

Part one - Gen. 1:26:

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Some things I will say in these short videos will seem **unusual**, but **everything I will say** about God will have a spirit of prophecy foundation—else I will make a **correction** in a future video. The **spirit of prophecy includes all the writings of God's** chosen messengers, from Moses till history closes.

I believe in **God the Father** (the **one true God**), Jesus **Christ** (His **Son**), and the **Comforter** (who we call the **Holy Spirit**, which is the Spirit of both the Father and the Son, as we read in **John 14:23**,

“If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.”).

These Persons today are who we can call “**the heavenly trio**. In the name of these three powers,—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will cooperate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” {**Bible Training School March 1, 1906, par. 2**}

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.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

“After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the **Father and Son carried out their purpose**, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in **their** own image. **They** had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now **God says to his Son**, “Let **us** make man in **our** image.” {**1 Spirit of Prophecy 24.2**}

The Bible says, speaking of the **life and ministry of Christ**, “The counsel of peace shall be between them both” **Zechariah 6:13**. How many are in “both?”

Romans 1:20 “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...**”

The Bible says the man was **created in the image of God**, while the woman was taken from and created in the image of the man. Speaking of **Adam and Eve, 1 Corinthians 11:7** says, “the woman is the glory of the man.” So, in man we can see God's image, as "God [said] to his Son, “Let us make man in our image.” {1SP 24.2} After all, the "counsel of peace" was "between them Both" (making two of Them). Here's what I mean:

Man has:

- two sides of one **brain** working together
- two **eyes** working together as one
- two **ears** working together as one
- two **nostrils** working in one nose
- two sets of **teeth** working together as one
- two sides of one **tongue** which works together as one
- two **vocal chords** working together as one
- two sides of the **rib cage** working as one
- two **lungs** working together as one
- two **kidneys** working together as one
- two **arms** working together as one
- two **hands** working together
- two **legs** working together as one
- two **feet** working together as one

“**From** eternity there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. They were **two**, yet **little short of being identical**; two in individuality, yet one in **spirit**, and **heart**, and **character**.” {**YI December 16, 1897, par. 5**}

This study **doesn't answer every question**—nor was it intended to do so, but it has brought up quotes and **thoughts not everybody thinks about**. Continue looking for more at:

Part Two - Gen. 1:2:

Notice this telling statement from the first sentence of *The Story of Redemption*, “Lucifer in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God’s dear Son” {**Story of Redemption 13.1**}.

God the Father
 God’s dear Son
 Lucifer

In concert with that is the same thought about Gabriel in *The Desire of Ages*, page 99.1, “Gabriel...” is “the angel who stands next in honor to the Son of God.”

God the Father
 The Son of God
 Gabriel

So... Where was the Spirit?

Have you read lately the first chapters of the books, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *The Story of Redemption*, and the *1st Volume of The Spirit of Prophecy*, or the 29th chapter of *The Great Controversy* entitled “**The Origin of Evil**”? Where was the Holy Spirit in each of those chapters?

In fact, in the Great Controversy, it says, “Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—**the only being in all the universe** that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings.” {GC 493.1}

Certainly there’s **at least ONE Ellen White quote** that includes the Holy Spirit in the **creation** of this earth, right! I challenge you... find it and send it to me.

“**Now wait a minute...**” you say. “What about **Genesis 1:2** which says, “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.” Well, I respond... What it DOESN’T say is “God the Spirit moved upon the face of the waters...” It says the “Spirit of God.”

Notice **John 4:23-24**, “The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship **the Father** in spirit and in truth: for **the Father** seeketh such to **worship Him**. **God is a Spirit**: and they that **worship Him** must **worship Him** in spirit and in truth.”

“The **Father IS all** the fullness of the Godhead **bodily**, and is invisible to mortal sight. The **Son IS all** the fullness of the Godhead **manifested**...”

The Comforter that Christ promised to send **after He ascended to heaven**, is the **Spirit IN all the fullness** of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. {BTS March 1, 1906, par. 1,2}

The Story of Redemption says, “After his transgression God would communicate to man through Christ and angels.” {SR 50.3}

Part Three - The Spirit of God:

If, as it says in the last sentence of the fifth chapter of The Story of Redemption, that God communicated with fallen man through Christ and angels, why then is the Spirit of God so often referred to in the OT?

