

The Image of Christ

Part 3

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Hello everyone, it's February the 10th of 2025, and this is the third installment of the current series, the Image of Christ. I got up this morning and it was -30C (-22F) with a wind of about 30 KPH (18 MPH) and she was a little cool and it looks like the mercury is going to stay a pretty low for the next week or ten days. So, we are in the dead of winter and nothing better to do than catch up on your bible study.

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When we were looking at Part 2, we spent some time in Genesis 3 looking at the reaction of Yehovah to the individuals involved. The serpent, Eve and Adam himself. And often we've had a tendency to look at the events and their results; but failed to look at and consider other things in the text.

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We are called to take on the mind of Christ, who was at one, and is at one with the Father; in total agreement with Him, living by Yehovah's every word. Following these bread crumbs, it is evident that we are to assume, if we are part of the ekklesia, to assume the mind of Yehovah. Becoming one of His Sons, who live by His every word.

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For many, that is a place far different from where we might be at this time. Some of you may feel that you are at one with the Father at this time, and good on you if you are, but I have a long ways to go. But it is a process; it takes time and we just have to stay diligently at it.

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If we go to Isaiah 55, we read a most remarkable directive in verses 1 – 9. So, let's read that. It's a message from our Father to His ekklesia.

¹ "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

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There is spiritual food to be gleaned from our Father.

²Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,

The words of God are food to the ekklesia. And Christ said something very similar.

and let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. ⁴Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. ⁵Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of Yehovah your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you."

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And it's always been God's desire that Israel be a model nation to the world, where the nations of the world would run to them to learn of God's ways, and the blessings that flow from that.

⁶Seek Yehovah while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.

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Here's the instructions.

⁷Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

So, humanity, in their natural state are wicked and they are unrighteous. Here's a directive from our Father saying, change that.

let him return to Yehovah, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says Yehovah. ⁹"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your and My thoughts than your thoughts.

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And verse 9 is possibly part of the reason why we humans feel we cannot know the thoughts of God, and yet the bold invitation of verses 6 and 7 would seem to negate such thinking. We are told by Christ something that might well be the door to seeing into the mind of Yehovah, our God and our Father, in ways, perhaps, not considered before.

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If we go into the New Testament, we'll go to Matthew 12, and we will read verse 34. Matthew 12, verse 34. And talking to the locals at the time, He addressed them:

³⁴Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil,

So, Christ knew where they were at.

speak good things?

But here is something that we really need to focus on, I believe.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

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So, the Bible is the word of God; it's the words of God to us and it is, out of the abundance of His heart, out Father's heart, that He speaks. That's also repeated in Luke 6:45, you can go there and read it. When we read the 10 commandments of

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Yehovah, do we consider them in terms of what is on the Father's mind, or is in the Father's heart?

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When you read the reaction of Yehovah to the personalities in the garden, do we stop to consider the mind that produced the thought? Do we consider the veracity of the decision, its ramifications, or is it just another story? When we look deeper, or will we look deeper? That is up to all the ekklesia individually of course. And when we look at the Bible in terms of, only doctrine, there is so much that is missed. For wearing doctrinal glasses can blind us from seeing other things that we might well need to consider.

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I'd like to give you a few examples to show what I mean by this. If we return to Genesis 3; Genesis 3 and we'll read verses 14 and 15. Genesis 3 and verses 14 and 15, where we can glean, I think, some insights.

¹⁴So Yehovah God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

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Let's ask some questions here. Is this a new and fresh directive from Yehovah to the serpent? It would so seem. Did the serpent make a choice to do this? Notice:

"Because you have done this,

Did he have a choice to do this or not? Yes, he did.

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Did Yehovah have to allow such an unsupervised encounter with His newly created physical beings? No. But did He choose to allow it? Yes. Did He remove Satan's capacity to download his rebellious attitude into their minds? No, He didn't. And did He allow that download to actually occur? Yes, He did.

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Did Yehovah then put hostility, or hatred, you can look up the word enmity and see where that falls for you, between the woman and the serpent? Would your God do such a thing? Did Yehovah mean what He said and has He ever changed it? Is His word actually solid? And I couldn't help but think, you know, we know some of these things, but sometimes, I certainly haven't joined the dots, in a manner I think is fitting.

