

The Path -

Day 36: The Oneness of God Pt 5

Is God Divided?

Is God Divided in any way? As we have noted Jesus said in John 4:24: “God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.” God is one in substance: He is one Spirit. We cannot divide one Spirit up to make Him more than one! There is just one God because there is just one Spirit that is God. God cannot be divided into separate persons, separate gods, or separate entities of any kind.

God manifested Himself in three major ways to bring redemption to man. 1 Timothy 3:16 states that: “... God was manifested in the flesh.” The word manifest means “to be made known.” God, that one Spirit, has made himself known through a man: Jesus Christ. He has also made himself known as the Father or the creator of this world. He furthermore, makes Himself known today as the Holy Spirit that dwells within each believer. He is the one and self same God, undivided, who made Himself known in these three roles or offices. We are a father/mother, son/daughter, husband/wife, employee. We have these roles in life: but assuredly we are just one person.

In Isaiah 46:9-10 it says: “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is _____ else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:” God stated emphatically “... I am God, and there is none else; I am God and there is none like me.”

Who is the savior? Much confusion arises when we talk about redemption, because of the view of some, about the “second person in the Godhead” becoming the savior of the world. However, according to the scripture, there should be no confusion. God speaking again through Isaiah, states in Ch 43:4:

“For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy _____ of Israel, thy Savior...” The Holy One is our savior! How many Holy One’s can there be?

Again in Isaiah 43:11 God declares:

“I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is _____ savior.” the word LORD in the passage is “JEHOVAH” in the Hebrew, JEHOVAH declares there is no savior beside Him!

Again in Isaiah 45:15 it is written: “Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the _____.”

The Hebrew word for “Lord” in these passages is “Jehovah”. Jehovah is saying that He is the one and only savior. The name Jesus means “Jehovah Savior”: Jesus was Jehovah (Spirit), embodied in flesh, in order to save mankind.

Another question that must be addressed is: “Who is God beside Him?” In Isaiah 45:5-6 God says:

I am the LORD, and there is _____ else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is _____ else.”

Again JEHOVAH uses exclusive language: “none else”, “no God beside me”, “none beside me”, and “I am JEHOVAH and there is none else.” JEHOVAH uses redundantly repetitive emphatic language declaring His oneness, so that there would be no mistaking the fact that He is a stand alone God.

Not only does Jehovah state that He is the only savior, he also states that He is the creator.

In Isaiah 45:18 JEHOVAH said: “For thus saith the LORD that _____ the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it: He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.”



Jehovah God created the heavens. The New Testament states that Jesus created all things.

Colossians 1:16 - "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

Obviously, Jesus did not create all things in his fleshly body which was not in existence until around 4 BC. He created all things as the Spirit of God. The Spirit in Him was Jehovah.

Discussion:

- 1. Why does the Bible declare that Jehovah is the only savior and that Jesus is the savior?**
- 2. How could Jesus be the creator of the universe when He was born in 4 BC?**
- 3. What do you think the concept that "God was manifest in the flesh" means? Has God been manifested in any other ways to mankind? If so, in what ways?**