1. “Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent. “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall (although unseen by you), [This phrase was added by Ellen White.] teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” [John 14:26]. “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go

away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will come not unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you” [John 16:7]. {14MR 23.3} (If it was divested of humanity, it must have been invested at one time... (The origin of the word invest means to clothe upon--dictionary.com, invest))

2. “Ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” [John 14:16, 17]. This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter. Again Jesus says, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth” [John 16:12, 13]. {14MR 179.2}
3. Read quotes about the Spirit of Christ.
 1. “We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.” {Lt66-1894 1.6600}
 2. “The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him.” {14MR 84.3}
 3. “The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts.” {13MR 313.3}
 4. “It is not your spirit that is going into heaven; it is Christ’s spirit.” {1888 905.2}
 5. “They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit — the Spirit of Christ — is to bring unity into their ranks.” {9T 189.3}
 6. “Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way.” {2MR 337.1}
 7. “Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter. “The Comforter,” said Christ to His disciples, “which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things...” {Ms7-1902.10}
 8. “We cannot be with Christ in person, as were His first disciples, but He has sent His Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, and through this power we too can bear witness for the Saviour.” {Ms30-1900 1.3000}
 9. “When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, remember that He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit, and He will be the peace and comfort given you, manifesting to you that He is with you, the Sun of Righteousness, chasing away your darkness.” {DG 185.2}
 10. “Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” {DA 671.2}
 11. “The Holy Spirit is promised to all who will ask for it. When you search the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is by your side, personating Jesus Christ.” {GCB February 15, 1895, par. 5}
4. You see, the Holy Spirit wasn't even given until AFTER Pentecost! Notice John 7:
 1. John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should [future tense] receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 1. “...It was not until Christ ascended to his Father, not until the descent of the Holy Spirit, that the disciples fully appreciated the character and the mission of Christ.” {RH April 23, 1895, par. 2}
 2. “On the day of Pentecost the Spirit was given.” {COL 118.3}
 3. “Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day.” {DA 827.1}

4. “In times past holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In ancient times the prophets searched what the Spirit of God which was in them signified. The Spirit was not then given in power because Jesus was not yet glorified. Dating from the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was to be poured forth on sons and daughters, on servants and handmaidens.” {RH February 7, 1957, par. 2}
5. “When he should ascend to the Father, then the Comforter which the Saviour promised to send would come. Jesus promised to manifest himself through the Holy Spirit to every individual who shall seek him and believe on him.” {ST July 23, 1896, par. 2}

Part Four - Proverbs 8:22-30

Genesis 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven. (EGW used this verse one time and simply quoted it.)

“The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “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.” John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. His “goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. And the Son of God declares concerning Himself: “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30.” {PP 34.1}

2 Kings 10:27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

Proverbs 8:22 The LORD possessed [H7069 - Bought, buy, get, purchase, etc.] me in the beginning [same word as in Gen. 1:1] of his way [road, journey, path, etc.], before his works of old.

Proverbs 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

Proverbs 8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Proverbs 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

Proverbs 8:26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

Proverbs 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

Proverbs 8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

Proverbs 8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Proverbs 8:30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

“In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him.” {ST, August 29, 1900 par. 15}

See the entire first chapters of *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *The Story of Redemption*.

Part Five - Proverbs 30:4

Before coming to this earth as a man, Christ was Spirit. Remember, He came throughout the Old Testament as the “Angel of the Lord,” and Angels, according to Hebrews 1:14, are “ministering **spirits**.” His Father also is Spirit, according to John 4, in the words of Jesus. Like Father, like Son. “**From** [not throughout, a big difference] eternity there was a **complete unity** between the **Father** and the **Son**. They were **two**, yet **little short of being identical**; two in individuality, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character.” YI December 16, 1897, par. 5

Just the other day I read a verse that stood out to me more than it ever had before: **2 Corinthians 4:6** “For **God**, who *commanded the light to shine out of darkness*, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the **glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.” So... was it God the Father who spoke in Genesis 1:3, which says, “God said, Let there be light: and there was light”? If this is so, then the Son of God was represented by the Spirit in Genesis 1:2 BEFORE He had divested Himself of His omnipresence!

