

## God The Father And Jesus His Son

'Behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased"' (Matthew 3:17).  
'A voice from the cloud said, "This is My Son, My Beloved Son with Whom I am delighted. Listen to Him"' (Matthew 17:5).

'And there came a voice out of heaven, "You are My Beloved Son; in You I am well pleased"' (Mark 1:11).

'A voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is My Son, the Beloved One. Listen to Him"' (Mark 9:7).

'When Jesus was baptised, when He was still praying, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove, and a voice came from heaven saying, "You are My Beloved Son! In You I am well pleased and in Whom I find delight"' (Luke 3:21 & 22).

'There came a voice out of the cloud saying, "This is My Son; Listen to Him"' (Luke 9:35).

'John (the Baptist) said, "I have seen the Holy Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven, and it dwelt on Him. I (John) did not know Him, but He (God the Father) Who sent me to baptise in water said to me, 'On Him Whom you shall see the Holy Spirit descend, that One is He Who baptises with the Holy Spirit', and I have seen that happen and my testimony is that this is the Son of God!"' (John 1:32 to 34).

When Jesus was on earth, He frequently spoke about the loving relationship He had (and still has) with the Father, but He spoke in the 'third person' by calling Himself 'The Son'. For example: 'The Father loves The Son and has given everything into His hand' (John 3:35). Jesus could have said, "My Father loves Me and has given everything into My hand" but that was not the way Jesus spoke. He never exalted Himself. This Bible study is about the close, loving relationship between God the Father and Jesus our Messiah, the Son of God, Who is also God Himself. In three of the verses above, there is something spoken by God the Father that is so authoritative, we need to take the words to heart. God said Jesus is His Beloved Son and that we all know, but God did not leave it there. God expressly commanded us to, "Listen to Him." That word 'listen' in this context, means more than just hearing Jesus' words. That means to listen, pay attention, obey, yield to His authority as God the Father's divine representative on this earth. If we disobey any directive given by Jesus, we are disobeying God the Father. 'And so each of us will have to give an account of himself to God' (Romans 14:12). We need to take Jesus seriously.

Here are a few facts about Jesus; Jesus is the exact likeness, the living image, the human representative of the invisible God. If we want to know what God looks like, we must look at Jesus. 'He who has seen Me has seen the Father' (John 14:9). Jesus is the one and only begotten of the Father before anything was created. He was not created; He is begotten. Jesus was around thousands of years before He was born as a baby on this earth. He is eternally self-existent (John 5:26). There was never a time when He was not there with God. He is the First begotten – not from creation but from the dead. God the Father exalted Jesus to the position of High Priest. 'So too, Jesus did not exalt Himself to be made a High Priest, but was appointed and exalted by God, Who said to Him, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You"' (Hebrews 5:5). Jesus was the author or instigator of all creation and by Him were all things created, so He is the Creator. The wood from which the cross was made, on which Jesus hung, was created by His Word. He was nailed to the cross, yet it was Jesus Who created the metal from which the nails were made. The men who crucified Him were also created by Him. God forbids the worship of any image, idol, religious icon, animal, person or angel, because we are made in His image and we are to worship the Creator, not any creation. There is only One image that totally and completely represents God, and He is Jesus so we can worship Him. Jesus sustains all things (the whole universe and beyond) and by Him all things consist. He is the Head of the Body (Church) and the Beginning of the New Covenant. In all things He is uniquely and totally first. 'Jesus is the exact image of the invisible God; He is the Firstborn before all creation. For it was by Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers or authorities; all things were created and exist by Him and for Him. Jesus existed before all things, and in Him all things are held together. He is the Head of His Body, the church; He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone might have pre-eminence' (Colossians 1:15 to 18).

