

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF

PART 1

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WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN A SUBJECT THAT I WANT TO APPROACH IN A DIFFERENT MANNER THAN WHAT WE HAVE OTHER AREAS OF THE SCRIPTURE. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BRING OUT SOME THINGS THAT WILL BE INTERESTING TO YOU AS CHRISTIANS, RATHER THAN BORESOME, AND AS MOST OF YOU WELL KNOW, IT WILL BE IN MY OWN TERMINOLOGY. I DO NOT BELIEVE GOD INTENDED FOR HIS TRUE MINISTRY TO USE BIG WORDS THAT THE AVERAGE CHRISTIAN DOES NOT EVEN KNOW THE MEANING OF. THEREFORE I ASK YOU TO FOLLOW ALONG IN THE SCRIPTURES, AS WE HEAD FOR **JOHN 1, VERSES 1-3**, TO FIND OUT WHAT THE LOGOS WAS. WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MANKIND, AND HOW DIFFERENT PEOPLE INTERPRET THE SCRIPTURES TO GET DIFFERENT MEANINGS OUT OF IT. WE WOULD NOT HAVE ALL OF THIS MULTITUDE OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE WORLD TODAY, IF PEOPLE WHO READ THE SCRIPTURES ALL GOT THE SAME INTERPRETATION OUT OF THEM. OF COURSE WE REALIZE THAT THE BIBLE WAS NOT EVEN WRITTEN UNTIL THE 14TH CENTURY BEFORE CHRIST, AND EVEN THEN IT'S AVAILABILITY WAS LIMITED. BUT WE ARE LIVING IN A DAY WHEN EVERY PROFESSING CHRISTIAN HAS THEIR OWN BIBLE, (OR AT LEAST IT IS ALMOST LIKE THAT IN THIS NATION) AND EVERYONE FEELS FREE TO PUT THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION ON WHAT THEY READ, SO IT IS NO WONDER THAT PROFESSING CHRISTIANITY IS TORN ALL TO PIECES, HOWEVER GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD SOMEONE TO WHOM HE COULD REVEAL HIMSELF, AND HE REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGH VARIOUS DEITY NAMES, SO THAT IS PART OF WHAT WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT.

THERE WAS NO BIBLE BEFORE THE FLOOD, AND ABRAHAM DID NOT HAVE A BIBLE WHEN HE WALKED WITH GOD AFTER THE FLOOD, AND NEITHER DID HE PASS ONE ON TO HIS DESCENDANTS AFTER HIM, HOWEVER WE DO KNOW THAT PRIOR TO THE FLOOD, AND EVEN AFTER THE FLOOD UP TO A CERTAIN POINT MAN'S LIFESPAN WAS LONG ENOUGH, OVERLAPPING MANY GENERATIONS, SO THAT WHATEVER STORY THE PATRIARCHS HAD TO TELL, THEY WERE ABLE TO PASS IT ON TO OTHER GENERATIONS. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IS HOW THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN, BUT IT IS A FACT ANYHOW. WHEN YOU COME TO MOSES, THE MAN WHO WROTE THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS IN THE BIBLE, THE BIBLE ITSELF TELLS US THAT MOSES WAS SCHOOLED IN ALL THE MANNER OF THE EGYPTIANS. HE HAD EDUCATION, AND HE HAD NATURAL TALENT, BUT IN SPITE OF HIS EDUCATION AND HIS NATURAL TALENT, I BELIEVE THAT FORTY YEAR SPAN IN THE WILDERNESS WAS LONG ENOUGH FOR GOD TO INSPIRE HIM TO SET IN WRITING, A RECORD OF HISTORY AND TIME RELATIVE TO THE HOUR THEY WERE PASSING THROUGH. ACTUALLY EXODUS, LEVITICUS, NUMBERS AND DEUTERONOMY CONTAIN EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED DURING THAT FORTY YEAR WILDERNESS JOURNEY, WHILE THE BOOK OF GENESIS COVERS EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING OF OUR ORIGIN ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL THE HOUR OF MOSES. SO WE SURELY MUST REALIZE THAT WHAT MOSES WROTE CONTAINED MORE THAN JUST SOME ORAL STORY LEFT ALIVE, FOR CERTAIN WORDS BEGAN TO CHANGE, AND NO NATURAL STORY PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, ORALLY THROUGH THE CENTURIES IS GOING TO CARRY ALL OF THAT IN ITS TRUE AUTHENTICITY. THEREFORE I AM CONVINCED THAT GOD DEFINITELY DEALT WITH MOSES THROUGH DIVINE REVELATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE EARLY

CHAPTERS OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS THAT COVER THE PERIOD FROM EDEN TO THE FLOOD. GOD GAVE HIM INSPIRATION ON WHAT TO WRITE.

REVELATION APART FROM EDUCATION

As we deal with this subject on how God reveals Himself, I pray that He will enable me to say these things in a way that young people can understand. Because if Jesus carries His coming, you young people should be among those walking the earth with the same revelation those Jews had, when the Church was first started on the day of Pentecost. You should know who God is, what He is, and you should know what He has purposed to do in the redemption of lost mankind. It is going to be up to you to decide what is right, and what is wrong. You will not be able to turn to this world of religion for spiritual advice. What you have in your heart by divine revelation is what you will have to depend on. This world of religion is in a mess of confusion. They all say they believe the word of God, yet I am thoroughly convinced that God does not commit Himself to these intellectual minds just so they will have something to play with. He only commits Himself to that intelligence that is humble enough to respect Him for His intelligence and His ability to communicate with us earthly creatures. I do not mean to sound like I am putting virtue on being uneducated; I am only pointing to the fact that it takes more than just an intellectual mind to get a revelation from the word of God. He can use your education, but education is not a requirement in order to receive something from God.

GOD—THE STRONG ONE

Now as you go to the first verse in the Bible, where Moses begins to write the creation story, we do not find him dealing with dates, months, years and such like. He is more inspired to relate something that begins to portray God in His identity, or we will say, or the names that He will reveal himself through as time progresses. Naturally we are reading from an English translation, translated from the Hebrew scriptures, so let us see what we are looking at here. **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”** The English word God, comes from the Hebrew word EL, or ELOHIM, which means STRONG ONE. In the beginning the Strong One created the heaven and the earth. We are not going to dwell on these particular words, but just enough to give you the meaning. We have to realize that if we are truly worshiping a God, we have to believe that He is strong enough, and mighty enough, to be the Creator and life giver of everything that exists. We need to explore Him, and understand Him for His greatness, for, not to be settled on that first of all, will cause you to have a wavering mind. That is why religion in general is left with a concept of God, that really never allows them to get settled on whether He had a mind that knew anything, or not. That is why so many preachers fight against the teaching of predestination, because they will not accept the fact that God foreknew anything. I would hate to think that a man like the apostle Paul, the man who wrote most of the New Testament epistles, believed a false doctrine, and taught it. To me, predestination is a beautiful revelation. I rest in the fact, that before God ever created anything, He already knew how everything was going to turn out. Praise His name. I can put my trust in a God like that. How about you ? So, **“In the beginning God (Elohim, the Strong One) created the heaven and the earth.”** It does not tell us when; it only tells us that He did it. Revealing Himself here, as the Strong One, is only the beginning of the record of how God reveals Himself through a deity name. Our critics who believe the trinity teaching, will reach a certain place in the scriptures, and then jump to conclusions, because there are three primary deity names through which He (God) reveals His majestic existence. They say these three prove that there is a plurality of persons, but that He is still one God. I believe, that as we move along in the scriptures, anyone can plainly see that this is a false concept of God, and only a theological allusion, a play on words. That is why I gave this message the title, “God Reveals Himself.” He truly does reveal Himself to those who are open for such a revelation.

SELF EXISTENT ONE

Now according to the record here, men are prone to say, God created everything in six days of twenty four hours each, but we need to realize that these six creative days are actually regenerative periods of time, whereby God brought the planet earth out of its prehistoric state of judgment, and got it ready for its next cycle. This is man's cycle, and it only dates back about six thousand years. That is why your scientists of today, will not accept the so called Christianity version of creation. They have discovered various things that they know dates back millions of years so why should they be expected to believe the earth has only been in existence for six thousand years? It is all in the way Genesis has been interpreted. When I was a little boy, going to Sunday school, everyone had the idea that the earth was made in six 24 hour days, and they were ready to argue about it: That is what the Bible says, Sure the Bible says that, but you and me can be looking at it wrong. It certainly is not the Bible that is wrong, it is just that men look at it wrong. If you can allow yourself to see a judgment between **verses 1 and 2 of the first chapter of Genesis**, it will clear up your thinking on a lot of things. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, but notice the very next sentence. **"And the earth was without form, and void."** That lets us know that when God started this process of regeneration, the earth was already here, but in a void state, not a prehistoric inhabited state, but a void state. Angels had been tested on this old planet, and God's judgment on the whole thing, had left the planet in a void state of darkness, and without form. Therefore coming on through the six regenerative days, or periods, we come to **Genesis 2, verse 4**, where we find another deity identity revealed. Notice now, **"These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD GOD made the earth and the heavens."** In **Genesis 1:1**, but here, it is Lord God. It is still the same strong one, but the word LORD, goes before it. It literally means He is Master. But the Hebrew meaning is SELF EXISTENT, so now we have two deity titles (we should call them titles, rather than names) through which God reveals himself. He is the Strong One, and He is Self existent. We are not dealing with an object; we are dealing with a Spirit. God the Creator is a Spirit, and **John 4:24**, says, **"And they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth."** That is the reason the second commandment says, **"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth,"** because God is a Spirit, and anything such as is mentioned would be an idol. God is a Spirit, and He is one, but let us go back to **Genesis 1:26**, and read the verse all trinity people point to, trying to prove their three persons God. They try to read between the lines, and when they do, they come up with something that will not fit into the picture other scriptures present to us. Let us just read this verse as a trinity person would. **"And God (Elohim) said, Let us (the three persons of the Godhead) make man in our own image, after our likeness."** Now saints, if there was actually a trinity (three persons) in the Godhead, and we were made in that image and likeness, we would be three headed creatures. Now Bro. Jackson: Why do you say that? Simply because you cannot have a plurality of persons, and call that plurality a single one. Three persons definitely have to have three separate minds. They try to get around that by saying, Well, man is body, soul and spirit. That of course is true, but there is only one mind involved, so it cannot possibly be the same thing. The spirit being, that we are, comes from God. That makes us that much in His likeness, but until God incorporates within it the attributes of what we call, the soul of man, it has no mind. It has no ability to even be conscious of its existence. Then, until that spirit man is placed in a body, it has nothing through which to function on earth. Nevertheless it is that spirit and intellect part of us that is in the image and likeness of God. The body is only for the purpose of giving us contact with the earth. The body itself has no mind. But what about the brain, some will say? That is only the physical organ through which the intelligence of the soul operates. When death takes the spirit from the body, that brain is as dead as last years maple leaves. Therefore we will say it like this. The mind is that part of man which is in the spirit, so when the spirit departs, the body including the brain, is dead. It takes body, soul and spirit to make up the complete man that God put on earth, but the body is not in the image of God: it is in the image

of the earth, so you tell me, What is there about man, that is in the image of God? You will have to agree, it is the spirit, the part that has the intellect. When you try to make God three persons in **verse 26**, you run into trouble in **verse 27**, and you stay in trouble throughout the rest of the Bible. I have said many times, If God were three persons, then there would have been places in the Old Testament where the other two persons would have been manifested to the patriarchs as God dealt with them. But no, it is always just the Father, the invisible one who is Spirit, and has no physical substance. There were temporary projections from the Father, that typed what the Son was to be in time, but there was never any person that could be identified as the eternal Son of God, seen in the Old Testament. The Son had a beginning, just two thousand years ago, and the Holy Ghost is that same Spirit that the Father is, only working in regeneration, instead of creation. So the point is, What does the word "us" in **Genesis 1:26** imply? Is it one of three persons of the Godhead saying, "**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness,**" or is it the one God who is Spirit, and not a person, speaking to His angelic family that assist Him in creation? We will prove by the scriptures, that He was speaking to His angelic helpers, by proving that angels do assist God.