Christ, as the Son, was spirit, just as His Father is Spirit. This is how the incarnation is so miraculous, that a Spirit can put on human flesh! It is just as miraculous that human flesh can clothe Divinity! **1 Timothy 3:16** “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.”

All of this consideration was in preparation for this verse:

Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his *fists* [see following verses]? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son’s name, if thou canst tell?

Exodus 9:8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you *handfuls* of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

Leviticus 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his *hands* full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail:

Ecclesiastes 4:6 Better is an handful with quietness, than both the *hands* full with travail and vexation of spirit.

Ezekiel 10:2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine **band** with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

Ezekiel 10:7 And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took thereof, and put it into the **hands** of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the **wind** [first use of this word is “Spirit” in Genesis 1:2] in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is **his name**, and what is **his son’s name**, if thou canst tell?

Genesis 1:2 “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.”

What if this verse is explaining, similar to Proverbs 8:30, that God is the Father of His Son and held Him in His hands?!

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” **Luke 2:52**

This quote does not directly relate to this text, but is interesting none-the-less for its relation to the Son. “**Angels were expelled** from heaven **because they would not work in harmony with God**. They fell from their high estate **because they** wanted to be **exalted**. They had come to exalt **themselves**, and they forgot that **their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus**. This **fact the angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God**, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ. One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there was rebellion in the heavenly courts among the angels. **They** were lifted up because of **their** beauty.” Lt42-1910

When looking for commentary on this verse, it too seems to be obscured as though it doesn’t say what it seems to say. Why “wind” and “fists” instead of spirit and hands?

Part Six - Psalm 2, Isaiah 9:6

Psalms 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I **begotten** thee.

Notice what is mentioned just before this verse is quotes in **Hebrews 1**. “**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**? **Hebrews 1:6** And again, when **he bringeth in the firstbegotten into** the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.”

In order to bring the Firstbegotten in to the world, there must have been a Firstbegotten to bring into the world! (This same reasoning fits also in John 3:16.)

“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?” [Hebrews 1:5] **The personality of the Father and the Son**, also the **unity that exists** between Them, are presented in the seventeenth chapter of John, in the prayer of Christ for His disciples: {MH 421.7}

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; 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 17:20, 21. {MH 421.8}

The **unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either**. They are **one in purpose, in mind, in character**, but not in person. **It is thus** that God and Christ are one.” {MH 422.1}

Psalms 2:11 Serve the **LORD** with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:12 Kiss **the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that **put their trust in him**.

This section is used in the context of God’s judgments:

“The **clouds of wrath** which have been gathering will burst with pitiless fury upon the world. I beg of you who shall read these words to **hear for your soul’s sake**. Venture not one step further in your impenitence. “**Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.” {RH December 1, 1896, Art. B, par. 31}

Did this Scripture not come into the mind of Judas Iscariot as he said in **Matthew 26:48**, “Whomsoever I shall **kiss**, that same is he: hold him fast.”

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a **child** is born, unto us a **son** is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counsellor**, The **mighty God**, The **everlasting Father**, The **Prince of Peace**.

“God has **adopted human nature in the person of His Son**, and has carried the same into the highest heaven. It is the “**Son of man**” who shares the throne of the universe. It is the “**Son of man**” whose name shall be called, “Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. The I AM is the Daysman **between God and humanity, laying His hand upon both**. He who is “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,” is not ashamed to call us **brethren**. Hebrews 7:26; 2:11. In Christ the family of **earth** and the family of **heaven** are **bound together**. **Christ glorified is our brother**. Heaven is enshrined in humanity, and humanity is enfolded in the bosom of Infinite Love.” {DA 25.3}

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I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30.” PP 34.1

Notice **Exodus 23:20-21**, “Behold, I send an **Angel** before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him, and obey His voice, provoke Him not; for He will not pardon your transgressions: for ***My name is in Him.***”

Part Seven - Daniel 3 and 7

Daniel 3 and **Revelation 13** Compared:

- Speaking as a dragon (**Revelation 12:9**)
- Exercising all power
- Image
- Fire
- Deception (coming together for the ‘dedication’ of the image)
- Miracles done in the site
- Causing all to worship
- Persecution unto death
- Both had a ‘deadly wound’
- Remnant / minority which are faithful
- 666 (height was SIXty cubits, breadth SIX cubits, width COULD have been SIX cubits as well)

