

YHVH, Part 2 of 3 - Is “YHVH” just God the Father or the WORD as well?



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Summary: Here in Part 2 we continue the question of exactly is YHVH (“the LORD”)? We do a quick review showing YHVH is clearly God the Father – but then begin to show without doubt that YHVH HAS to also refer to the One who came as Yeshua. Who was this great Yeshua? Can we prove he was pre-existent before his birth through Mary? Was he “God” while in the flesh? Was he also YHVH? Was he equal to YHVH the Father? By the time we’re done you will have a much greater AWE for our Father AND for Yeshua the Son of God than you’ve probably had before. I recommend you print out the notes AND hear the audio. Take your time to really study all the scriptures given. God bless you in your quest to learn more about the Godhead.

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Hi everyone. Welcome to Light on the Rock. I appreciate all of you who come to hear God’s word at this free-to-you site. Be sure to look at the Blogs as well – very short articles from various people on a dozens of topics.

We’re talking about YHVH GOD in this series– and his divine nature and what He is, and who is or who are included in the term “YHVH”? This term is translated as “the LORD” in our English Bibles. Sometimes – not often – the word “GOD” – also all caps, comes from the Hebrew word YHVH as well (such as Genesis 6:5; 15:8; Isaiah 22:4, etc). It is **Strong’s word #3068. The short form of YHVH is “Yah”,** and that word is also used in scripture and you use it too, every time you say “Hallelujah” (J pronounced as Y).

If you missed part 1, please be sure to hear that first, as this part 2 builds on that first message. I recommend you let this 3-part series become a real Bible study for you. Look up the scriptures in your own Bible and feel free to contact me if you have questions. I love hearing from those who come to this site.

Now, this series is about: Is “YHVH” God just exclusively the One we know as God the Father – or does that term, that name “YHVH” also refer to the one we know as the Word, or Jesus, or Yeshua, whom we know as the Son of God?

In Part 1 I showed how YHVH can certainly, clearly, refer to the one we know as God the Father. But can “YHVH” also apply to Yeshua? We’ll start transitioning to that today and in Part 3 especially.

WHY is this so important? WHY is it worth our TIME?

This topic is definitely worth your time because I'll show you that if we get this wrong, we will end up demeaning and diminishing either the Father or the Son -- and we sure don't want to do that. Usually it's the Savior Yeshua who gets demeaned.

We must not demean our Savior, Yeshua. A growing heresy is teaching that Yeshua was not previously God and certainly was not also "YHVH". Some even teach the shameful heresy that Yeshua (Jesus) did not pre-exist his human birth. Others go further and teach Yeshua was a created being - a great angel like Michael, who was promoted to sit at the Father's right hand. More and more teach Yeshua was a created being. That's just plain wrong as I'll show you.

You need this series because we must learn how to fight these shameful heresies.

You will see today, from very clear scriptures, that YHVH can-- and often does-- refer to God the Father. But you will also see, from very clear scriptures that those same 4 Hebrew letters MUST also refer to Yeshua. We know which one is intended, by context. So please explore this with me.

GLIMPSES into "God" and Beings and lives that are spirit

"God" – usually from the Hebrew word "Elohim", IS a plural word usually translated "gods" when not referring to the one true God. God is SPIRIT (John 4:24). But we are *flesh*. But when we are born of Spirit, we too, will be spirit **(John 3:6)**. Angels are "ministering *spirits*, sent forth to minister to those (us) who will inherit salvation" **(Hebrews 1:14)**.

In a sense, we flesh and blood mortals are trying to do the near impossible: explain "God" and spirit. *The most we can possibly HOPE for is to see glimmers of what SPIRIT life is like.* Paul says "we see as through a glass darkly" – we get impressions, but my point is: as flesh and blood human beings who have never been spirits beings, we simply will *not* grasp fully what it's like to be a spirit being – until we're changed to spirit at the resurrection, as God is, and as angels are.

Apostle Paul acknowledged this in **Romans 11:33-34** – where he admits "His ways are past finding out!" So in this part 2 of our 3 part series, I'm doing my best, with a lot of prayer, to be as fair and worshipful of God the Father as YHVH and of Yeshua, Jesus the Christ, called the Son of God – whom I'll also show is referred to as "YHVH" many times. I'll especially show that in Part 3 of this series. YHVH is usually translated as "the LORD" in our Bibles.

