

The Deity of Jesus

Hebrews 6:1, 2 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about **the Christ**, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of **faith toward God**, of instruction about **washings** (baptisms) and **laying on of hands**, and the **resurrection of the dead** and **eternal judgment**.

Phil. 2:6–8 – who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond–servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

I Tim. 3:16 – By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

He who (or God) was revealed in the flesh, (ΟΣ vs. ΘΕΟΣ)
Was vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.

PJHP – “Although it’s hard to understand, the New Testament both distinguishes Jesus from God and identifies him as God—sometimes in the same breath (e.g., John 1:1; 20:28–31; Heb. 1:8–9; 2 Peter 1:1–2).

John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[Word – 1 Samuel 3:4 Then the Lord called Samuel (3:7) Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. (3:10) The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” (3:21) And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, because the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.]

John 20:28–31 –

20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

20:29 Jesus *said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Hebrews 1:8–9 –

1:8 But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His (Your) kingdom.

(Almost all English versions read “Your” kingdom.) (Ps. 45:6 - Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.)

1:9 “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions.”

2 Peter 1:1, 2 –

1:1 Simon Peter, a bond–servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

Titus 2:10, 13 – (10) the doctrine of God our Savior (13) our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus

PJIHP – “But when he saw the marks in Jesus’ hands left by the nails of the crucifixion, Thomas was persuaded of more than the resurrection! Amazingly, he called Jesus his Lord and his God (John 20:28). *(with the definite article)*

Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” *(And Jesus did not rebuke him.)*

John 10:30-33 – “I and the Father are one.” The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.”

C.S. Lewis – different time, culture, language, religion – and we think we will understand better than they did what Jesus meant by what He said.

PJIHP –

Honors: Jesus shares the *honors* due to God.

Attributes: Jesus shares the *attributes* of God.

Names: Jesus shares the *names* of God.

Deeds: Jesus shares in the *deeds* that God does.

Seat: Jesus shares the *seat* of God’s throne.

Worship of Jesus in the NT:

Exod. 20:2–3 – “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (3) You shall have no other gods before Me.”

Deut. 5:6–7 – “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (7) You shall have no other gods before Me.”

Exod. 34:14 - for you shall not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

Matthew:

2:2 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

2:11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

8:2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

14:33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “You are certainly God’s Son!”

15:25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

28:9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

28:17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful.

Luke:

24:51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

24:52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

John 9:38 – And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

Acts (by contrast):

10:25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped him.

10:26 But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am just a man.”

Revelation (by contrast):

19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him (an angel). But he *said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Hebrews 1:6 - And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

The Pre–existence of Jesus:

Phil. 2:6, 7 – who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond–servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

John 1:1-3 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

John 1:14 – And the Word became flesh, and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Heb. 1:2 - in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Hebrews 1:6 – And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

Heb. 1:10-12 – (Context: the Father, speaking of the Son says) And, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.”

(Jesus always existed, Jesus created everything, and Jesus will always exist—Jesus is God.)

Gal. 4:4 – But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law

1 John 1:9 – By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:10 – In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:14 – We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

Matt. 23:37 – “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.” (and Luke 13:34)

John 10:36 – do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

John 6:32 – Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.”

John 6:33 – “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”

John 6:38 – “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

John 6:41 – “Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”

John 6:50 – “This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.”

John 6:51 – “I am the living bread that came down out of heaven;”

John 6:58 – “This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

John 8:42 – Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.”

John 8:58 – Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am**.”

(John 8:59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.)

John 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that **I am He**, you will die in your sins.”

John 8:28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that **I am He**, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.”

John 12:37-42a - (37) But though **He** had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in **Him**. (38) This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

(39) For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, (40) “He has blinded their eyes and He hardened their heart, so that they would not see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and be converted and I heal them.” (41) These things Isaiah said because he saw **His** glory, and he spoke of **Him**. (42) Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in **Him**,

John 13:3 – Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

John 16:27 – “for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.”

John 16:28 – “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.”

John 17:5 – “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You **before the world was**.”

John 17:8 – “for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.”

John 17:24 – “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me **before the foundation of the world**.”

Rom. 8:3 - For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

Rom. 8:6 - yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

Rom. 10:4 - and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

Rom. 4:4 - But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

1 Cor. 10:4, 9 – (4) and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. (9) Nor let us try the Lord*, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

*Most versions say “nor let us try Christ” following the older manuscripts.

