

The Doctrine of God (Part 1)

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I. Proofs for the Existence of God.

A. Argument from Scripture.

The Bible does not try to prove the existence of God, it naturally assumes that you believe that there is a God, and that the God you believe in is the true God of Heaven

The Term God is in the Scriptures over 500 times.

The Term Lord (dealing with God) is in the Scriptures over 300.

1. The Bible begins with God.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. God says you are a fool if you do not believe in Him.

Psalms 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

3. You must first know Him with your heart before you can know Him with your head.

1 Corinthians 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.

4. We are given the Spirit of God to know God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

5. Jesus assumed that God exists.

John 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.

6. Creation began with God.

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

7. Six reasons a person does not accept the Biblical Proof of God.

a. Man's mind is darkened.

1 Corinthians 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.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

b. Man's pride.

Jeremiah 49:16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

c. Worldly education.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

d. Science over Scripture.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

e. Ignorance of God's Word.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

f. Influence of devils.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

B. Argument from Personal Experience.

1. This is the greatest proof outside of scripture, It is the daily fellowship that a born again believer has.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

2. People say, " I don't want to hear the Bible, tell me something you Know! This is the opportunity to tell how God has saved you and is working in your life.

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

C. Argument from Nature.

1. Look into the Heavens and you can see God.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

2. Creation shows God is there.

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:

D. The Ontological Argument. (Argument from Conscience).

All men have in them, no matter how primitive, a desire to worship a supreme being, you have to be educated out of the belief that there is a God.

1. Written in our Hearts.

Romans 2:15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

2. Our conscience bears witness of God.

1 Timothy 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3. Man fears that he might miss God.

Acts 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

E. The Cosmological Argument. (The Argument from Cause.)

1. The Cause and Effect Proof.

a. The Cause - God.

b. The Effect - The Universe.

2. The earth is here, so there must be a God.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

3. Three things about cause:

a. A cause is something: has real existence.

b. A cause has power: it does something.

c. A cause must have enough power to produce the effect.

4. There are only four possibilities for the existence of earth, and God is the only scientific one.

a. Came from nothing, Accidentally or Naturally.

This theory breaks the 1st Law of Thermodynamics: Something cannot be created out of nothing.

b. Always been here.

This theory breaks the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics: There is entropy in a closed system. Anything left alone will run down.

c. It really is not here at all, existentialism.

This theory can be disproved by scientific analysis.

d. Came from nothing, Supernaturally.

This does not break any law of science, it is thus the only scientific theory.

F. The Teleological Argument. (The Argument from Purpose and Order.)

The earth is here so there must be a purpose and was designed. A watch does not simply exist, but has a purpose, and was thus created.

Psalms 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

G. The Anthropological Argument. (The Argument from the Nature or Moral of Man.)

Man has an intellect and a morality, this is not found in animals. Throughout all races and cultures, there is a basic, high, standard of right and wrong.

Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Psalms 94:9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

H. Argument of Life from Life.

1. Evolution is void, no one has ever seen one species, evolve into a higher species.

a. Causal Evolution: The Universe has always existed, and life matter has always been present.

b. Cosmic Evolution: Matter always existed and it developed into life by itself.

c. Theistic Evolution: God made the first things and then let the rest develop on its own.

d. Creation: God made it all, just as the scripture says.

2. If life comes from life like it, then original life must have come from a being possessing eternal life.

Psalms 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

I. Argument from Congruity.

God is the key to answer all the problems. The world has not found the answers anywhere else.

Matthew 26:11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

Luke 2:47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

1. The Bible must be accounted for.

2. Prophecy must be accounted for.

3. Miracles must be accounted for.

4. Historicity and Supernatural Character of Christ must be accounted for.

5. Influence of Christianity on the world must be accounted for.

6. The Conversion, which changes a man's life, must be accounted for.

J. Conclusion:

1. God does exist.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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 seek him.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

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.

2. No one can see God.

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.

