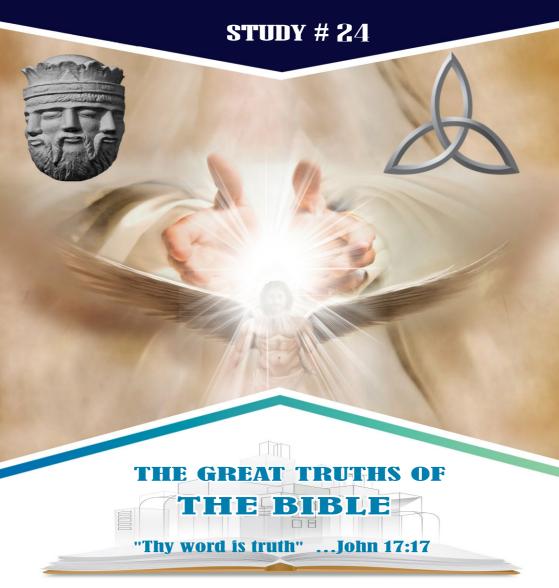
The study of the Trinity

PART - 2





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Today in the SECOND PART of the study of the Trinity we begin by bringing to mind what we learned in the previous class-

We learned that the scriptures **DO NOT TEACH** or.....SUPPORT the "popular" Christian doctrine of the Trinity.

It is A FALSE TEACHING which is part of the "doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1)

......what the Apostle Paul warned of -the other such teachings being the

"immortality of the soul" and.....a "hell of torment".

We then began <u>THE INDIVIDUAL STUDY</u> of what the scriptures teach aboutthe Holy Spirit, The Son and the Father.

We began with the Holy Spirit and found that the scriptures teach the Holy Spirit to be the "power of God" which He "pours out" and is NOT A PERSON as is "popularly" understood by all Christians. It is a FALSE TEACHING based on the misunderstanding of some scriptures in John's gospel chapters 14,15 and 16 where we saw the Holy Spirit being referred to PARABOLICALLY and FIGURATIVELY as "the comforter".

THUS IN PERSONS THERE ARE NOT THREE PERSONS
BUT ONLY TWO.

.....THE FATHER AND....THE SON.

Today we will study what the scriptures teach

ABOUT THE SON -

Let us begin with-John 10:30 "I and my Father are ONE."

What does Jesus mean?

Are they......ONE IN PERSON?

IS JESUS THE FATHER AND.....THE FATHER, JESUS?

IS JESUS ACTUALLY THE FATHER HIMSELF?

He is called "Yesappa" in Tamil meaning "Jesus - the Father" !! IS THIS TRUE?

Let us read another scripture now from -



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, 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.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake."

AGAIN A picture OF....ONE PERSON! IS IT SO?

Is this the **CONCLUSION** that we must come to as so many have?

No! We need to see some other scriptures! Let us see another scripture as we read now from -

John 14:28

".....for my Father is <u>GREATER</u> than I"

This verse speaks of **TWO** persons and

Jesus being **inferior** and **LESS** than

the Father!

How do we understand this matter of Jesus saying that He and His Father are ONE and YET that.....THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN HIM?

IT ALL SEEMS
VERY.....CONFUSING!

All these scriptures read so far have been the words of Jesus SO LET US ASK HIM TO CLARIFY THE MATTER!

And HF does?

The "ONENESS" that Jesus speaks of in John 10:30

He Himself explains to us in -

John 17:21,22

"That they also 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. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, That they may be one, even as we are one."

Yes! A "ONENESS" that is to exist between the Father and the Son and His Church!

