

STILL LOOKING AT THE ALMIGHTY WE CALL "GOD"

I suggest that before you read this study you read the study, "GOD IS". In that study you will find much more information. In it you will find that God is many things, including fire, spirit, love, etc. In this study we will explore why we call Him "He" and "Father" as well as other descriptive names, such as Jehovah, Yahweh, I Am, etc. This is how He revealed Himself to us before He sent the Word to our earth, to speak from the body of a human.

In our limited mental capacity to understand the much higher plane of the spiritual realm we needed some way to associate with The Almighty. First we need to understand that He is in the process of having a family, but on a spiritual level. When He said in the first of Genesis, "let us make man in our image" He started His plan to have a family of spirit beings, as He is, in His image.. The "we" of this statement was not Jesus because he had not been born, nor had he been "born again" yet.. We can see the progression of that as we follow the life and resurrection of Jesus when he ascended into heaven as the "first born of many brethren". Because he was a "first" there will be more being born later in like manner, as when he became a spirit being. Right now believers are in the process of being "begotten," as Jesus was before his resurrection. Physical humans cannot be "in the image of God" until they are changed into spirit, just as Jesus was.

In His plan God wanted a way to communicate with humans. So, He created humans as male and female. He fashioned one body to be male, to be a "he" and later a "father". He also assigned the male as the provider and protector of his family which he would have with the union and help of the female, who would be the "mother." So, understanding the role of the human male we can relate to the Almighty as "He" and "Father". Thus we see the male human as the Father and the female representing the church(chosen). The female (Eve)is part of the body of the male (Adam) just as the Word, and the Holy Spirit is part of the Father (God).

Lu 1]:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be (future) called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give (future) unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost (spirit) shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: also that holy "thing" which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Notice the words: The Holy Spirit is involved with the birth of Jesus, and also the angel refers to the begettal as "a thing", not fully understanding God's plan to procreate first a physical, then a spiritual son, in His own image. God is doing the same thing through humans today. He uses His holy spirit to beget us when we follow the instructions in Acts 2:38, then we mature by the power of the Holy Spirit (as does the human child in the uterus), but on a spiritual level. If we mature spiritually He will change or resurrect us (at the end of this age) into the spirit world as His born again sons (children).

Once we know all of this we can understand why we call The Almighty "He" and "Father." As we see in the study "God Is" the Almighty is neither male nor female. That will be a shock to some people but when we realize He is spirit, neither flesh nor physical (as we know it) He can be anything He chooses. He appeared to ancient Israel on Mt. Sinai in fire and smoke

Ex 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. Ex 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. Ex 24:16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Ps 68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Ps 68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Knowing all of this helps us better understand how Jesus was "the son of man" with an extension of

God, the Father, in the same body, introducing Himself in the only way mankind would hear or accept His Word.

Mt 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.

Jesus was not begotten by the seed of man. God's holy spirit was dwelling in a body of flesh, in the form of man. That is how he could say, "my Father and I are one". However, we find another voice coming out of the mouth of Jesus when the man of flesh talked.

Jn 1:1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

The "Word" was a powerful messenger that God the Father "sent" to be incorporated into the human part of Jesus. The Word had been, and was, with God from the very beginning.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was (from) God. Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the ONLY "begotten" of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Notice: Jesus is the only begotten at this time. It was a glory to the Word to have this role. To be God's representative through this body of flesh, who was to be the first, and only, begotten son of God. Even though God's spirit, (the Word) was to speak for the body of flesh, it, the body of flesh, had a "spirit" of man as well, and that part was given the name of Yeshua (Jesus).(Some will spell it differently).

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Jesus, the flesh, would experience the same seven senses and pain as the physical man, he would get hungry, sleepy, and tired just as we humans do. He showed the weakness of the flesh when he, "the spirit in man" cried out for help from time to time to the Greater power that he called "Father". However, the dominate spirit was God, who drove onward toward the goal of having a family, planning for Jesus to be "the first born of many brethren".