Jude 1:4, 5 - For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny **our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ**. (5) Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the **Lord**, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. (**Jesus saved Israel and judged them.**)

The Angel of the Lord (the Messenger of YHWH):

The Angel of the Lord and Hagar:

Gen. 16:7 Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

Gen. 16:10 – Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.”

Gen. 16:11 – The angel of the LORD said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son;

Gen. 16:13 – Then she called the name of the LORD (YHWH) who spoke to her, “You are a God who sees”;

The Angel of the Lord and Moses:

Exodus 3:2 - The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

Exodus 3:4 – When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Mark 12:26 – But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *passage about the burning bush*, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?

Luke 20:37 – But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the *passage about the burning bush*, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Acts 7:30 – “After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning thorn bush.”

Acts 7:35 – “This Moses whom they disowned, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one whom God sent *to be* both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush.”

The Angel of the Lord and Abraham:

Gen. 22:1-2 – Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

Gen. 22:9 – Then they came to the place of which God had told him;

Gen. 22:11, 12 – But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

Gen. 22:15, 16 – Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,¹⁶ and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, (YHWH)

The Angel of the Lord and Balaam:

Num: 22:20 – God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men have come to call you, rise up *and* go with them; but only the word which I speak to you shall you do.”

Num. 22:35 – But the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, “Go with the men, but you shall speak only the word which I tell you.”

Possible: Captain of the Lord’s Armies with Joshua

Joshua 5:13-15 – (13) Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?”(14) He said, “No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the Lord.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?”

(15) The captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

The Angel of the Lord at Bochim:

Judges 2:1-2 – Now the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you, (2) and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?”

The Angel of the Lord in the Song of Deborah:

Judges 5:23 - ‘Curse Meroz,’ said the angel of the Lord, ‘Utterly curse its inhabitants, Because they did not come to the help of the Lord, To the help of the Lord against the warriors.’

The Angel of the Lord and Gideon:

Judges 6:12 – The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior.”

Judges 6:14 – The LORD (YHWH) looked at him and said, “Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?” (same person as in verse 12)

The Angel of the Lord and Samson’s Parents:

Judges 13:3 – Then the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son.

Judges 13:17, 18 – Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “What is your name, so that when your words come *to pass*, we may honor you?” But the angel of the Lord said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is **wonderful (פלא)**?” (Same root as in Isa. 9:6 – 9:5 in Hebrew)

Judges 13:22, 23 – So Manoah said to his wife, “We will surely die, for we have seen God.” (23) But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have let us hear *things* like this at this time.”

The Angel of the Lord and Elijah:

1 Kings 19:5-8 – (5) He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, “Arise, eat.” (6) Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. (7) The angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you.” (8) So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 Kings 1:3 - But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, “Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?’

2 Kings 1:15 - And the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, “Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.” So he got up and went down with him to the king.

Possible: The Angel of the Lord and the Assyrian Army

2 Kings 19:35 - Then it happened that night that the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when *the rest* got up early in the morning, behold, all of the 185,000 were dead.

Isaiah 37:36 - Then the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when *the rest* got up early in the morning, behold, all of the 185,000 were dead.

The Angel of the Lord and David:

1 Chron. 21:12 - three years of famine, or three months to be swept away before your foes while the sword of your enemies overtakes *you*, or else three days of the sword of the Lord: a plague in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout the territory of Israel.’

1 Chron. 21:15, 16 - And the angel of the Lord was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (16) Then David raised his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem.

1 Chron. 21:18 - Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David, that David was to go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

1 Chron. 21:30 - But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified by the sword of the angel of the Lord.

The Angel of the Lord in the Psalms:

Psalms 34:7 - The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

Psalms 35:5 – Let them be like chaff before the wind, With the angel of the Lord driving *them* on.

Psalms 35:6 – Let their way be dark and slippery, With the angel of the Lord pursuing them.

The Angel of the Lord and Joshua the High Priest:

Zechariah 1:11 – So they responded to the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees and said, “We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth is still and quiet.”

Zechariah 1:12 – Then the angel of the Lord said, “Lord of armies, how long will You take no pity on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant for these seventy years?”