GOD IS A SPIRIT

When God called Abraham, and said to him, "**Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation;**" He appeared to him periodically, in various ways. In the **18th chapter of Genesis**, He appeared to him in a theophany body along with two other men. Abraham bowed to Him and said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away I pray thee, from thy servant. Now that was not the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that came walking down the road that day: one was a temporary manifestation of Jehovah, but the other two were angels. **Verse 22** tells us that the other two men left Abraham, and went toward Sodom, and the first verse of **chapter 19**, tells us that they were angels. In **verse 13**, of that chapter they said, The Lord hath sent us to destroy this place, and in **verse 24**, it says that the Lord rained fire and brimstone out of heaven upon those cities, so I believe we can clearly see that angels do assist God in whatever He does. Over in the New Testament, when the Father which is Spirit, incarnated His Son Jesus, and led Him into the wilderness, where He was tempted of the devil, angels were right there to minister to Him, when it was all over. Then when Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and told him how He had seen him sitting under the fig tree, and Nathanael answered like he did, What did Jesus say to Him? He said, "**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.**" So my question to you is, If that was God incarnate, what do the angels have to do with it? It has to be the fact that angels assist God. Not that a sovereign God needs help, it is just simply the fact that He does delegate to them the responsibility of fulfilling His plan and purpose. In **Genesis 1:26**, He said, Let us make man in our image, and in **verse 27** we read these words, "**So God created man in His own image.**" It does not say we were created in the image of the angels, it says we were created in the image of God. Well we have two words in **verse 26**, US and OUR, that cause carnal minds to run wild, but it should not, for God is a Spirit, and the angels are spirits. He is our Father, Because He is the Creator, and that makes Him the Father of the angels also.

Therefore what we have here, is one sovereign Spirit, speaking to angels, which are His helpers in creation. It is His plan that is being carried out. **Ephesians, chapter 1**, tells us that He counseled with Himself, and decided to do certain things. "**So God (singular) created man in His (singular) own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.**" HIS and HE, are both singular pronouns, therefore there is no possible way to apply them to a three persons God. In other words, the revelation is in **verse 27**, but the trinitarians always want to stop in **verse 26**. Their spiritual

blindness never allows them to even consider the revelation that is contained in **verse 27**: Then when you look at the word US, there are two more places where that terminology is used, and it is very clear, that it does not apply to a trinity.

GOD'S HELPERS

Let us go to the **3rd chapter**. Adam and Eve have sinned, God has come on the scene, and they are being cursed, so let us pick up in **verse 22**. **“And the LORD GOD said, (Notice that second deity title used again there.) Behold, the man is become as one of us.”** (The word us, is a plural term, but it certainly does not apply to three persons of the Godhead. I believe, if you will notice what God placed at a certain place, to guard the way to the tree of life, you will understand what the word us, pertained to. **“The man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: (Notice verse 23 now) Therefore the Lord God (Jehovah Elohim) sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.”** That lets you see whose decision it was, that Adam and Eve be expelled from the garden. **“So He (Jehovah Elohim) drove out the man; (Adam and Eve) and He (singular) placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, (more than one angel) and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep th way of the tree of life.”** If God were three persons: that verse would need to say, **“They drove the man out of the garden.”** No. It is God, a sovereign Spirit, working through His angelic family, as He executes His plan for mankind. But why does it say, The man has become as one of us? You may still say. Because God is a Spirit, and He knows good and evil, or maybe we should say, They know good from evil. They have already been tested, in a prehistoric era of time, and it is the fact that they chose good over evil, that they are privileged to assist God in what He does. All those angels that chose evil rather than good, when they were tested, are now known as evil spirits. They assist the devil in what he does. Therefore the word us, pertains to God and His angelic helpers. They helped Him in creation, and they continue to help Him, as He deals with His creation.

LANGUAGE CONFUSED

Let us go to **chapter 11** now, where we will see another usage of the term us. This is after the flood, when the earth has again been repopulated, and all the people spoke the same language and stayed together. They journeyed from the east to a plain in the land of Shinar, and there, they decided to stay. So let us begin in **verse 3**, and read a few verses. **“And they said one to another, Go to, (get ready) let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar, And they said, Go to, (meaning, Get ready) let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven: and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”** That lets us see what the people were doing, and now, **verse 5** begins to show what God is doing, because of their oneness of purpose. **“And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. (Now we find God saying, Get ready.) Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.”** There you find God again using the word us, and this is the last time you will find the word used in relationship to His deity identity, but once again, I say, It is the Eternal God, the Strong One, the Master, the Self Existent One, saying to His angelic helpers, **“Let us go down, and there confound their language.”** Brother I can see one angel going with one dialect, and another angel going with a different dialect, and on and on, no telling how many different ones. Just try to imagine what that must have been like. The sun went down that day, and they could all still talk to each other. As they head for home, it is

just like any other day, see you in the morning, George. Alright Ben, get a good night's sleep. But when the sun rose the next morning, they all headed back to work, what a conglomeration. No. God never caused any confusion within the household; that would have defeated His purpose. The wife awakened and said, Good morning honey, just like always, and he replied, Good morning honey. They understood each other perfectly, and I am convinced that the children of every household could all still communicate with each other, if they could talk at all. But brother, when George stepped out, and started down the trail toward the tower, and met old Ben, down by his place, it was quite a different story. When George said, Good morning Be, it probably sounded to Ben, like he was making fun of him. Instead of going to work, they probably spent the whole morning yelling at each other, and not understanding a word the other one said. Why? Because "us" went down and confused their language. It was the Lord's authority that ordered it done, but I am thoroughly convinced that it was His angelic helpers that actually went down to do the job. God did not have to do it that way, but that is the way He delegates authority among His faithful angels. Did not the apostle Paul say in **Hebrews 1:14**, concerning angels, "**Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?**" Do you think Paul just dreamed that up? Or would you be willing to accept the fact that he had a revelation? As I said, When the Son of God was driven into the wilderness, where He fasted for forty days and nights, and was then turned over to the devil, for the most serious trial of His life, it was angels that came and ministered to Him. The angels did not minister to the Elohim that was in Him; they were ministering to the physical, emotional part, which was the man, apart from what the Father was, in him.

MELCHIZEDEK APPEARS

Let us move along, for we want to look at another deity title, through which God reveals Himself. We are in **chapter 14**. Abraham is in the land of Canaan, the land God gave to him. He has already been down in Egypt, and returned again. He and his nephew Lot, have separated, and divided their goods, and so forth. Lot chose to dwell in the areas of Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham took the hill country. But in the course of time, Abraham hears that his nephew has been kidnapped by some invading kings, so he takes 318 of his trained servants, and goes to rescue him. Then on his way back, with his nephew and the others that he had rescued, along with the spoil they had taken, he is met by the king of Sodom, and we will start reading in **verse 17**. Abraham is a married man, so when I say single, that has nothing to do with his marital status. But I am using him as a single individual, chosen by God, out of a certain racial structure of people. The Bible tells us he was a Syrian. God called him from the land of the Chaldeans, beyond the Euphrates valley, separated him from his family, and brought him down into this land called Canaan. God never explained everything to him, but He did tell him that He was going to give him all that land, and that He was going to multiply His seed. So what we want to look at, is one of the various times that God appeared to him, and I believe we can see something unfold here. Abraham has already defeated the invading kings, and he is on his way back to Sodom, to turn the spoil over, and he meets the king of Sodom, from whence it was taken. This next verse presents us with a beautiful setting. Up until this time, Abraham had not had an experience like this. "**And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.**" The Hebrew words for MOST HIGH GOD is El Elyon, This is another deity title implying as to what Jehovah is, the Highest. You will also find Him referred to like that, in the first chapter of Luke, when the angel of the Lord came to Mary, and spoke to her concerning her conception. "**And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest.**" That lets us know that the Father of Jesus is the Most High God, El Elyon. But notice **Luke 1:35**, how the angel answered Mary, when she asked, "**How can this be, seeing I know not a man?**" That was a natural question for a virgin girl to ask, "**And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and 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.**"

We have been through this many times, proving that the Holy Spirit, (called by the trinitarians, the third person of the Godhead) and the Father, are one and the selfsame Spirit, so I hope you can all see the reality of one God who is Spirit, manifesting Himself in three offices. But let us get back to this Melchizedek, who the Bible says was the priest of the Most High God. We have got to realize who this man was. Scofield says he was a Gentile king of Salem, but Scofield is wrong, because Paul tells us, over in the epistle to the Hebrews, who he was. He was none other than Jehovah Himself, manifesting Himself in the likeness of king and priest. Where? Near the ancient, pagan city of the Jebusites, called Salem, at that time. Why was God characterizing Himself in this fashion, as He appeared to Abraham? He was giving a preview of something that would transpire in centuries to come. Here we see God Himself, in a theophany body, serving bread and wine to Abraham. He furnished the bread and wine, so what was He doing? He was offering him communion, which set a type. Actually everything that Melchizedek was in type, would literally be set forth in centuries to come, through the seed of Abraham, which was the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This Son of God, was the seed of Abraham, through which all the families of the earth should be blessed. In other words, this type was to be set, near the place where God's sacrifice would literally be offered for the sins of the whole world, and it was from that very city, (after it was renamed Jerusalem) that Jesus ascended to heaven, and was seated on the right hand of His majesty, as the priest of the Most High God. Brothers and Sisters: That is where Jesus is today. We are here, and He is there, and He is fulfilling exactly, what this Melchizedek was in type. God was just simply giving Abraham a preview of that which was to come. Abraham probably did not understand the actual meaning, but the important thing is, that we catch what was being typed.

