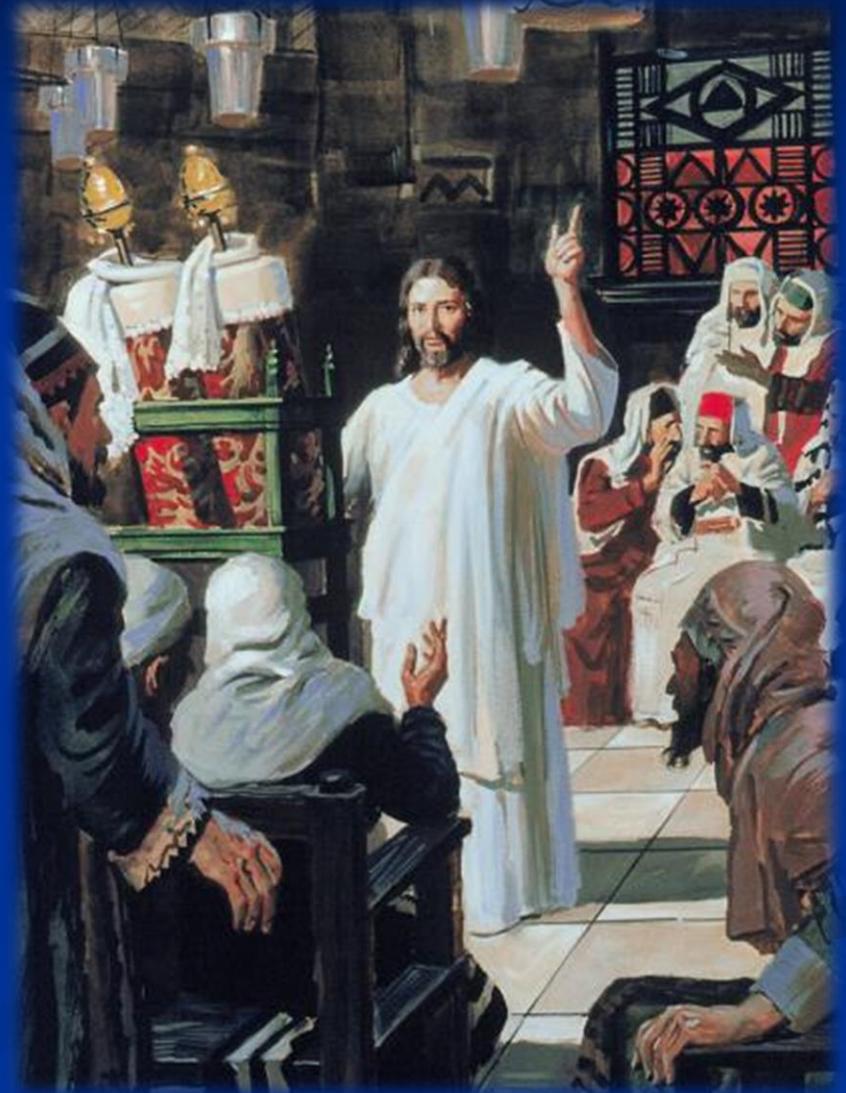
34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, **Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.**



Who is this God of the Jews?

John 8:54

Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is **my Father** that honoureth me; of whom ye say, **that he is your God**



God is one

אלהים – Elohim

Exodus 7:1

And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a **god** [**Elohim**] to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.



God is one

אלהים – Elohim

Exodus 11:3

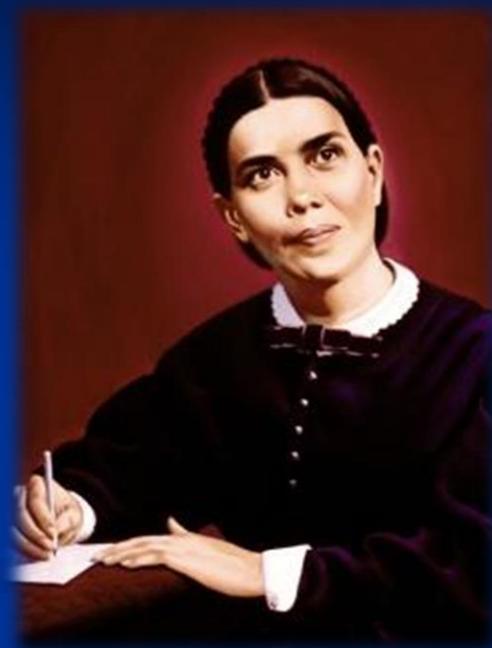
Moreover **the man Moses**
was very great in the land of
Egypt, in the sight of
Pharaoh's servants, and in
the sight of the people.



אלהים – Elohim

Says Mr. Summerbell, "A friend of mine who was present in a New York synagogue, asked the Rabbi for an explanation of the word `elohim'. A Trinitarian clergyman who stood by, replied, `Why, that has reference to the three persons in the Trinity,' when a Jew stepped forward and said he must not mention that word again, or they would have to compel him to leave the house; for it was not permitted to mention the name of any strange god in the synagogue." {J. N. Loughborough, *Review & Herald*, November 5, 1861}

After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. **And now God says to his Son, "Let us make man in our image."**
{3SG 33.2}



Who is this only true God?

John 17:3

And this is life eternal,
that they might know
thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom
thou hast sent.