HOW IS 'YHVH' PRONUNCED?

Before going too far, let me explain why I say "Yehovah" instead of Yahweh. I used to say "Yahweh" but not anymore, and here's why. What I'm about to say is recent scientific evidence.

Of the most ancient of Hebrew scrolls that have been studied, we know they took out or never included the "vowel points" in the letters YHVH – so people say the pronunciation has been lost. But, in the latest ancient Hebrew scrolls uncovered and researched, scholars

have found 1,010+ manuscripts that have the vowel points in the Tetragrammaton included. These include the Aleppo and Leningrad Codex, where they were found. They had previously missed those because nobody was bothering to look and search for the Tetragrammaton (YHVH) in these ancient manuscripts. In every single case, the pronunciation of YHVH was – Yehovah! Every single time. In not even a single case would the vowel points result in a pronunciation like the popular “Yahweh”, or anything but Yehovah. *It's Yehovah – with the emphasis on the last syllable.* I said “Yahweh” for years, but no longer.

And there's no J in Hebrew – so it's a Y sound – Yehovah. The short form of that is Yah. Every time you say the word “Hallelujah”, you are using the Hebrew words for “Let's all praise – YAH!” So I'll be saying either Yehovah or Yah when rendering the word “LORD” when it's in all caps in your English Bible.

A quick review of part 1 is in order. Those of you who heard part 1 a few months ago could use the review. If you haven't heard part 1, please do so first, before this one.

- Many allege that “YHVH” has to be just one Being, because **Deut 6:4** says “Hear O Israel, the LORD (YHVH) our God, the LORD is one!” The Hebrew word for “one there is echad”. Look at the detail I gave on that in the first sermon, Part 1.

Echad has more the meaning of totally united, *because* remember we're told that Adam and Eve were to also be “one” – *echad*, same word – and yet they were TWO individuals (**Gen. 2:24**). And hundreds of rebels building the Tower of Babel were said – by God himself – to be “one” (*echad*) **Gen. 11:6**. So “echad” obviously means more totally functioning in such unity as to be seen as “one”. And don't forget – the word translated as “God” comes usually from “Elohim”- meaning, literally “gods” or “strong ones” – a plural word! My marginal notes also say **Deut 6:4** can be translated, “the LORD is our God (Elohim), the LORD (YHVH) **alone**” (that is, is the only one who is truly “God”). In Hebrew – “YHVH Eloheynuw (our God), YHVH echad.”

Yeshua declared that He and his Father are ONE – John 10:30. But clearly we have two personalities; His Father clearly greater in authority than Yeshua (1 Cor 11:3, etc). Everything Yeshua said and did was what Father told him to say and do (**John 10:29-33; John 14:10-11**).

- We discussed how “YHVH” is the living God's most personal and proper name. He says so many times – that YHVH is my name, such as **Exodus 15:3; Isa 42:8; Jeremiah 33:2** and a host of others. Please look those up. Sometimes “YHVH of Hosts” is also declared as his name. But it's YHVH in any case. I'm not aware of a single instance where we read “Elohim is my name” or “Adonai is my name” or “El Shaddai is my name”. Not one time. Please correct me if you can find such a verse.
- **Translators in 6,728 times** took the liberty to change YHVH to a title by adding the word “the” and mistranslating YHVH to “Lord. But “the LORD” is not what YHVH means, or sounds like. Jews also changed YHVH to *Adonai* – meaning “My

Lord” or the Lord. They say it is to show supreme respect, but it really came about because many times in their history they could be killed for referring to YHVH. GOD says he wants everyone to know his name – YHVH – see **Jeremiah 31:31-33** – and clearly God himself prophesies that the day is coming when everyone will know his name is YHVH.

