

as the son of the woman. It will be seen therefore that he could not be co-equal or co-eternal with the father because his existence, power and authority were derived from the Father. Jesus himself readily admitted this, as is demonstrated by the following quotations from his sayings: -

'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'.

(John 14.10.)

'I can of mine own self do nothing... I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me'. (John 5.30.)

'I go unto the Father; for my Father is greater than I'.

(John 14.28.)

'Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me'. (John 7.16.)

The God thus revealed to us in the Bible is a creator, a father, and a person — universal in His presence and power by the spirit, but still a located and glorious Being whom we can contemplate, love, confide in, and adore. Jesus is His Son, begotten by the Holy Spirit, and exalted to the Father's presence as mediator between God and men.

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The importance of having a correct understanding of God is emphasised by Jesus when he said:

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

The teaching of the Bible concerning God is both clear and simple. It reveals that God is the creator of all things and that He is one person and not three:

'For thus saith the Lord that created 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'. (Isaiah 45:18)

'The Lord our God is one Lord'. (Deut. 6:4, Mark 12:29)

'To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him'. (1Cor.8: 6)

'One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all'. (Eph.4: 6)

'Beside me there is no God'. (Isaiah 44:6)

It also reveals that God dwells in heaven — at some location unknown to us: -

'O thou that dwellest in the heavens'. (Psa.123:1)

'Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place'.
(1Kings 8:30)

'Our Father which art in heaven' (The Lord's prayer)
(Matt.6: 9)

'God is in heaven, and thou upon earth'. (Ecc.5: 2)

'He hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth'. (Psa.102: 19)

It further reveals that God dwells in unapproachable light: -

'Dwelling in the light which no man can approach'.
(1Tim.6:16)

'He covereth himself with light as with a garment'.
(Psa.104:2)

'His glory is above the heavens'. (Psa.113:4)

He also has a form after the likeness of which man has been created: -

'Men, which are made after the similitude of God'.
(James 3:9)

'He (the man) is the image and glory of God'.
(1Cor.11: 7)

But although God is located in heaven, the invisible energy or spirit which flows from Him fills the universe, so that God is everywhere present:-

'Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?' (Psa139: 2-12)

'Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created'.
(Psa.104: 30)

'Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth?' (Jer.23: 24)

'The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good'. (Prov.15: 3)

The Bible also tells us that there exist beings known as angels who are of the same nature as Himself and are the instruments of His wisdom and power. They are His servants by whom His commands are executed and His designs in heaven and earth performed:-

'He maketh his angels spirits'. (Heb.1: 7)

'His angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word... ministers of his, that do his pleasure'.
(Psa.103:20,21) See also the numerous instances of their appearance.

But simple and obvious as is this Bible teaching, it has been grossly obscured by the doctrine of the Trinity, a doctrine which is nowhere to be found in the Bible. The doctrine of the Trinity states that there are three Gods, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, three in one, and one in three. Trinity in Unity, co-equal and co-eternal, yet not three Gods but one God. By contrast the Bible teaches that the Father is the one supreme God; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, which is quite different from being God the Son (an expression which does not occur in the Bible); and the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit as it would be better translated) is not a person but a power, although it is sometimes personified as a figure of speech in the same way as wisdom is personified. ((Prov.9)

The following passages will show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God: -

'Then said Mary (the mother of Jesus) unto the angel. How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God'. (Luke 1:34,35)

'But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law'. (Gal.4: 4)

Jesus was not born of the will of man but by the power of the Holy Spirit operating upon the virgin Mary; therefore whilst having a woman for his mother, God was his Father; thus he was the Son of God as well ►►