Daniel 3:25 “He answered and said, Lo, I see **four men** loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the **Son of God.**”

“**How** did that **heathen king know** what the **Son of God** was like? The **Hebrew captives** filling positions of trust in Babylon had **in life and character represented** before him the **truth**. When **asked for a reason of their faith, they had given it** without hesitation. **Plainly** and **simply** they had presented the **principles of righteousness**, thus **teaching** those around them **of the God whom they worshipped**. They had **told of Christ, the Redeemer to come**; and in the form of the fourth in the midst of the fire **the king recognized the Son of God.**” {PK 509.2}

Daniel 7:13-14 “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.” (**Psalm 104:3** “Who maketh the clouds his chariot,” and **Psalm 68:17** “The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels.”)

“The coming of Christ here described is **not His second coming** to the earth. He comes **to the Ancient of Days** in heaven **to receive dominion and glory** and a **kingdom**, which will be given Him **at the close of His work as a mediator**. It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. **Attended by heavenly angels**, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man—to perform the work of **investigative judgment** and to **make an atonement** for all who are shown to be **entitled** to its benefits.” {GC 479.3}

Part Eight - Zechariah 6:12-13

Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH [**“I am the true vine” John 15:1**]; and he shall grow up [**“as one brought up with him” Proverbs 8:30**] out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD [OT, Jerusalem]:

Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD [NT, **“Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets” Ephesians 2:20**]; and he shall bear the glory [**“now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was” John 17:5**], and shall sit and rule upon his throne [**“I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” Revelation 3:21**]; and he shall be a priest upon his throne [**“We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens” Hebrews 8:1**]; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both [**“I and my Father are one” John 10:30**].

How are both one? (which can also apply to 1 John 5:7)

“The burden of that prayer was that **His disciples might be one as He was one with the Father**; the oneness so close that, **although two distinct beings**, there was **perfect unity of spirit, purpose, and action**. The **mind** of the Father was the **mind** of the Son.” Lt1-1882.1

“The **Godhead** was **stirred** with **pity** for the **race**, and the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit** gave themselves to the **working out** of the plan of redemption. In order to **fully carry out** this plan, it was decided that **Christ**, the only begotten Son of God, should **give Himself** an **offering** for sin. What line can measure the depth of this love?” AUCR April 1, 1901, Art. A, par. 10

“The work of **Christ** as **man's intercessor** is presented in that beautiful prophecy of Zechariah concerning Him “whose name is the Branch.” Says the prophet: “He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His [the **Father's**] throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between **Them both**.”

Zechariah 6:12, 13. GC 415.3 (brackets original)

““He shall build the temple of the Lord.” By His **sacrifice and mediation** Christ is both the **foundation** and the **builder** of the church of God. The apostle Paul points to Him as “the chief Cornerstone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the

Lord: in whom ye also,” he says, “are builded together for an habitation of God **through** the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:20-22.” GC 416.1

Zechariah 6:12a Speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the **man** whose name is The **BRANCH**;...

- **Isaiah 11:1** And there shall come forth a **rod** [twig] out of the stem [trunk] of Jesse, and a **Branch** shall grow out of his roots:
- **Isaiah 11:2** And the spirit of the LORD (**1**) shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom (**2**) and understanding (**3**), the spirit of counsel (**4**) and might (**5**), the spirit of knowledge (**6**) and of the fear (**7**) of the LORD;
 - Referring to the “spirit of the LORD”, **See 2 Corinthians 3:14-18**
 - **2 Corinthians 3:14** But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same **vail** untaken away in the reading of the **old testament**; which **vail** is done away in **Christ**.
 - **2 Corinthians 3:15** But even unto this day, when **Moses** is read, the **vail** is upon their heart.
 - **2 Corinthians 3:16** Nevertheless when it shall turn to the **Lord**, the **vail** shall be taken away.
 - **2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the **Lord** is that **Spirit**: and where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty.
 - **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with **open face** beholding as in a glass the glory of the **Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the **Spirit of the Lord**.