- Elohim just means “gods” and is often used to refer to pagan gods – such as in **Ex. 12:12 and 18:11**. Elohim is what YHVH is – GOD – the only true living God. Elohim is not his name, in the same way that “human” is what I am, but it’s not my name.
- **The other so-called names of God – El Shaddai, Adonai, Elohim and so on – are really titles and descriptors.** “Philip ” is my name, but I am also husband, man, brother, son, uncle, minister – and so on – but those are titles, not my names. In the same way, El Shaddai, Adonai and other are his titles, not his names. Again, nowhere does he say any of those titles are his names. Nowhere. But he does say YHVH is his name (Exodus 15:3 etc). So this sermon series focuses on “YHVH”.
- **Nor do we interpret names.** My name means “Lover of horses”. But don’t call me that. David means “beloved”. Nice, but call him David. “Eternal” is an interpretation. So though I say “Eternal” at times, YHVH is our Creator’s name. Actually both creators., as I’ll show. And it’s without a “the” before it. It’s just simple YHVH. God said we should never ever add any words to his holy scriptures.

Here now are some premises for this series:

- **God does not change.** So God Most High – the Father – has always been the head of Christ (Mal. 3:6; 1 Cor 11:3).
- Wherever you read “the LORD” in your English Bibles, that is from the Hebrew name of God -- “YHVH” -- which I pronounce “Yehovah”.
- **NO human being has EVER seen God the Father. Never. Ever. I spent a long time on this last time – John 1:18; John 6:46; 1 John 4:12** – written to believers – “NO ONE has seen God at any time.”

Scripture refers to God the Father as – are you ready? – the “Invisible God” (**Colossians 1:15**) But there was a “GOD” whom people did see. So ponder that. So one has always been invisible to humans – and one appeared to humans at times.

- **Though nobody has seen God the Father, a lot of people did see, eat with and hear someone calling himself “YHVH” – so THAT YHVH could NOT have been God the Father.** There are so many, many places where it says YHVH APPEARED to one of the prophets or others – see **Gen 12:7; Gen 18:1**. The 70 elders of Israel plus Moses, Aaron and his 2 oldest sons all ate and saw “the God of Israel” in **Ex. 24:9-11**.
- **ONLY the true living God can be worshipped.** It is a cardinal sin to worship anyone or anything else. (**Matthew 4:10**). Keep that in mind today – as we talk about Yeshua. The first 3 commandments have something to say about that!

- Then we discussed how God the Father has always been very involved with Israel especially throughout the Old Testament. He was not in the background while the Word, Yeshua – did everything.
- **Many teach “the God of the Old testament” or “the God of Israel was Jesus Christ”. That’s not 100% true.** God the Father was also very, very involved and was actually one One called “the God of Israel” or the God of Abraham”.

Luke 1:68-70

"Blessed is **YHVH God of Israel**, for He has visited and redeemed His people,
69 *And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David*,
70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
Who have been since the world began..."

Acts 3:13

*"The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, **the God of our fathers**, has glorified his SON Jesus, whom you delivered up...."*

Acts 5:30 Peter speaking, “*The GOD of our fathers* raised up Jesus, whom you slew and hanged on a tree...”

So it’s clear that the terms “the God of Israel” and “the God of the Old Testament” *have* to include, at minimum, the one we know now as God the Father – and not just the Word, who became flesh as Yeshua - who was also God as I’ll show today.

After that, I showed clear verses which prove that YHVH at times has to refer to the one we know as God the Father (**Psalm 110:1 – quoted in Acts 2:34-35 and Hebrews 1:13**). Psalm 2:7 and so many others I used in the last sermon also make the point that sometimes YHVH is clearly God the Father. And PS 2:7 says YHVH has, or will have, a SON!

Hebrews 1:1-2

“God, who at various times and in various ways *spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets*, 2 **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, *through whom also He made the worlds;*”

In a recent sermon titled “God’s Desire to Tabernacle with Mankind”, I also pointed out the dozens of places where it says YHVH communicated by sending the Word of YHVH. So this is why you need to be sure to hear and review part 1 first. The YHVH they saw could NOT have been God the Father because *no one has ever seen God* -- God the Father. Never. But lots and lots of people saw, heard, dealt with someone calling himself YHVH or “the Word of YHVH”. **Please read 1 Samuel 3:10, 21.**

“YHVH” HAS TO APPLY TO BOTH

Now I promise to get to this part – showing that YHVH has to apply to both – *in MUCH more detail in part 3 of this sermon*. Let me just whet your appetite. *But next time I will have an avalanche of scriptures* showing without any doubt that Yeshua was and is the awesome YHVH along with God Most High.