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

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

3. If you have seen Jesus, you have seen the Father.

John 14:7-11 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show 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, Show 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. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

II. The Personality of God.

A. Introduction:

1. You must know the personality of God to know God.

2. Pantheism: The belief that God is not a personality, but that all of the laws, forces, and manifestations of the self existing universe is God.

a. This is the basis for Humanism.

B. God's Personality:

1. God is Holy. Before anything else, God is Holy.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Habakkuk 1:13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

1 Samuel 2:2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

Isaiah 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

2. God is Love.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

John 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

3. God is Faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Psalms 36:5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Psalms 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

4. God Is Merciful.

Deuteronomy 4:31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Exodus 20:6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. [CONDITION]

Psalms 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Psalms 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Psalms 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; [CONDITION]

Psalms 32:10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Matthew 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

5. God is Righteous.

Psalms 116:5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Ezra 9:15 O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

Romans 10:3-4 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Romans 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Jeremiah 12:1 Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

Psalms 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

6. God is Jealous.

Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Joshua 24:19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

7. God is Just.

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Psalms 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Romans 2:1, 5-6 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. ... But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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.

1 Kings 8:32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

Revelation 20:12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

8. God is a Consuming Fire.

Deuteronomy 4:24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

9. God is True.

Jeremiah 10:10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

10. God is Uncorruptible.

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

11. God is Gracious.

Psalms 116:5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

12. God is Invisible.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

13. God is Upright.

Psalms 25:8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

14. God is Perfect.

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

15. God is Like No Other.

Deuteronomy 33:26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

III. The Trinity of God.

A. Introduction:

1. There is ONE God.

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

2. God exists in three persons, this is called the Godhead.

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:

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

3. Statement of the Doctrine of the Trinity.

"We worship one God in trinity, and trinity in unity; neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance." The Athanasian Creed.

4. Character of the Doctrine of the Trinity.

The Word Trinity does not appear in the Scriptures. The Trinity is a Biblical doctrine. This is true even though no one verse of Scripture contains the heart of the doctrine in whole. The doctrine is Biblical because the factual evidence upon which it is built is contained in the Bible. The doctrine is developed by the use of the comparing Scripture with Scripture and Rightly dividing the Word of God.

5. Origin of the Doctrine of the Trinity.

Human reason and wisdom are incapable of completely understanding this doctrine, though it is revealed from God through His Word, the Bible.

6. No complete and perfect illustration of the trinity exists in the Universe.

The Natural Illustrations are almost endless in the created world.

a. Man exists as three in one.

1). Body

2). Soul

3). Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

b. Light exists on three levels.

- 1). Invisible Red Heat Waves. (Felt)
- 2). Visible Yellow Light Rays. (Seen)
- 3). Blue Chemical Rays. (Seen by effect only)
- c. Water exists in three states.
 - 1). Frozen (Ice)
 - 2). Liquid (Water)
 - 3). Gaseous (Steam).
- d. Egg.
 - 1). Yoke
 - 2). White
 - 3). Shell
- e. Time.
 - 1). Past
 - 2). Present
 - 3). Future
- f. World as we know it.
 - 1). Land
 - 2). Water
 - 3). Atmosphere

7. I do not understand! That is natural:

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

B. Biblical Support

1. The Trinity is a Biblical Teaching.

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Matthew 3:13-17 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went 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.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

2. The Trinity Acting in Creation.

a. Father

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

b. Son

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word as with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

c. Holy Spirit

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. The Trinity Acting in the Incarnation.

a. Father

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Matthew 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

b. Holy Spirit

Luke 1:35 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.

c. Son

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

4. The Trinity Acting in Redemption.

a. Father

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for s, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

b. Son

Isaiah 53:5, 10 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ... Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

c. Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

5. The Trinity Acting in Salvation.

a. Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:6-14 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

b. Son

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

c. Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

d. Son and Father

John 1:11-12 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

6. The Trinity Acting in Communion with Man.

a. Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

b. Father and Son

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.

c. Father and Son

John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

d. Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 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.

e. Father and Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

7. The Trinity Acting in Glory.

a. Father

1 Corinthians 15:38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

b. Son

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

c. Spirit

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

d. Father

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

e. Son

Ephesians 1:7-12 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an

inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

IV. Attributes of the Trinity.

Attributes of God are attributed to each of the trinity, they are each God!