Jesus is not yet King, but the type was to cover the whole scope of what He would be, in time. So we see that Abraham partook of the bread and wine, and then turned right around, and payed tithe of all that he had. This is where Paul got the revelation that he set forth in the 7th chapter of Hebrews, which we will read in a minute. God was beginning to reveal Himself as an actual person, to an earthly person, but let me quickly say, That person was not an eternal object; it was only for that one time of communication, and then it ceased to exist. Abraham never did go back there to that place, trying to see that man again, for he knew good and well who He was, and he knew not to expect to see Him in that form again. I like the way Paul portrays his revelation of this, over in the epistle to the Hebrews, so let us read that now. Your theologians look at this Melchizedek and say, He was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. But the real revelation is, it was the Most High God characterizing the Lord Jesus Christ. **Hebrews, chapter 7**, is where we want to read. **“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of The Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; (Verse 3 lets us know that it was not he Lord Jesus Christ, for notice what it says,) Without father, without mother, (Jesus the Christ had a mother, but this Melchizedek had no father nor mother) without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.”** Jesus had a beginning of days; He was born in a little town called Bethlehem, almost two thousand years ago. So Paul says, He was made like unto the Son of God. That is exactly what it was all about; a preview of something that was to come. I said earlier, that we are heading for the first chapter of John, as we explore how God reveals Himself, for we want to show what that terminology really pertains to. I feel like we can deal with this message in a way that will help some grasp a clearer picture of the oneness of God. Once we get it in our mind that God is a Spirit, and that He never existed in an eternal form, much of the Bible will clear up immediately. How many times have we read the book of Genesis, just page after page without ever really seeing what is developing?

GOD SPOKE TO THE FATHERS

When God called Abraham, to go down into a land that He would give him, God, at that time, was setting in motion His plan of redemption. Time would develop many things, and through each stage God would reveal Himself in a greater way. Abraham did not know when God first called him, that he was going to be the father of many nations; he was just obeying the voice of God one step at a time, you might say. God spoke to him both by audible voice as well as through visions, and told him that He would give him Canaan; and that He would make his seed as the dust of the earth for number. So as time passed, and he got word that his nephew had been taken captive by those invading kings, it was only natural that he would do whatever he could, to get him and the others back, and his actions must have pleased God, for as he returned from the slaughter of those kings, that is when God appeared to him in the likeness of that king-priest of Salem. King of Salem, and priest of the Most High God. Actually Melchizedek, as a permanent figure, did not even exist. As I said, He was only a manifestation of that one sovereign Spirit, the Creator, the Elohim. This is one of the things that Paul was looking at, when he started writing the epistle to the Hebrews. Notice the wording here in **Hebrews 1**. “**God, (Elohim) who at sundry times (various times) and in divers manners (different ways) spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, (Abraham was a prophet. God spoke to King Abimelech, and told him that Abraham was a prophet.) Hath in these last days (meaning as the Old Testament dispensation was coming to a close, and a new covenant was to be introduced.) spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things.**” We are going to find out, as we go along in the Old Testament, that all of these manifestations where God revealed Himself, were those various times, and different manners, that Paul was writing about, there in Hebrews. Each manifestation, always portrayed something that Jehovah would fulfill in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why Paul could say that this Melchizedek was made like unto the Son of God. Therefore as we look back at those various ways that God revealed Himself to mankind, we can see that this invisible God was foreshadowing what He would do for lost mankind, that was cut off from his creator, and always groping, reaching out, trying to understand something about God. Through the centuries, men have felt the need to worship a god, but they could not understand an invisible God. That is why the pagans would make a stone god, or some tangible object they could hold on to. They wanted a god they could see and touch. That is why God, when He brought the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage and gave them a law, one of those commandments was, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. He was not talking about personal pictures, if there was such a thing. He was talking about them trying to make a graven image like unto God. There is no way anyone could make an image of an invisible Spirit, and that is what God is, so it is no wonder people have such difficulty trying to understand Him. It takes a revelation of the Spirit, to understand anything about God. As I said, I doubt if Abraham understood everything that God prefigured through those manifestations, and Abraham certainly would not be around when any of it would be fulfilled, but God was starting it through him. So as Melchizedek brought forth the bread and wine, and served it to Abraham, what did that prefigure? Was that not the very elements that Jesus took from the Passover supper, and served to His disciples? He blessed the bread, broke it, and said, “**Take, eat, this is my body. Then He passed the cup saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**” This was prefigured by the Creator, through this from called Melchizedek, priest of the Most High God.

Abraham did not even have a child when God began showing him what He would do for lost mankind through his seed, but as we are privileged to look back and see all these things, oh how precious they are. At this point, let me say, That was the expressed thought of God, manifested in that manner, so that helps us to better understand **St. John, chapter 1, verses 1-3**, when we get there, and then we read **verse 14**, which says, “**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.**” John was a Jew. He was a seed of Abraham, and always knew that God is a Spirit, so it was simple for him to say, In the

beginning was the word. But we English speaking people, because of the way it is translated, many times we do not catch the actual thought. Now let me say this, Melchizedek was a temporary manifestation of the thought of Jehovah expressed, but please understand this; it is only a temporary figure that you are looking at, and there is only one mind being operated, the mind of Jehovah. You do not have a spirit mind, and then a human mind, because this Melchizedek is not an actual physical living being; he is only a theophany form. So keep in mind, that was the expressed thought of Jehovah, or word of God, and we want to watch it, as it develops further on. Remember, the first thing he characterized was king and priest. This lets us know that in centuries to come, when the seed of Abraham, through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed, would come. He would ascend into heaven, and take His position as priest of the Most High God. Then there will come the day, when He will descend from heaven, back to Jerusalem, the old Jebusite city once called Salem, before it was taken over by the seed of Abraham, and there, He will rule for a thousand years. That was all prefigured through Melchizedek.

ABRAHAM QUESTIONS GOD

Now let us go to the **15th chapter of Genesis**, and read the **first three verses**. **“After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram** (I have been calling him Abraham, but actually even at this particular time, his name is called Abram. God changed it later. Notice now how the Lord came unto him,) **in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.** (This is again, the mind of God expressed, but it is in a minor form, compared to the theophany Abram has just seen prior to that.) **And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou has give no seen: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.”** What we are seeing here, is God, in the process of confirming a covenant with this man, concerning both the land He has promised to give him, and the seed that was to be as the sand on the seashore for number. So Abram says, Lord God, what wilt thou give me? **Verse 14, “And behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And He brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and He said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord: and He counted it to him for righteousness. And He said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.”** It is important that we notice how the Lord is dealing with him, both concerning the land, and also the seed that is to inherit it. **“And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?”** He has asked God a question, Whereby shall I know? So we come to the first time God has ever instructed any man on how to offer a sacrifice, and what to offer. Up until this time, it seems like men were just left to their own conscience, as to what sacrifice to offer, and how to offer it. But now, God becomes specific, and stipulates certain things. **“And He said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, (all of these are animals) and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”** From Eden until now, it is not even recorded that any man ever offered this kind of sacrifice, in this numerous way. But God has spoken to him in a very specific way, as he asked the question. How will I know that I am going to inherit it? This was God’s way of starting with Abraham, the very form of sacrifice that would be required to offer under the law, when He would bring Abraham’s seed out of Egypt, and give them a specific set of instructions. Each animal meant a certain thing, and was to be offered as a certain type of sacrifice. This was the beginning, where God put into Abraham the knowledge of everything that He was going to work through, and work by, as his seed would multiply and become as the stars of heaven. **Verse 10, “And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against the other, but the birds divided he not.”** Actually as he killed those animals, he cut them right down the backbone, and laid each half, one against the other. **“And when the fowls came down upon**

the carcasses, Abram drove them away.” Naturally what Abram was doing, was not something that could be done in 15 minutes. It took a while for him to kill all those animals, but them up, and lay them out there on the ground, and during this time, the buzzards found out what was going on, and here they came, and while Abram was waiting upon god to receive his sacrifice, he had to keep driving them away. It do not know if Abram knew what to expect God to do, or not, but he did know that there would be some sort of manifestation, so he just kept driving the buzzards away, while he waited. **“And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and low, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And He (God) said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, (he did not even have any seed) and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.”** God has told Abram what to offer as a sacrifice, as they prepare to seal this covenant, and as Abram obeyed, while he was waiting upon the Lord to receive it, even while he was driving away the birds, he fell off into a deep sleep. This of course, is when the Lord came to him. But in this sleep, he falls into a great horror of darkness. This horror of darkness was the fact that God spoke to him about going to his fathers in a peace, an about being buried in a good old age. God was telling him how his seed would be afflicted four hundred years, and at that time, he had no seed. Well the fact that God is telling him all of this in advance, lets us know that it is important that these things be understood, if we want to get a true picture of the Godhead. If there was a Father, as a person, and a Son, as a person, pre-existing with the Father, and equal in authority, and the Holy Ghost is yet another such person, you would have to see the other two persons manifested from time to time. But the point is, God (the singular, sovereign Spirit) is the only one you see working the whole thing out. Every manifestation was always pointing forward to the time when that one seed of Abraham would come upon the scene, reveal the Father to a chosen few, and then give his life on that old rugged, to pay our sin debt once and for all. Jesus the Son of God, was the very Word that lay there in the mind of the Father, as He gave these various glimpses to the patriarchs through the centuries. They were types and shadows of what would be fulfilled in that one seed. No wonder Paul could write of Abraham, That he journeyed in a strange land, looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. He had seen enough to let him know God was working out a great plan. Paul said, **“By faith he (Abraham) sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”** He had been shown, that he would not live long enough to see the consummation of all that was promised, but that he would live long enough to see certain types set in motion. The beauty of it all, is that Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. A simple faith and trust is what God is looking for, in all of His children. Paul wrote in **Hebrews 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seed Him.”**

COVENANT CONFIRMED WITH ABRAHAM

Let us continue on in **Genesis 15, verse 16.** **“But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites, is not yet full. And it came to pass, that , when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.”** As Abram saw that, he knew that God had accepted his sacrifice, and that this was God’s way of confirming the covenant. **“In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites ,and the Hittites, and the Perrizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”** The

Jebusites were the ones that possessed the city of Salem, where Melchizedek had appeared to Abraham, or Abram. But now, as we move over into the **17th chapter** we see God revealing Himself to Abram again, through another deity title, and there is no way this title could be tacked on one person of a three person Godhead. **Verse 1, “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God: walk with me, and be thou perfect.”** The Hebrew word for ALMIGHTY GOD is El Shaddai, so to this point He has been known as STRONG ONE, THE HIGHEST, THE SELF EXISTENT, and now THE ALMIGHTY GOD. **“And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.”** In each of these experiences, God keeps confirming to Abram, you are going to have a son; an heir to the promise I have given you, concerning the land. So when this was all lined out, then God moves on the scene to change Abram’s name. **“Neither shall thy name be called any more Abram, but thy name shall be called Abraham; (Why?) For a father of many nations have I made thee.”** The name Abraham, means, father of multitude. Just one old man, almost a hundred years old, and his wife almost ninety, and God has just given him a name that speaks of him being the Father of a multitude. I can just hear Abraham telling his wife about all of these experiences Abraham had had. I imagine that after so long a time, she got to thinking. This sounds like just so much repetition. That is what caused her to get the idea to give her maid to her husband, (**chapter 16**) so that he could have a son by her. She was getting impatient about the whole idea. She wanted to hurry up, and get the whole thing over with. You can read **chapter 16** and get the whole story. After Hagar conceived, Sarah (still Sarai, at that time) Abram’s wife, saw that she was despised in Hagar’s eyes. (That is the kind of trouble we get in, when we get ahead of God.) So she complained to Abram, and he said, She is your maid; do whatever pleases you. Well what pleased Sarai, was to run her off, and that is what she did. The next thing you know, the poor soul is visited by the angel of the Lord, out in the wilderness. He said to her, **“What aileth thee Hagar? Fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad (Ishmael) where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.”** This son of Abraham was to be the father of a great multitude also, but the covenant the Lord made with him, was to be passed down through Isaac. We also see in the **17th chapter**, that God gave Abraham’s wife a different name, saying, **“As for SARAI thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.”** During this same period of time, God also established the covenant of circumcision with Abraham, requiring that every male child of his house, over eight days old, should be circumcised. God said, **“My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.”** So we have seen God change the names of Abram and Sarai, to Abraham and Sarah and, He has promised to give Sarah a son, with whom He would establish an everlasting covenant, that would be with him and his seed. After God finished speaking to Abraham, he set about the task of circumcising himself and all the men and boys of his household, and that brings us down to **chapter 18**, as we follow these manifestations of Jehovah.