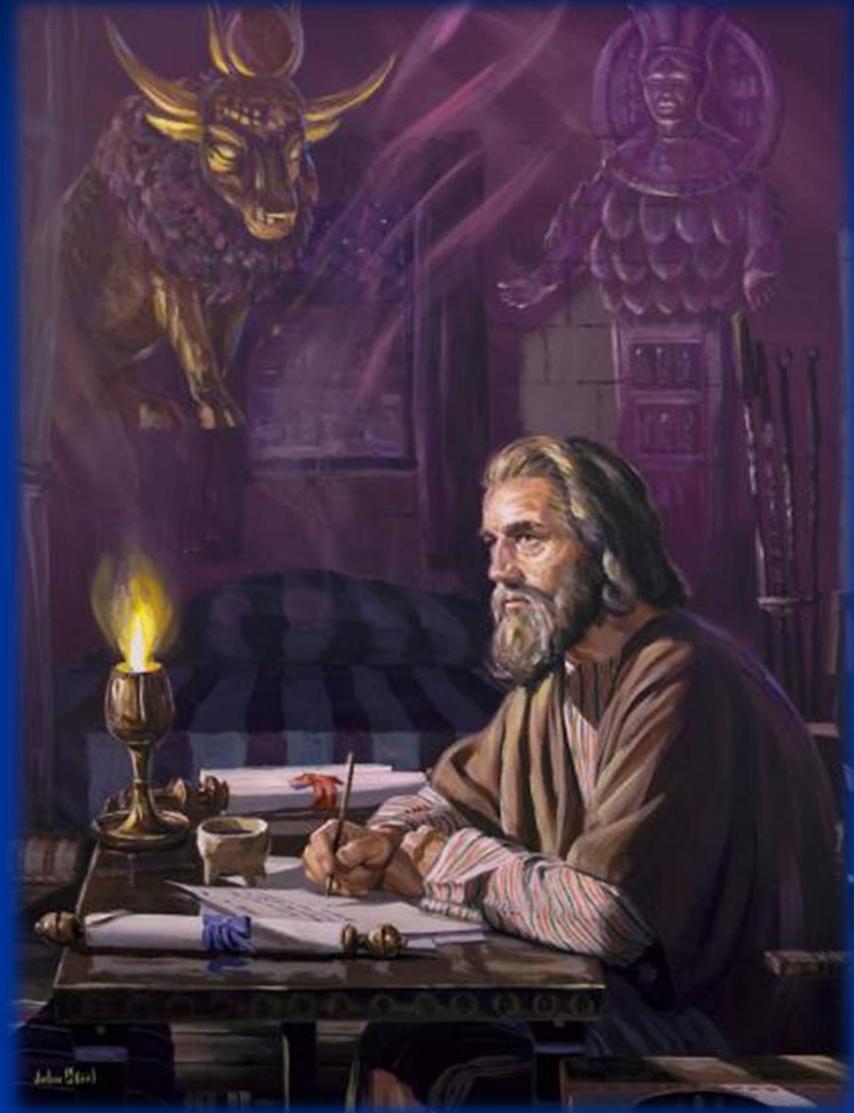


1 Corinthians 8:6

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.



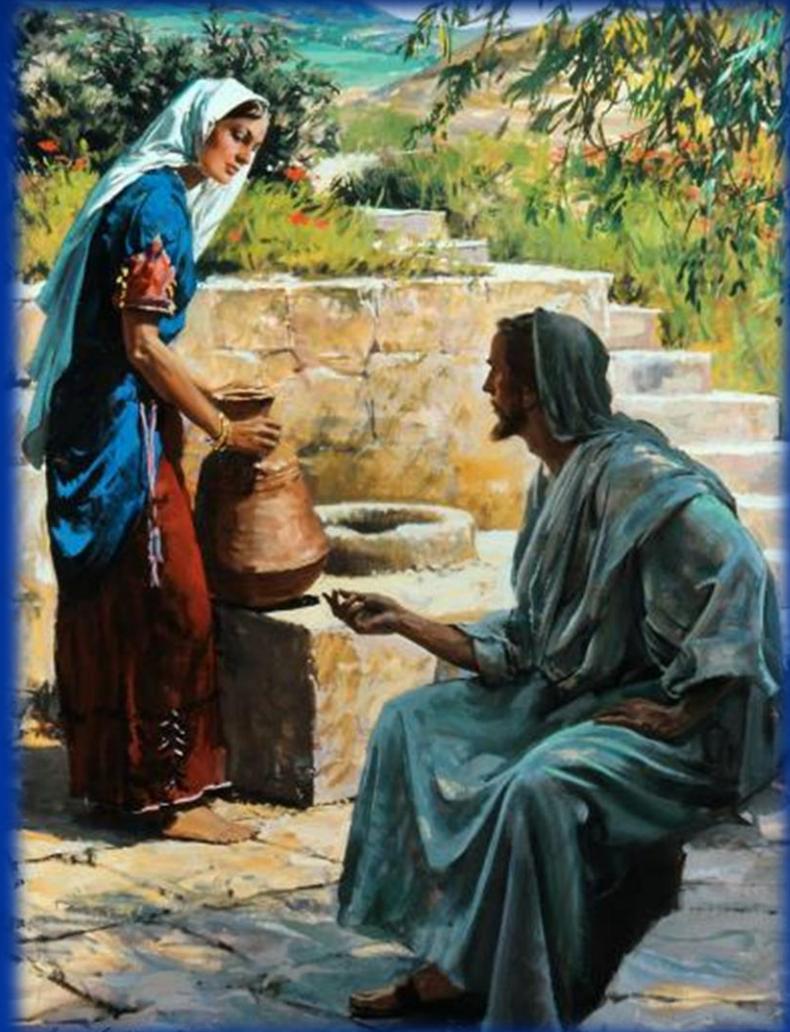
They have one God
and one Saviour;
and one Spirit--the
Spirit of Christ--is
to bring unity into
their ranks. {9T
189.3}



According to Jesus, who will the true worshippers worship?