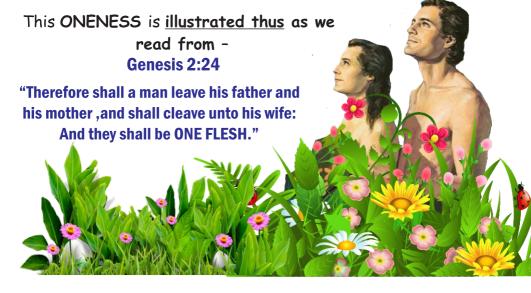
Surely Jesus is NOT referring to a ONENESS in PERSON, or of BEING or of BODY for how can Jesus followers become the Father and the Son in BODY?



Then there would be NOT TRINITY but MULTIPLICITY!

The ONENESS being referred to is a <u>oneness in WILL</u>. as we read in -

Matthew 7:21 - "not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."



Is the reference of "one flesh" here mean ONE BODY?



Do married couples have ONE BODY?



Do they buy only SINGLE TICKETS while traveling in train, plane or bus?

DEFINITELY NOT!!

The ONENESS between a man and his wife is NOT of one BODY OR ONE PERSON but rather a ONENESS in mind and spirit and a UNITY in beginning a family.

Having understood that Jesus and the Father <u>are NOT</u>

ONE PERSON but <u>TWO separate</u> persons

.....Let us now study WHAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP

IS TO EACH OTHER



as we read now from -

"Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him."

Here we see Jesus CLEARLY
teaching that He is the
"sent" from THE ONE
that "sent him"......IS
JESUS THEN A SERVANT ??

Yes! Jesus is the "righteous servant" of God as we read in-

Isaiah 53:11

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

Isaiah 52:13

"Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high."

Thus He leads us that the Father is.....His MASTER and that He is......A SERVANT OF THE FATHER!!

Then again we read of His words in -

John 8:42

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

NOTICE Jesus CLEARLY says - "neither came I of myself, but He sent me."

Yes! God the Father SENT Jesus as HIS MESSENGER!

Then again we read in-

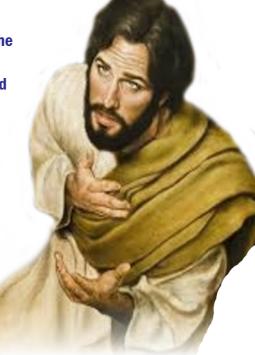
John 12:49

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak."

Jesus here speaks of how the very words he spoke were

ORDERED by and GIVEN to Him by God the Father!

SO IN ALL THESE VERSES WE SEE JESUS SPEAKING OF HIMSELF AS BEING....LESS THAN AND.....UNDER THE FATHER



SO WHAT REALLY is the relationship of the Son to the Father?

Let us see the answer in Jesus own words in-

Revelation 3:14

"And unto the angel of the church of the Loadiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the BEGINNING of the creation of God"

YES! JESUS HIMSELF SPEAKS THESE WORDS OF HIMSELF!

And He says that He is **THE BEGINNING** of the creation of God!

Did God the Father CREATE HIM, then?

Is He then a CREATED BEING?

Let us read that answer in -

Colossians 1:15 - "Who is the image of the invisible God, the <u>FIRST</u> BORN of every creature.



Yes! There! It is very clear!"

Much <u>BEFORE</u> the creation of Adam and.....<u>BEFORE</u> the creation of the angels and cherubim and seraphim and ALL Heavenly beings,

JESUS WAS.....THE FIRST BEING EVER
CREATED BY GOD.

That is why we read Jesus being referred to as we read in -

John 3:16; 1:18

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

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared him."

Yes! Here Jesus is referred to as "the **ONLY** BEGOTTEN SON" of the Father.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?

Are not angels HIS SONS (Genesis 6:2) and Adam HIS SON (Luke 3:38)?

Then **HOW** can Jesus be called the <u>ONLY</u> begotten SON?

Would not that be <u>UNFAIR</u> and <u>UNLOVING</u> to the other sons of God to say "ONLY"??

There lies the SECRET and GLORY of Jesus creation which we read in -

Proverbs 8:22-24

"The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the

earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water."

Revelation 22:13

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Jesus was the FIRST and ONLY DIRECTLY created creation of God -the Father -which God alone created by His "own hands" so to speak!!