A. Eternal. (Always Been and Always Will Be.)

1. Father

Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

2. Jesus Christ

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.

3. Holy Spirit

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

B. Omnipotence. (All Powerful.)

1. Father

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2. Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

3. Holy Spirit

Romans 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

C. Omniscience. (All Knowing.)

1. Father

Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

2. Jesus Christ

Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

3. Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

D. Omnipresence. (All Present.)

1. Father

Jeremiah 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

2. Jesus Christ

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

3. Holy Spirit

Psalms 139:7-10 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

E. Holiness. (Completely Without Sin.)

1. Father

Revelation 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

2. Jesus Christ

Acts 3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

3. Holy Spirit

Luke 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

F. Truthfulness.

1. Father

John 7:28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

2. Jesus Christ

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

3. Holy Spirit

1 John 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

G. Goodness / Kindness / Longsuffering.

1. Father

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

2. Jesus Christ

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

3. Holy Spirit

Nehemiah 9:20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

H. Communion With Man.

1. Father

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

2. Jesus Christ

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

3. Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

V. Errors of the Trinity

A. Tri-theism.

The polytheistic concept that God is really three Gods. They are separate individuals just as Peter, James, and John are separate individuals. The Christian is accused of this by Jews, Mohammedians, and Unitarians.

B. Monarchianism.

The viewpoint that God is ultimately one, explaining away the Biblical evidence of the trinity.

1. Dynamic Monarchians.

a. Makes the Biblical revelation of the Father the only true God.

b. Denies the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, making him a mere man. The spiritual force of God came on Him at his baptism and left him on the cross. This is taught by many Church of Christ theologians.

c. Denies the personality of the Holy Spirit. He is made simply the forceful influence of God.

2. Patripassion Monarchians.

God is basically one person, who variously presents Himself in the role of the Father, the role of the Son, or the role of the Holy Spirit. This cannot explain places where the Son addresses the Father, or where the Son and Spirit are presented together.

VI. Conclusions of the Trinity

A. The Trinity is three eternally, inter-constituted, inter-related, inter-existent, and therefore inseparable Persons within One Being and of One Substance or essence.

B. The one indivisible divine essence, as a unity, exists eternally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so that each Person posses the whole essence, and yet is constituted a distinct person by certain incommunicable properties not possessed in common with the others.

C. God is NOT one and three, but one IN three.

D. We do NOT state that three beings are one being, or that three persons are one person; or that three intelligent beings are one intelligent being; but we DO state that in the same undivided essence are three different personal distinctions or personal substances.

E. The divine nature is distinguished from human nature in that divine nature can subsist wholly and indivisible in more than one person simultaneously.

F. One human person exists externally to another, and separate from him: but one Divine person exists in another, and inseparably from him. Thus one human person can exist apart from another; a Divine person cannot.

G. The Divine self-consciousness is not a fourth consciousness additional to the three separate consciousnesses but is the resultant of the three. The three consciousnesses are the one Divine self-consciousness, and the one Divine self-consciousness is the three separate consciousnesses.

H. Concluding Statement:

The Biblical Revelation of God is that God is a unity as far as essential nature is concerned and yet subsists as a Godhead of three Persons, co-equal and co-eternal, each of whom possesses the totality of the Divine essence simultaneously while existing as a separate personal manifestation.

VII. Names and Titles of God.

A. Introduction:

Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

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:

1. There can be many names for the same person: All of these and many more names and titles could represent me.

- a. Claude Stephen Harmon
- b. Claude Harmon
- c. Stephen Harmon
- d. Steve Harmon
- e. Rev. Steve Harmon
- f. Pastor Steve Harmon
- g. Pastor C. S. Harmon
- h. Teacher
- i. Husband
- j. Preacher
- k. Daddy
- l. Father
- m. Son
- n. Friend

A. Formal Names of God.

1. Elohim - means - God, denotes plurality.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Psalms 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

2. Adonai - Lord or Master, The one who is Ruler.

Genesis 15:2 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?