I've already shown in part 1 and other sermons and in the review today, that YHVH certainly applies to God the Father. YHVH and two angels appeared to Abraham in Genesis 18:1 and had lunch with him.

But now look at this (please be sure to study these scriptures carefully in your own Bible):

We know that someone who calls himself YHVH prophesies that he'll send a Voice crying in the wilderness to **"prepare the way of the LORD (YHVH)" (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1-2)**. That was John the Baptist who prepared (Matthew 3:1-3).

WHO did John the Baptist prepare for? The Father -- or Yeshua? Obviously it was for Yeshua! But that Being is called "the LORD" in several scriptures and John certainly wasn't preparing the way for the Father. **The One who showed up was – Jesus! Yeshua!**

Luke 1:16-17, 76-77—clearly quote **Isaiah 40:3** and **Malachi 4:5-6** as referring to John the Baptist preparing the way for – the LORD – yes, YESHUA. But the word for "the LORD" used in Isa 40:3 is YHVH. So that's another clear case of "the LORD" (YHVH) clearly referring to Jesus.

We also know that 70 elders plus Moses, Aaron and Aaron's 2 oldest sons all ate and drank and SAW "the God of Israel" who appeared to them. That was not the Father, folks. Was not. That had to be the Word of God who is also God, as **John 1:1-3** clearly tells us because, again, NO ONE has seen the Invisible God (Col 1:15), who is God the Father.

In part 3, I will give a BUNCH more scriptures to prove beyond doubt that "YHVH" HAS to apply to BOTH God the Father and Yeshua, and those who are denying this are doing so to their own destruction. Don't deny your Messiah, folks. Don't deny He was very God. Don't. And don't listen to heretics who try to teach that Christ was not also YHVH in the Old Testament.

For now I want to show other things about Yeshua.

OTHER TERMS APPLY TO BOTH God the Father and the Son of God

I'm going to continue now to show THIS premise I use too: The terms "God", "Creator", "God of Israel" - and YHVH – apply to BOTH. So scripture uses the PLURAL word "Elohim" – translated as "God" when referring to the true living God, and as "gods" when referring to pagan non-existent gods. But by using this plural word "Elohim", now when I say or think of "GOD" (Elohim), I think of BOTH God the Father and Yeshua the Son of God, who act as ONE, in total harmonious unity. The Supreme Being is God the Father. Clearly Yeshua made that point over and over and scripture generally does – "...and the head of Christ is God" (1 Cor. 11:3). ALL the words and actions Yeshua spoke and did on earth were really just saying his Father's words and doing his Father's actions. All of them. (**John 9:4; 10:25, 37-38, etc.**) Though also God, Yeshua was clearly lower in authority than His Father, God Most High.

So now in part 2, and part 3, we learn that YESHUA was also pre-existent GOD as we'll see in scripture.

Was Yeshua the SON OF GOD?

REMEMBER it was QUESTIONING whether or not Jesus was the Son of God that formed the CORE of a couple of Satan's temptations in Matthew 4:1-11!!! "IF you're the Son of God...." And of course Satan left out the words from God the Father – "my BELOVED Son, in whom I am well pleased."

*Remember that Mary was told that her son Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew) was to be **"the son of the Most High"** (Luke 1:32).*

So let's not join Satan by questioning if Jesus/Yeshua was ever the Son of GOD, or God with God Most High as John 1:1-3 clearly tells us.

On the other hand, it was in confessing that Yeshua was the SON OF GOD, from God, that helped people to begin to see and understand his mission. Very few "saw" this before His resurrection. Several were told by Yeshua himself that he was the promised Messiah from God and that he was the "I am".

Matthew 14:31-33 – the disciples worshipped him and declared him "truly you are the Son of God" after he had walked on water and calmed the storm.

John 4:25-26 – Yeshua revealed himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman at the well

Matthew 16:13-20 – Peter acknowledged him as Son of the living God (v 16). Yeshua did not want this widely disclosed – yet.