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall **worship the Father** in spirit and in truth: for the **Father seeketh such to worship him.**



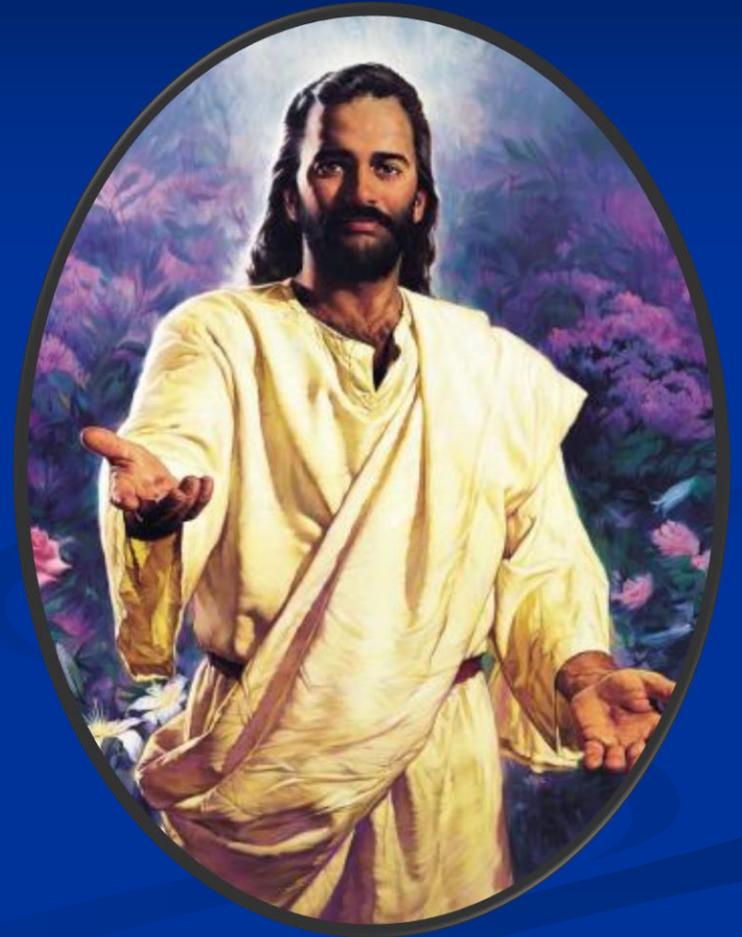
The God of the Bible

“We rejoiced that the **God of creation is the God of the Bible**, and that we can claim this infinite Being as **our Father**. We talked of the glories of his power and wisdom, and adored the matchless love which has made it possible, through Jesus Christ, for fallen man to become a son and heir of **the Maker and Sovereign of the universe.**” {RH, November 1, 1881 par. 4}

The Way to the Father

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him,
I am the way, the
truth, and the life: **no
man cometh unto the
Father, but by me.**



Knowing Jesus Christ

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Precious Lord Jesus

1 Corinthians 3:23

And ye are Christ's; and Christ
is God's.

and you belong to Christ, and
Christ belongs to God.

(Contemporary English Version)



Matthew 17:5

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.**



How did the apostles see Christ?



Acts 9:20

And straightway
he preached
Christ in the
synagogues,
that he is the
Son of God.

Why did the Jews want to kill Christ?

John 5:18

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**



How did Satan challenge Christ?

Luke 4:3

And the devil
said unto him,
**If thou be the
Son of God,**
command this
stone that it be
made bread.



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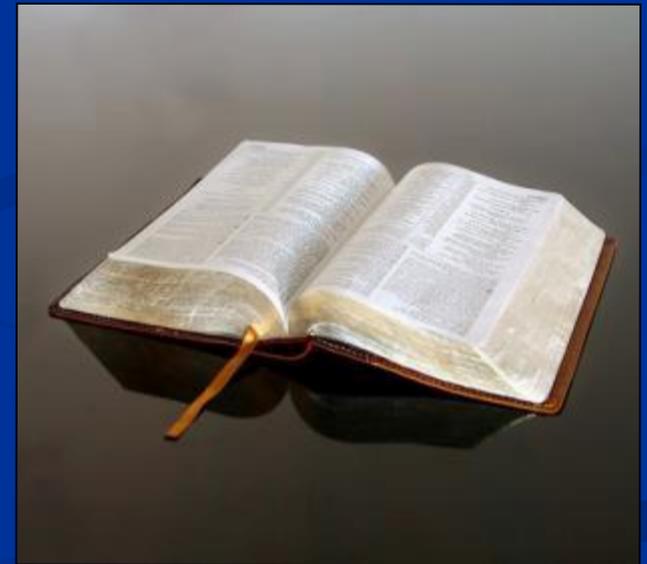
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How is Christ the Son of God?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of **the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.



When was Christ begotten of His Father?