3. El Olam - The Lord who Reveals Himself, or, The Lord who is Everlasting.

Genesis 21:33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

Isaiah 26:4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

4. Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Who Provides.

Genesis 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

5. Jehovah Rapha (or Rophi) - The Lord That Heals.

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

6. Jehovah Nissi - The Lord Our Banner.

Exodus 17:15-16 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

7. El Shaddai - The All Sufficient One.

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

8. Jehovah Shalom - The Lord of Peace.

Judges 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

9. Jehovah Sabaoth - The Lord of Hosts.

1 Samuel 1:3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

10. Jehovah Tsidkenu - The Lord Our Righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

11. Jehovah Shammah - The Lord who is Close By, Near, or Present.

Ezekiel 48:35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.

12. Jehovah Elyon - The Lord Our Blessor.

Psalms 7:17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

13. Jehovah Raah (or Rohi) - The Lord Our Shepherd.

Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

14. El - The Strong God. [Israel - Prince of the Strong God, Bethel - House of the God who is Strong.]

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

15. Elah, or Eloah - The Adorable One, 90 times in the Bible.

Ezra 4:24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

16. El Elyon - The Most High God.

Genesis 14:18-22 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

17. El Roi - The Lord that Seeth.

Genesis 16:13-14 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

18. Adon Adonai - Jehovah our Ruler.

Ezekiel 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Ezekiel 16:30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

19. Jah - The Independent One.

Psalms 68:4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

20. Jehovah - The Eternal, Ever Loving one.

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.

21. Jehovah Elohim - The Majestic, Omni-potent God.

Zechariah 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

22. Jehovah Hoseenu - The Lord Our Maker.

Psalms 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

23. Jehovah M'Kaddesh - The Lord Who Sanctifies.

Exodus 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Psalms 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

24. Jehovah Ropheka - The Lord Heals.

Psalms 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

25. Jehovah Makkeh - The Lord Shall Smite thee.

Ezra 7:9 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

26. Jehovah Gmolah - The God of Recompenses.

Jeremiah 51:7-8 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

Jeremiah 51:56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompenses shall surely requite.

B. The Personal Names of God.

1. Father

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

a. Immediate Male Parent.

Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

b. Pioneer of Some Craft or Occupation.

Genesis 4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

c. Mayor or Provost of a Town.

1 Chronicles 2:51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

d. Title for one who is benevolent.

Genesis 45:8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

e. Aged or Revered Teacher.

1 Samuel 10:12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

2. Father of Mercies.

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

3. Father of Spirits.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

4. Father of Lights.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variability, neither shadow of turning.

5. Father of Glory.

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

6. My Father.

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

7. Your Father.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

8. Righteous Father.

John 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

9. Abba Father (Daddy that I Love Father).

Mark 14:36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

C. Specific Designations for God.

1. The Lord of all the Earth.

Micah 4:13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

2. The God of Heaven.

Revelation 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

3. Quanna - The jealous God.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

D. Symbolic Designations for God.

1. Ancient of Days.

Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Daniel 7:13 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.

Daniel 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

2. Rock of Salvation.

Deuteronomy 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

3. Covert (God that protects or hides).

Isaiah 32:2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

4. Refuge - haven from the avenger.

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

5. Fortress - Defense against a foe.

Psalms 18:1-2 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

6. Shield - Preserver and Protector.

Psalms 119:114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

7. Sun - My light.

Psalms 89:36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

8. Refiner - Purify.

Malachi 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

9. Husband.

Isaiah 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

10. Governor.

Psalms 22:28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

11. Redeemer.

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

12. King.

1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

Psalms 84:3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

E. Many Names for God in one Passage. The 23rd Psalm

Verse 1. Jehovah Rohi - The Lord my Shepherd.

Psalms 23:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Verse 2. Jehovah Jireh- The Lord Who Provides.

Psalms 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Verse 3. Jehovah Ropheka-The Lord Who Heals.

Jehovah Tsidkenu - The Lord our Righteousness.

Psalms 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Verse 4. Jehovah Shammah - The Lord Who is Close.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Verse 5. Jehovah Nissi - The Lord Our Banner.