Zechariah 3:1 – Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right to accuse him.

Zechariah 3:5, 6 - Then I said, “Have them put a clean headband on his head.” So they put the clean headband on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the Lord was standing by. And the angel of the Lord admonished Joshua,

The Angel of the Lord and the House of David:

Zech. 12:8 – In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David *will be* like God, like the angel of the Lord before them.

Quote from **PJIHP** - John R. W. Stott rightly said, “Nobody can call himself a Christian who does not worship Jesus. To worship him, if he is not God, is idolatry; to withhold worship from him, if he is, is apostasy.”

(One other logical option is to not worship Jesus because he is not God. But this is to deny what Jesus said about himself, and what the Scriptures say about him. This is to deny the truth about Jesus. It is the position of the unbeliever.)

Honor and Glory:

John 5:23 - so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Hebrews 3:3, 4 - For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. (4) For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

Glory to God the Father:

I Chron. 29:10, 11 - ... Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;...

Ps. 72:18-19 - Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

Rom. 11:36 - For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Gal. 1:4b-5. . . according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Phil. 4:20 - Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Glory to Jesus:

Heb. 13:21 - through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Pet. 4:11 - Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever.

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

PJIHP - “Here again, the doxology does not praise Jesus to the exclusion of God, but includes the giving of eternal honor and glory to Jesus Christ within the monotheistic Jewish practice of ascribing such glory to God (note the similarity of these doxologies to the one in 1 Chron. 29:10–11). We should not “underestimate the boldness that was necessary to alter these traditional Jewish forms.” *

*(James L. Bailey and Lyle D. Vander Broek, *Literary Forms in the New Testament: A Handbook* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1992), 75.)

From Revelation: (as outlined in **PJIHP**)

Worship of God

Worship of Jesus

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| <p>4:11 – “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”</p> | <p>5:9 - “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”</p> <p>5:12 - “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”</p> |
| <p>5:13 - And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”</p> <p>7:12 - “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”</p> | <p>5:12 - “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”</p> <p>5:13 - And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”</p> |
| <p>4:9 – And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,</p> <p>4:11 – “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”</p> | <p>5:12 - “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”</p> <p>5:13 - And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”</p> |
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| <p>4:9 – And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,</p> <p>7:12 - “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”</p> | |

7:10 - and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “**Salvation to our God** who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

19:1 – “Hallelujah! **Salvation** and glory and power belong **to our God;**”

7:10 - and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “**Salvation** to our God who sits on the throne, and **to the Lamb.**”

The Attributes of God (properties, qualities)

Colossians 2:9 - For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
For in Him (Jesus) all the fullness (every quality) of Deity (Godhood) dwells in bodily form,

Col. 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
Jesus **is the image** of God, not like humans, who are **in the image** of God.

firstborn? (**first created thing? - no**)

Rom. 8:29 - For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the **firstborn among many brethren**;

Col. 1:12-18 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the **inheritance** of the saints in Light. (13) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(15) He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation. (16) **For by Him all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities **all things have been created through Him** and for Him.

(17) He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (18) He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the **firstborn** from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have **first place** in everything.

Hebrews 1:1-14 - 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, (2) in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. (3) And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (4) having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. (5) For to which of the angels did He ever say, "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again, "I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me"? (6) And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." (7) And of the angels He says, "Who makes His angels winds, And His ministers a flame of fire." (8) But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom. (9) "You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions." (10) And, "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; (11) They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, (12) And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be

changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.” (13) But to which of the angels has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies A footstool for Your feet”? (14) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Jesus is Immutable (unchanging):

Hebrews 1:10-12 – (The Father says again to the Son “And, You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; (11) They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, (12) And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.”

(quote of Ps. 102:25-27)

Jesus is Omnipotent:

John 10:17, 18 – “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. (18) No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

John 2:19 - Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Jesus can answer all prayers:

John 14:13 – “**Whatever** you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

1 John 3:22 - and **whatever** we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 5:15 - And if we know that He hears us *in* **whatever** we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

The Names of God:

Creator, God:

Gen. 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen. 2:4 - This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven.

Eccl. 12:1 - Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

Isaiah 27:11 - When its limbs are dry, they are broken off; Women come *and* make a fire with them, For they are not a people of discernment, Therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them. And their Creator will not be gracious to them.

