

WHO IS JESUS?

Read the Book of Job ... He asked ...

- Who is God?
- Where is God?
- What is His name?

These are the same questions being asked today by serious seekers.

As we look into the Scripture, we will find the God of the Scripture.

My promise to you ...

Throughout this "Firm Foundation" series, I will not interject my opinion (without saying, "This is my opinion.") ...

Nor will I teach the traditions of any denomination!

For the seeker of TRUTH ... Opinions and traditions will never be enough.

We are going to rely on the Word of God ... because TRUTH can only be found in the Book of Truth ... the Word Of God.

The Apostle Paul wrote, Colossians 2:8, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

II Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Jesus said, John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

It's not possible to fully understand the Bible, Christianity, or Jesus without an understanding of the Godhead.

GOD VS GODS

The primary thing that distinguishes the God of Israel from the gods or idols of other nations and other religions is the fact that the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Holy One of Israel, is one God.

He is one God; that's a beautiful message.

The people of Israel were different because they did not create their God. Their God created them.

As a matter of fact, the Scripture declares emphatically, over 300 times, that there is ONE GOD.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NKJV)

For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; (Isaiah 43:3a NKJV)

11 I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior. **12** I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses,” Says the Lord, “that I am God. (Isaiah 43:11-12 NKJV)

26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, And they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know That I, the Lord, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” (Isaiah 49:26 NKJV)

5 For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. (Isaiah 54:5 NKJV)

16 You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, And milk the breast of kings; You shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. (Isaiah 60:16 NKJV)

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. (Zechariah 14:9 NKJV)

10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers? (Malachi 2:10 NKJV)

32 So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. (Mark 12:32 NKJV)

30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. (Romans 3:30 NKJV)

4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. (1 Corinthians 8:4 NKJV)

6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. (1 Corinthians 8:6 NKJV)

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:5 NKJV)

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!
(James 2:19 NKJV)

By the way: This is the only thing that the devil and I agree on ... One God!

There is only one. God, the creator of heaven and earth. He is one. He does not share His glory with another. And you wanna know why he was so emphatic? Not just because He's one God.

He wanted us to know that He is one God because there was coming a day when God would become a man. And when God became a man, He didn't want anybody to believe that this was someone different than the Lord, our God himself. This is not a different deity. This is not a different being. This is not a different entity, and no, it's not even a different person. One God. And this God would become a man. He would take upon human flesh.

1 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 were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-5, 14 NKJV)

I and my father are one. (John 10:30 NKJV)

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14:9 NKJV)

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:8 NKJV)

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Hebrews 11:3 NKJV)

JESUS IS SALVATION

Now, look at what the Apostle Paul says about the creation of all things ...

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (Colossians 1:16 NKJV)

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. **4** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. **8** The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. **And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"** (Revelation 4:2-4, 8 NKJV)

11 I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior (Isaiah 43:11 NKJV)

11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11 NKJV)

Jesus went to great lengths to make sure that we know that He is God manifest in the flesh.

Scripture teaches that Jesus is God!

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16 NKJV)

He is the FATHER in creation ... the SON in redemption ... the HOLY SPIRIT that indwells us.

QUESTIONS:

1. What made Israel's God unique from the gods of other nations?
2. Why do you think Scripture instructs us to teach God's nature "diligently" to our children?
3. What is meant by the statement "God is a jealous God"?
4. What does the Bible mean in John 1 when it says, "The Word was made flesh"?
5. Why was Jesus "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"?
6. In what ways do we see resurrection in Creation?
7. Why was humanity given a choice to sin in the Garden?
8. What is the beauty of the one God message in light of the gospel?