Jehovah M'Kaddesh - The Lord Who Sanctifies.

Psalms 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

F. Summary of the Names of God in the Old Testament Books. * From "All The Divine Names and Titles in the Bible" by Herbert Lockyer. Zondervan Publishing House: Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1975.

1. Genesis

- a. Lord and Judge of all the Earth.
- b. God of Bethel
- c. Him that Liveth and Seeth
- d. Lord Will Provide

2. Exodus

- a. The Lord God of Your Fathers
- b. The God of Abraham
- c. The God Of Isaac
- d. The God Of Jacob
- e. I AM THAT I AM
- f. Jehovah
- g. The Lord God of the Hebrews
- h. The Lord God
- i. The God of Israel
- j. The Lord My Banner

3. Leviticus

- a. Lord
- b. Jehovah
- c. The God of Holiness

4. Numbers

- a. Jehovah

5. Deuteronomy

- a. Rock of His Salvation
- b. The Rock
- c. The Lord Of Lords
- d. The Shield of Help
- e. The Sword of Excellency

6. Joshua

- a. Lord God
- b. Jehovah Elohim
- c. The Lord of Israel
- d. The Lord our God
- e. The Lord your God

7. Judges

- a. The Lord God of Israel
- b. The Lord The Judge
- c. The Lord Sends Peace

8. Ruth

- a. The Lord God of Israel
- b. The Almighty

9. 1 & 2 Samuel

- a. The Lord of Hosts
- b. Lord God of Israel
- c. The Lord Strength of Israel
- d. Rock
- e. Fortress
- f. Deliverer
- g. Horn of My Salvation
- h. Shield
- i. High Tower
- j. Refuge
- k. Saviour
- l. Lamp
- m. Tower of Salvation

10. 1 & 2 Kings

- a. Lord of Hosts
- b. Lord God of Israel
- c. The Lord the God of David

11. 1 & 2 Chronicles

- a. Lord God of Israel
- b. Lord of Hosts
- c. Lord God of Abraham
- d. Lord God of Isaac
- e. Lord God of Heaven

12. Ezra

- a. Lord God of Heaven
- b. Lord God of Israel

13. Nehemiah

- a. Lord
- b. Lord God of Heaven
- c. The Great God
- d. The Mighty God
- e. The Terrible God
- f. Lord their God

14. Esther

- a. None

15. Job

- a. Maker
- b. Holy One
- c. Preserver of Men
- d. The Almighty

16. Psalms

- a. The King
- b. Mighty
- c. God
- d. Most High
- e. Lord of Hosts
- f. A Great King
- g. Shepherd of Israel
- h. Lord God of Israel
- i. Lord God of My Salvation
- j. Lord Our maker
- k. Lord of Lords
- l. Refuge

- m. Strength
- n. Fortress
- o. Habitation
- p. Defense
- q. Jehovah
- r. High Tower
- s. The Lord our Shield
- t. Holy one of Israel
- u. God
- v. Their Rock
- w. The High God
- x. Their Redeemer
- y. Sun
- z. Shield

17. Proverbs

- a. Jehovah
- b. Maker
- c. Redeemer

18. Song of Solomon

- a. None

19. Isaiah

- a. Holy One of Israel
- b. Redeemer
- c. Saviour
- d. The First
- e. The Last
- f. A Sure Foundation
- g. Holy one of Jacob
- h. The Ring
- i. Creator of the Ends of the Earth
- j. Feeder of Israel
- k. Husband of Israel
- l. King of Jacob
- m. Mighty one of Israel
- n. Judge
- o. Lawgiver
- p. Creator of all Things
- q. Hope of Israel
- r. Everlasting God
- s. Creator of Israel

20. Jeremiah & Lamentations

- a. The Lord our Righteousness
- b. Their Redeemer
- c. King
- d. Hope of Israel
- e. Saviour
- f. Strength
- g. Fortress
- h. Refuge
- i. Holy one of Israel
- j. The Lord the Enemy

21. Ezekiel

- a. Holy one of Israel
- b. Lord God
- c. The Almighty
- d. God of Israel
- e. Jehovah