Isaiah 40:28 - Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

Isaiah 43:1 - But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Isaiah 43:15 - "I am the Lord, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

Creator, Jesus:

John 1:1-3 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Heb. 1:2 - in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Heb. 1:10-12 – (Context: the Father, speaking of the Son says) And, "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end."

Rom. 8:6 - yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

Col. 1:16, 17 - For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created through Him and for Him. (17) He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Immanuel, “God with us”:

Prophecy - Isaiah 7:14 - Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Fulfillment - Matthew 1:23 - “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Savior, God:

Psalms 106:21 - They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

Isaiah 43:3 - “For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.

Isaiah 43:11 - “I, even I, am the Lord, And there is no savior besides Me.

Isaiah 45:15 - Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!

Isaiah 45:21b - And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me.

Hosea 13:4 - Yet I *have been* the Lord your God Since the land of Egypt; And you were not to know any god except Me, For there is no savior besides Me.

Luke 1:47 - And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

1 Timothy 1:1 - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, *who is* our hope,

1 Timothy 2:3 - This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1 Timothy 4:10 - For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

Titus 2:10 - not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

2:13 - our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Titus 3:4 - But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

Jude 1:25 - to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Savior, Jesus:

2 Tim.1:10 - but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,

Titus 1:4 - To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus 2:13 - looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Titus 3:6 - whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

2 Peter 1:1 - Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:11 - for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

2 Peter 2:20 - For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2 Peter 3:2 - that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

2 Peter 3:18 - but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

1 John 4:14 - We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

Holy One, God:

Isaiah 1:4 - Alas, sinful nation, People weighed down with iniquity, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the Lord, They have despised [the Holy One](#) of Israel, They have turned away from Him.

(Additional references in Isaiah to “the Holy One” – 5:19 ; 5:24 ; 10:20 ; 12:6 ; 17:7 ; 29:29 ; 29:23 ; 30:11 ; 30:12 ; 30:15 ; 31:1 ; 37:23 ; 40:25 ; 41:14 ; 41:16 ; 41:20 ; 43:3 ; 43:14 ; 45:11 ; 47:4 ; 48:17 ; 49:7 ; 54:5 ; 55:5 ; 60:9 ; 60:14)

Jer. 50:29 - “Summon many against Babylon, All those who bend the bow: Encamp against her on every side, Let there be no escape. Repay her according to her work; According to all that she has done, *so* do to her; For she has become arrogant against the Lord, Against the Holy One of Israel. (+ Jer. 51:5)

Ezek. 39:7 - “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

Hosea 11:9 - I will not execute My fierce anger; I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, And I will not come in wrath.

Hosea 11:12 - Ephraim surrounds Me with lies And the house of Israel with deceit; Judah is also unruly against God, Even against the Holy One who is faithful.

Habakkuk 3:3 - God comes from Teman, And the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His splendor covers the heavens, And the earth is full of His praise.

Holy One, Jesus:

Mark 1:24 - “What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”

Luke 4:34 - “Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”

John 6:69 - We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”

1 Peter 1:15 - but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

1 John 2:20 - But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

First and Last, God:

Isaiah 41:4 - “Who has performed and accomplished *it*, Calling forth the generations from the beginning? ‘I, the Lord, am the first, and with the last. I am He.’”

Isaiah 44:6 - “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.’”

Isaiah 48:12 - “Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, **I am the first, I am also the last.**

Alpha and Omega, First and Last, Jesus:

Rev. 1:8 - “I am the **Alpha and the Omega,**” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Rev. 1:17, 18 - When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; **I am the first and the last,** and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Rev. 2:8 - “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: **The first and the last,** who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

Rev. 21:6 - Then He said to me, “It is done. **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.** I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Rev. 22:13 - I am **the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

Everlasting, God:

Gen. 21:33 - Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God.

Deut. 33:27 - “The eternal God is a dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms;

Isaiah 40:28 - Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

1 Chron. 16:36 - Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the Lord.

Psalms 90:2 - Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Isaiah 26:4 - "Trust in the Lord forever, For in God the Lord, *we have* an everlasting Rock.

Jeremiah 10:10 - But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.

Habakkuk 1:12 - Are You not from everlasting, O Lord, my God, my Holy One?