Just as Eve was in Adam, as his rib, the Word was in God (in spirit) before he materialized in a body of flesh. In plainer English, the flesh body we call Jesus, was born with the same knowledge, power and righteous attitude as God the Father. He brought a message to the world, that would give life eternal, but they rejected God's message, as most of the world does today. His fleshly body was predestined to become the sacrificial Lamb, offered up to usher in the age of Grace to those who would surrender their lives to Him. After their life, death and resurrection, there will be "many brethren" born again, as spirit, into God's family.

Jesus admitted he had no power of his own, that the Father (or Word) did the work and spoke the words that he (the Word) had learned from the Father.

Joh 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. Joh 3:31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. Joh 3:34 For (the Word) whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. Joh 6:36 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. Joh 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine,

whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

What is so very amazing is, in spite of our faults, God loves us just as any good father loves his unborn child! God can not appear to mankind in His full power due to our present weaknesses. We would be instantly consumed. In comparison, we are as little ants, trying to understand humans until He opens our spiritual minds.

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Since I am only human and limited by the weakness of flesh I cannot imagine how God does all of this but I am reminded that "nothing is impossible to God!" If you have read this without reading the study "God Is" you can know even more about our Creator by taking a look at it, too. The bible (the Word) refers to what God is. In it you will find that God is many things, including fire, spirit, love, etc. In this study we explored why we call Him "He" and "Father". He has many descriptive names, such as Jehovah, Yahweh, I Am, etc. He revealed Himself to us through visions and dreams by the prophets, before He came to our earth as the Word and as the Holy Spirit. The name Emmanuel was His seal of authority. The Eternal Father has many angels (messengers) that He uses to perform many different functions, in His name, meaning by His authority. In Rev 1:20-2:1 we find a messenger angel for each Gentile church period, starting with Epheaus and ending with Laodice. Another time He spoke through a donkey, and often through many, many different angels (messengers). Revelation is full of angel's involvement.

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Before the Word left the body of Jesus, before going back to heaven, he (the Word) promised to send another messenger called the Comforter and the Holy Spirit. This powerful messenger would comfort and give the believers spiritual power, as well as power over death. He would keep the believers in remembrance of what the Word had told them. So, just before Jesus ascends to heaven the Word speaks through Jesus as he says:

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

That promise was fulfilled on the holy day called Pentecost. The holy spirit has replaced the Word as a spiritual messenger sent from God the Father. The Holy Spirit has been assigned to do a service, to further the plan of God, to build a family of Godly children, just as the Word was sent to speak by the mouth of Jesus.

Listen to what Paul preaches to the Gentile believers of Corinth:

2Cor 6:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 ¶ We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

God, the Father, has given us, during this age, a time of grace, a day (age) of salvation. After Jesus Christ returns, as a warrior, in Rev.19:11-21 there is no offer of the holy Spirit. We read in 1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

1Jo 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (Both are an extension of God, the Father, not separate forces).

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost," (the last mention of the holy spirit in New Test.)

Going back to our age. It ends with Rev 20.

The next (4th) age will be the millennium (1,000 yrs) when the resurrected saints will rule, with Christ, over the surviving Gentiles, during their fullness, while Satan is bound. Rev 20:1-8 Then comes the resurrection of the whole house of Israel during the fifth age, and the release of Satan, to test the nations. This will be a long time of judgment when many resurrected Gentile nations, including Israel, fail the tests. Read Ezek 37 through 39 for the rest of the story. God turns His back on Israel, (for no way of knowing how long).

Finally, after Israel repents, God starts a new age again; read about the sixth age in the last eight chapters of Ezekiel along with other Prophets. This all happens before all things are made new in last chapters of Revelation.

God bless you in your search for the teachings of the Word and for the Holy Spirit, and the obedient example of Jesus, who became the firstborn of many. Oh, yes... The seventh age is found in the last three chapters of Revelation.