God did not and WILL NOT create another DIRECT creation again!!

He is the FIRST and the LAST - the BEGINNING and the ENDthe ALPHA(A) and.....the OMEGA(Z) in Greek!

What a GLORY Jesus possesses among all God's creations! But if that wasn't enough, let us read further now in -

John 1:3

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

Yes! ALL other creations in **HEAVEN** and on **EARTH** have been created.

"by and through Him".

.....Jesus being their CO-CREATOR or the "craftsman" at the Fathers side as we read in

Proverbs 8:30 - (NIV)

"Then I was the craftsman at His side, I was filled with delight day after day....."

Yes! Jesus was the "craftsman" at His Father's side referring to His work as the CO-CREATOR of all living creatures.

The Father chose to channel His CREATIVE POWER through

Jesus and thus Jesus became the ASSOCIATE of the

GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE!





This SPECIAL glory of Jesus we read of in-

Hebrews 1:5

"For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Yes! This is the glory of Jesus when compared to angels

.....for He ALONE has been "begotten"....or DIRECTLY **CREATED** by the Father!

The angels were created by Jesus with the power of the Father!

They were **INDIRECT** creations of the Father.....being **DIRECTLY** created by Jesus!

Yes! The Angels cannot claim to be....."DIRECT" SONS OF GOD!

Thus in John's gospel we see Our Lord Jesus referring to God as His Father more than 100 times!

Now let us behold ANOTHER AND FURTHER GLORY of Jesus as we read in -

Colossians 1:16



WHAT A STUPENDOUS THOUGHT!



A TRULY MIND BOGGLING THOUGHT!

The whole UNIVERSE and ALL LIVING BEINGS were created by God through and



...... FOR His FIRST SON !!

WHAT UNIMAGINABLE GLORY BELONGS TO THE SON OF GOD !!

Thus we read of Him in -

John 1:14

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

Now Jesus has had THREE "BIRTHS" and has lived on THREE DIFFERENT PLANES of existence:-





On the DAY of His
Resurrection as an
IMMORTAL SPIRIT BEING
on the DIVINE NATURE.



Revelation 1:18

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;.."

John 5:26

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

HE DIED ONLY ONCE AT CALVARY.

Having understood this great TRUTH let us see how Jesus IS UNDER AND.....SUBJECT to the Father

as we read in -

1 Corinthians 11:3; 3:23

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

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

Yes! The clear scripture showing the HEADSHIP OF GOD OVER JESUS.

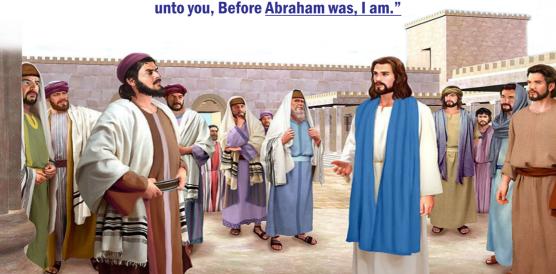
This headship is also compared to the one of......the man over the woman and......of Christ over the man.



Now there are certain scriptures that have been taken to mean that Jesus <u>IS GOD HIMSELF.</u> Let us now understand those verses clearly!

The first is-**John 8:56-58**

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say



Yes! Here we read the Lord explaining to the UNBELIEVING Pharisees the FACT that He was from heaven (John 8:23) and.....had a PRE-EXISTENCE (John 17:5)

......<u>much before</u> Abraham was even conceived in his mother's womb!!

TRULY WHAT HE MEANT WAS THAT -



Before Abraham was (conceived) I AM (in existence for ages of time)

Yes! Jesus here was showing how he was so much, much OLDER than Abraham !

But today some are inclined to think that here Jesus meant to say that He was God Himself!!

But that is **NOT** true for hear Jesus words in

John 6:57

"as the living Father has sent me, and I LIVE BY THE FATHER...."