Romans 16:26 - but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith;

Everlasting, Jesus:

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Col. 1:17 - He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

1 Tim. 1:17 - Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (Jesus in context)

Rev. 1:18 - and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

I AM, YHWH:

Exodus 3:13, 14 - Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" (14) God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

YHWH is used throughout the Old Testament, and is mostly translated “LORD.”

Uppercase and lowercase are used in many translations to make a difference between YHWH and other words translated as “Lord.” But UC and LC do not exist in Hebrew, so the difference needs to be determined by context when reading Hebrew.

I AM, Jesus:

“Jesus” is a shortened form of “YHWH saves” or “salvation”

John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 8:58 – Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**”

John 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that **I am He**, you will die in your sins.”

John 8:28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that **I am He**, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.”

“**I am the**” statements:

I am the Bread of Life – John 6:35, 48, 51

I am the Light of the World – John 8:12 ; 9:5

I am the Gate for the Sheep – John 10:7, 9

I am the Good Shepherd – John 10:11, 14

I am the Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6

I am the True Vine – John 15:1

The Almighty:

Gen. 17:1 - Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am **God Almighty**; Walk before Me, and be blameless.

Gen. 35:11 - God also said to him, “I am **God Almighty**; Be fruitful and multiply; A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, And kings shall come forth from you.

(There are 38 references to God “**Almighty**” in the book of Job. There are many others in the Old Testament.)

Jesus, the Almighty:

Rev. 1:8 - "I am the **Alpha and the Omega**," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the **Almighty**."

Rev. 4:8 - And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the **Almighty**, who was and who is and who is to come."

Rev. 11:17 - saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the **Almighty**, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

Rev. 15:3 - And they *sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the **Almighty**; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

Rev. 16:5-7 - And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the **Almighty**, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Rev. 16:14, 15 - for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the **Almighty**. ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.")

Rev. 19:6, 7 - Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the **Almighty**, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

Rev. 19:15, 16 - From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the **Almighty**. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

The Lord of Hosts:

Isaiah 44:6 - “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the **LORD of hosts**: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.’”

1 Sam. 17:45 - Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of **the Lord of hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

2 Sam. 7:27 - For You, **O Lord of hosts**, the God of Israel, have made a revelation to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house’; therefore Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You.

(Plus over 200 other references to the “Lord of Hosts” in the Old Testament.)

Jesus and His Army:

The Angel of the Lord as the Captain of the Lord’s Armies:

Joshua 5:14 - He said, “No; rather I indeed come now *as* captain of the host of the Lord.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?”

Joshua 5:15 - The captain of the Lord’s host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Revelation 19:14 - And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

Revelation 19:19 - And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Our Righteousness

Jer. 23:6 - “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness.’”

Jer. 33:16 - In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is *the name* by which she will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.’”

1 Cor. 1:30 - But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

Heb. 7:2 - to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation *of his name*, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

King of Israel, YHWH:

Isaiah 44:6 - “Thus says the LORD, the **King of Israel** and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.’”

King of Israel, Jesus:

Matt. 27:11 - Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*”

Matt. 27:42 - “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him.

Mark 15:32 - Let *this* Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

John 1:49 - Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”

John 12:13 - took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.”

John 18:33 - Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

John 18:36, 37 - · Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

1 Tim. 6:15 - which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

Rev. 1:5 - and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Rev. 15:3 - And they *sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!"

Rev. 17:14 - These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."

Rev. 19:16 - And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Mighty God, YHWH:

Isaiah 10:21 - A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to [the mighty God](#).

Jer. 32:18 - who shows lovingkindness to thousands, but repays the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O great and [mighty God](#). The Lord of hosts is His name;

Mighty God, Jesus

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, [Mighty God](#), Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Wonderful, Jesus:

Judges 13:18 - But the angel of the Lord said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is [wonderful](#)?"

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called [Wonderful](#) Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, [Prince of Peace](#).

Eph. 2:14 - For **He Himself is our peace**, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

Heb. 7:2 - to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation *of his name*, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is **king of peace**.

YHWH is the Judge

Genesis 15:14 - But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

Gen. 18:25 – “Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?”

Judges 11:27 – “I therefore have not sinned against you, but you are doing me wrong by making war against me; may the Lord, the Judge, judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.”