'In the beginning – before all time – was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God Himself. He was present originally with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not even one thing created that has been made' (John 1:1 to 3). "He is clothed in a garment soaked with blood, and the title by which He is called is 'The Word of God'" (Revelation 19:13). After Jesus rose from the dead, He was restored to the Father. "And now Father, glorify Me and restore Me to the glory I had with You before the world existed" (John 17:5). Jesus and God the Father were busy working together at the time Adam was created. 'God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness"' (Genesis 1:26). Jesus is the Word of God and when He created the universe and everything in it, He created everything just by speaking

the Word – and it was made. ‘By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth ... for He spoke and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast’ (Psalm 33:6 & 9).

‘From Jesus the Messiah, Who is the faithful Witness; the Firstborn of the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him (Jesus), the One Who loves us and has washed us from our sins by His own blood’ (Revelation 1:5). Jesus was the faithful Witness while on earth. It was because of His own testimony that He was put to death. When they asked if He was the King of the Jews, He answered truthfully and said; “I Am” (Mark 14:62). Two courts condemned Jesus; the Jewish court and the secular Roman court. Because He is the Firstborn He is also the Ruler. From Genesis right through to Revelation, we see the exaltation of Jesus to the Father’s right hand.

The Sceptre is a show of power and righteousness. ‘The Sceptre will not depart from Judah nor the Ruler’s staff from between His feet, until Shiloh (the Messiah) comes to Whom obedience belongs, and it is He (the Messiah) the people will obey’ (Genesis 49:10). Remember God said, “Listen to Him.” Jesus came from the tribe of Judah (Hebrews 7:14). The Sceptre is divine authority in a human hand. One day, the Lord Jesus will stretch out the Sceptre and bring the nations into subjection to God’s will. Jesus – the King of kings, Lord of lords, Ruler of all rulers, from the throne, will rule throughout the whole earth. We believers must not be ignorant of our divine authority. Jesus is not going to rule by Himself – He is going to rule and reign with us (Revelation 20:4). ‘Your throne, O Lord, is forever and ever, and the Sceptre of Your Kingdom is a Sceptre of righteousness’ (Hebrews 1:8).

There are scriptures of dialogue that give us an opportunity to ‘listen’ in to conversations between God the Father and Jesus, His Son.

‘He (God) Who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord (Jesus) holds them in derision. He (God) speaks to them in His deep anger and troubles them in His wrath saying, “Yet have I anointed My King (Jesus) on My holy hill of Zion.”

Jesus speaking: “I will declare the decree of the Lord (God): He (God) said to Me (Jesus) ‘You are My Son; This day (the day of Jesus’ resurrection) I have begotten You. Ask of Me (God) and I will give You (Jesus) the nations as Your inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like potter’s ware.”

God speaking: “Now therefore O you kings (monarchs), act wisely; be warned, O you rulers of the earth (governments); serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son and pay homage to Him in purity, lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His wrath be kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in Him” (Psalm 2:4 to 12).

The rulers of this earth – governments and monarchs, have conspired together to reject God and Jesus the Messiah; the Lord’s Anointed. ‘The kings of the earth take a stand; the rulers take counsel together against the Lord (God) and His Anointed One (Jesus) saying, “Let us break Their bands of restraint asunder and cast Their cords from us” (Psalm 2:2 & 3). This scripture is quoted as we read about Herod (the supposed king) and Pontius Pilate (the governor) collectively choosing to reject Jesus (Acts 4:25 to 30).

This is God speaking again; “I have made a covenant with My Chosen One; I have sworn to David My servant; I will establish your Seed forever, and I will build up your throne for all generations” (Psalm 89:3 & 4). Although this Psalm speaks about King David, the hidden meaning is referring to Jesus. The covenant mentioned here had Jesus in mind. Jesus is the Seed (descendant) Who will sit on the throne forever. David and his family have long since died out and none of His race have sat on the Jewish throne for more than 2,000 years, but Jesus will reign forever. The word Messiah in Hebrew, means ‘Anointed One’. He is Jesus; The Anointed One; the Chosen One.

God speaking; “He (Jesus) shall call out to Me (God), ‘You are My Father, My God and the Rock of My salvation!’ I (God) will make Him (Jesus) the Firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth” (Psalm 89:26 & 27). If we put these two Psalms together, in Psalm 2 we have the Father saying, “You are My Son” and here in Psalm 89 we have Jesus acknowledging His relationship with God by saying, “You are My Father.” The Son recognises God as being the Rock of His salvation by His resurrection. The Father recognises the resurrected Son to be His King at His right hand.