Yes! Jesus says His LIFE itself is from AND **DEPENDENT ON Father!**



Then we read of THE OTHER VERSE in -

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

This scripture is used to show that Jesus Himself IS GOD ALMIGHTY - for it reads -



("and the Word was God")

Let us now understand this scripture and its meaning! Here this verse can be divided INTO..... 3 SEGMENTS the first and last segments is what we shall study in depth -



("In the beginning was the Word.....")

Yes! The WORD (Jesus) had a beginning as we read in Colossians 1:15: Revelation 3:14 but God we read has NO BEGINNING in -

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."

ISN'T IT MIND BOGGLING!

Thus we see the GREAT DIFFERENCE!

Jesus has a **BEGINNING** but God has.....**NO BEGINNING** at all !!

He ALWAYS HAS been in existence !!

("....and the Word was God.")

This is <u>the segment</u> that leads many Christians to believe and think that Jesus is God Himself.

BUT IS IT SO ? IS THAT THE TRUTH ?

Let us read the answer in -

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

IT IS THE HEAVENLY FATHER who is speaking here!

Notice that THE FATHER HIMSELF CALLS Jesus - "O God"

But then the Father goes on to say in - vs - 9 - ".....therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee....

Yes! Thus though Jesus is referred to as "God" He Himself has a God....ABOVE HIM.

.....the Father who is His CREATOR and FATHER (life giver)

This we see clearly revealed by the **WORDS** of Jesus Himself in-

John 20:17

"Jesus saith unto her,
Touch me not; for I am
not yet ascended to my
Father: but go to my
brethren, and say unto
them, I ascend unto my
Father, and your Father;
and to my God, and your
God."

There! Here CLEARLY
the Father is the
FATHER and GOD of
Jesus making



Jesus our (the church's) ELDER BROTHER.

We read of this matter in -

Hebrews 2:11

"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."

And in THE MILLENNIAL PERIOD OF JUDGEMENT

Jesus will be



This matter we read of too in -

Matthew 25:40

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it <u>unto one of least of these my brethren,</u> ye have done it unto me."

Yes! Jesus <u>YOUNGEST BRETHREN</u> will be those on the human plane of existence!



Another verse of some misunderstanding is-

Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given......and his name shall be called..... the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father"

What does the "Mighty God" and "Everlasting Father" mean?

Some again think it refers to Jesus being

THE HEAVENLY FATHER and ALMIGHTY GOD Himself!

Let us see if this be so -

"Mighty God" - Here the reference is NOT to Almighty God who is the GOD and FATHER of Jesus as we read in -

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:"

Yes! The Heavenly Father is the ALMIGHTY GODbut Jesus we find is referred to as the "Mighty God"!!

Even SATAN is referred to as - "the god of this world"

(II Corinthians 4:4)

And MOSES too was told in Exodus 7:1 - "And the LORD said unto Moses, see I have made thee a god unto Pharaoh."

Yes! Similarly, Jesus is....THE MIGHTY GOD but HE IS

NOT the ALMIGHTY GOD!

Ah! But what about the reference we read in-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."

Yes! Why and how is Jesus referred to here as "THE ALMIGHTY"?

The answer is found in **Matthew 28:18** as **we read** "all power is given unto me in heavens and in earth."

Yes! ALL POWER was given unto Him making Him.....THE ALMIGHTY LORD over the whole universe AND.....AFTER the Heavenly Father in power and authority!



This signifies that Jesus as..... "the last Adam"

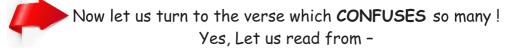
(1 Corinthians 15:45) is a "quickening spirit" and will be

THE FATHER OF ETERNAL LIFE to the whole race as He said to Martha in-

John 11:26 - "And whosoever <u>liveth and believeth in me shall never</u> die. Believest thou this?