1 Samuel 2:10 - “Those who contend with the Lord will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

1 Samuel 3:13 - For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them.

1 Chronicles 16:33 - Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord; For He is coming to judge the earth.

Job 9:15 - “For though I were right, I could not answer; I would have to implore the mercy of my judge.”

Job 23:7 - “There the upright would reason with Him; And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.”

Psalm 7:11 - God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.

Psalm 9:8 - And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

Psalm 50:6 - And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge. Selah.

Psalm 51:4 - Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

Psalm 67:4 - Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with uprightness And guide the nations on the earth. Selah.

Psalm 68:5 - A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

Psalm 75:2 - "When I select an appointed time, It is I who judge with equity.

Psalm 75:7 - But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another.

Psalm 82:8 - Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations.

Psalm 94:2 - Rise up, O Judge of the earth, Render recompense to the proud.

Psalm 96:10 - Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

Psalm 96:13 - Before the Lord, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 98:9 - Before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity.

Psalm 110:6 - He will judge among the nations, He will fill *them* with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

Psalm 135:14 - For the Lord will judge His people And will have compassion on His servants.

Isaiah 2:4 - And He will judge between the nations,

Isaiah 3:13 - The Lord arises to contend, And stands to judge the people.

Isaiah 11:4 - But with righteousness He will judge the poor,

Isaiah 40:10 - Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.

Isaiah 51:5 - "My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples;"

Jer. 25:31 - A clamor has come to the end of the earth, Because the LORD has a controversy with the nations. He is entering into judgment with all flesh;

Ezekiel 7:3 - Now the end is upon you, and I will send My anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways and bring all your abominations upon you.

Ezekiel 7:8 - Now I will shortly pour out My wrath on you and spend My anger against you; judge you according to your ways and bring on you all your abominations.

Ezekiel 7:27 - by their judgments I will judge them. And they will know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 11:10 - You will fall by the sword. I will judge you to the border of Israel; so you shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 11:11 - This *city* will not be a pot for you, nor will you be flesh in the midst of it, *but* I will judge you to the border of Israel.

Ezekiel 16:38 - Thus I will judge you like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

Ezekiel 18:30 - “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct,” declares the Lord God. “Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you.”

Ezekiel 21:30 - Return *it* to its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I will judge you.

Ezekiel 24:14 – “I, the Lord, have spoken; it is coming and I will act. I will not relent, and I will not pity and I will not be sorry; according to your ways and according to your deeds I will judge you,” declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 33:20 – “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Ezekiel 34:17 - “As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.

Ezekiel 34:22 - therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.

Ezekiel 35:11 - so I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.

Joel 3:12 - Let the nations be aroused And come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations.

Micah 4:3 - And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.

Hebrews 10:30 - For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge His people.”

Hebrews 12:23 - to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect,

Hebrews 13:4 - Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage* bed *is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

James 4:12 - There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

Romans 11:33 - Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

Romans 14:10 - But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:5 - *This is* a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

Revelation 16:7 - And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Revelation 18:20 - Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her."

Romans 2:3 - But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

Romans 3:6 - May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

Jude 1:15 - to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Jesus is the Judge

Isaiah 11:3 - And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

Isaiah 16:5 - A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; Moreover, he will seek justice And be prompt in righteousness.

Isaiah 33:22 - For the Lord is our judge, The Lord is our lawgiver, The Lord is our king; He will save us—

Matt. 16:27 - For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

Matt. 25:31-46 – The sheep and goat judgment of the nations.

John 5:30 - “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 8:16 - But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me.

John 8:26 - I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.”

John 12:48 - He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

Acts 10:42 - And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 17:31 - because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

Romans 2:16 - on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

1 Cor. 4:4-5 - For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

2 Timothy 4:1 - I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Timothy 4:8 - in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 Peter 4:5 - but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

John 5:22 - For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

John 5:27 - and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.

John 8:16 - But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Rev. 2:23 - And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

Sample verses comparing YHWH with Jesus from **PJIHP** -

Creating and sustaining all things

Gen. 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen. 2:4 - This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

John 1:3 - All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Heb. 1:3 - And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Sovereignly ruling over the forces of nature

Job 38:8-11 - “Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb; When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, And I said, ‘Thus far you shall come, but no farther And here shall your proud waves stop’?”