22. Daniel

- a. The King of Heaven
- b. God of Heaven
- c. The Great God

- d. God of gods
- e. God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
- f. The Most High God
- g. God of Daniel
- h. The Living God
- i. The Ancient of Days
- j. The Great and Terrible God

23. Hosea

- a. Lord Most High
- b. Maker
- c. Holy One
- d. Saviour king
- e. Lord their God
- f. A Lion
- g. A Young Lion
- h. A leopard
- i. Lord God of Hosts

24. Joel

- a. Hope of His People
- b. Strength of Israel
- c. Lord Your God

25. Amos

- a. Lord God
- b. God of Hosts
- c. Jehovah is His name

26. Obadiah

- a. The Lord God

27. Jonah

- a. God of Heaven
- b. Lord His God
- c. Lord God

28. Micah

- a. Tower of the Flock
- b. Judge of Israel
- c. Lord of Hosts
- d. God of Judah
- e. A God Like Unto Thee

29. Nahum

- a. God is Jealous
- b. The Lord of Hosts

30. Habakkuk

- a. Holy
- b. Lord of Hosts
- c. Lord my God
- d. Holy One
- e. Lord God My Strength

31. Zephaniah

- a. Just Lord
- b. Lord of Hosts
- c. King of Israel
- d. Lord God
- e. God of Israel
- f. Lord thy God

32. Haggai

- a. Lord God
- b. Lord of Hosts
- c. Lord their God

33. Zechariah

- a. Lord of Hosts
- b. King
- c. Lord of the Whole Earth

- d. Lord Your God
- e. Lord My God

34. Malachi

- a. Lord of Hosts
- b. God of Israel
- c. God of Judgment
- d. Great King
- e. Father-Creator
- f. Lord Changing Not

VIII. The Fatherhood of God.

A. Introduction:

The World looks at this subject as The father-hood of God to all men, and the brotherhood of all men to each other.

B. OLD TESTAMENT

In the Old Testament, God is never listed as being the Father of an individual man.

1. Father in a Poetic Sense.

Psalms 68:5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Psalms 103:13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

2. Father in a Doctrinal Sense to Israel. (Not individual but as a whole nation.)

Exodus 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

3. Father of Angelic Beings.

Genesis 6:1-4 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

C. NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament some men are accounted as sons and God the Father, but others are not listed that way.

1. Jesus said some men do not have God for their Father.

a. Some men have the Devil for a Father.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

b. Some men are the Children of Hell.

Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

c. God's wrath, not his Fatherhood, abide on some men.

Romans 9:22 What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

d. Some men are the Children of Disobedience. Some men are the Children of Wrath.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

2. Saved men have God as their Father.

a. Saved men are given power to become sons.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

b. Saved men are adopted into God's Family.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

c. Saved men are Separated from the World to God.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

d. Saved men are Given Life in the Father.

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

3. Jesus is the Son of the Father.

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

4. Jesus Said the Disciples should call God, Father.

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

D. Conclusion:

1. Blood washed, New Testament Christians, Have God as Father.

2. The Nation of Israel has God as Father.

3. Angelic Beings have God as Father.

4. Jesus has God for His Father.

IX. The Silence of God.

Why is God Silent, when you need Him most?

Job 23:3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

A. Is God indifferent? No, God cares!

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

B. Is God unobservant? No, God sees!

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

C. Is God unloving? No, God loves!

Hebrews 12:5-6 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

D. Is God unwilling to help? No, God is willing!

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Ezekiel 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

E. God warned us First! Why should he answer now?

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

F. God is Far above us, We cannot always understand His actions!

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

G. Philosophic view of God's silence.

Being human involves free will. If we have freely acted we must be responsible for our actions, and pay the price for them.

H. God is not responsible to answer you until you have fulfilled His word.

Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

I. God answers in His own time, not in our time!

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

J. We must go through trials to purify ourselves unto God. God doesn't answer because we must go through the fire to have this.

John 13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

John 9:3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

K. God may allow this trial to Make Himself manifest to the World.

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