SARAH’S HEART DISCERNED

We have already touched on this, but let us look a little further, as we begin reading in **verse 1**. This is where God is coming on the scene to really execute the promise. **“And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre; and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;** (That would be somewhere around noon time.) **And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him:** (You have to notice the wording here, because those three men were still off in distance from him.) **And when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door,** (That shows they were not standing right beside him, for he had to run to meet them) **and bowed himself toward the ground, and said MY LORD, if**

now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant.” This where we find out that one of these three figures, is Jehovah Himself, in a theophany form. In this manifestation He is a prophet, so there is your type of another office the Son of God would fulfill in due time. We have already seen Him as king and priest, and now He is a prophet. This characterized the first earthly role Jesus the Christ would fulfill, along with the discerning of the hearts of mankind, as we see him discerning Sarah’s thoughts a little further on. This was the very thing Jesus ministered to the Israelite people, and through it, many of them declared, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Even the Samaritan woman declared, We know that when the Messiah cometh, He will tell us all these things, and Jesus answered, I that speak unto thee, am He. It was that gift of discernment, that caused Nathanael to cry out, **“Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.”** As I said earlier, you can read the book of Genesis, and read right over all of these manifestations of Jehovah, without even considering what they are pointing to, but saints, I get excited when I see how God prefigured everything Jesus, the Christ, would be, and everything He would do. As was the case with Melchizedek, the mind being expressed here in **chapter 18**, as this man speaks to Abraham, is the supreme mind of Jehovah. There is no human mind involved. When this figure leaves Abraham, he will no longer exist. Every theophany form that Jehovah appeared in, was only a temporary manifestation, for some specific purpose, and then it would be gone. But like we said earlier, Jehovah was accompanied by two angels, when he came to Abraham there. It just lets you see that angels are always present, when God is doing anything. It was the angels, that always executed the mind of Jehovah. That is what caused Paul to write, in the **2nd chapter of Hebrews**, **“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.”** I always take every opportunity to point to the fact, that the us, in **Genesis 1:26**, is God (the Elohim) and His angelic helpers, instead of a three persons God, like the trinitarians teach. Now when this man came walking up the road toward Abraham’s tent. I am convinced, that he did not look in his appearance, like a king, nor like a businessman. I would say his appearance was like the old prophets, but Abraham recognized who it was, and said, MY LORD, not my lords. He was the one that did the talking to Abraham, after Abraham had fed him. Abraham rushed into the tent, and told Sarah to make some bread, and then he ran to the field, and brought a calf to be dressed for their meal. Then when it was all prepared, he set the meal before them, out under a tree, and stood by them while they ate. It was at this time, they asked him, Where is Sarah thy wife? Abraham said, She is in the tent. Then this one figure that Abraham had called, My Lord, said to him, **“I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was BEHIND Him.”** While He was talking, Sarah was in the door of the tent listening, and laughing to herself. **Verse 12**, **“Therefore Sarah laughed within herself saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord (Abraham) being old also?”** God waited until they were so old, in the natural, it seemed impossible for such a thing to happen, a ninety year old woman having a child. God let Abraham walk with Him twenty give years before He gave him a son by Sarah. So while Sarah was behind Him, laughing within herself, God said to Abraham, **“Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”** Sarah really changed her attitude when she realized that He had discerned her very thoughts. She even denied laughing, but He said, **“Nay; but thou didst laugh.”** After that, the three men rose up, and headed for Sodom, and Abraham walked with them, as they left his place. That is when the Lord told him what He was going to do, because of the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all the rest of this chapter you find Abraham pleading for the righteous souls that might be in those cities. The Lord Himself, stayed back with Abraham, and the two angels headed for Sodom. They already knew what had to be done. But what we have seen back here, is a gift, and a ministry that

was going to be manifested through the seed of Abraham. In other words, Jehovah came to Abraham, to tell him it was time for the promised son to be brought into the picture, (Not that day, but very soon, Sarah would conceive,) a son that would be the beginning of a long line of the seed of Abraham, and one day, the seed that was typed that day, would come on the scene in Israel, doing exactly what Jehovah did, when He prophesied, and discerned Sarah's thoughts. He is one God, who is Spirit, but He can come on the scene, and manifest Himself in many ways, and at various times. That was how He did it in the Old Testament, but in these last days, He hath spoken unto us through His dear Son, Paul says. His dear Son was the climax of all those various manifestations we have been looking at.

I am not trying to make this subject sound technical, but from time to time, people say things that cause me to realize the need to deal with certain subjects the way I do. We went up to Bloomington for a service a while back, and as I was getting ready to leave, after a wonderful service, a young man stepped into the little room where I went to get my coat, and said, Bro. Jackson: I want to apologize to you. Two years ago when I was down at your convention, and you preached the message titled, "The Invisible and Visible God," I could not accept what you preached about the Godhead. I left there and said some things about you, that I should not have said. I told a lot of people how wrong the things you preached were. Bro. Jackson: he said, I have learned a lot since then: I came from the extreme oneness side of Pentecost, and what you taught just struck me wrong. He said, I still do not understand everything, but I understand a lot of things today, that I did not understand then, so I am asking you to forgive me. I said, Brother, I did not even know that you had said anything about me; sure, I will forgive you. But on the way home, that bore upon my mind and caused me to realize that these messages on the Godhead are really needed. It is impossible to get a true revelation from the Bible, if you do not first get a proper revelation of the Godhead. Oh, there are some basic things like **John 3:16** and **Romans 3:23**, and so forth, but when you get into the doctrines of the scriptures, and the things that really require a revelation, a revelation of the Godhead comes first. Just knowing Greek and Hebrew is not enough. It may help you translate the scriptures, but knowing all that Greek and Hebrew will never give you a revelation. Now some may say, What right has a man with only an eighth grade education, to tell us what certain words in the Bible mean? But to me, that just shows what the Holy Ghost can do; He does not have to have a highly educated mind to work through. Those old fishermen Jesus chose to be His apostles, did not carry diplomas from seminaries and Bible schools, so why should it require that, to understand what they taught? The natural mind is not what receives a spiritual revelation anyway. What you have only in your mind is not really a revelation to you, no matter how well you may know it. But let us get back to our subject.

THE EVERLASTING GOD

God the Father of all creation, sovereignly manifested Himself in these various forms, to set a type of the one man that would come into the world, and take upon Himself the sins of all mankind, and bear them in His own body upon that old cross. He was prophet, priest, and King, but not all at the same time. He walked among mankind for three and a half years as a prophet, He has been in glory for almost two thousand years fulfilling that priestly office on our behalf, and one day in the not too distant future, He will take the throne of His father David, where He will rule as King, for a thousand years. So we just have to see that every manifestation of Jehovah was pointing to some phase of what that seed of Abraham would fulfill on behalf of lost mankind. Those deity titles always portrayed something that God is, in relation to His creation and especially to mankind. When He revealed Himself as Strong One, that shows that He can do all things. When He revealed Himself as Self Existent, that means He always was, and always will be. Never was born, and never will die. The other major deity title is El Olam, meaning, Everlasting God. That gives us five major deity titles, that Jehovah was known by, as we come through the book of Genesis. Then we come to one that is not an important deity title, but it is one that He

revealed Himself to the children of Israel by, Jehovah Sabaoth, meaning, Lord of Hosts. Therefore regardless of what the trinitarians may say, you do not see a trinity revealed in these deity titles. You can only see a trinity in the manifestation of the objects they really are. All through the Old Testament, regardless of where you read, you will always see the ONE God, which is Spirit, on the scene, and never any reason to believe that He is three persons. Then after we leave Genesis, we see many other times where He would appear to the patriarchs in an angelic form, or rather, we should say, We see angels conveying the presence of God to those men, speaking as God Himself. That lets us see further that God always works through His angelic family.

DEITY TITLES—REDEMPTIVE TITLES

Saint: I do not mean to make my points a continual repetition, but taking the subject, and going at it from different angles, we are trying to help people get a better picture of the Godhead, that will mean something to them. Not necessarily so they can explain every detail, but so they can have it settled in their own hearts, and be able to understand a truth from God's word. Therefore, let me say this: As we come on through the Old Testament, at various times when certain patriarchs were brought under severe trials, God would reveal Himself to them through a redemptive name. Now please understand, a deity name, or title, is one thing, and a redemptive title is something else. A deity title speaks of what God is, and a redemptive title speaks of what He is able to do for man. We printed an article on the seven redemptive names, and pointed out that each one was always connected with the word Jehovah, which in English, means, Lord, or Master. In other words, as problems, circumstances, and situations would arise, God would reveal Himself, and reach out to man in that particular need, by expressing an attribute that could deal with the situation. He is an invisible Spirit, capable of meeting every need of mankind. But as the pagans had it, they needed a different god for every set of circumstances. That was a result of mankind multiplying upon the face of the earth, and losing their understanding of the invisible God. They started to build idols, statues of every description, that they could bow down to, and worship. Then they started to build altars, and offer sacrifices of all kinds, with festivities and rituals. They had a god for health, a god for fertility, one for wisdom, and all such like. Whatever their need was, they prayed to the god for that. When in reality, it was one God that held all of those capabilities and attributes. That is why He had revealed Himself to Abraham and his seed, through these various redemptive titles; they revealed His ability to meet all the needs of mankind. Coming out of Egypt, Jehovah came down in a pillar of fire by night, and a pillar of smoke in the daytime, to the children of Israel. Within that pillar of fire and of smoke was an angelic being, which was the agent by how the anointing presence of God was expressed. In other words, As long as the pillar of fire stayed still, the children of Israel stayed camped. But when that presence began to move, they knew it was time to move on. The Lord went before them, in the cloud by day, and the fire by night, and in their journey they came to Sinai, and the mountain where Moses received the Law. Moses was taken up on the mountain under the direction of the Lord. The first time Moses went up, he went with a group of men, and God came down and feasted with them. Then God took Moses a little further, and communed with him, and gave him two tables of stone, with the Ten Commandments written thereon. But they were gone too long to suit the rest of the congregation down below, and they got restless, and demanded Aaron to make them gods that would go before them. They had been used to seeing that God that the Egyptians prayed to, which was a sacred bull. God Himself, being invisible, they could not see Him, so they wanted a god that would stay with them. If they had a god they could carry around with them, they knew it would not leave them. You know how human minds react to the things they cannot see. So when Moses delayed to come down off the mountain, the people came to Aaron and said, **“Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. Aaron had them dedicate their golden earrings, and he fashioned them a golden calf. The Lord sent Moses down, saying to him, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of**