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah,
though thou be little among the
thousands of Judah, yet out of
thee shall he come forth unto
me that is to be ruler in Israel;
**whose goings forth have been
from of old, from the days of
eternity.** [margin]



Proverbs 8:22-25

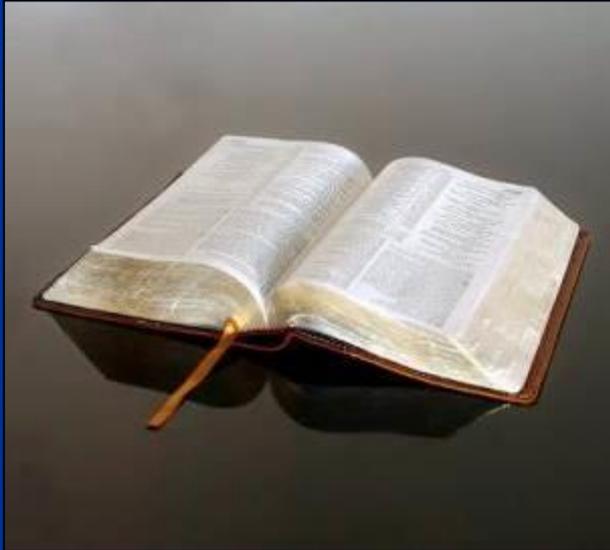
The LORD possessed me **in the beginning** of his way, **before his works of old**. I was set up **from everlasting**, from the **beginning, or ever the earth was**. When there were no depths, **I was brought forth**; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills **was I brought forth**

Proverbs 8:26-30

While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, **I was there**: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: **Then I was by him**, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him.

John 1:1

In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with **[the] God**, and **the Word** was God.



In the beginning was **the woman**, and the woman was with **the human**, and **the woman** was human.



John 1:1

"the Word was Divine" (Goodspeed, E.J. An American Translation N.T. 1923).

"the Logos was Divine"
(Moffatt, J. The Bible 1950).

"And what God was, the Word was"
(New English Bible 1961).

"the Word was Divine"
(Schonfield, H.L. Authentic N.T. 1956).

"The Word was with God and shared his nature"
(Translator's N.T. 1973).

"and the nature of the Word was the same as the nature of God" (Barclay, W. N.T. 1968).

Does “begotten” mean “created”?

“A complete offering has been made; for
"God so loved the world, that he gave his
only-begotten Son," -- **not a son by creation,
as were the angels, nor a son by adoption,** as
is the forgiven sinner, **but a Son begotten**
in the express image of the Father's person,
and in all the brightness of his majesty and
glory, one equal with God in authority,
dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt
all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” {ST,
May 30, 1895 par. 3}

Does “begotten” mean “created”?

Christ was *brought forth/begotten*



Lucifer was *created*



Did people in the OT know that God had a Son?

Daniel 3:25

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God**.



Proverbs 30:4

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is his name, and what is his son's name,** if thou canst tell?



When on earth, did Christ teach that He came forth from the Father?

John 8:42

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: **for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.**



John 16:27

For the Father himself loveth you,
because ye have loved me, and have
believed that **I came out from God.**



If Christ indeed proceeded from the Father, what did He inherit?

Hebrews 1:3, 4

Who being **the brightness of his glory,**
and **the express image of his person,**
and upholding all things by the word of
his power, when he had by himself
purged our sins, sat down on the right
hand of the Majesty on high; Being
made so much better than the angels, as
he hath **by inheritance** obtained **a more
excellent name** than they.



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Exodus 23:20-21

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. (21)

Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: **for my name is in him.**



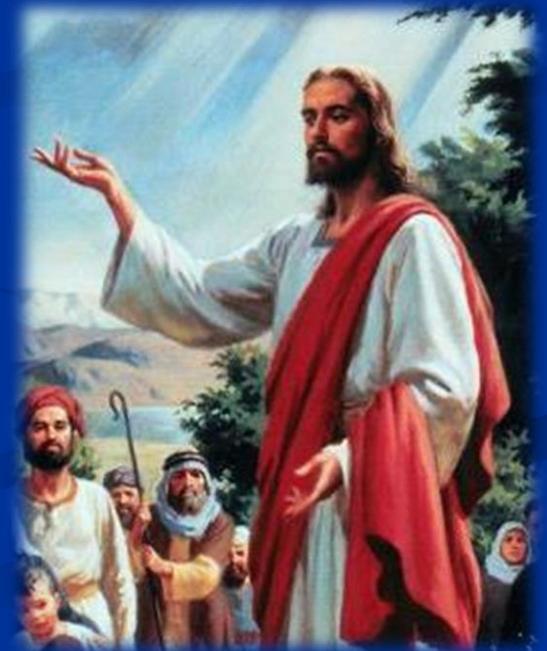
Jehovah - יהוה

“Christ was not only the leader of the Hebrews in the wilderness--**the Angel in whom was the name of Jehovah,** and who, veiled in the cloudy pillar, went before the host--but it was He who gave the law to Israel.” {PP 366} 1890

“**Jehovah is the name given to Christ.**” {ST, May 3, 1899, p. 2}

John 8:56-58 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. (57) Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? (58) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

“The name of God, given to Moses to express the idea of the eternal presence, had been claimed as His own by this Galilean Rabbi.” {DA 469.5}





John 5:26

For as the Father hath life
in himself; so hath he
given to the Son to have
life in himself



Colossians 2:9; 1:19

For in him dwelleth **all the fulness of the
Godhead bodily**. For it **pleased the Father**
that in him should all fulness dwell;