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Ah, if we go to Matthew 5:37; Matthew 5:37, there is an instruction from Christ, He says:

³⁷But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

So, we have the Father speaking here, God speaking here. Did He mean what He said? Well, of course.

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Satan's word, the opposite, is worthless. The Father, of course, is the opposite to Satan, yet the Father says many things through the pages of the Bible, yet His words are the truth, are not believed. Well, go figure.

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Going on in Genesis 3 we can see a little bit more. Genesis 3, we'll just read verse 13.

¹³And Yehovah Elohim (That is the Father) said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So, she was consciously aware of what had gone down. Eve told Yehovah that she was deceived by the serpent, and she deliberately did something she was told she must not do. Did she understand her predicament? Yes, she did.

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Did Eve realize the gravity of what she had done? Probably not. Would she learn of that? Yes. In spite of her understanding of what had happened, did Yehovah just let it slide? No, no He did not. Let's read verse 16.

¹⁶To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

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Yehovah knew her spirit was contaminated with a spirit of hostility toward Him. In response to that there were repercussions; not only to her, but to all those who would come from her through no fault of their own, other than they were descendants of her and the decision she had made.

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Did Yehovah mean it, and are these the same rules and conditions that are still in place, let's say 6000 years, later? Well, yes! Would your God do that? If Adam would not have listened to his wife and disobeyed, what would have happened to Eve? You know, the Bible says, "Do not be unequally yoked." So, if Adam had taken of the tree, the right tree, and his wife hadn't, how would have that played out?

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If Adam had not followed in her rebellion and eaten of the Tree of Life, would Yehovah have filled his mind with His Spirit as Satan had filled her mind with his? In that situation, what do you think would have occurred? Or do you suppose that it was God's desire, had they chosen the correct tree, to fill Adam and Eve's mind, with the things of His mind so that they would become sons and daughters of Him in a fuller and more complete way? It would seem so.

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If we go on and read of the ramifications to Adam, what else might we glean? So, let's read verses 17 – 19.

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

So, God was fully aware that Adam was not deceived and that he knew what to do, and deliberately chose to do something else.

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He announces a change in the condition of their life.

"Cursed

Supposedly opposite blessed would be:

the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

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The living condition of His new physical species was new and different from what the Father had in mind originally, and yet it is imposed by God, nonetheless. It became the condition of how Adam would live his life and what he would experience. There's nothing I can find in scripture that references Adam ever repenting, and yet he must have known God's ways and made Abel aware of it.

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Unlike his Father, Abel was receptive and submissive to God, and we read of that in the book of Hebrews. Hebrews 11:4, the faith chapter, where the Bible testifies of Abel. Let's read that:

⁴By faith Abel offered to (the) God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, ...

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So, had God flooded his mind with the right things, and was Abel receptive to it? It certainly would seem so. We often read scripture and think in terms of God, as a God, and for good reason of course, but maybe forget that the Creator wears more than one hat.

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Christ made us aware of that in John's gospel, in John 20, verse 17. And it's curious, you know, that Christ is resurrected and what is the first thing that He reminds Mary of? Let's read that.

¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

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And notice, "I have not yet ascended to my Father." So, Christ is thinking in terms of His Father, and pointing out to Mary that God is also her Father. Yehovah is not only the supreme being to Christ, in whose image the ekklesia are being made over, He is the ekklesia's Father. This brings in the consideration of family, a framework or set of glasses to look through when considering Yehovah.

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The ekklesia are called into a familial relationship, not only a relationship with a Personage we would understand to be God. Notice Paul's writing and his understanding of this in II Corinthians 6. And this is a memory scripture, ah, Steve Moody talked about this many times, kind of burned it in between my ears. This is a passage we really need to remember and pay attention to.

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In II Corinthians 6:16.

