## IF YOU COULD ASK GOD ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

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a Sermon on Malachi 3:6

Nothing will so enlarge the intellect, nothing will so magnify the whole soul of man, as a devout, earnest, continued investigation of the great subject of the Deity. The most excellent study for expanding the soul is the science of Christ and Him crucified and the knowledge of the Godhead in the glorious



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Trinity. The proper study of the Christian is the Godhead... There is something exceedingly improving to the mind on a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast that all our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can comprehend and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go on our way with the thought, "Behold I am wise.." But when we

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come to this master science, finding that our pumbline cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its heights, we turn away with the thought, "I am but of yesterday and know nothing."





**Genesis 1:1** 

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



### **Names for God**

**Elohim** – first name in scripture

El-elyon – Gen 14:20 "the Most High God"

Jehovah – Jewish name for God



Jehovah Exodus 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers' has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

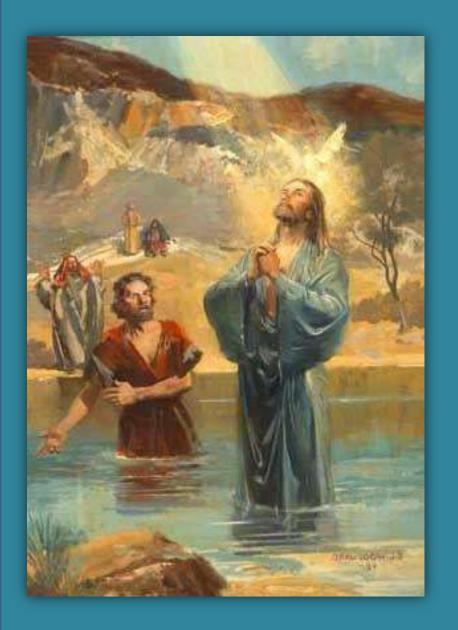
### **Trinity**

**Father** 

The Son

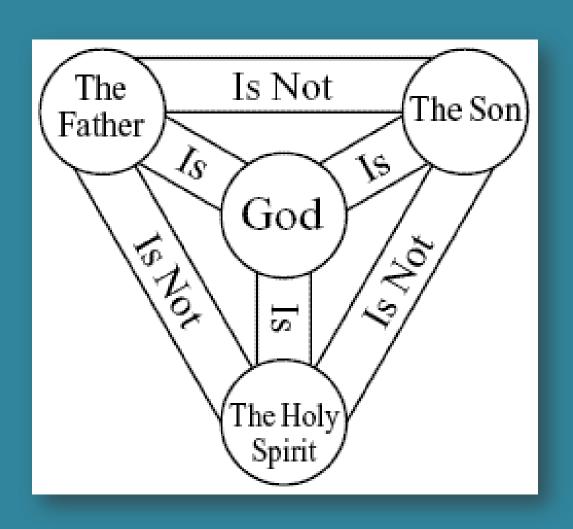
**The Holy Spirit** 





Matthew 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly • voice came from heaven, saying,

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."



### "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"

**Deuteronomy 6:4** 



Even though there is only One True God...

People have always fabricated other gods in their hearts or in their minds or in their religions or in their images when they do not know The One True God.

# SEARCHING FOR GOD

### **Egypt was a Polytheistic Society**

God's Deliverance of Israel involved Judgment against Egypt and their gods!

There is only **ONE TRUE GOD** is the message interwoven in this experience.



### **Judgment against Egyptian gods**

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

QUESTIONS

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Exodus 18:10 And Jethro said, "Blessed be **the LORD**, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11 Now I

**know** that the LORD is greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, He was above them."



### Israel was Monotheistic

--The 10 Commandments

--The Shema

### **The 10 Commandments**

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 You shall have **no other gods** before Me.



4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

### The Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4 "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."



Men who spoke and wrote the message of God continually warned about false gods and told unbelievers about the One True GOD.

### QUESTIONS

Jeremiah 2:13

For My people have committed **two** evils:

- (1) They have **forsaken Me**, the fountain of living waters,
- (2) And hewn themselves cisternsbroken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 7:28

So you shall say to them, 'This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

### QUESTIONS

Jeremiah 9:6

Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.

### QUESTIONS

Jeremiah 9:23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

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Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols... 18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE **UNKNOWN GOD**. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:



24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since **He gives to all life**, breath, and all things.

26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.



29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

## If you want to study a man, take the time to study his (G)god

#### QUESTIONS

## The Making of an Individual Visible Actions Invisible Values Beliefs

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did **not glorify** Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:22-23 Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:24

Therefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women **exchanged the natural use** for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

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John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

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### **GOD BECAME MAN**

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: 2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.





Revelation 22:20-21

He who testifies to these things says,
"Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

# MYIDEAL

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## MY IDEAL JESUS

OR

## IESUS





## The Gospel of John is a Historical Account of Jesus, Inspired by the Spirit of God for an Important Purpose!

John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

#### What did I learn today?

- 1. The most accurate source about Jesus is the New Testament.
- 2. I need to Learn Jesus, not create my ideal Jesus.
- 3. When we learn Jesus we live for His return.

Alfred Martin says about Ephesians Since Christ is preeminent in God's purpose in the whole universe as well as in the church, the individual who does not have Christ preeminent in his life is entirely out of harmony with the purpose of the Father.

#### Godhead and Allah

### Satan

#### Fool said there is no God – Ps 14:1