All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life. {DA 21.2}



God's love for the world was not manifest because He sent His Son, but because He loved the world He sent His Son into the world that divinity clothed with humanity might touch humanity, while divinity lays hold of divinity. Though sin had produced a gulf between man and his God, a divine benevolence provided a plan to bridge that gulf. And what material did He use? A part of Himself. The brightness of the Father's glory came to a world all seared and marred with the curse, and in His own divine character, in His own divine body, bridged the gulf. . . . The windows of heaven were opened and the showers of heavenly grace in healing streams came to our benighted world. . . . {OHC 12.2}



Equality of Christ

Philippians 2:6

Who, being in the form of
God, thought it not
robbery to be **equal with
God**



Equality of Christ

Hebrews 1:8, 9

But unto **the Son** he saith, Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

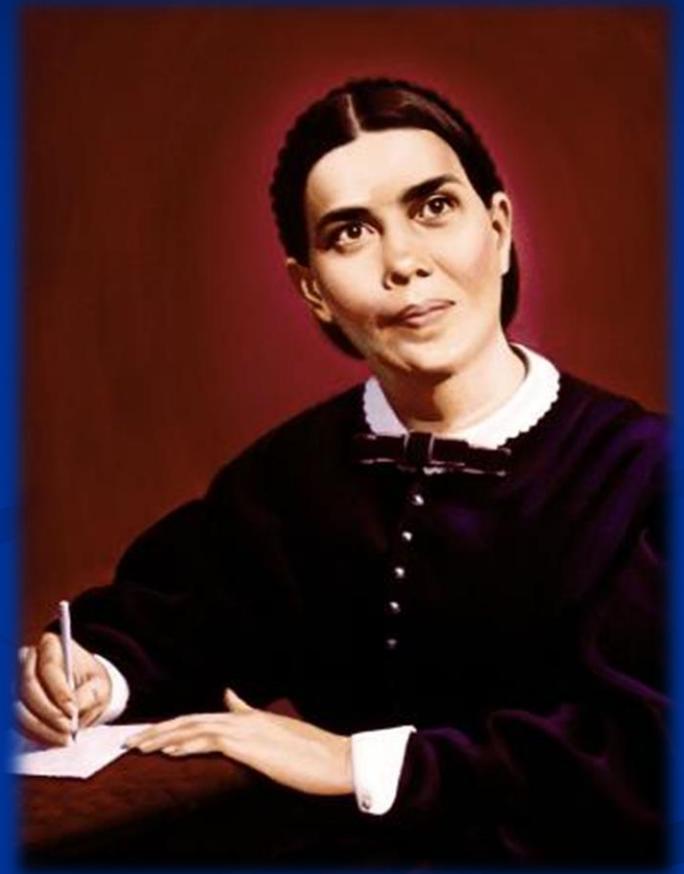
9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; **therefore God, even thy God**, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.



Equality of Christ

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality.”

{UL 367.4}



Equality of Christ

Do we honour Christ less than the Father?

John 5:23

That all men should honour the Son, **even as they honour the Father.**

He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.



The Godhead in the Bible

Q

As we undertake the study of the Bible, what inspired council are we given to guide us when we attempt to explain the meaning of its verses?

A

“The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning.”
{GC 598}

God

Q How many gods does the Bible teach exist?

A Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Exodus 20: 3

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD.
Deuteronomy 6: 4

hath not one God created us? Malachi 2: 10

[there is] none other God but one.
1 Corinthians 8: 4

But to us [there is but] one God. 1 Corinthians 8: 6

One God and Father of all. Ephesians 4: 6

For [there is] one God. 1 Timothy 2: 5

Q What is the common title given in the Bible to the One God?

A Have we not all one father? Malachi 2: 10

But to us [there is but] one God, the Father.
1 Corinthians 8: 6

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
Romans 1: 7

One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and
through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:6

Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father.
2 Thessalonians 1: 2

Q

Is the one God, our Father, the father of Jesus Christ as well?

A

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1: 3.

I ascend unto my Father, and your Father. John 20: 17

One God and Father of all. Ephesians 4: 6

Conclusion: The Bible teaches that there is one God, who is the Father of all.

Christ

Q

Who is Christ?

A

And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. John 6: 69

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Mark 1:1

Truly this man was the Son of God. Mark 15:39

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. John 1:34

Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. John 1:49

Q

Is 'the son of living God' a mere title given to Christ or is He in reality the very son of the one God?

A

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isaiah 9: 6

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Proverbs 30: 4

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. John 1:14

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“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.” {8T 268}

“Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father--one in nature, in character, in purpose--the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God.” {PP 34}

1 John 2:22, 23

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.



What is the relation between man and his spirit?

Daniel 2:1

And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, **wherewith his spirit was troubled**, and his sleep brake from him.



What is the relation between man and his spirit?

1 Corinthians 2:11

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? **even so** the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.



God's Spirit is Omnipresent.

Psalms 139:7

Whither shall I go from **thy spirit?** or
whither shall I flee from **thy presence?**



How is God described in the Bible?

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1 Corinthians 15:45

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made **a quickening spirit.**

How many spirits are there?

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;



Do the Father and the Son share the same Spirit?

Romans 8:9,10

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. And if **Christ** be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the **Spirit** is life because of righteousness.



When we receive the Holy Spirit, who do we receive?

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love **me**, he will keep **my** words: and **my Father** will love him, and **we will come unto him**, and make **our** abode with him.



