

## Lesson 2 The Nature of God (The Godhead)

### I. God is One, there is no other God.

- ❖ The Godhead is NOT a mystery according to the scriptures.

**Romans 1:20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen, being understood** by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

- ❖ The LORD our God is one LORD.

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

- ❖ God is Alone in heaven above and in the earth beneath there is no other

**Deuteronomy 4:35, 39** Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the **LORD he is God**; there is **none else** beside him. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is **none else**.

- ❖ All the people of the earth should know that there is no other God but One.

**1 Kings 8:60** That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is **none else**.

**Isaiah 45:5** I am the LORD, and there is **none else**, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

**Isaiah 45:6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is **none beside me**. I am the LORD, and there is **none else**.

- ❖ There is ONLY ONE God who created the heavens and formed the earth and He did it alone.

**Isaiah 44:24** Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that **stretcheth forth the heavens alone**; that **spreadeth abroad the earth by myself**;

**Isaiah 45:18** For thus saith the LORD that **created the heavens**; God himself that **formed the earth and made it**; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is **none else**.

- ❖ God Alone is the Saviour, we look to Him only for Salvation:

**Isaiah 45:21** Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and **there is no God else beside me**; a just **God and a Saviour**; there is **none beside me**.

**Isaiah 45:22** **Look unto me, and be ye saved**, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and **there is none else**.

**Isaiah 46:9** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and **there is none else**; I am God, and there is none like me,

### II. God is Spirit. He has no physical form and there is no limit to His Existence.

- ❖ God as a Spirit does not have a physical form; mankind cannot see God unless He manifests Himself in the physical world.

**John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**Luke 24:39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a **spirit hath not flesh and bones**, as ye see me have.

**John 1:18** **No man hath seen God at any time**, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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**1 Timothy 1:18** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, **invisible**, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

**1 John 4:12** **No man hath seen God at any time.** If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**Exodus 33:20** And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall **no man see me, and live.**

**John 5:37** And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard **His voice at any time**, nor **seen His shape.**

### III. God's name has been a secret since the foundation of the world.

- ❖ He is the God of unsearchable riches. He is YHWH, The Self-Existing One. His glory cannot be comprehended by a frail human mind. That is why God told Moses:

**Exodus 33:20**

And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall **no man see me**, and live.

Throughout the Old Testament when men would see God, it was not seeing Him in His Glory, but simply a manifestation of the Spirit in a physical shape. In theological terms we refer to this as a "theophany" meaning God takes a physical shape. Understanding this concept, we can understand why Biblical characters could say they saw God, and were afraid to die because of it, but God reassured that they would not die, for what they saw was a manifestation of God's Spirit. Notice that these characters would ask for the name of God. That is very important. God only revealed Himself as YHWH or IAM that IAM.

**Exodus 3:14**

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

In Hebrew this term is YHWH. Self existing One. (He is that He is) The English Translation is YAHWEH or JEHOVAH.

**Genesis 32:30**

And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, **wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name?** And he blessed him there.

And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face and **my life is preserved.**

What Jacob saw and even wrestled with was an angel of the LORD, meaning that God's Spirit was manifested in an physical form to deal with Jacob.

**Genesis 32:24**

And Jacob was left alone; and there **wrestled a man** with him until the breaking of the day.

**Judges 13:17-18**

And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

And the angel of the LORD said unto him, **Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?**

**Judges 13:22**

And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

- ❖ From these examples we can conclude
  1. God's Spirit has never been seen by a human being. (John 1:18)
  2. God has manifest Himself to man through physical means.(1 Tim 3:16)
  3. The name of God has been a secret to mankind from the beginning of the world. Jacob asked for it (Genesis 32:29) as well as Manoah (Judges 13:18), and both were not allowed to have it.

**Isaiah 62:2**

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and **thou shalt be called by a new name**, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

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### IV. God in the New Testament

- ❖ God is both our Father and our Redeemer

**Isaiah 63:16** Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, **art our father, our redeemer**; thy name is from everlasting.

- ❖ God, the Holy One of Israel is in the midst of His people, He is their Salvation!