“**Christ** is to be **known** by the blessed name of **Comforter**. “The **Comforter**,” said Christ to His disciples, “which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you, **Peace I leave with you, My peace I give** unto you: not as the world giveth, **give I** unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”” Ms7-1902.10

“Lo, **I am with you** always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:20

Zechariah 6:13 ...the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

- “The high honors conferred upon Lucifer were not appreciated as the gift of God and called forth no gratitude to the Creator. He gloried in his brightness and exaltation, and aspired to be equal with God. He was beloved and revered by the heavenly host. Angels delighted to execute his commands, and he was clothed with wisdom and glory above them all. Yet the Son of God was the acknowledged Sovereign of heaven, one in power and authority with the Father. In all the councils of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes. “Why,” questioned this mighty angel, “should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He thus honored above Lucifer?”” {GC 495.1}
- “Again He opened to them the Scriptures, showing that all He had passed through had been ordained in heaven, in the councils between the Father and Himself.” {DA 820.1}

- “God became one with man when, in the council between the Father and the Son in heaven, it was determined that if man fell from his allegiance, the Son of God should be his Redeemer and restore in him the moral image of God. How was it to be done? “The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth.” John 1:14. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48. Christ’s oneness with the Father brings us into close union, through the Son of God, with the Father.”
Ms40-1891.17

Part Nine - Malachi 2:10, One God

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Exodus 20:2-3 I and the **LORD your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. (3) You shall have no other **gods** before Me.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Mark 12:29-34 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The **Lord our God is one Lord:**

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, **Well, Master**, thou hast said the **truth**: for there is **one God**; and there is none other but **he**:

Mark 12:33 And **to love him** with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, **is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.**

Mark 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

John 5:44, (NKJV) How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from **the only God**?

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the **only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Romans 3:30 Seeing it is **one God**, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 ...there is **none other God but one**.

1 Corinthians 8:5 For though there be that are called **gods**, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be **gods many**, and **lords many**.)

1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is **but one God**, the **Father**, of whom are all things, and we in him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Galatians 3:20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but **God is one**.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one **body**, and one **Spirit**, even as ye are called in one **hope** of your calling;

Ephesians 4:5 One **Lord**, one **faith**, one **baptism**,

Ephesians 4:6 One **God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is **one God**; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Part 10 - Tore from His Bosom

John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow 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 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

“The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips, and a convicting influence attended them; for it seemed that divinity flashed through humanity as Jesus said, “I and my Father are one.” The words of Christ were full of deep meaning as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the same attributes. The Jews understood his meaning, there was no reason why they should misunderstand, and they took up stones to stone him. Jesus looked upon them calmly and unshrinkingly, and said, “Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of these works do ye stone me?” ST November 27, 1893, par. 5

The Majesty of heaven stood, calmly assured, as a god before his adversaries. Their scowling faces, their hands filled with stones, did not intimidate him. He knew that unseen forces, legions of angels, were round about him, and at one word from his lips they would strike with dismay the throng, should they offer to cast upon him a single stone. He stood before them undaunted. Why did not the stones fly to the mark?—It was because divinity flashed through humanity, and they received a revelation, and were convicted that his were no common claims. Their hands relax and the stones fall to the ground. His words had asserted his divinity, but now his personal presence, the light of his eye, the majesty of his attitude, bore witness to the fact that he was the beloved Son of God.” ST November 27, 1893, par. 6

I've been taught that Christ performed the first surgery even in Genesis 2, which says,
Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

—but it seems that was not the first operation.

- **TORE** the outer garments from the apostles, AA 213.3
- child... who was possessed of the demon that threw him down and **TORE** him, DG 147.2
- They also **TORE** in pieces my casket and scattered it among the rubbish, EW 82.4
- The power of truth **TORE** up their foundation, EW 123.1
- the rich man who **TORE** down his barns and built greater, FE 39.1
- the Captain of the Lord's host **TORE** down the walls of Jericho, LDE 52.3
- the authorities, who, with their official hands, **TORE** the clothes from the apostles, LP 75.2
- rose up together against them, and the magistrates **TORE** off their clothes, 1SG 95.2
- They renounced the world, **TORE** their affections from it, 1SG 155.2
- I **TORE** off the rags and threw them from me, 1T 579.2
- they at once **TORE** open the roof and let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy, 3T 168.2
- the man who **TORE** and cut himself when Jesus cast out the devils, TSB 77.3
- The apostles “**TORE** their garments and rushed out among the multitude”, TT 96.5
- stepped on her beautiful trail, and **TORE** the dress badly, HR, April 1, 1872, par. 14
- The officer took the paper, and **TORE** it to pieces, RH June 11, 1889, par. 9

“The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, **TORE** from his bosom Him who was made in the express image of his person, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind. He is willing to do more, “more than we can ask or think.”” RH July 9, 1895, par. 13

Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary

BOSOM, 1. The breast of a human being and the parts adjacent.