What did Christ say about His words?

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit, and they are life.**



What did Christ promise to send us?

John 14:16,26

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;.....**But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.



Who is this Spirit?

Galatians 4:6

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.



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2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

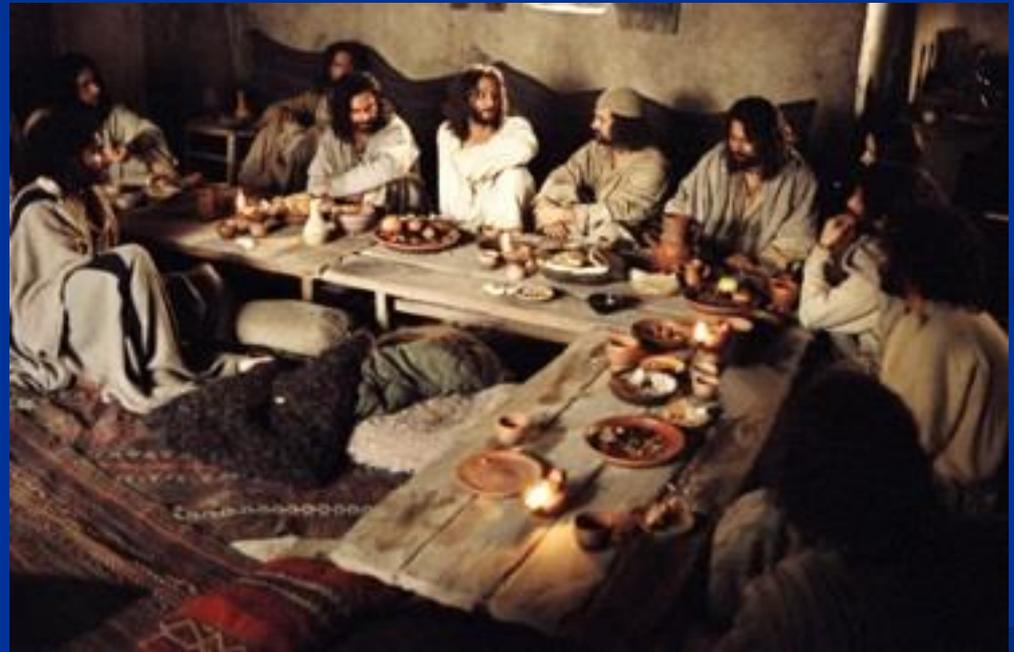


Who is the Comforter?

John 14:18

I will not leave
you comfortless:

I will come to
you.



Christ's promise.

Matthew 28:20

And, lo, **I am with you** **always**, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



INSIGHTS ON GENESIS 1:26 – IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

SONSHIP OF JESUS: CREATION OF HUMANITY A REVELATION OF REALITIES THE ANGELS HAD NOT WITNESSED

FATHER AND SON

ADAM AND EVE

John 3:16 (A SON) The dedication of the FIRST-BORN HAD ITS ORIGIN IN THE EARLIEST TIMES. GOD HAD PROMISED TO GIVE THE FIRST-BORN OF HEAVEN to save the sinner. This gift was to be acknowledged in every household by the consecration of the first-born son. He was to be devoted to the priesthood, as a representative of Christ among men. {DA 51.1}

Gen 2:1, 2, Exodus 13:2, Numbers 3:12, 18:15 (GOD CANNOT ASK MAN TO DO FOR HIM THAT WHICH HE HIMSELF CANNOT DO)

Zechariah 6:13, After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. AND NOW GOD SAYS TO HIS SON, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE." {3SG 33.2}

Gen 1:26, In our Image

From eternity there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. THEY WERE TWO, YET LITTLE SHORT OF BEING IDENTICAL; TWO IN INDIVIDUALITY, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character. {YI, December 16, 1897 par. 5}.

As Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of noble height, and of beautiful symmetry. He was more than twice as tall as men now living upon the earth, and was well proportioned. His features were perfect and beautiful. His complexion was neither white, nor sallow, but ruddy, glowing with the rich tint of health. EVE WAS NOT QUITE AS TALL AS ADAM. Her head reached a little above his shoulders. She, too, was noble--perfect in symmetry, and very beautiful. {1SP 24.2}. TWO BEINGS FROM THE SAME DAY

SONSHIP OF JESUS: CREATION OF HUMANITY A REVELATION OF REALITIES THE ANGELS HAD NOT WITNESSED

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Proverbs 8:30 (COMPANION)

Gen 2:18 (HELP MEET)

Proverbs 30:4, Hebrews 1:4, Exodus 23:21 (HE HAS A NAME OF THE FATHER. "Jehovah is the name given to Christ. "Behold, God is my salvation," writes the prophet Isaiah; "I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation." {ST, May 3, 1899 par. 18}

Genesis 2:23 (WO-MAN, SHE-MAN)

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Gen 2:21, 22 (MATERIAL OF ADAM). THE ONLY UNIQUE WOMAN IN THE WORLD

THE COMPLICATIONS THE TRINITY CARRIES WITH IT

1. Jews did not believe in Trinity. Jesus was a Jew who believed the same God as the other Jews (Gen 4:35, 39). Jesus answering to the Scribe did not alter a thing in His confession. Did Jesus then accent to error? (Mark 12:28-34)
2. The Trinity is never explained in the Bible. We dare the Sunday keeper to give us an explicit verse in the Bible pointing to Sunday Sabbath but they just give alluding verses which we firmly reject. It's a time we invited Trinitarians to give us an explicit verse on Trinity and worship of the Holy Spirit than alluding verses. If not, then it's time we rejected what is not in the Bible. The trinity is like an oral tradition taught alongside the Bible.