Matthew 26:62-66; Mark 14:61-62 –even the High Priest and Sanhedrin were told this directly by Yeshua that they would see him returning in the clouds, after sitting on the right hand of power.

John 9:35-38—the healed blind man was allowed to see this truth that Yeshua was the Son of God, and he also worshipped Yeshua.

So God is Spirit. Jesus is called the Son of GOD. MY son is of the same TYPE of being as I am – human. The "son of cow" is a cow. The son of a dragon fly is a dragon fly. You get it? The Jews in John 8 sure got that.

The first and so far only spirit-born son of God (read **Romans 1:3-4**) was Yeshua— and he was also of the same type as his father after his resurrection to, once again, spirit life. As Son of God, he is also God. Notice how the book of Hebrews puts it, quoting from Psalm 45:6-7.

Hebrews 1:8-9

But to the SON He says:

"Your throne, O GOD, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Here, both the Supreme God Being (God the Father) and the SON Yeshua of Nazareth are both called "GOD". **Romans 9:5** calls Yeshua "the eternally blessed God."

WAS YESHUA PRE-EXISTENT GOD also?

Let me say clearly: I believe Yeshua was also God. But it's also clear that in 90% of the scriptures that speak of "God" in the NEW Testament – those refer to God the Father. Yeshua is usually referred to as LORD, Jesus or Jesus Christ in the New Testament. His Hebrew name his mama heard was Yeshua, meaning "Savior". There ARE scriptures that show him to be pre-existent, non-created GOD or Son of God as we'll soon see.

Some heretics say outright – or imply – that Jesus did not always exist before he was born of Mary. I say that is a terrible heresy. How could God the Father create all things through Jesus Christ if Yeshua our Messiah wasn't there to create all things?

Ephesians 3:9

"and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in **God who created all things through Jesus Christ...**"

So we see the Executive Creator was God the Father who created *through* Jesus Christ, as also these verses state. Jesus had to be there in the beginning in order to do the creating and to speak the universe into existence. But the overall creator was God the Father (also see Acts 4:24; Rev. 4:10-11).

Hebrews 1:1-3 again says God (the Father) now speaks to us by his SON, "through whom he also made the worlds", who was also in the brightness of God the Father's image and glory.

And of course **John 1:1-3** says the Word of God was GOD, with God and all things were made through Him (**John 1:3**) and in Him was life. And this WORD, who was God and made all things – came to be flesh and dwelt among us, and of course that begins the Gospel of John. (John 1:14).

Colossians 1:15 says **Christ is the image "of the INVISIBLE GOD"**. God the Father has NEVER been seen by any human. Christ is the exact copy of the Invisible God. (Hebrews 1:1-3). Christ IS visible - - hence he could say to Philip "If you've seen me, you've seen God the Father" (John 14:6).

When WE will be changed to spirit, we too will be just like our Father and able to see him in his glory, for we shall be just as he is! You want proof?

1 John 3:1-2

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that WE should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, WE shall be like Him [context: the Father], for WE shall see HIM as He is."

Paul tells us that all creation is groaning for this moment when the children of God will be revealed and the glory which shall be revealed in us!

Romans 8:18-19

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory which shall be revealed in us.** 19 For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.**”

Now Yeshua of Nazareth- who was previously already the Word of God with God and who was also God—was resurrected to glory as the glorified SON OF GOD and sits at the right hand of God Most High, the Father. You can read of this in **Romans 1:1-4** if you care to study it. There it says Jesus was “declared the son of God with power....by the resurrection from the dead.”

IF Yeshua/Jesus was not previously GOD... then what?

Let me HOP to this point: If Jesus wasn't God – WITH God Most High the One who became His Father (Romans 1:1-4), if Jesus hadn't been GOD before that, guess what? YOU wouldn't have a Savior. Here's why:

If Yeshua was anything except God himself, His one life would be worth only one life in exchange. His perfect life could be sacrificed and given for only one other person, and that would be it. Only the life of GOD himself could be worth more than all of humanity ever born from Adam onwards.

So...I believe in Jesus. I believe in Yeshua as my Savior. (I'll refer to him as Yeshua from now on, OK?) I believe what scripture says about him, that He was GOD and with God from the very beginning. He was an uncreated Being, who was with God and a part of God from the beginning, or else we don't have a Savior.