God speaking: ‘The Lord (God) says to my Lord (Jesus), “Sit at My right hand until I (God) make Your (Jesus’) enemies Your footstool. The Lord (God) will send forth from Zion the Sceptre of Your (Jesus’) strength: rule then, in the midst of Your (Jesus’) enemies. Your people (all believers in the Messiah) will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness out of the newness of the morning

(the New Covenant of Jesus' blood): to You (Jesus) Your young men, who are like dew. The Lord (God) has sworn and will not change it: You (Jesus) are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Jesus speaking in the third Person, just as He did when He was on earth: "The Lord (Jesus) at Your (God's) right hand will shatter kings in the day of His (Jesus') wrath. He (Jesus) will judge the nations; He will fill the valleys with the fallen. He will crush the leaders over the earth. He will drink of the brook by the way; therefore He will lift up His head in triumph (victory)' (Psalm 110:1 to 7).

So here we have the Lord Jesus sitting at the right hand of God the Father, going about His business of ruling the earth until all His enemies are destroyed. There are several scriptures that tell us Jesus is sitting beside the Father; 'You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power' (Mark 14:62). 'Jesus, Who is at the right hand of God' (Romans 8:34); 'He (God) worked in the Messiah to raise Him from the dead and sat Him at His right hand in heavenly places' (Ephesians 1:20); 'Where Jesus is, at the right hand of the Father' (Colossians 3:1); 'He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on High ... To which of the angels has God ever said, "Sit at My (God's) right hand until I (God) make Your (Jesus') enemies a stool for Your feet?"' (Hebrews 1:3 & 13); 'We have such a High Priest; One Who is seated at the right hand of the Majestic God in heaven' (Hebrews 8:1); 'Jesus sat down at the right hand of God' (Hebrews 10:12); 'Looking to Jesus, Who is the Author and the Perfector of our faith, obtained the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, ignoring the humiliation and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrews 12:2); 'Jesus has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels and all authorities made subject to Him' (1 Peter 3:22).

There is no doubt that God loves Jesus more than anybody or anything else, yet Jesus suffered terribly to reconcile us to God. That was the Father's decision and Jesus obeyed, but the Father took all responsibility for what happened to Jesus at the crucifixion. 'It was the will of the Lord God to bruise Him. He (God) has put Him to grief and made Him sick. When You (God) make His (Jesus') life an offering for sin, He (Jesus) shall see His spiritual offspring ... He (Jesus) shall see the fruit of the travail of His soul and be satisfied ... ' (Isaiah 53:10 & 11). 'Jesus gave Himself up for our sins to deliver us from this wicked age in accordance with the will of our God and Father' (Galatians 1:4). 'Though He was God's Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered' (Hebrews 5:8).

As a result of Jesus' suffering, mankind can be fully reconciled with God the Father. Jesus indirectly said that to Mary Magdalene. This time, instead of speaking in the third person, Jesus spoke directly about Himself. "I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to my brethren (the Jews who had been following Him), and tell them I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God" (John 20:17). This statement shows us that the process of reconciling mankind to God had been completed. Jesus said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). Job longed for a Mediator to stand between God and himself, and knew our Redeemer already lived and would one day stand on the earth (Job 9:33; 19:25). God is no longer way off in distant heaven; He is now our Father, with us always (Matthew 28:20) while we are here on earth. Instead of going to a high priest as the Jews once had to, we can approach God the Father ourselves, in Jesus' name (John 15:16; 16:23). He is our God and our Father through the blood of Jesus. Jesus has completed the work and now it is up to us to cultivate the same warm, close, loving relationship with the Father that Jesus has. Remember that God already loved us so that half of the relationship is already established. What we need to do is our part. 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind or understanding, and all your strength' (Mark 12:30 & 33; Luke 10:27).

Amen and God bless you.

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