Egypt, have corrupted themselves: they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said. These be thy gods, Oh Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” Moses went down, with the two tables of stone, but when he saw what they had done, he got so angry, he threw them down on the ground and broke them. Now God Himself had prepared those tables, and wrote the commandments upon them, but later, when Moses goes back up. God tells him to hew out two tables of stone, and be ready, and God once again writes the Ten Commandments upon them. Between the two incidents though, Moses had asked God to let him see His glory, and the Lord granted him his wish. This of course, always causes trinitarians to say, Well Moses saw God, as they try to prove that God is a person. If that be the case, then we would have to say that Abraham saw God too. But the point is, They are not trying to prove that God lived in a form, and He never did, until He incarnated His only begotten Son, so let us not make the word of God a lie; let us make it all line up into a revelation. Moses was a man greatly loved by the Lord, and He did materialize Himself into a form, but it was not a form that He remained in. God told Moses, Go, stand upon a rock, **“And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.”** (Ex. 33:22-23) Now if you are looking at God as a man, what man’s hand is large enough to cover a man? In the manifestation God only allowed Moses to see the back part of Him, so no matter how the reading looks, the Bible says, No man can look upon God and live. This just goes to show, how people let their minds get so technical, when they try to prove that God is a person. One statement becomes so magnified, they are unable to see all the other scriptures, that could shed light upon the matter. It is Gentile minds that do these things; a Jew knows better. The scriptures were written by Jews who had a revelation of the God they were writing about. Those who wrote the New Testament, had a revelation of what all those various manifestations meant, and not one of them ever wrote anything that made the picture contradictory. Therefore those who say, Well Moses saw God, make John the Baptist a liar, for he said, No man hath seen God at any time. If Moses really saw God, how could John the Baptist, (another Jew) come along and say that? That is what causes people who do not want to believe in Christianity, to say, The Bible contradicts itself. What they see as a contradiction, is what the Spirit of God had placed in a certain way, to keep carnal minds from being able to see the truth. In **Luke 10:21**, Jesus thanked the Father for hiding these spiritual realities from the wise and the prudent, and revealing them unto babes. Not illiterates, but simple people that are willing to see by the Spirit.

MOSES SAW GOD’S BACK PART

Whatever form God manifested Himself in on top of Mt. Sinai, could have taken on the form of a terrible looking being, if you want to go by the reactions of the people down at the foot of the mountain. It was not raining up there. Moses did not need a raincoat, but they saw lightning, and heard thunder, and they heard the trumpet of God, and it was a fearful thing, yet when He passed by for Moses to see His back part, He was in a form that did not scare Moses. So the point is, God could materialize Himself into any form He chose to, and at any time, but He never remained in any of those forms. God did that for Moses, to vindicate something to him, for he was actually a type of Jesus Christ, but when the event was concluded, He diffused Himself back into that omnipotent Spirit. Then when God spoke to Moses at various times, after he came off the mountain, He could speak to him by an audible voice, but within that, there was always that angelic being. Then we find out later, that the angelic being was Michael, the arch angel. He is the one that ministered within that manifestation of Jehovah, and he is the angel of God that guided the children of Israel through the wilderness journey. He brought them through all their conflicts, and brought them across Jordan, to the promised land. Now Michael is not Jehovah. But the point is this, wherever He presents Himself to touch, or be with mankind, there is either an angel, or angels within that

presence, always ministering His purpose. To lose sight of that is only to wonder in the realm of mental confusion, not understanding the word of God, and His plan. Following the children of Israel on into the promised land, we find that it was Joshua that brought them into the land. His name is the same as the name the only begotten Son of God would carry. For that is the name Jehovah would reveal Himself through, after He incarnated His Son. I will not dwell on this name, but they say the name Jesus is a Greek word, and that there is not a name equal to it, in the English language. That is why your Yahweh people say we are using a pagan word. They say, Instead of Jesus, we should say Yahweh or Joshua. But I say, there has been too many devils that cast out, and too many people healed, to let our minds run too far in that channel. The name Jesus, has been sufficient this far, so why change now? Jesus is the sweetest name I know; how about you?

WHAT ABOUT IMAGES?

As for what God commanded the children of Israel, concerning making an image in the likeness of what they imagined Him to be like, how could they make an image of a Spirit? He is a God of qualities and attributes, but He is not a God to be known by facial or physical features. I came back to that, to call your attention to another extreme, people can go to. In the New Testament era, because they did not have cameras, many Gentiles Christians will look upon you as a pagan, if you have any kind of picture of Christ on your wall. Naturally we do not know exactly what He looked like, but let me tell you something. I believe they had artists in the days of Christ, and if so, it would have been very easy for those who were privileged to see Him, to sit down and sketch His facial features. Do not think that ours is the only generation of people that have artists capable of sketching facial features. There were men long before Christ who could do that. They would even take a piece of marble rock, and chisel out statues of those Roman Emperors. So do not try to tell me that if God had wanted it so, there were not men around that could have done the same with Jesus the Christ. Let me say this also, people have seen Him in a vision, and I have no doubt that they could have retained a knowledge of His physical features, and could have sat down and drawn a sketch of His likeness. I will say also, There is no reason to expect Him to look like a Gentile, for His natural lineage was Jewish. It is true, that genetically He was nether Jew nor Gentile, but He came into the world through Jewish descent. But to get back to the point, there is a difference between trying to hew out a statue of Jehovah, and artistically drawing a picture, or painting a picture of the man called Jesus. So let us be careful how we let our minds run. Having a painting of Christ on your wall is one thing, and making a graven image to bow down and worship is something else. If you worshiped that portrait, you would be doing wrong, but just having it on your wall is no more than hanging a picture of anyone else. One thing I am convince of though, of all the paintings of Christ that I have ever seen painted by artists of long ago., I have never seen a man on earth look like the one in those pictures. That one on the nursery wall back there, I have had for years, and I will tell you something about it. The night I saw Jesus in a dream, when the Lord was getting ready to move us out of the Methodist Church, He looked just like He does in that painting. Furthermore, no matter what angle you look at it from: the eyes are always looking right at you. Take a picture of someone, hang it on your wall and get it to do that, if you can. It just lets me know that certain artists have been endowed with the gift to paint like that. But we will not put halos over them, and do like the Catholics. I hope you understand what I mean. Jesus had physical features that could be painted, but Jehovah does not. That omnipresent Spirit had no need of a nose, mouth, ears, and so forth. He could communicate with mankind without them. As He began to raise up the writing prophets. He usually worked with them by sending an angel, but that angel always conveyed the mind of Jehovah. Just like when He spoke to Zacharias, standing there in the temple: it was done through the angel Gabriel. He told Zacharias that his wife would bear him a son, and that they should call his name John, and so forth, and Zacharias said to him, **“Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak**

unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.” In other words, those angels always spoke as the authority of God Himself. So as we come on through the scriptures, those prophets began to speak of the Messiah that was to come. David came on the scene, (He was a prophet, in a minor sense.) And the Spirit of God would anoint him, and he, being a musician, was inspired to write all those beautiful songs with references to that one whom we know as Jesus, the Christ. It was that Spirit of Christ that anointed him to write all those things. Not the Spirit of Christ as a person, but the Spirit of God that was later in Christ Jesus. Let me go back a little, to the wilderness journey, where Moses smote the rock, and water poured out of it for the children of Israel. Paul picked up on that event, when he wrote to the Corinthians. In **1st Corinthians 10:4**, speaking of the children of Israel, he says. **“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.”** Now trinitarians will automatically tell you, That was Jesus. No Jesus the man was born in Bethlehem, hundred of years later, so He was not that rock Moses struck, there in the wilderness. But the Spirit that brought that water forth from the rock, was the same Spirit that indwelt Jesus the Christ. Therefore you must see, that the rock giving drink to those thirsty people there in the wilderness, typed the one who said, He that give, shall never thirst again. It does not make God a rock, and neither does it make the rock, Jesus, for Paul was speaking of that Spirit, which is the Spirit of God.

VISIONS OF THE PROPHETS

When you look at creation, you are looking at the manifestation of the thoughts of God. For He, by His word, created all things. Anything you can see, is an expression of His thought. When His thought went forth, and materialized, there was the planet earth, the sun, trees, water, but none of it is God. He is not a tree. He is not water, and neither is He a rock. But He is that Spirit, that brought all those things into existence. That same Spirit created creatures called men, that were created in His own image, and He knew that they would become lost, and need redemption. Therefore before He ever created anything, He counseled with Himself and determined how He would go about redeeming them. In His own mind, He determined that their redemption would be wrought through His only begotten Son. He would manifest the fullness of all His attributes through that Son, and by doing so, not only would He redeem His lost family, but He would also redeem the earth back from under its curse. But the point I am making is how He expressed His thoughts, and once those thoughts were expressed they became His word, manifested. So at various times, and in different ways, God spoke to the old prophets, and as they began to speak at various times, everything ran in a consistent pattern, but none of them ever spoke of the person of the Messiah in every detail. They only portrayed certain things about Him. In the **6th chapter of Isaiah, in verse 1**, Isaiah said. **“I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple.”** Well they say, Isaiah saw God, yes he saw a manifestation of His substance. If God had remained invisible, and never given man anything he could see, how could any of them ever have described what they were looking at? But if Jehovah chose to manifest Himself in some fashion which man can see with his senses, Jehovah then speaks from that picture, something that will portray what He will do somewhere in time to come, through the person of His Son. Therefore when you take Isaiah, as he sees the Lord sitting on His throne, study it carefully, because in the very next chapter the anointing causes him to say, **“Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel,”** which means, God with us. Well that Son is going to be a manifestation of His thoughts, that were predetermined before He ever even started to create anything. Ezekiel then comes along, years later, and he too saw the Lord sitting on a throne, but he saw Him like He was in these fiery wheels. Then in the **4th chapter of Revelation**, John was taken up to see that heavenly scene, He saw exactly the scene Ezekiel saw, none other than the Lord Jesus Christ immortal, sitting on the throne of God invested with all that ancient power of Jehovah. John said, He was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone, and a rainbow around about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. Round about the throne were four and twenty elders seated,

clothed in white raiment; and crowns of gold upon their heads. He saw also, four beasts full of eyes, and they were all crying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Day and night, they ceased not to cry. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was and is, and is to come. We are in **verse 9** now. **“And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”** What we are reading is the manifestation and collective accumulation of what all those other scenes prefigured. There it is materialized. That is why Jesus is speaking to the Laodicean age, the age you and I live in. **“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.”** We are the ones that are going to have to overcome all of this mess of foolishness and fanaticism, out here in religion today. **“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, (I, is a personal pronoun) even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.”** Paul in his epistle to the **Hebrews (1:3)** said, that **“when He (Jesus) 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.”** His Majesty, is not referring to a person, but that great omnipotent Spirit. In another place, we read that He was seen standing on the right hand of God. It simply means that He received of the Father, all the glory, the honor, and majesty to be taken up, where He is seated as high priest, and standing as our mediator. Anyhow, what Melchizedek prefigured, sits right there in heaven today, fulfilling the priest part, and He is yet to fulfill the King part.