And – as some want to teach now even – **IF Yeshua isn't GOD now, then it would be a sin to worship Him now or to worship him before. ONLY the true living God can be worshipped without it being a sin.** But many did worship Yeshua. And Many ARE worshipping him now, including angels around his throne! We'll read that in a minute.

And if Yeshua right now is a part of “GOD” and is God, then it would also be a sin **NOT** to worship Him and NOT to adore Him – YESHUA I mean! For that's what the first 3 commandments are all about: the proper worship of the proper Deity.

Saying Yeshua was one sent by a greater authority – his FATHER – does not in ANY way diminish what Yeshua WAS: He was previously the WORD of God, who was there from the beginning with God, and was God.

It would be like Mike Pence, the Vice President, being sent to deliver a message to a foreign president for President Trump. VP Pence is obviously not as great in power and authority as the President. Mr. Pence is going as one sent. But guess what? He's still the Vice President. And The Word – though sent by God Most High – is still with God and is still God. Just as Mike Pence – though sent by President Trump – still was and is with Trump and is a man, as the Word was and is God.

CERTAINLY YESHUA did things, while a man on earth, that are the prerogatives of God.

- **FIRST of all, he allowed himself to be worshipped** – more in a second...
- He often referred to himself as the Son of God (John 9:35; 10:36) and that God in heaven sent HIS Son into the world and so on (**John 3:16-18**)
- Yeshua forgave sin, a prerogative of God (like **Mark 2:1-12; Luke 7:48 -49**). Others questioned this! They thought it blasphemy!
- He openly proclaimed he had come from heaven, from God the Father.
- He spoke with authority – even saying he could speak the word and 12 legions of angels would instantly appear on his behalf! Folks, that's a GOD-LEVEL statement! (**Matthew 26:53**). A legion could be between 3-6,000 soldiers, roughly a regiment today. So 12 legions could be anywhere from 36,000 to 72,000 battle-ready angels ready to appear for Christ at the drop of a hat, if he so chose! Only one angel would have been necessary.

Are you grasping who this Jesus of Nazareth really was – and IS?

WORSHIPPING YESHUA THE WORD OF GOD

There are also some who claim to be believers but who believe we are to **worship** only God the Father. Of course we should worship God the Father. But what does scripture say about worshipping Yeshua, who is now at the Father's right hand?

Look at Revelation 5, the opening of the scroll with seven seals. Initially no one was found who could open it. But then the Lamb of God (Christ) came and took the scroll from the hand of God Most High (v. 6-7). Once that happened, the four living creatures, the 24 elders fell down before the lamb (v8) and sang a new song to the Lamb. Then in verses 11-13 hundreds of millions of angels start praising him with a loud voice and all creation began praising him.

Then **Revelation 5:14** – “Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the 24 elders fell down and **worshipped** him who lives forever and ever.”

Folks, this is not just a polite bowing of the head to the Son of God! It was out and out worship.

In Hebrews 1:5 – God calls Yeshua “my Son”

V 6–“But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, **He says, ‘Let all the angels of God **WORSHIP HIM.****”

Folks, Hebrews 1:6 tells us that God the Father makes sure ALL the angels worship YESHUA, the son of God. Only God can be worshipped or *should* be worshipped, or it would be terribly wrong. Yeshua clearly is worthy of worship because He is also GOD, **as Heb 1:8-9 clearly tells us.**

What about the fact that Yeshua allowed himself to be worshipped - - even while just a flesh and blood man on the earth before his resurrection? If he had been anything but God in the flesh, allowing himself to be worshipped would have been a terrible sin. But it wasn't a sin, because he was the Son of God, and was "the Word who became flesh" – **John 1:14.**

On all the examples I will give now, the Greek word for "worship" is *proskuneo*, the same word that was used to tell us that the angels in the book of Revelation fell down and worship God! That's NOT just a polite bow of the head!