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3. The Golden age of the Gospel there was never mentioning of the Trinity. Why? The Scripture was not understood? The New Testament is full of controversy but none on the Trinity. The controversy only starts in 325 with Nicea I over the eternity of Christ, 381: Constantinople I the personality of the Holy Spirit, 431: Ephesus, was Mary the bearer of Christ's divine nature and 451: Chalcedon, Did Christ have two natures. All the Arian finally uprooted by 538. 553: Constantinople II, How do we interpret the dual nature of Christ, 681: Constantinople III, Did Christ have two wills and 787: Nicea II, Can Icons of Christ be worshipped. It's always interesting to find that the losers on this matters have to be thrown out of the Church
4. God is always addressed using singular personal pronouns. The English language is insufficient on such matter cause it can refer to a group of people as you, not with the Hebrew and Greek. They are particular with their pronouns.

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5. Jesus **WAS NOT OMNIPRESENT** (The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. **THEREFORE IT WAS FOR THEIR INTEREST THAT HE SHOULD GO TO THE FATHER, AND SEND THE SPIRIT TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR ON EARTH.** No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high. {DA 669.2}). **WAS NOT OMNIPOTENT** (The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth. **THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST FOR THE AFFLICTED AND SUFFERING WERE WROUGHT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE MINISTRATION OF THE ANGELS.** And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us. In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men. {DA 143.1}). **WAS NOT OMNISCIENT** (if the Trinity is true then he can make statement as Mark 13:32). It's out of sync to say that when speaking this he was using humanity rather than divinity. Though having two natures Christ did not have two minds or brain structures. Hence he prays John 17:5. It means there are things he was missing when he was praying this prayer and if he could have sinned for he could, then those things could have not been returned to him by the Father. Jesus could have been lost forever. Can God be lost forever?!

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6. If you believe Jesus is God as the Father then there is no way you can believe he died because God cannot die (1Timothy 1:17, 6:16: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). It is not physical life that is here specified, **BUT IMMORTALITY, THE LIFE WHICH IS EXCLUSIVELY THE PROPERTY OF GOD**. The Word, who was with God, and who was God, had this life. Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Life-giver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him. "I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18), He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world. {1SM 296.2}

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7. The Holy Spirit does not have a name as the Father and the Son; that is a mystery indeed. His personage/hood must need then be different from that of the Father and the Son.
8. The first time God ever spoke and here are the words (Matthew 3:17). This is of extreme important. The second time God speaks (Matthew 17:5). Jesus affirms the same truth (Mark 14:61, 62). After being accused of many things and not answering, here he gives an answer. This made the Jews even more intent to kill him (John 5:18) and accused him of blasphemy (John 10:22-33).

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9. The New Testament Writers were unfamiliar to Trinity (John 1:34, Matthew 16:16, Acts 9:20). They had a flowing stream of thoughts not any circular reasoning. The fulcrum of Christianity is in understanding the gift given.
10. Denying the sonship of Christ is making Christ to be a pretender and the Father to be a liar and a Dictator. For how could he ask Abraham and Israelites to do what he himself cannot do?! The consecration of the first born and the giving of Isaac respectively.

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11. The sonship of Jesus Christ is argued that it started on the answer but that is not truth at all (Luke 1:35, the word **THEREFORE** is what makes him a Son of the Father. His birth gave him a sonship title in a new sense: In His incarnation He gained in a new sense the title of the Son of God. Said the angel to Mary, "The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). While the Son of a human being, **HE BECAME THE SON OF GOD IN A NEW SENSE**. Thus He stood in our world--the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race. {1SM 226.2}

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12. Try to imagine the pain of giving a child and then you can appreciate the Father what he did (Gen 22:5, Gen 37:34, 35, Gen 42:36, 38, Gen 43:14: Said the angel, **"THINK YE THAT THE FATHER YIELDED UP HIS DEARLY BELOVED SON WITHOUT A STRUGGLE? NO, NO."** IT WAS EVEN A STRUGGLE WITH THE GOD OF HEAVEN WHETHER TO LET GUILTY MAN PERISH, OR TO GIVE HIS DARLING SON TO DIE FOR THEM. Angels were so interested for man's salvation that there could be found among them those who would yield their glory and give their life for perishing man. But, said my accompanying angel, "That would avail nothing." The transgression was so great that an angel's life would not pay the debt. Nothing but the death and intercessions of his Son would pay the debt, and save lost man from hopeless sorrow and misery. {ExV54 48.1}). There is nothing that a parent goes through that God has not gone through. The experience of the patriarchs is a miniature of what the Father really went through to give a Son. If it were just another God being given, then the Father could have not gone through such agony.

SOME MAY ASK, SO WHAT BENEFIT IS ALL THIS ABOUT? DOES IT REALLY MATTER? YES. THE GREAT CONTROVERSY IS ABOUT WHO YOU WORSHIP, WHEN YOU WORSHIP AND HOW YOU WORSHIP.