GOD WITH US

As we look once again, at this Son of God, that all these manifestations pointed to, I will again remind you that the scriptures say that He is a high priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. This Melchizedek, who was a manifestation of Jehovah, to type the one who would literally fulfill those types, was never seen by Abraham again. But this Son of God that was to fulfill all those types, came upon the scene almost two thousand years ago, in the first fulfillment of that type, (a prophet) and He was seen daily for 3 ½ years. He visibly fulfilled the office of a prophet, and now, almost two thousand years later, we look back, and see that He has been fulfilling that office of high priest all that time, since He ascended to heaven, leaving His disciples standing, gazing into the heavens. That is His invisible office work. We cannot see Him with our natural eyes but we do believe that He is doing exactly what the scriptures say He is, interceding for all lost mankind, before the great eternal spirit. Now for the benefit of you who just cannot seem to get the picture straight, let me say once again; The Spirit that created all things by the word of His mouth, is the selfsame Spirit that created that little embryo in the womb of the virgin Mary. For **Matthew 1:20**, says, That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. Not the third person of a trinity, but the very Spirit that has been known as Jehovah, all through the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit, is the title of what God, who is Spirit, is, in redemption. He is no longer creating worlds, by the very word He speaks; He is now redeeming mankind back to Himself, through the office work known to us as the Holy Ghost. His only begotten Son, who is the only person of the Godhead, came from the river where John baptized Him, for 3 ½ years, He revealed the Father to that generation. Then He went to the cross, paid our sin debt with His very own blood, and is now in heaven interceding for all that are drawn to salvation by the wooing of the Holy Spirit, which is none other than the Spirit of God in that third office work. As for the Son, the oneness people say He is ALL GOD, and in reality deny His humanity, but I want you to know He was as human as any of you. The difference is, He was not born into this world through the fallen route of all other mankind. Genetically He was not the son of Mary, but naturally, He was, for after the Spirit of God created the little embryo in her womb, He received His humanity from the very elements of Mary's body, just like any other little germ of life in its mother's womb, would. In the

gospel of John it is written, that He came right from the Father's bosom, or from the bosom of the Lord. But God does not have a chest; that is only an expression. It was the very longing of Jehovah, for the day that He would set forth His thoughts, and cause that little germ of life to produce Him a Son, that would not be hampered by the fallen attributes of all other mankind. He knew, that when the child was born, He would allow Him to grow up among man, and be known as Jesus the carpenter's son. He would eat like a man, walk down the road like a man, get dirty like a man, and He was a man, but He was a perfect man. There was no sin in Him. Growing up, He was not a child that always had to be told what was right from wrong. Because there was no nature in Him to sin; He was found to be always about His Father's business. He knew more at twelve years of age, than any other man would in a hundred years. There is not much written in the scriptures of the first thirty years of His life. Only enough to establish the fact of His humanity. After that one incident there at the temple, the scriptures tell us that He went back to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary, and was subject to them, and that He grew in wisdom and knowledge, and found favor with both God and man. Which means, that no one could point a finger at Him, and say, That is a mean little rascal. He did not have to be saved; He was the righteousness of God, manifested so that God could lay upon Him the guilt and sin of all of us. He was not a sinner, but He was made sin, so that we who are the actual sinners, could be transformed into the righteousness of God. He was the fulfillment of **Isaiah 7:14**, but for the first thirty years of His life, no man could call Him Immanuel, meaning God with us. No. The angel told Joseph and Mary both, you will call His name JESUS, or Joshua, which is the Hebrew equivalent. Joshua was the name of the other Hebrew men, that were so named. Therefore let no extreme oneness person tell you that He was Jehovah from the day of His birth. He was not. For all practical purposes, He was just another Jewish man, and the other Jewish men that met Him on the street, did not know what He was destined to be. Joseph and Mary always remembered what the angel had told them, and they pondered those things in their heart, and just watched, and waited. They knew that somewhere, all of what the angel had spoken would be fulfilled, but they just had to wait for God's time. Therefore for the first thirty years of His life, He never preached a sermon, never did any miracles, and did not even want to, for being the perfect man that He was, He knew it was not His time. He knew exactly what the scrolls of the old prophets said about Him, or pertaining to Him. On the Sabbath day, He would sit in the synagogue, and read the same scrolls those other Jews read. I am sure He discussed what was written in the scrolls with the other men, but I will have to say, He did not act like a know it all, and cause them to look upon Him as an extraordinary person. No. Regardless of what your oneness people say, He was not at that time, Jehovah, God in the flesh. He was only the word of God, that had been manifested in the flesh. God did not become flesh, Himself, but His word caused that flesh to be manifested. There is a great difference between God becoming flesh, and His word becoming flesh. This man Jesus, is the result of the expressed thought of God, Jehovah. There He stood, having a mind of His own, and Jehovah still retained His own mind. Everything that Jesus was in the flesh, before He was conceived in the womb of Mary, was only in the mind of Jehovah as a thought. Yet His destiny was predestined before the foundation of the world. He was the only man God ever intended to incarnate in the way He did Him, placing all of His attributes in Him. That is why Paul wrote to the Colossians, That is pleased the Father, that in Him, should all fullness dwell. No. God did not empty the universe of Himself, when He incarnated His Son: He still remained to be omnipresent. But He did put within Him, a full measure of all of His attributes. That enabled Jesus later, to say, All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth. But the point is, He never had any of that power and authority before He was thirty years of age. Furthermore when the time came, He did not need a rabbi, nor a priest, to tell Him to go to the river to be baptized; He knew every scripture that prefigured Him, and how HE was to submit Himself to the mind of the Father in fulfilling them. Therefore we can say, John the Baptist who was sent to forerun and announce Him, had been preaching for weeks, and months, expecting at any moment, that He would come on the scene. Then one day, here He came, elbowing His way through the crowd, and working His way down the river bank toward the place where John was baptizing. Then all of a sudden, John screamed out with a loud voice, "**Behold, the Lamb of**

God,” because John had been told by Jehovah, The one upon whom you see the Spirit descend and remain upon, He is the one, John had already said to the people, I baptize you with water, but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe’s latchet I am not worthy to unloose. Now there was nothing that gave Him a supernatural look. His manner of dress was not much different than a lot of the other people, so as He walked silently down into the water, and stood there looking at John, John said to Him, **“I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? Jesus answered him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.”** Then John baptized Him. The Catholics say he sat Him on a rock, and took a pitcher of water, and over there in the Vatican, they have a little nook in the wall where you see such a scene portrayed, but listen, saints, John took Him and literally immersed Him in the water, for it says in **Matthew 3:16, “And Jesus, when He was baptized, sent up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”** He was not born Jehovah; He was born the Son of Jehovah, and when He was baptized, Jehovah manifested Himself in the form of a dove, coming down to sit upon Him. But like all other manifestations of Jehovah, that dove was only temporary. The crowd of people standing there did not see the heavens opened; that was Jesus Himself, that saw that, and the dove was the vindication that this vessel had been accepted by Jehovah. That is when the Spirit of Jehovah, came into His Son, in the fullness of all His attributes, and immediately He led Him into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Was Jehovah in Him when He was tempted by the devil? Absolutely. But He did not activate Himself. He left the Son strictly on that of His own understanding, as to how He would face this test. Therefore after He had fasted for forty days, and was weak in body, the devil tempted Him in the three areas of what His person was to fulfill, a miracle worker first; then He was tempted to cast Himself down from a high place, which would have been like committing suicide. The devil is sly, but Jesus answered him with the word of God; It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Then he offered him all the kingdoms of the world, but they would have been Satan’s kingdoms, and Jesus knew that one day He would rule over all the kingdoms of the world anyhow, but in the proper time appointed of the Father. Therefore He refused the devil the third time saying, **“Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.”** Jesus did not want any thing out of season. But the fact that He was left to face the devil with His own mental thinking, proves He was perfect man. He had human attributes, human feelings, just like the rest of us, so do not try to tell me that His psychological and emotional feelings were not strained. But even though He was weak, and His brain filled with all those taunts of Satan. He still used the scriptures to defend His position in every setting. Therefore when the devil became convinced that He would not forfeit His position, as the first Adam had done, he left him, and that is when the angels came and ministered to Him. They were not ministering to Jehovah in Him, they were ministering to the human in which Jehovah then dwelt. His whole nervous system had to be calmed down, and His weak body had to be strengthened. But when it was done, the Bible says, He returned in the power of the Spirit, and that of course, is when His ministry started. From that time on, Jehovah of the Old Testament, was manifested in and through the person of His Son. The oneness Pentecostal people have a saying. Jehovah of the Old Testament, is the Jesus of the New Testament. Well in a collective sense, that can be said, but such a statement, does not give the scriptures true recognition. That is just another of their traditional, theological terms of expression, which so much of the time discredit the Bible. So let me say, I am not saying these things just to be contradictory and technical, but rather to give the scriptures their true recognition.

DANIEL’S PROPHETIC VISION

Now the whole prophecy of **Isaiah 7:14** pointed to the fact that this son that would be born of a virgin, would one day be looked upon as Immanuel, (God with us) but at no time before His baptism, could He

be looked upon in that way. He was referred to as Jesus the carpenter's son, to distinguish Him from all the other Jesus' of that Jewish race. So with that in mind, let us go to the **7th chapter of Daniel** for another picture. Trinitarians like to play with this scripture, and I do not feel like the oneness people ever gave it a just explanation, so let us look at it. Daniel was a writing prophet, and Jehovah moved on him at various times by dreams and visions, and this is one complete vision that portrays something which will take place in time, in relationship to the Millennium. At the time Daniel saw this vision, the Son of God, that was born of virgin birth, did not exist as a person. He only lay there in the mind of God as an object of thought; but it was already predetermined that He would be the very means by how God would reconcile the world to Himself. Therefore each time God manifested His substance in a form, it always pointed forward to what the climax and real purpose of God would be, when it was revealed. Let us start reading in **verse 9**, where Daniel is in a vision, seeing these beasts that are going to rule the world. **"I beheld till the thrones were cast down,** (all the thrones of those beast powers that ruled the world) **and the Ancient of days did sit,** (This is pointing to Jehovah, the eternal Spirit, but we are going to see Him characterized in a form, and we need to realize that the form is only visionary) **whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool:** (You can take that right to the book of Revelation, and see how Jesus is the fulfillment of that) **His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."** This is the great white throne judgment, where he sees the books opened. But the vision continues on, and the scenes change within the vision, so that is what we want to look at. **"I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake:** (That reverts back to the Antichrist, which you read back here in the earlier verses, concerning the fourth beast.) **I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.** (The lake of fire) **As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion take away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time."** That goes back to pick up the ancient territories of the previous world beast systems, and shows that the territories of them will all be incorporated into the last day structure of the fourth beast system, when that horn actually projects itself. Their dominion being take away, shows that none of those first three world powers would ever exist again, but their lives being prolonged for a season and a time, lets us know that the territories and people they represented, will be included in all that the fourth beast turns out to be. **"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him."** Now saints, when you come to a scripture like this you either have to know already that God is one, or you will see more than one person in the Godhead as sure as the world. Therefore I ask you to listen to how these things are said, because we are looking at a picture where Jehovah takes on a form. This Ancient of days, and the whole description, is to portray and characterize Jehovah who is self existence, always was, and always will be. Only He, could be described as the Ancient of days, because He had no beginning of days. The word ancient, points to something that is very old. Therefore when Jehovah, the great eternal Spirit, who holds all authority, takes on a form in this particular setting, everything about Him portrayed Him to be very old, or ancient. But then we see another form; one like unto the Son of man, and since we know that this Son of man did not exist as a person in Old Testament times back there, we have to realize that this vision is to be interpreted in the future tense. It is a prophetic vision yet to be fulfilled. Prophecies through time spoke of Jesus in the full scope of what He was to fulfill, prophet, priest, and king. But the anointing, or authority for all of those roles was not all given to Him at the same time. It moved from phase to phase. Therefore in this instance, we see Jehovah in a form, and the Son of God, referred to here as the Son of man, coming before Him, and this ancient one actually bestows upon Him, dominion, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him. That is the Millennial reign of Christ. Therefore all of this had to be pictured like this, in order to become a prophecy foretelling what God