Jer. 5:22 - ‘Do you not fear Me?’ declares the LORD. ‘Do you not tremble in My presence? For I have placed the sand as a boundary for the sea, An eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it. Though the waves toss, yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot cross over it.

Matt. 8:25-27 - And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!” He *said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

John 21:6 - And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find *a catch*.” So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

Illumination and revelation

Gen. 40:8 - Then they said to him, “We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it.” Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *it* to me, please.”

Job 32:8 - “But it is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

Luke 10:22 - All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.”

Rev. 19:10 - Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he *said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Speaking with divine authority

Isa. 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.
 Isa. 55:11 - So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

“Thus says the Lord” (over 400x)

Matt. 7:28-29 - When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

John 7:46 - The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.”

“Truly I say to you” (74x) He spoke as if His word was the word of God

Salvation

Exod. 15:2 - The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will extol Him.

Isaiah 12:2 - “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the Lord God is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.”

Matt. 1:21 - She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

John 3:17 - For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Showing mercy

Psalm 119:156 - Great are Your mercies, O Lord; Revive me according to Your ordinances.

Psalm 145:9 - The Lord is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works.

Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Mark 5:19 - And He did not let him, but He *said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you.”

Forgiveness of sins

Isa. 43:25 - “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

Jer. 31:34 - They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Matt. 9:2 - And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”

Acts 5:31 - He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Sending the Spirit & His gifts

Joel 2:28-29 - "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Matt. 3:11 - "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 15:26 - "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

Giving and being life

Gen. 2:7 - Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Deut. 32:39 - 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

(Be careful not to "affirm the consequent" in verses like these.)

God puts to death and gives life.

This person died.

Therefore God killed this person. (Who killed Abel?)

If p, then q

q

Therefore p (this syllogism is false)

John 1:4 - In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

John 14:6 - Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

Raising the dead

Galatians 2:1 - Paul, an apostle (not *sent* from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),

Job 19:26 - "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

Isaiah 26:19 - Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew *is as* the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

John 5:25 – Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 5:28-29 - Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

Hardening of Hearts as Judgment of God

Isaiah 6:9, 10 - And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand.’ Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed.”

This is probably the hardest example of this kind to understand, not because “lest” is used any differently here, but because of what it appears God is doing with the people. God tells Isaiah the people “hear to listen, but do not perceive” and “look to see, but do not understand.” He then commands Isaiah to make the people’s hearts insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim. Isaiah is to do this, through his prophesying, in order that the people will not understand, return, and be healed.

At first glance, this seems very harsh of God to send a prophet to them, and then to make it impossible to understand the message. But if we look at the ways this passage is quoted and used in the New Testament, we can see how these statements fit together and how God was perfectly just in His treatment of the Israelites.

The Lord Jesus (as recorded by Matthew), and the Apostle Paul (as recorded by Luke), probably quoting from the Septuagint, blame the people for their lack of understanding.

Matthew 13:15 - “For the heart of this people has become dull, And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes Lest they should see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I should heal them.”

Acts 28:27 - “For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I should heal them.”

On the other hand, the Apostles Mark (quoting Jesus), and John (quoting Isaiah directly), both appear to follow Isaiah in making God responsible for the people’s lack of understanding.

Mark 4:12 - “in order that while seeing, they may see and not perceive; and while hearing, they may hear and not understand lest they return and be forgiven.”

John 12:40 - “He has blinded their eyes, and He hardened their heart; lest they see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and be converted, and I heal them.”

So, how does this all fit together? The reason some apostles could see the people as the cause of their own lack of understanding, while other apostles understood the verses to be saying God kept the people from seeing, is because both causes were in effect. The people

had refused to see to the point that God judged them by not being able to understand even if they tried to see. They had refused to listen to the point that God judged them by not being able to perceive, even if they tried to hear. This is similar to the description of God's judgment on all "ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" by "giving them over" to the lust of their hearts, degrading passions, and a depraved mind (Romans 1:18ff). God sometimes judges people by giving them exactly what they want. If they do not want to understand, He judges them by making it impossible to understand. If they do not want to perceive, He makes it impossible for them to perceive.

That both elements are involved is evident from the Mark and John passages. Mark quotes Jesus as teaching everything in parables so the people's understanding would be directly proportionate to their willingness to see. John says the Pharisees were blinded because they refused to believe in Jesus.

