

MORE LIGHT ON THE GODHEAD INTRODUCING THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION

We start our message today by reading the words of Jesus in John 4: 21 to 24 with special emphasis on verses 23 and 24:

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”NIV

In the Final CRISIS the Rev.12 *remnant* of the woman's seed will worship God in the Spirit and in *truth*, whereas those with the *image and Mark Of the Beast* will manifest a false worship in a counterfeit spirit and in false doctrine : and the deception will be so cleverly put together by Satan that, if it were possible, the very elect would be deceived! Let us read the warnings given to us in 1 John 4: 1 to 6 and Matthew 24:24. Only those whose minds are fortified with the *truth* and who have the genuine Spirit of God will be able to stand !

DO WE KNOW WHO OR WHAT WE WORSHIP ?

Remember that God is infinite, all created intelligences are merely finite, so we cannot by searching find out God (Job 11: 7; Eccl.3 : 11) . He reveals Himself to us up to the limit of our understanding but there is always an *infinity* beyond us. Let us read Romans 11: 33 in the KJV and then in the following other versions.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways! *Berean Study Bible*.

[Good News Translation](#) :How great are God's riches! How deep are his wisdom and knowledge! Who can

explain his decisions? Who can understand his ways?

[Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) :Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments and untraceable His ways!

[NET Bible](#) : Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways!

THE LIMITATIONS OF THE HUMAN INTELLECT

“Men of the greatest intellect cannot understand the mysteries of Jehovah as revealed in nature. Divine inspiration asks many questions which the most profound scholar cannot answer. These questions were not asked, supposing that we could answer them, but to call our attention to the deep mysteries of God, and to make men know that their wisdom is limited; that in the common things of daily life there are mysteries past the comprehension of finite minds; that the judgment and purposes of God are past finding out, His wisdom unsearchable. If He reveals Himself to man, it is by shrouding Himself in the thick cloud of mystery”. 3BC 1141.1

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. Prov.25: 2.

But who are the kings who must search out these matters ? Scripture answers in **Rev.5:10** and **1 Peter 2: 9**. **Yes indeed!** God's people ! And especially **His remnant**, will search out these mysteries of truth and in so doing the unfallen heavenly created intelligences will learn from the true church the manifold Wisdom of God ! Hallelujah! Read Ephesians 3: 8, 9 ,10, 11.

“God's purpose is to conceal more of Himself than He makes known to man. Could men fully understand the

ways and works of God, they would not then believe Him to be the infinite One. He is not to be comprehended by man in His wisdom, and reasons, and purposes. “His ways are past finding out” [[Romans 11:33](#)]. *His love can never be explained upon natural principles*. If this could be done, we would not feel that we could trust Him with the interests of our souls. Skeptics refuse to believe, because with their finite minds they cannot comprehend the infinite power by which God reveals Himself to men. Even the mechanism of the human body cannot be fully understood; it presents mysteries that baffle the most intelligent.” 3BC 1141.2

Remember **Isaiah 55: 8, 9** . God’s thoughts and ways are so much (**infinitely**) higher than ours ! In fact God’s ways are *past finding out* !

“Yet because human science cannot in its research explain the ways and works of the Creator, men will doubt the existence of God, and ascribe infinite power to nature. God’s existence, His character, His law, are facts that all the reasoning of men of the highest attainments cannot controvert. They deny the claims of God, and neglect the interest of their souls, because they cannot understand His ways and works. Yet God is ever seeking to instruct finite men that they may exercise faith in Him and trust themselves wholly in His hands. Every drop of rain or flake of snow, every spire of grass, every leaf and flower and shrub, testifies of God. These little things so common around us, teach the lesson that nothing is beneath the notice of the infinite God, nothing too small for His attention” (The General Conference Bulletin, February 18, 1897). 3BC 1141.3

“ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” **Rom 1 : 20 to 22**.

GOD INVITES US TO KNOW HIM

Yet God invites us to reason, and to understand and to know Him ! Isaiah 1: 18 ; Jeremiah 9 : 23,24. John 17:3. This means that our reasoning and our conclusions must be *in harmony with what God reveals to us in His word , by rightly dividing that word through comparing spiritual things with spiritual*. (2 Timothy 2 : 15 ; 1 Cor.2 : 13).

For example : We have established by clear evidence (in lectures 8 through 12) that the Bible reveals that God the Father has an *only begotten* or *monogenes* Son. The Bible also reveals that this Son is His eternal Wisdom, His Word (Logos) and both are *beginninglessly* eternal and both are God. Some religionists try to analyze this by human intellect and since they cannot reason it out by human premise and logic, they either reject it or wrest it to say that God can’t really have a Son He is only called so , or , as the Unitarians say, His Son is a created being because He couldn’t be begotten. Some even ask the question : ‘ Are you saying the Father has no wisdom, since the Son is His Wisdom?’ Answer: The Father has infinite eternal Wisdom Who is His Son !

Our finite intellect cannot fully fathom this truth , yet we must accept it as God’s exposition of His Godhead and **He** has given us enough light on the matter for our faith to be intelligently established in His truth.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

God the Father and His Son must Love each Other with a Love that is infinite,perfect, eternal , in other words, the Two Love each other with *all* of Their Beings and Personalities , therefore this Love contains all of the Father and the Son and therefore must also be God , and must also be a distinct Person, whose *Personality* comprises the *infinite flow* of Father and Son to Each Other and is therefore a mystery beyond our comprehension ! This infinite Love of God is the *Holy Spirit*, and must be reckoned as *the Third Person* in the Godhead ! The Holy Spirit is usually represented in scripture as *oil*, or *water*,(or *wind* or *tongues of fire* or a flying *dove*) ! Why? The Personality of the Holy

Spirit is infinitely *dynamic and mysterious and beyond our comprehension*. The Holy Spirit *flows between and dwells within* and can be *everywhere present at the same time*. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father, the Spirit is eternally effused from the Father through the Son and out to all the universe.