would do through the person of His own Son, when the time would come for Him to be literally manifested in the earth. You did not see Jesus characterized as a prophet in the book of Daniel, but we know that others spoke of His prophetic role, which He has already fulfilled over 1900 years ago. Therefore knowing that, He has already passed that prophetic role, and ascended into heaven where He became the high priest after the order of Melchizedek, we know that the day soon will come, when He will descend from heaven in bodily form, to fulfill His role as King of kings for a thousand years. That is what this prophecy pertains to. The Ancient of days is the source from which all dominion and authority comes, and the likeness to the Son of man is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, which at that time was yet to be. But the reason for two here, is to show the source from where the Son of man would derive that kingdom, and authority. In other words, When Jesus was anointed at the river that day, His anointing was not to be king, yet. He received the fulness of the attributes of God, but His anointing at that time, was to characterize in morality and spirituality the attributes of God, to heal the sick, raise the dead, open blind eyes, and cause the dumb to speak. He at no time exercised any kingly likeness at all. He did not even exercise any priestly likeness. In every way He conducted Himself like a perfect man, yet the attributes of Jehovah were demonstrated and expressed through Him. In other words, He was born to be King of Israel, but when the anointing came on Him, none of those prophecies which pointed to His priesthood or Kingship were even expressed. Now there is no reason for anyone to get nervous and tore up, because I say these things, for Jesus Himself knew exactly when that anointing on Him was coming to an end. That is why He knew precisely when to go up to Jerusalem to be crucified. He did not go to Jerusalem by mistake. He told His disciples when they were leaving Galilee, that He was going to Jerusalem, where He would fall into the hands of evil men, be betrayed, and crucified, but that He would rise again the third day, so none of what happened, was a surprise to Him, He expected it.

JESUS GIVEN ALL POWER

After His resurrection, Jesus had something to say to His disciples, **(Matt. 28:18)** so this is what He said, **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”** What kind of power, or authority, was He talking about? The power and authority to be priest after the order of Melchizedek. That authority was not given, while He was walking on the water, feeding the five thousand, and doing all sorts of miracles. The Father retained that authority within Himself until Jesus' first role was completed. Therefore we would have to say, As one role passes away, the next one takes over. Therefore the purpose of the two objects in **Daniel 7**, is just to show the transition of authority delegated to the Son from the Father, for the last role He will fulfill in redemption and restoration. That brings us to Paul's revelation in **1st Corinthians 15**, when after a thousand years of His righteous reign, everything has been restored back to what it was before the fall, and all enemies have been brought under control. What does it say? **1Cor. 15:24** says, **“Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He (Jesus) must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet.”** Then **verse 28** says, **“That God may be all in all.”** Well where does that put the man called Jesus, some may say? Does He lost out? No. He will not lose anything: He will be our elder brother; the firstborn among the family of God. That is exactly what it is all pointing toward, but it is taking many generations, and many centuries, to bring it all about, where it reaches its fulfillment. Remember, the family of God is not a people that just represents one generation. It comes out of many generations; therefore from every generation, God has been taking those whom He foreknew from before the foundation of the world, to be numbered among His redeemed family, and He is the one that has been molding them into the image of His dear Son. I know the oneness Pentecostal people must think I pick on them a lot, but it is because they had such a great opportunity to receive a true revelation of the Godhead, and they chose to stop short, and build a denominational fence around what they had. Oh they thought they had a complete picture, but they only had a profile of the true picture. When they chose to make the flesh of Jesus, God, then to them, God was born, God

died, and God was raised from the dead. That kind of thinking will get you into trouble with the scriptures. They say Jesus was Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and in a collective sense you can say that, but you will find no scripture that talks like that. Truly, in Jesus, was all the fullness of the Godhead, because the Father was in Him, but let me say this to you, God (Jehovah) will never be your brother. You will not find one scripture for a thought like that. Neither will Jesus the Christ, who was born of a virgin birth ever be your Father, or **Romans 8:28 & 29** does not mean what it says. **“For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”** In **verse 28** we find that we are the called according to whose purpose? God’s purpose. Not the Son’s purpose. Then **verse 29** tells us plainly that the Son is the firstborn among many brethren. He was anointed, and was a prophet for three and a half years, and when He passed from that, He will never be a prophet again. He has been in glory for almost two thousand years, as high priest, but once He passes out of that office, He will never be priest again. Then when He comes to earth, to rule and reign for a thousand years with His bride, He will sit as King of kings, ruling over the nations, and He will still be God incarnate. It is that anointing of Jehovah, in the fullness of those Kingly characteristics that will be executed through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ for a thousand years. Think of this though, When He rules for one thousand years, in what we call His Millennial reign, His wife will be seated with Him in the same realm of authority. The Bible says, For He hath made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall rule and reign on earth. We will not go to Jerusalem; but as He positions Himself on the ancient throne of David, there will be thrones throughout the world, that His bride will rule from. Read **Revelation 20:4**, **“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them.”** Therefore as Jesus judges the nations for their Millennial setting, His bride is going to sit within that same framework of authority also. That is why we must be made like unto His very image.

THE LOGOS WAS GOD

Let us go to **John 1:1** now, for I promised you that we would get there eventually. Remember though, John was not a Gentile looking at a revelation of God; he was a Jew, and the English language we are reading was translated from the Greek text, so I will paraphrase certain things, in an effort to try to clarify them. **“In the beginning (before all time) was the Word.”** In the English, W-O-R-D is translated from a word which means, thought expressed. It comes from the Greek word, LOGOS, so let me read it like this. In the beginning was the logos, the expressed thought of God. This is not necessarily pointing to the fact that God Himself was in the beginning; it is pointing to the expression of God’s thoughts. And the logos, the thought was with God. Well surely to goodness you would not think my thoughts would come from someone other than me, and neither would God’s thoughts come from someone other than He Himself. As I read here, something has got to become a thought in my mind, and may I say, My thought, and my mind is all a part of me. But once my thought is spoken, I still remain in the same form as before. Therefore as the thought goes out. To become expressed, to communicate and make known, it is no longer an actual part of my thinking. Because when it becomes expressed, it does not return back to become just another thought again. Saints: I realize this is a carnal human expression, but I believe it will help you get the point. The Logos was with God, (His thought was with Him) and the Logos was God. Because as long as it was with Him, it is God holding that thought to Himself. That is why **Ephesians 1** will show us how we were already predestinated in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world. All of that was a thought in the mind of God. Every one of our names was known in the mind of God, when the Logos in that redemptive realm was just a thought contained in the mind of God. **“The same was in the beginning with God.”** In other words, this was already a finished work with God. Nothing came into existence until after Jehovah, the self existing one, had counseled with Himself. That means He meditated, and began to set certain thoughts in His mind. Therefore because of His

foreknowledge, (His ability to know all things) we can better understand how He predetermines things that are to be. Before there ever was a star, a moon, or anything else which is an expression of His thoughts, He already had you and me in His mind as a finished work of redemption. But as long as that thought was retained in the mind of God, it was with God, and was God. It was not even an object yet; it was only a thought. But it was a thought that had already been predetermined to be materialized in a certain time.

THE LOGOS BECAME FLESH

When we come to **verse 14** this is where the oneness people get into trouble with their revelation of the Godhead. They say, But the Bible says that the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Yes. That is what our English translation says, But when you consider the fact that it was the Logos that was made flesh, you have a completely different picture. For it was the expressed thought of God, that was made flesh. God did not become flesh. When that perfect Son of God was growing up among mankind, God Himself was still that omnipresent Spirit, just like He always had been. He expressed a thought, in order for there to be a perfect man, a man holding all the qualities of any other man, yet without sin. Extreme oneness people will say that this flesh was only a tabernacle for Jehovah, completely eliminating His right to be identified as the Son of God. It also eliminates the fact that He had a mind of his own, that functioned in the human realm. If you are prone to think like that, then ask yourself the question. If the flesh of Jesus was just a tabernacle for Jehovah to dwell in, then why did Jehovah drive Himself into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil? The Bible says God cannot be tempted with evil, so what was that temptation all about, if there were no humanity involved? The oneness know the trinity is wrong, but they just simply cannot stand to hear the trinity say, But Jesus is the Son of God. That causes them to run even faster to the other side of the road, Jesus is God, Jesus is God, never giving the Son of God any recognition. John the Baptist, a Jew, knew who he baptized, and he knew what took place at the river, when He was baptized, but a testimony like that, means nothing to some people; they only see what they are looking for. Let me read **verse 14**. **“And the word (Logos) was made flesh.”** That means the expressed thought caused a little baby to be born. **“And dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”** John does not pick up the picture at birth, he picks it up after His baptism, and describes what He is then, as the revelation of the Father, in that respect. Then in **verse 15** we are back to the witness of John the Baptist. **“John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.”** In other words, He was already in the predetermined plan of God, to be the very means by which God would reconcile His lost family of children back to Himself. **“And of His fulness have we all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses,** (Moses was a type of Christ, because Moses received a law which typified everything that God would do through the person of Jesus in redemption.) **But grace and truth (God’s unmerited favor) came by Jesus Christ.”** Meaning, it was revealed through Him. God’s unmerited favor is all the hope lost mankind has, for the Bible says, We have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God. There was no righteousness in us. Our righteousness is imputed to us as a result of our faith in what Jesus accomplished at Calvary on our behalf.