As Adam became <u>THE FATHER</u> who gave "death" to the human race Jesus will become THE FATHER who will give **EVERLASTING LIFE** to the human race in the period of the resurrection when -

"....even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:22)



John 14:7-9

" If you had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him <u>and have seen Him</u>.....he that hath seen me hath seen the Father....."

WHAT IS JESUS SAYING HERE?

Surely He does not mean to say that He is the Father as so many have concluded !!

To understand let us now study the context.

Actually what Philip asked in verse 8 was IMPOSSIBLE to LITERALLY FULFILL!

"Philip saith unto Him, Lord, <u>Shew us the Father and it</u> sufficeth us."

WHY was this request of Philip IMPOSSIBLE to fulfill?

The answer is found in 1 Timothy 6:16 - "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

And again we read in the words spoken by Jesus in-

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."

Yes! GOD the Father CANNOT be seen by MAN at all!!

THUS GOD CAN BE SEEN ONLY IN HIS IMAGE

And Jesus is his "express image" - as we read in - Hebrews 1:3

"who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Colossians 1:15

" who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature."

YES! This is **WHAT** Jesus meant!!

......That if Philip wished to be shown the Father he must SATISFY himself by seeing the <u>Fathers's **IMAGE**</u> in Jesus!

It is like when stopped by a police man on the road and asked for one's driving license, one shows a xerox copy or PHOTO COPY, of that license to the policeman!

The xerox is a COPY of the ORIGINAL!

Similarly Jesus is the **XEROX** COPY or **PHOTO** COPY of the Heavenly Father.

Infact, all God's INTELLIGENT creations are to be a copy of Him, being made -

"in His image and likeness"

But of all God's CREATIONS Jesus is.....the BEST COPY OF ALL!

- "the express image of His person..."

And that is what He meant when He said to Philip
"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

NOW IMAGINE IF JESUS IN ALL HIS GLORY <u>IS</u>

JUST A COPY THEN.....THINK OF <u>THE</u>

ORIGINAL AND HOW THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

MUST BE!

Now the name "JESUS" was given when He was born of Mary as we read in -



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."

What was His name <u>BEFORE</u> that in heaven? Let us see as we search the scriptures and read from -

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Yes! Here Jesus is referred to as "the Word" or......"LOGOS" in Greekmeaning God's SPOKESPERSON!

He was the one who **CARRIED** God's words and **SPOKE ON HIS BEHALF**.

Yes! God's words were always CARRIED by "angels" as

we see in many scriptures such as -

Exodus 3:2

"and the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush...."

Yes! Here "the angel of the Lord" spoke to Moses on behalf of God as we read in -



vs - 4 - "and when the <u>LORD</u> saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush..."

Yes! Though the scripture says <u>GOD WAS</u> in the "midst of the bush" -

it was actually "the angel of the Lord" as confirmed in

Acts 7:35

"by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush."

Thus the "angel" here WAS REPRESENTING GOD.

Similarly we read in another scripture in -

Genesis 22:15,16

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham.....And said, by myself have I sworn, saith the LORD..."



Here too "the angel of the LORD" speaks as and on behalf of God Himself!

This is the same "angel of the LORD" which guided the Israelites in the wilderness as we read in -

Exodus 23:20,21

"Behold, I send an angel before thee to keep thee in the way....<u>Beware of him, and obey His voice, provoke him not, for he will not pardon your transgression,</u> for my name is in him."

Yes! This special "angel" that was APPOINTED TO GUIDE the Israelites in the wilderness is IDENTIFIED to us by Apostle Paul in the New Testament in -

I Corinthians 10:4

"....for they drank of that spiritual Rock that <u>followed them;</u> and that Rock was Christ."

Yes! That "angel" was the Lord Jesus Himself <u>BEFORE HE</u>
BECAME HUMAN!!