Infinite Power must function through Infinite Wisdom. And Infinite Wisdom must be surrendered to Infinite Power. Each must *selflessly* give all to the Other. Without this *unselfish mutual giving of Each to the Other* the Godhead *could not exist*. *This mutual giving by the Father and the Son of all to Each Other is the living Principle of Eternal Love, the Holy Spirit*.

This eternal Agape Love, the Holy Spirit, is the absolute Unity and Peace between the Father and Son. Therefore the Love of God, His Spirit is the only true Source of unity and peace in the Universe including (and especially) the Church.

And, as was already stated, this *mutual self-sacrificing giving of all to Each Other is the Principle of Eternal Agape Love*. Therefore we arrive at the inescapable conclusion that this Eternal Agape Love is the very Life of The Godhead! And this we are told in John 6: 63: ***“It is the Spirit that quickeneth”***.

“God is love. Like rays of light from the sun, love and light and joy flow out from Him to all His creatures. It is His nature to give. ***His very life is the outflow of unselfish love***”. MB 77.2

This mutual unselfish infinite giving of Each to the Other is the primary circuit of the *flow* of the *Eternal Spirit*, of ***Eternal Agape Love!*** It is the absolute diametrical opposite of selfishness. God is Love. God loves unconditionally. He can ***only Love!*** The only thing God ‘hates’ is sin but even here we must explain that it is sin that rejects His Love, His Spirit; and produces it’s own hatred. God loves the sinner and if the sinner accepts God’s Love the sin will be expelled and the sinner will be able to love God back in return for His unconditional Love! And God extends this Circuit of Beneficence, ***the flow of His Spirit, this flow of His***

Eternal Agape Love, through His Son to every one who chooses to be in His Son by faith. In fact, wonder of wonders, Our Heavenly Father ***Loves us as much as He Loves His only begotten Son!*** Oh praise Jehovah! So to worship Him in Spirit is to worship Him in Agape Love. We love Him because He first loved us! And there is no *separation* between the Holy Spirit and the Son, between the Spirit and the living Word or the written word. John 6: 63.

This *flow* of the Holy Spirit is described as the flow of living water in John 4:14 and John 7: 36 to 39. And golden oil in Zechariah. Jesus Himself was filled with the Holy Spirit, the *Eternal Love of God, without measure*. John 3: 34,35, 36. He is the only One Who can reveal and give the Spirit of God, the Love of God, to all who choose to receive or accept the gift. Everything He did, He did *not* by might or power but by ***the Spirit, the Love of God!*** And through that eternal Spirit, that Eternal Love, He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. Hebrews 9: 14.

Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. 1John 4: 13.

...he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in Him 1 John 4: 16 (last part)

Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love 1John 4: 7, 8.

THE HOLY SPIRIT :GOLDEN OIL IN ZECHARIAH

“The two classes of watchers represent the two classes who profess to be waiting for their Lord. They are called virgins because they profess a pure faith. By the lamps is represented the word of God. The psalmist says, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” ***Psalm 119:105. The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.*** Thus the Spirit is represented in the prophecy of Zechariah. “The angel that talked with me came again,” he says, “and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with

a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof; and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? ... Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.... And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? ... Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” [Zechariah 4:1-14](#). COL 406.3

“From the two olive trees the *golden oil* was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones that stand in God’s presence *His Spirit* is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God’s people that heavenly grace which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” [Zechariah 4:6](#). COL 408.1

ETERNAL AGAPE LOVE : THE GOLDEN OIL IN ZECHARIAH

“It was the golden oil emptied by the heavenly messengers into the golden tubes, to be conducted from the golden bowl into the lamps of the sanctuary, that produced a continuous bright and shining light. It is the *love* of God continually transferred to man that enables him to impart light. Into the hearts of all who are united to God by faith the *golden oil of love* flows freely, to shine out again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God.” COL 418.5

“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” The tiniest lamp, kept replenished with the

golden oil, and sending forth its bright beams to dispel the darkness, is of far more value than the large lamp which flashes with brilliancy for a time, then sputters and goes out, leaving souls in darkness to stumble along as best they can. It is the *golden oil*, emptied by the heavenly messengers into the golden tubes, to be conducted into the golden bowl, that creates a continuous bright and shining light. It is the love of God continually transferred to man that keeps him a bright and shining light for God. Then he can communicate the light of truth to all who are in the darkness of error and sin.

“The golden oil is not manufactured by any human skill. It is the unseen power of the heavenly messengers who wait before the throne of God to communicate to all who are in darkness, that they may diffuse heaven’s light. Into the hearts of those united to God by faith, his *golden oil of love* flows freely, to flow forth again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God.” RH Sept.21, 1897.

CLOSING GEM

“Faith, living faith, we must have, a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We must learn to take everything to the Lord with simplicity and earnest faith. The greatest burden we have to bear in this life is self. Unless we learn in the school of Christ to be meek and lowly, we shall miss precious opportunities and privileges for becoming acquainted with Jesus. *Self is the most difficult thing we have to manage. In laying off burdens, let us not forget to lay self at the feet of Christ.*” 2MCP 540.5

“Hand yourself over to Jesus, to be molded and fashioned by Him, that you may be made vessels unto honor. Your temptations, your ideas, your feelings, must all be laid at the foot of the cross. Then the soul is ready to listen to words of divine instruction. Jesus will give you to drink of the *water* which flows from the river of God. Under the softening and subduing influence of His Spirit your coldness and listlessness will disappear. *Christ will be in you a well of water, springing up into everlasting life.*” —Lt 57, 1887. 2MCP 541.1