I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired his lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold for a cloud of glorious light covered him. I asked Jesus if his Father had a form like himself; He said he had, but I could not behold it; for, said he, if you should for once see the glory of his person, you would cease to exist. Before the throne was the Advent people, the Church, and the world. **I SAW A COMPANY BOWED DOWN BEFORE THE THRONE, DEEPLY INTERESTED WHILE MOST OF THEM STOOD UP DISINTERESTED AND CARELESS.** Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus, then he would look to his Father and appeared to be pleading with him. Then a light came from the Father to his Son and from him to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it. Others were careless and did not cherish the light and it moved off from them. Some cherished it and went and bowed down before the throne with the little praying company. This company all received the light, and rejoiced in it as their countenances shone with its glory. Then I saw the Father rise from the throne and in a flaming chariot go into the Holy of Holies within the veil, and did sit. There I saw thrones which I had not seen before. **THEN JESUS ROSE UP FROM THE THRONE, AND MOST OF THOSE WHO WERE BOWED DOWN ROSE UP WITH HIM. AND I DID NOT SEE ONE RAY OF LIGHT PASS FROM JESUS TO THE CARELESS MULTITUDE AFTER HE ROSE UP, AND THEY WERE LEFT IN PERFECT DARKNESS.**

Those who rose up when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on him as he left the throne, and led them out a little way, then he raised his right arm and we heard his lovely voice saying, wait ye, I am going to my Father to receive the Kingdom. Keep your garments spotless and in a little while I will return from the wedding, and receive you to myself. And I saw a cloudy chariot with wheels like flaming fire. Angels were all about the chariot as it came where Jesus was; he stepped into it and was borne to the Holiest where the Father sat. Then I beheld Jesus as he was before the Father a great High Priest. On the hem of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Then Jesus shewed me the difference between faith and feeling. **AND I SAW THOSE WHO ROSE UP WITH JESUS SEND UP THEIR FAITH TO JESUS IN THE HOLIEST, AND PRAYING, FATHER GIVE US THY SPIRIT. THEN JESUS WOULD BREATHE ON THEM THE HOLY GHOST.** In the breath was light, power and much love, joy and peace. **THEN I TURNED TO LOOK AT THE COMPANY WHO WERE STILL BOWED BEFORE THE THRONE. THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT JESUS HAD LEFT IT. SATAN APPEARED TO BE BY THE THRONE TRYING TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF GOD. I SAW THEM LOOK UP TO THE THRONE AND PRAY, MY FATHER GIVE US THY SPIRIT. THEN SATAN WOULD BREATHE ON THEM AN UNHOLY INFLUENCE.** In it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. I saw one after another leave the company who were praying to Jesus in the Holiest, go and join those before the throne and they at once received the unholy influence of Satan. {DS, March 14, 1846 par. 1}

To the poor and oppressed and downtrodden of earth, Christ says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall **GIVE YOU ANOTHER COMFORTER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, (WHICH IS CHRIST FORMED WITHIN THE HOPE OF GLORY,)** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.” {Ms24-1898}

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children keep yourselves from idols.” The Lord is soon to come. **WE WANT THAT COMPLETE AND PERFECT UNDERSTANDING WHICH THE LORD ALONE CAN GIVE. IT IS NOT SAFE TO CATCH THE SPIRIT FROM ANOTHER. WE WANT THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.** If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency. {Lt66-1894}

Some are receiving the spirit of another. God the Holy Spirit. Another god has assumed the work of Christ in the Shut Door. There is another Third being breathing and interceding for them and not Jesus Christ giving them His Spirit. This is how dangerous it is. And there are those who deny the sonship of Christ as if it strips him divinity and worship due. His sonship is what makes him God and worthy of worship because he is equal to the Father in every sense. Humans are not less humans because they come from humans. Christ does not become less God because he was begotten of the Father. The creation of the first humans on day six gives us a small-scale picture of what happened in eternity. This was for angels and us to understand the realities that they did not witness. The science of salvation is the science of all sciences (Deuteronomy 29:29).

A Special Class in Heaven

Some among the redeemed will have laid hold of Christ in the last hours of life, and in heaven instruction will be given to those who, when they died, did not understand perfectly the plan of salvation. Christ will lead the redeemed ones beside the river of life, and will open to them that which while on this earth they could not understand.-- Undated manuscript 150. {1SM 262.2}

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, by showing them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, "They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth." The third angel closes his message thus: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God's commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts. {EW 254.1}

God's test of the heathen, who have not the light, and of those living where the knowledge of truth and light has been abundant, is altogether different. He accepts from those in heathen lands a phase of righteousness which does not satisfy Him when offered by those of Christian lands. He does not require much where much has not been bestowed (MS 130, 1899). {5BC 1121.14}

In all these revelations of the divine presence the glory of God was manifested through Christ. Not alone at the Saviour's advent, but through all the ages after the Fall and the promise of redemption, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." 2 Corinthians 5:19. Christ was the foundation and center of the sacrificial system in both the patriarchal and the Jewish age. Since the sin of our first parents there has been no direct communication between God and man. The Father has given the world into the hands of Christ, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God. All the communion between heaven and the fallen race has been through Christ. It was the Son of God that gave to our first parents the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses understood the gospel. They looked for salvation through man's Substitute and Surety. These holy men of old held communion with the Saviour who was to come to our world in human flesh; and some of them talked with Christ and heavenly angels face to face. {PP 366.1}

The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner. This gift was to be acknowledged in every household by the consecration of the first-born son. He was to be devoted to the priesthood, as a representative of Christ among men. {DA 51.1}

BLESSINGS