**Isaiah 12:2** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; **he also is become my salvation.**

**Isaiah 12:6** Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the **Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.**

How did this take place? How did God become Salvation? To understand we must understand what it took to remit sin.

**Hebrews 9:22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

- ❖ God is a Spirit (John 4:24), a Spirit hath not flesh and bones (Luke 24:39). Therefore, God could not be Salvation unless He had blood.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:19**

To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**Romans 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

**Galatians 4:4** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

**1 Timothy 3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

- ❖ God "sent His Son" does not mean God sent another... it means God became flesh.. the Spirit bore the human child and lived in Him.

**John 14:8-10** Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet **hast thou not known me**, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: **but the Father that dwelleth in me**, he doeth the works.

### V. Jesus Christ the Immanuel.

- ❖ Isaiah 62:2 fulfilled in Matthew 1:21!!!

**Isaiah 62:2** And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and **thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.**

**Matthew 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Who gave that name to Joseph? Was it a human being? No it was the Angel of the LORD... Now the name is given. It was held from Manoah, it was held from Jacob, but now it is revealed from the mouth of the LORD.

**Matthew 1:20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the **angel of the LORD** appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

In Hebrew the name is YHWHSHUA meaning "I AM SALVATION".

In English it is pronounced "YAHSHUA" or JESUS.. Meaning JEHOVAH-SALVATION. Now the Hebrews would know him as "He is my SALVATION".

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- ❖ This fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in Matthew 1:23

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and **shall call his name Immanuel.**

**Matthew 1:23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall **call his name Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**

- ❖ Emmanuel = God with us, and Jesus = Emmanuel, then Jesus = God with us!!!!!!

**Col 2:9** For **in him** dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead bodily.**

**1 Corinthians 15:47** The first man (Adam) is of the earth, earthy; the second man(Jesus Christ) is the LORD from heaven.

- ❖ If Jesus is the Redeemer, then He must be our Father!

**Isaiah 63:16** Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, **art our father, our redeemer**; thy name is from everlasting.

**Matthew 23:37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would **I have gathered thy children together**, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

**John 10:30** I and my Father are one.

- ❖ He is ONE God and His name is ONE!

**Zechariah 14:9** And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- ❖ The Salvation Name of God is Jesus

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- ❖ Jesus claimed to be the I AM, the FIRST and the LAST, and said if we did not believe this we would die in our sins.

**Revelation 1:8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty

**Exodus 3:14 and John 8:58.**

**John 8:58** Before Abraham was, I AM.

**Isaiah 43:10-11 and John 8:24**

**John 8:24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

### Historical Research and Quotations:

**"Neither the word trinity nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament"**  
-[The New Encyclopedia Britannica]

**"The New Testament does not contain the developed doctrine of the trinity"**  
-[The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology]

**"The doctrine of the holy trinity is not taught in the Old Testament."**  
[New Catholic Encyclopedia]

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**"The trinity is not directly and immediately the Word of God."**

- [New Catholic Encyclopedia]

**"At first the Christian Faith was not Trinitarian** It was not so in the Apostolic and sub-Apostolic ages, as reflected in the New Testament and of the early Christian writings."

- [Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics]

**"The Bible does not teach the doctrine of the trinity."** Neither the word trinity itself, nor such language as one in three, three in one, one essence or substance or three persons, is biblical language. The language of the doctrine is the language of the ancient Church, taken not from the Bible but from classical Greek philosophy [Shirley C. Guthrie, Jr., Christian Doctrine, p 92]

**"The Bible tells us that Christians were baptized into Christ (no.6) They belong to Christ. The Acts of the Apostles, (2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5) tells us of baptizing "in the name [person] of Jesus" – a better translation would be "into the name [person] of Jesus." Only in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century did the formula "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" become customary."**

- [Bible Catechism: New Revised Vatican II Edition Chap 42 p164 Rev. John C Kersten, S.V.D.]

**"Moreover, we see how the early church baptized: First, the announcement of the Gospel. Consequently, Faith and Penance, which were sealed and perfected by baptism "in[to] the name [person] of Jesus Christ. Hence, we are called Christians, which means people in a special way related to Christ. Later, "in the name of Jesus" was elaborated and became in[to] the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."**

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