

Our topic of study tonight is this: Jesus is equal to the God of the Old Testament.

Jesus is God because the God of the Old Testament is equated with Jesus. If Jesus is God, then we must be reading about Jesus when we read about God in the Old Testament.

Tonight we are not on a mission to belittle God the Father or the Holy Spirit. God the Father is still the God of the Old Testament. God the Spirit is still called God in the Bible. I am not trying to elevate Jesus over the Father or the Spirit. Our mission tonight is to learn if the Bible teaches that Jesus is as much God as God the Father is God. There is little debate as to God the Father being God of the Bible. The issue is if Jesus is also the God of the Bible, making the God of the Bible a more complex God than the human mind can comprehend.

Does the New Testament teach us that Jesus is the God of the Old Testament?

Psalm 83:18 - God alone is Most High over all the earth, and His name is the LORD.

That word LORD, it is capitalized in most English translations. That tells us the Hebrew word is Yahweh or Jehovah. This name (Yahweh) is the God given name of Himself. This is God's personal name that He calls Himself - capital L-O-R-D. Yahweh - Jehovah. God alone is LORD.

Isaiah 42:8; Exodus 3:14-15 - God calls Himself by this name.

We are going to see tonight that this personal name of God is used over and over to refer to Jesus Himself.

Let's now compare 8 Old Testament Scripture references with New Testament references.

Isaiah 40:3 = Luke 1:76 - The LORD of Isaiah 40 is referring to Jesus.

Isaiah prophetically speaks of one who would come who would prepare the way for the LORD (Yahweh). The English Standard Version capitalizes the word LORD. This reference is quoted in all four gospel accounts and refers to John the Baptist being the one who was called to prepare the way for Jesus. (Matthew 3:1-4; Mark 1:1-4; Luke 1:76-78; John 1:23). John the Baptist made very clear that he was sent before Jesus to prepare Israel for the coming of Jesus (John 3:28).

Isaiah 43:11 = 1 John 4:14; 1 Timothy 4:10 - The LORD/Savior of Isaiah 43 is Jesus.

The Bible makes clear in the Old Testament that there is no other Savior besides the LORD. God is the only Savior. The Bible also repeatedly calls Jesus the Savior (Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 1:1).

Isaiah 44:6 = Revelation 1:18; 22:13 - The LORD of Isaiah 44 is Jesus.

Jesus is the Person who died and rose again. He declares that He is the first and the last. Jesus used the same phrase that God used to speak to Israel through Isaiah. The LORD God makes clear through Isaiah that He is the first. He is the last. Besides Him there is no God. If Jesus is anything less than the LORD God, the Bible could not make sense.

Isaiah 45:21-23 = Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-11 - The LORD of Isaiah 45 is Jesus.

There will come a day, that every knee shall bow to Yahweh. every tongue shall swear allegiance to Him. The New Testament declares that it will be at the name of Jesus that every knee shall bow, it will be a confession of Jesus Christ as Lord that is the confession made.

Isaiah 8:13-14 = 1 Peter 2:7-8 - Jesus is the LORD who is the stone of offense, the rock of stumbling.

Peter makes clear that it was precisely Jesus who was the stumbling block for the nation of Israel. Jesus came and presented a Kingdom to Israel, but Israel rejected her King. Isaiah prophetically stated that Israel would stumble over the LORD of hosts. Jesus is that stumbling stone, that rock of offense that Israel rejected. Israel rejected not only her King and Messiah, but also the LORD of hosts - Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 12:10 = Revelation 1:7 - Jesus is the LORD(12:1) who was pierced.

It is Yahweh (LORD) who is speaking in Zechariah 12:10. God says that they will look upon Him, the one whom they have pierced. They will look upon Him and weep. Jesus is the only Person that could be identified as the one who Israel pierced.

Psalms 68:17-18 = Ephesians 4:7-8 - Jesus is the LORD God who ascended on high.

Once again, we have an Old Testament reference of the LORD God that is a direct statement of Jesus in the New Testament. It can only be said of Jesus that He ascended.

Isaiah 6:1-5 - John 12:41 - Isaiah saw the Jesus when he saw the Lord.

We know from verse 36 that John was writing about Jesus. John said that Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus when he had a vision of the heavenly temple of God. Isaiah saw Jesus sitting on a throne being worshiped by the angels.

We started with the question does the New Testament teach us that Jesus is the God of the Old Testament? **Our answer is Yes! The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the God that we read of in the Old Testament.** Not to say that the Father is not God. Not to say that the Spirit is not God. That was not our topic. We will look at that another day. Tonight our topic was to confirm that Jesus is truly God.

Lesson #5

Christology

Jesus = The God of the O.T.