TRUE SALVATION REVEALED

Now when John the Baptist said, No man hath seen God at any time, was he denying what the patriarchs and prophets saw? No. He had read those scrolls, and he knew that none of those manifestations were an eternal form that Jehovah dwelt in. He was not just reading over them, as though they do not exist. We are going to read some scriptures that oneness people jump over, as though they do not exist. No, I am not reading them to belittle anyone, but simply to give the physical man Jesus, His true Sonship

place, and allow Him to be a man that could get His feet dirty, get tired, and even weep. When He went to raise Lazarus from the grave, He wept. God does not have tear ducts. Only a man has tear ducts. When Jesus saw how the people were weeping and carrying on, over the death of Lazarus, and realized how much they must have loved him, that touched His own heart. He was a man, and was subject to express emotions, therefore at this occasion, we find the shortest verse in the Bible. **“Jesus wept.”** Think of it. Because He was a man, and had the physical and psychological characteristics of a man. His emotions were set into a feeling of sorrow and compassion, because of the way those people were reacting over the death of Lazarus. Therefore as you can plainly see, it affected Him also. Now turn back with me, to **John 4:22-26**. Jesus, at the well in Samaria, talking to the Samaritan woman, says to her, **“Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, (He was talking about the dispensation of grace) and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”** If you will study the gospel of St. John carefully, you will always see the man called Jesus, (who could be visibly seen) always adoring, exalting, and speaking of the Father. Not only that which was in Him, but that which was above Him, and filled the whole universe. Here He is saying, God is a Spirit, and we have got to see it in that respect. **“The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: (They got that from the Old Testament prophets, that wrote of the anointed one, that was to come.) When He is come, He will tell us all things.”** This is the only time Jesus ever publicly admitted that He was the anointed one. Every other person had to get it by a revelation of the Spirit that was drawing them to Him. But to her, He said, **“I that speak unto thee am He.”** Just think of that. To that woman, it did not have to be a revelation, for He spoke it to her by verbal communication. But as we have already pointed out, to Nathaniel, it was a revelation, and so was it to a lot of others, that you read of in the other gospels. Let us move to **John 5:17**, where Jesus is at Jerusalem, and has just done a miracle on the Sabbath day, which had the affect of throwing the old Jerusalem heirarchy into a dither. They began to cry, He broke the Sabbath, and all such as that, but notice how Jesus answered them; He always gave due recognition to the Father. **“My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.”** Now to actually understand that kind of remark, was to understand that the Father was in Him, in full authority, and that He could motivate the mind of Jesus to actually fulfill the mind of the Father. It was the mind of Jesus to actually fulfill the mind of the Father. It was the mind of the eternal Spirit, that was being fulfilled, for Jesus the man, kept His mind submissive to the Father at all times. Notice now, **“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, (which was the truth) making Himself equal with God.”** It just goes to show, that even though that man was healed, those critics had no revelation whatsoever, as to who Jesus was. All they could see was a man that had broken the law, by doing it on the Sabbath day. **Verse 19, “Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself.”** Now that was absolutely an honest statement coming from the person of the Son. In His natural makeup, He knew His human ability could not do the kind of things that were getting Him in trouble with the religious leaders of Judaism. Furthermore even if He could, Jesus would not just put on a show for anyone. I believe it is in the Philippian epistle, where Paul said, **“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”** As for being in the form of God, you have to realize that Paul is referring to the spiritual substance, and not the flesh, for God Himself does not have a physical form. That is what we have been proving throughout this message. Therefore just try to think of this Son of God, as being of the same substance as His Father, except for the flesh part, for He, like any other Son, has a right to be looked upon as a chip off the old block. What son of any earthly father does not like to do the same thing daddy is doing? Jesus knew the Father had all these qualities, and capabilities, and power to do such, and He was of the same substance, in the sense of life, but His mind was always subject to the Father. In Philippians, it says, **“But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of**

men.” In other words, to be as a servant, was just about as low as anyone could put themselves in society. Who would want to honor a servant? We just have to realize that when Jesus put Himself in that type of social relationship to mankind, He did not want to be looked upon as some great bishop or Doctor of Divinity. No. He was just Jesus of Nazareth, but oh, look what was done. So the Son can do nothing of Himself, **“but what He seeth the Father do: for what things so ever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”** What Jesus was actually saying was, whatsoever the Father in Him, that possesses Him, shows Him to do, that is what He is going to do. The invisible God, dwelling in His Son, used all of His physical members to contact the people, and the people only saw the human vessel, but that is the way Jehovah chose to reveal Himself. The Son was the means by how God could manifest His characteristics. **Verse 20, “For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.”** Those who saw Jesus in those days, might have thought He just drifted around from place to place, doing whatever pleased Him at the moment. But the truth is, everything He did, was predetermined by the Father for a specific purpose. Not one act was done out of a spur of the moment urge, on the part of the Son. He came in His Father’s name, and the works that He did, were the Father’s works.

HOW JESUS WAS SENT

Notice **verse 24** and see who receives everlasting life. **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that SENT me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.”** He did not say to them, Believe on me. He said, so to speak, if you hear MY WORD, and believe on HIM THAT SENT ME, you will receive everlasting life. It was not as though He had been with the Father in heaven, as a person, and the Father sent Him to earth to give His life as a sacrifice for lost mankind. He knew what He meant by the use of the word, sent, and I believe we should know by now. Once He was born into the world, He had been sent forth from the mind of god, where He had been, as a thought, from the time God counseled with Himself, before the world was even created. In other words, The existence of this Son of God was not brought about by the human manipulation. He was not born of man; therefore genetically, he was not the son of any man. The blood that flowed through His veins was pure. Now there are statements down through here, that to the natural mind, seem to contradict what we have just read, but we must see this from the standpoint that the Father has already committed to Him, all things that pertain to the redemption of lost mankind; therefore regardless of how the wording sounds, it is the mind and will of the Father that is being expressed. In **verse 25** He says, **“The hour is coming, and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.”** It was the voice of the Son that those lost souls were hearing, but that voice was expressing the mind of the Father. That same voice shall one day call forth all that are in the graves to stand before the great white throne judgment. No, not the righteous, they will be called before that. **Revelation 20, verses 4 & 5**, clarify that, for even the tribulation saints are raised from the dead, to live and reign with Christ a thousand years, before the great white throne judgment. But notice **verse 30**, here in **John 5**, where He makes the same statement again, **“I can of mine own self do nothing.”** Mine own self, are words that describe the complete human person that He is, and that human person without the indwelling presence of the Father, was as helpless to perform miracles as any of the rest of us. **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just; (Why?) Because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** The word WILL, pertains to choice, a predetermined thought, so He did not come to that hour to do His own thinking, and to express His own mentality, but rather, that of the Father. Every human being has the physical and mental capabilities to make choices, and exercise his, or her own will, if they are normal. Those are attributes the Creator put within all of us. But my point is this. Those people who look at **John 1:14**, and take the stand that god became flesh, and see that flesh as only a tabernacle for Jehovah to dwell in, cancel out a lot of other scriptures. If that flesh man was not totally human with a

mind and will of His own, he could never have uttered such statements as these we have been reading. Because He was not speaking as the person of the Father, for the father is not a person; He was speaking as the person, that He Himself was. But it was the Spirit of the Father in Him, that was motivating Him to say and do things He did.

GOD'S MERCY DISPLAYED

Looking at **verses 33-37**, notice the terminology that was used. Jesus said, **“Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.** (In **1:15 John** said to the people, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.) **But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He (John) was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath SENT me.”** This flesh and blood man Jesus, though He was born into the world from His mother's womb, like all other little babies, always spoke of Himself as one sent. What He did and did, was always for the purpose of fulfilling the will of the one that sent Him. **“And the Father Himself which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.** (How? By doing the works, the miracles, and things that were done.) **Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape.”** Jesus never did bear witness of Himself; He always let the Father in Him, bear witness of who He was. His hopes and desire was, that by obediently doing what the Spirit in Him was guiding Him to do, Jews would recognize Jehovah portraying Himself, and realize that God's mercy was being displayed, and offered to them. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. That generation was so full of theology and tradition, they could not recognize God in the simple way He came to them. All they could think of, was what Moses had said in the law, and they had that so traditionalized, it in no way resembled what God first gave Moses. That is why Jesus said to them, **“Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: There is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”** They claimed to believe and trust in the law, given to their forefathers by Moses, but Jesus knew that their hearts were far from the principles, that law was supposed to mold into those who observed it from the heart. Well we are talking about how God reveals Himself, and we are looking at the way He revealed Himself almost two thousand years ago, through His own Son, and that gets into terminology that people argue and fuss about. In **verses 37 and 38**, of the 6th chapter of John, we see another of those instances. **“All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.”** As we have said, it was not that He, as a man, had come down from heaven. The reason His language was like that, was because His physical existence was not brought about by some man and woman having an intimate relationship. On the other hand, all other human beings this side of Adam, are referred to in the Bible, as being from the earth, or from below. Meaning, of course, that our physical existence is all brought about by God's law of reproduction, that is in the world. We all came into existence having a fallen nature; therefore we take on an identity, and a position that is far below where He came from. He could say, I came down from heaven, because He knew it was the spoken Word, or as we have been saying, the expressed thought of God, that planted that germ of life in the womb of His mother Mary, and caused Him to be born into the world. In other words, It was a divine act of Jehovah Himself, instead of the law of reproduction, that brought His physical existence into being, and caused Him to be a perfect human being, without man's fallen attributes. Therefore this Son of God could rightly say, **“I came down from heaven.”** Even at age twelve, long before He was ever anointed of the Father to perform any miracles, He said to Joseph and Mary, Did ye not know that I must be about my Father's business? That did not mean that He was preaching or teaching, but simply that He was giving His attention to the things of God. He did not run

in the dark alleys, with the other boys of His neighborhood, getting into all sorts of meanness. The little bit we have written of Him, in the last verses of the **2nd chapter of Luke**, let us know that at age twelve, He knew what was written in those Old Testament scrolls. For it says, that as He sat listening to those religious leaders, and asking them questions, all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So as we look at **verse 39, here in John 6**, notice how much revelation is actually contained in just that one verse alone. **“And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me. I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.”** First we see that it is the Father’s will which is being worked out. Then we see that Jesus was sent to accomplish something. We also see predestination; for the Father had committed to His keeping, those that should be raised up again at the last day. Not only do we see predestination, we also see eternal security. Hallelujah! Of all that the Father has given Him, He will not lose any of them. Just knowing that ought to bring great comfort to our hearts, and especially so, when we read in **John 17** how Jesus prayed for us. When He prayed for His disciples, He said, I pray not for these alone, but for all that shall ever believe on me through their word. That includes all of us.

GAINING MORE INSIGHT

Our main thought for this message is centered around the various ways that God revealed Himself to mankind down through time, and we do not want to stray too far from that, for we still have some things to show you, but as we go along, some things are just too good to pass up. Brothers and Sisters: I really love this word of God, and I believe you do too. It is the only book that has stood the test century after century, without losing any of its meaning. Whatever was prophesied, whether it was by one of those Old Testament prophets, or from the very mouth of Jesus, will surely come to pass. Former things really take on a new meaning, when you begin to see how Jehovah God reveals Himself through His only begotten Son. Therefore now that we have gotten this far, we do not want to stop until we go right on through to the book of Revelation. No, we are not trying to change the world, but we do want to gain more insight on how to handle the word of God, and how to look at God in His oneness. If therefore, you have paid attention to the various manifestations we have been calling attention to, you should know by now that God is very specific about everything He does. Every detail is covered at some point, but they are not all covered at the same time. Anyhow it was a natural thing for the apostle Paul to write to the Hebrews, God who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoke unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things. Brother, the apostle Paul and those other apostle had a perfect revelation of what had been manifested in their day and hour. They knew how to come to the Gentiles, and deliver that true revelation in such a beautiful way. But once those first age saints were gone, Gentile minds began to take that beautiful revelation, and twist it all up. That is why the world is in the pitiful shape it is in today.

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