¹⁶And what agreement has the temple of God (That is the Father) with idols? For you are the temple of the living God

The phrase, "the living God" is always a reference to the Father. He lives in us, the Father, so that His mind might be established in us. It says:

... "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

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And interestingly it says:

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17... "Come out from among them and be separate, says the LORD. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 18"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says (Yehovah) God Almighty."

So, there is a rise in the intimacy of the relationship.

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Where, all of a sudden, this relationship under this New Covenant, of which the ekklesia are a part of; and Mark Mickelson has done a very nice job of showing the differences in those covenants. It becomes not a God and a people, but becomes a Father and Sons, and I think that is really worth looking at, and considering.

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There are these two relationships going on at the same time. As Yehovah has two roles, one of our God, and one of our Father. The ekklesia are to become Sons of God as Christ was, and Christ is the first-born Son of God. And looking at the Genesis 3 passage, in terms of Yehovah deciding, with the issue of the day, as God might give us a view of God. Looking at the happenings of Genesis 3, in light of Yehovah being the Father of all involved, back in the day, might give us a different perspective to consider.

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Since the ekklesia are being made over in the image of Christ, then it would seem logical to look at what Christ thought about Yehovah, in terms of Him being His Father, which indeed He is.

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On Sabbath I read out the passages in Genesis, and said, now were you thinking in terms of God speaking to them, or the Father speaking to them? And we all thought, well that's God speaking to them. Well, yeah, but He wears another hat. Notice the tie-in here. What was Christ's view of Yehovah, in terms of Yehovah being Christ's Father?

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Indeed, what were Christ's instructions in this regard? We get, at least a part of an answer for that, in Matthew 5, and we are going to read verses 43 – 48. Christ speaking:

43" You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

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And I was reading that and thinking, well, wait a minute, are most of the human population at this time enemies of God? Yes, they are hostile to Him. Do they actively, or can they actively curse God? Yes, they do!

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do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Well, why would you do that?

⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for (the Father) He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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So, in many ways you have a world that hates the Father, curses the Father, won't obey Him and yet, the Father still blesses them.

⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

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So, Christ is laying out here that the Sons of God, yet future, shall be perfect just like the Father in heaven is perfect. So, Christ's view of the Supreme Being, His God and His Father, is that the Father is perfect. This passage gives us insight into the mind of the Father, and it shows us Christ's wish for the ekklesia, and it shows us Christ's view of His father.

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If the ekklesia are to be one with the Father, would it be unreasonable to think that their opinion of Yehovah should coincide with that of Christ? In fact, would it not be a necessity that the ekklesia do so?

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When we look at Genesis 3, we see the reaction of a Father, that is perfect, to a situation. Would you and I have handled it the same? You know, why didn't God just start all over again, the first batch was contaminated? He didn't do that, did He? Could He have done that? Of course.

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He chose not to. The Father is perfect. What is our opinion of how Yehovah actually handled it? Satan is a son of God; Adam is a son of God; Yehovah is a Father to both. Can we really see what the Father is really like in terms of how He handled it? And would you think in your own mind and my own mind, that that is perfection? We need to stop and think about those things.

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There can be a view, that somehow, once the original decision, born in the garden, was in place, that somehow Yehovah just let things just play out, without His involvement or notice, and nothing, as we saw in Matthew 5, could be further from the truth. Since Yehovah is Creator, there would have been no further humans on the earth, unless it was granted by Him, that that be so.

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Humanity was involved in the process surely, but the process was with God's total involvement in spite of man's, by choice, condition. Nothing to me illustrates this as clearly as Job 34; Job 34, and verses 14 and 15. Even in man's fallen state, which leads to some horrendous things, or has, at man's own hands; God has allowed it to occur. He could stop it, He could have stopped it; He did not.

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Let's go to Job 34 and read verses 14 and 15.

¹⁴If He (Referring to Yehovah) should set His heart on it, if He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, ¹⁵all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

As Creator, Spirit flows from Him and allows life to actually exist.

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You know, that is backed up in James 2:26, where it says, where there is no spirit, there is no life. All humans who have ever lived have a spirit from Yehovah, who is the Father of spirits, as we read in Hebrews 12:9, or they would not have existed at all. You know, right now, there are eight billion people on the earth, and God the Father made a spirit for every one of them.