Yes! Jesus is....."the angel of the LORD". We find this further confirmed in -

Isaiah 63:9

"In all their affliction He was afflicted and the angel of His presence saved them, in his love and in his pity he redeemed them' and he bare them and carried them all the days of old."

Who is this......"angel of His presence"?

YES!....IT IS NONE OTHER THAN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Yes! This we read and confirm in -

John 1:18

"....the only Begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father...."

Notice that the words "angel of His presence" PERFECTLY

CONFORMS to the words

"in the bosom of the Father".

INDEED HE IS THE CLOSEST TO THE FATHER!

ARE YOU SUPRISED THAT JESUS IS "the angel of the LORD" in the OLD TESTAMENT?

The Lord Jesus as the "angel of the LORD" is also mentioned in -

Job 33:22-24

"Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. If there be a messenger (angel) with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom."

Let us confirm how this verse speaking of the "angel of the LORD" is a reference to Jesus Christ our Lord -

"and interpreter" This word is rendered as "a mediator" in the NIV Bible.

Now who is the "mediator" between God and man?

Oh yes! The answer is very clear in -

I Timothy 2:5,6

"one mediator between God and men , the man Christ Jesus"

Thus this "angel" over here we see is NONE OTHER than

Jesus Christ Our Lord!!

And what is meant by "one out of a thousand"?

This a reference to **HIM** as being....... **VERY SPECIAL**CREATION of God!

Yes! The glorious **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** of **GOD** as we read in -

John 1:14

"...and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father..."

"I have found a ransom"

Another clear EVIDENCE that this "angel" is our

LORD JESUS who we read speaking these words in - Mark 10:45

"for even the son of Man cameto give His life a ransom for many"

Now having seen that Jesus is referred to as "angel" and......"angel of the LORD" in the OLD TESTAMENT, let us try and <u>IDENTIFY</u> what His NAME then was?

We know of THREE angels names in the scriptures

GABRIEL, MICHAEL and LUCIFER.

LUCIFER became Satan and.....we know of GABRIEL and that he brought the news of Jesus CONCEPTION to Mary,

but WHO IS MICHAEL?

Let us read about him in -

Jude 9

"....The archangel Michael..."

Yes! He is known as an ARCHANGEL!

WHO IS THIS ARCHANGEL MICHAEL?

NO OTHER ANGEL -neither Gabriel or Lucifer, is ever mentioned as an ARCHANGEL!

SO WHO IS MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL?

Let us read the answer in -

1 Thessalonians 4:16

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel...."



Yes! It is Our Lord -He ISTHE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL!



Let us see as the matter is further confirmed in-

Daniel 12:1

"And at that time <u>shall Michael stand up</u>.....the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people....."

Yes! Daniel's "people" are the Israelites and they look to and await their MESSIAH who we know is Our Lord Jesus, who here is referred to as "MICHAEL". - the "great PRINCE" of Heaven! IS'NT IT CLEAR?

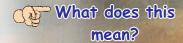
YES! THE GREAT ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IS NONE OTHER
THAN THE ONE WHOM WE CALL....OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST.

And we read more of the <u>GREAT</u> Michael in -**Daniel 10:13**

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, Io, MICHAEL, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia."

Here angel Gabriel speaks of his deliverance from the hands of the "prince of Persia" by

"Michael, one of the chief princes".



How can the human "prince of Persia" hold the angel Gabriel who is a spirit being?



Ah! This is a reference to the **SPIRITUAL** "prince of Persia" -

SATAN and how "one of the chief princes". THE

ARCHANGEL MICHEAL

......was **ALONE** able to release Gabriel who was held and detained for 21 days by Satan!!

Now why is Jesus or THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

referred to here as "one of the chief princes"?

ARE THERE MORE....."CHIEF PRINCES" IN HEAVEN WHO ARE ALSO EQUAL TO JESUS?

Let us read the answer by turning to -

Psalms 82:7

"But ye shall die like men and fall like one of the princes."