The passage goes on to say many of the rulers were believing in Him, so this verse cannot mean God kept the people from believing. Rather, the people were able to understand Jesus only to the extent they were willing to believe in Him.

Reformed and Free-will Theologies

| Reformed Theology “Calvinism” | Free-will Theology “Arminianism” |
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| T otal Depravity – depravity to the point of inability to choose good, or to repent and believe | Physical depravity and bondage to sin – people influenced toward evil, but still able to choose – bondage to sin is by choice |
| U nconditional Election – God chooses who is saved or lost – salvation is unilateral | God purposed to save all people – Salvation is relationship between God and man – salvation is bilateral |
| L imited Atonement – Atonement made only for the elect – Jesus only died for those who were chosen | Atonement was made for all people – conditions apply – Jesus died for all, but people must respond to be saved |
| I rresistible Grace – repentance and faith are responses to being saved | Salvation upon meeting of conditions – repentance and faith are conditions for salvation |
| P erseverance of the Saints – Unconditional Security (or “Once saved, always saved”) | Conditional Security – “kept by the power of God, through faith” |

The first part of Jesus' statement is his claim to be "the way." Since he goes on immediately to say, "No one comes to the Father except through me," Jesus evidently means that he is the way to the Father. Jesus is the way to his Father's "house," the way to a relationship* with the Father in which we are assured of dwelling with him forever (John 14:2-4). All this presupposes, of course, that we are not naturally safe and secure in such a relationship*. The human race is estranged from God and needs to be brought into that relationship* with him.

The message of the New Testament is, *This is what Jesus—and he alone—does for us*. Some people reject this message while claiming to accept Jesus. In her 1875 book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy claims, "The Christ-element in the Messiah made him the Way-shower, Truth and Life." But this subtle rewriting of Jesus' statement was outdone by an early twentieth-century book called *The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ*, a pseudo-gospel written in biblical "style" but espousing a metaphysical or mind-science philosophy, which expresses a similar point of view. It asserts, "And all the people were entranced, and would have worshiped Jesus as a God; but Jesus said, I am your brother man just come to show the way to God; you shall not worship man; praise God, the Holy One." The real Jesus, of course, never said any such thing. He is not merely "the way-shower"; he *is* the way.

Here, Jesus' exclusive claim to be able to bring us into a relationship* with the Father is grounded on the fact that as the Son, he alone, among all humanity, knows the Father. If we are to know the Father, we must depend on the Son to reveal him to us (cf. John 1:18). Jesus is not just one of God's many sons; he is *the* Son, the one to whom the Father has handed over "all things," the one whose prerogative it is to choose who will know the Father. Reflect on that claim for just a moment: Jesus asserts that it is his prerogative to choose who among all humanity will come to know the Father, that is, who will come to enjoy that relationship* with God the Father. Such a prerogative places Jesus on an entirely different level from the rest of the human race.

*Note that the word "relationship" is completely redefined to mean something that someone else can cause you to have with another person, completely apart from your free will. In other words, it is defined as unilateral.

It is basic to the New Testament that Jesus does this divine work of salvation. The angel Gabriel told Joseph that he was to name Mary's son Jesus (a name that means, "YHWH saves"), "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Jesus saw himself as the Savior, the one who brings and accomplishes salvation. "Today salvation has come to this house," he said to Zacchaeus, "for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost" (Luke 19:9-10). God sent the Son into the world "in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17; cf. 12:47). In a picturesque illustration, Jesus compares himself to the entrance gate to a sheep pen, saying, "Whoever enters by me will be saved" (John 10:9). After Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles asserted that "there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12 nasb). Paul could summarize his message of salvation as simply as this: "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

A few sentences later, Paul affirms that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (v. 15). Jesus' contribution to our salvation is not limited solely to his death and resurrection, as great as those redemptive acts are. Jesus actually forgives people of their sins. We pointed out earlier that Jesus decides who gets to know the Father (and by implication who does not). Likewise, Jesus decides whose sins are forgiven. It's his call (Acts 5:31; Col. 3:13).

The New Testament articulates Christ's role as Savior in many ways that make it clear that he is doing exactly what the Old Testament affirmed that God, and he alone, would do for his people.

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