Notice: The Father brought forth His Son from His bosom (Proverbs 8:22-30)

Notice: Christ brought forth Eve from the Adam's bosom (Genesis 2:21-22)

Notice: Humanity brought forth the Spirit (represented by water) from Christ's bosom (John 19:34-35)

John 19:34 One of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

John 19:35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

The Son was begotten of His Father as the Son of God, then begotten of the virgin Mary—the Son of God, the Son of Man, which brings us into the New Testament...

Part 11 - Matthew 3:16-17 - Baptism

“**Jesus** also told them [angels] that they would have a part to act, to be with Him and at different times strengthen Him; that **He would take man's fallen nature**, and His strength would not be even equal with theirs...” SR 43.2

“**Satan** again rejoiced with his angels that he could, by causing man's fall, pull down the Son of God from His exalted position. He told his angels that when **Jesus should take fallen man's nature**, he could overpower Him and hinder the accomplishment of the plan of salvation.” SR 45.3

Hebrews 2:14-18 As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Hebrews 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

“While the Son of a human being, He **became the Son of God in a new sense**. Thus He stood in our world—the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race.” ST August 2, 1905, par. 2

Matthew 3:16-17 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.

“Never had angels listened to such a prayer. They were solicitous to bear to the praying Redeemer messages of assurance and love. But no; **the Father himself will minister to his Son**. Direct from the throne proceeded the light of the glory of God. The heavens were opened, and **beams of light and glory proceeded** therefrom and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold. The dove-like form was **emblematical** of the meekness and gentleness of Christ.” {YI March 1, 1874, par. 4}

“Christ determined to bestow a gift on those who had been with Him and on those who should believe on Him, because this was the occasion of His ascension and inauguration, a jubilee in heaven. What gift could Christ bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. The divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation, because He would give all gifts in one.” Ms44-1898.11

“After Christ's ascension His enthronement in His mediatorial kingdom was signaled by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit was given.” COL 118.3

Part 12 - Matthew 4 - Temptation

Matthew 4:3 When the tempter came to him, he said, **If thou be the Son of God**, command that these stones be made bread.

(Out of the 48 times the Bible uses the phrase “Son of God,” there is never a reason to use those words as an analogy, an illustration, a metaphor, or a symbol.)

“...Adam had failed on the point of appetite, and Christ must conquer here. The **power that rested upon Him came directly from the Father**, and He must not exercise it in His own behalf. With that long fast there was woven into His experience a **strength and power that God alone could give**. He met and resisted the enemy in the strength of a “Thus saith the Lord.” {3SM 128.4}

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, **If thou be the Son of God**, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

“In Satan’s **first** temptation upon the point of appetite he had **tried to insinuate doubts** in regard to God’s love and care for **Christ as His Son**, by presenting His surroundings and His hunger as an evidence that He was not in favor with God. He was unsuccessful in this. He **next** tried to take advantage of the **faith** and perfect **trust** Christ had **shown in His heavenly Father**, to urge Him to presumption. “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.” Jesus promptly answered, “It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” {Con 48.1}

Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Matthew 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and **worship me**.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt **worship the Lord thy God**, and **him only** shalt thou serve.

Teaching the youth, Ellen White said, “The **Father** and the **Son alone** are to be **exalted**.” YI July 7, 1898, par. 2

Revelation 5:11-13 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of **many angels** round about the throne and the **beasts** and the **elders**: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Revelation 5:12 Saying with a **loud** voice, Worthy is the **Lamb** that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, **heard I saying**, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto **him that sitteth** upon the throne, **and unto the Lamb** for ever and ever.

The 1st and 2nd temptations in Christ's ministry was based on the fact that He was the Son of God.

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