Here the reference is to **FAITHFUL** Christian followers of Jesus -

the "new creatures" in Christ who will all have to die "like men" as it is in the world, but should "fall" or die like "one of the princes".

WHO ARE MEANT BY THESE "PRINCES"?

This is a reference to **ADAM** and **JESUS** - the two "princes" who died **CONTRASTING** deaths -



and the other who **VOLUNTARILY** died <u>for others sins</u> _(**JESUS**).

Here the title "prince" refers to those who receive POWER and AUTHORITY from the KING.

Let us read of the KING in -

Psalms 95:3

"For the LORD is a great God , and a great KING above all gods."

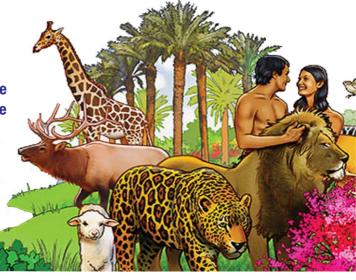
Yes! God is the **SOVEREIGN KING** and <u>has</u>
<u>delegated power to</u> -

ADAM

Genesis 1:26

"....and let them have dominion.....upon the earth."

He was the "prince" of the earth".



JESUS

Matthew 28:18

"all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

He is the "prince" of heaven and earth!



But among the three the "CHIEFEST" was OUR LORD JESUS.

Thus a better translation of that verse in **Daniel 10:13** would be -

"Michael, the chiefest of the princes..."



Finally we see ANOTHER NAME OF JESUS in -

Revelation 22:16

"I am the root and the offspring of David and the <u>bright and</u> morning star"

Yes! He is known as.....the "bright and morning star"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

IT IS SOMETHING SYMBOLIC!!

Let us see the SYMBOLIC meaning of "morning star" -



"Morning" - represents the beginning of a day or.....the

BEGINNING of God's creation?



"Star" - represents something special or EXTRAORDINARY.

Yes! Jesus was the **BEGINNING DIRECT CREATION OF GOD**.

There is another morning star also mentioned in the scriptures!

Let us read of him in -

Isaiah 14:12

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Son of the morning!....."

Yes! LUCIFER is the other special BEGINNING creation of God.

He became Satan!

How is LUCIFER a "morning star"?

He is <u>THE BEGINNING OR....THE FIRST INDIRECT</u> creation of God.

Yes! When God empowered Jesus as His agent in the CREATIVE WORK Lucifer was THE FIRST CREATIVE WORK of Jesus as we read in



Job 26:13

"His (God's) hand (God's instrument Jesus) hath formed the crooked serpent"

Both the morning stars were IN PERFECT HARMONY while the earth was being created for man as we read in

Job 38:7 "when the MORNING STARS sang together."

Then.....LUCIFER fell and rebelled against God and became SATAN!!

Thus we have seen the SON of GOD Jesus, as....God the Father's <u>FIRST AND ONLY</u>
DIRECT CREATION.

Before we conclude our study of Jesus let us consider another verse which is taken to show that Jesus is

ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF!

We read of it in -

I John 5:20

"But we know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

If one <u>reads carefully</u>, it speaks of how the Lord Jesus has - "given us an understanding, that we may know HIM that is true...."

What UNDERSTANDING or whose understanding did Jesus give us?

We see that answer very clearly in -

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."

Yes! Jesus **BROUGHT** and **REVEALED** to us the **UNDERSTANDING** of the **TRUE GOD**!

Let us now learn from Jesus who that TRUE God is

as we read from -

John 17:3

".....That they might KNOW thee THE ONLY TRUE GOD...."

Yes! Dear brothers and sisters, **TODAY** we have discovered the Bible truth of there being ONLY ONE GOD
-THE FATHER.

THERE IS NO TRINITY OF GODS NOR IS JESUS THE ALMIGHTY GOD!

JESUS HIMSELF HAS.....TAUGHT US THIS !!

We shall study about the GLORIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER

in the next and concluding class of