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We know that this spirit returns to Yehovah upon our physical death. To think that Yehovah, is somehow is unaware of all that goes on, with the world as it is, whose rules were put in place by Yehovah, as we read in Genesis 3. If we do not think He is totally involved and totally aware, that would seem to be an incredibly naive position.

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Let's notice Christ's words in the Book of Matthew so we can try to get some additional insight into this. Matthew 10, and we are going to read verses 29 – 31. Now, look to the Father's involvement here.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

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Is He involved in the physical creation in an absolute kind of way? Yes, He is, He allows this world, and He actually allows, as we have seen in other studies, this world to be ruled by the demon spirits.

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You know, it says, you do not wrestle against flesh and blood. The spirit world is very active and very real.

³⁰But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

You know, notice Christ's reference here of looking through the Father's eyes. Christ is speaking here, considering the way things are through His Father's eyes. Verse 29 shows us that.

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Did we notice that when reading the passage? For many years, maybe we simply haven't. Tacitly acknowledging it, but stopping to consider deeper, nope, didn't. Matthew 10, and let's go on in verses 32 and 33. Notice Christ's reference point, thinking in terms of His relationship with the Father. Should we not be doing the same?

³²"Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

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You know, Christ is always aware of His relationship with the Father, and who the supreme being is.

³³But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Was the Father, one of the first things, or perhaps the first thing in Christ's mind? It would certainly seem to be the case.

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This shows the attitude of a Son of God towards Yehovah. Are we there yet? Is our attitude toward the Father the same as Christ's? Are we at one with the Father as Christ was? Yehovah, it seems, has no interest in producing drones or automatons, but rather Beings like Himself, who know right from wrong, and always choose the right, as defined by Yehovah, in full submission to Him.

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Christ knew the things that came from a defiled spirit and heart. And while swimming in a pool filled with such things, knowing these things were evil, was not influenced by them and remained pure. Being a Son of God requires such things and Christ had a

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laundry list of what that actually is. Did Christ understand the world in which He found Himself living? To remain sinless, how could it be otherwise?

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Let's go to Mark 7, and we're going to read verses 20 – 23.

²⁰And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men,

The heart of God is substantially different, "My ways and My thoughts are not your thoughts." But Christ knew the definition of evil, and He could see the evil in men's hearts.

²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²²thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

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These are the things that Satan filled the minds of Adam and Eve with, and that broadcast continues with us today throughout mankind generally. The ekklesia too are bombarded with this as Christ was, and need to reject that broadcast, taking on the mind of Christ, in so doing.

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We have this list of what is evil, defined by the Son of God who knew exactly what that was, and once we join the dots and we look at Philippians 2:5 the admonition is:

⁵Let this mind be in you (speaking to the ekklesia) which was also in Christ Jesus,

So, those evil thoughts are not to be in the mind of one of the ekklesia. If we are being made over in the image of Christ, then it's incumbent upon the ekklesia to see and recognize evil thoughts, and evil things, and run from them.

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And Philippians 2:5, when used in harmony with Mark 7:21-23 show us what the mind of a Son of God should become.

⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

A mind flooded with the principles and the values of His Father. The Pharisees, the religious leaders of Christ's day, had their minds filled with the desires of their father and Christ pointed that out to them, a passage familiar to us all, in John 8:44. Christ was able to recognize who their father really was and the values and things that they embraced. And He told them in no uncertain words in John 8:44.

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⁴⁴You are of your father

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So, He thought of these people in terms of who is their father, and in so doing, He was able to recognize this immediately.

⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

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So, we can see Christ using this tool. Do we stop to consider who our Father is, and do we stop to consider who the Father of others is so that we can begin to see? Do we look past the actions, to the mind that produced those actions? Can we see a reference point beginning to take shape?

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The biblical Christ never sinning, and remaining pure, knew full well the two different minds available. Like Christ, the ekklesia, the future Sons of God as well, need to be aware of these two minds, recognize the false, and at the same time recognize, and embrace the mind of the value, the One we are to be at one with as the exemplary Son of God, the Messiah, was.

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By my count, out of the phrase concordance that I have, and they are quite a useful tool at times, the phrase, "Son of God" specifically is used 45 times in the New Testament. Christ either referenced Himself as the Son of God, or was referenced by others, including demons that confronted Him, in that way. He never refers to Himself as God; only as the Son of God, according to what I currently understand. If someone knows a place where Christ Himself refers to Himself as God, I would like to see that. But I see lots of references to Him referring to Himself as the Son of God.

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I'd like to finish up with John 5. Let's just turn there, John 5, and we'll kind of pick up the text and the tone here, and I want to try to pay attention to the way Christ references things. What is His reference point? Through whose eyes is He thinking? Let's take a look at this. John 5, verses 6 – 16.

⁶When Jesus saw him lying there,

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A man with infirmities.

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and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." ¹¹He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" ¹²Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" ¹³But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." ¹⁵The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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It is interesting, he didn't know who it was, until later. Now notice:

¹⁶For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

Whatever the Jews concept of God was, they clearly felt that Christ had violated that, or the rules of the God that they thought they knew, you know, would their God allow this guy to be healed, would He heal him and then have him walk away in the manner that he did, taking his bed? They didn't think so.

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Therefore, a false God, and they wanted to kill him.

¹⁷But Jesus answered them,

And He said:

"My Father

So, again, notice His frame of reference.

has been working until now, and I have been working."

The logical question to ask is, well, when was He working with the Father?

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The Jews of the day suffered no illusion, they knew exactly what He meant. And notice that Christ referenced the Supreme Being here:

"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

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Did He make Himself the Father? He did not. Whatever timeframe this is talking about, Christ is still referencing Him as His father.

¹⁸Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father,

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So, we are talking about a time in creation, and that's very problematic, and He said that He was right there alongside His Father, working with Him and He addressed Him as My Father. That's what a son would do.

... ¹⁹Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you,

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So, what He is doing here is beginning to establish who He is, what He is, what He's doing to show that He is perfectly aware that it is fine to heal this man and do what He did on the Sabbath because He had been working with the Father for a long time. They had a real problem with that. So, He begins to explain to them the relationship that they have.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son (of God) can do nothing of Himself, (the Son) but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He (the Father) does, the Son also does in like manner.

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And it's interesting here, if one is a Radical Unitarian, and I have friends and acquaintances that are in that category, this cannot be talking about part of the creative process because the theology does not allow it. At the same time, if this is talking about a point in the past, before Christ's physical birth, He can't possibly be the Son because He was part of a Binity or part of the trinity.

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And you can see how the different looks at this thing, take us to vastly different places in consideration of the text. He goes on to say:

²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;

Is this referencing when Christ was here as a physical being, or is this referencing the buildout of the entire creation? As part of the ekklesia, we need to think about that. When does this actually apply, because it is problematic? If it's referring to the creation thing, then it shows the Father and son situation already in place, which cross threads with the various theologies that are there.

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The Jews of the day, in verse 18, knew exactly what He was talking about, and they thought it was blasphemous. And then Christ begins to give His CV, His resume about who he was showing you He is perfectly capable of healing on the Sabbath day because He had been working with the Father, and He knew that was not a problem. As a matter of fact, when we read in Acts 2:33, that the Father is the one who does the miracles, through Christ, that it was the Father that healed on the Sabbath day and got this guy going again. But it was done through His Son, that's the pattern of the scriptures.

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Verse 20

²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;

Well, when is that, where do you plot that?

and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so (God's Son) the Son gives life to whom He will.

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Well, where did He get that capacity from?

²²For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

Christ is explaining the relationship that they have, and when we place this in time, all of a sudden that becomes a problem. You have to do that.

He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. ²⁴Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

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Why would that even be necessary if He had always existed?

²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man

So, when we read the text, and we see the reference, and we place this in time of what the Jews certainly thought they were talking about at the time, that becomes

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problematic. Where will you place that? Because it depends where we place that, it takes us to a much different place. I guess we will have to do a Part 4.