- The magi from the east said they had "come to worship Him" who was born king of the Jews (Matthew 2:2) In verse 11, they fell down before the young Child and worshiped him.
- The healed blind man worshipped Yeshua (**John 9:35-38**), who revealed to the formerly blind man that he, Yeshua, was the Son of God (v. 35).
- The disciples in the boat worshipped after Yeshua walked on water, and they proclaimed "truly you are the Son of God." **Matthew 14:33**
- The Gentile woman from the area of Sidon and Tyre whose daughter he healed, worshiped him (Matthew 15:25), as she pleaded for his help to heal.
- Matthew 28:9 – ladies who saw him after his resurrection held his feet and worshiped him.

Certainly after the resurrection he clearly was worshipped and continues to be:

- The women disciples worshipped him (Matthew 28:9).
- Thomas exclaimed to him, upon seeing him – "My Lord and MY GOD" (**John 20:28**). Jesus did not correct him. Of course not. He was God.
- After he ascended to heaven – Luke 24:52 – the disciples worshipped him

Clearly we can worship God alone, nobody else – and Yeshua was worshiped both as a man and after he was resurrected to immortal spirit – so therefore Yeshua even while on earth had to be GOD – God in the Flesh (John 1:14 – the Word was made flesh).

Let's magnify this Yeshua, this Jesus of Nazareth. He is worthy of worship, praise, and honor – for he is the pre-existent son of God, who spoke the worlds into existence as led by his God, God Most High.

Let's continue to glorify how great this YESHUA was prior to his human birth.

YESHUA'S PRE-EXISTENCE AS PART OF THE GODHEAD

Again, **John 1:1** clearly says the WORD was there from the beginning with God as God, though lower in authority than God the Father Most High. John repeats that in 1 John 1:1-2. Yeshua was "the WORD" and John 1 says he was GOD from the beginning.

John 1:1-2 – "**IN the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the WORD WAS GOD.**" And in case you missed it, he says it even more clearly in verse 2: "He was in the beginning with God."

Verse 3 – "All things that were created were made by him..."

v. 14 says this GOD, the WORD, becomes flesh and tabernacled with man.

SO - WHO CREATED ALL THINGS?

BOTH God the Father and the Word did the creating when you combine all the scriptures like **Eph 3:9** – God created all things THROUGH Jesus Christ; **Hebrews 1:3**, etc.

So once again: We see God the Father is Supreme, but he acts through Jesus Christ who sits beside him, and he always, always has done things through the Word of God, Jesus Christ, who always, always has done and said what God MOST High wanted.

So BOTH are Creator, BOTH are Redeemer, BOTH are Savior, etc. I gave a whole sermon or two on this a few months ago mid-year 2018, showing God the Father also is called our Savior and Redeemer by sending the Way- - His Son—to us.

Ecclesiastes – where it says to “remember your Creator” – in the Hebrew, the word for Creator is in the plural there. It should say, and some translations I have say, “Remember also thy **Creators...**” (**Ecclesiastes 12:1, Young’s Literal Translation**). That simply verifies that God the Father created all things by and through Yeshua – Jesus Christ. They both are creators.

Back to Jesus/Yeshua:

1 Timothy 3:16 says “**GOD was manifested in the flesh**...and received up in glory”

John the Baptist said this about Yeshua:

John 1:15 “John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, **for He was BEFORE me.**”

Here are some things Yeshua said about his own pre-existence as God with God Most High who sent him to earth on the Father’s mission, to speak the Father’s words and do the Father’s works.

John 13:3-4 (just before the foot washing)

“Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, **and that He had come from God and was going to God**, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.”

John 3:13

“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man”

He’s called “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:28). Guess why? Because he is the one who created the sabbath BY resting, and putting his holy presence in it, and who formed Adam and then Eve (Genesis 2:1-4).

Several times he says out loud, openly, that he came from the Father who sent him (John 8:42; 16:28; etc.)

John 8:56-59

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John 17:4-5

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

Luke 10:18

"He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall as lightning."

The Power and MAJESTY OF Christ

Colossians 1:15-18

"He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 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. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

Next time I'll finish this series of who is YHVH – by showing, that though the Father is God MOST High, he is supreme, **that Yeshua is also YHVH, also God**, and what a great, great God he is – who has at times made himself visible to the prophets and when he came as Yeshua. We'll see HE is included in the Alpha and Omega, the One who IS, and was, and is to come.

So be sure to listen to and study PART 3 – where we glorify who our Yeshua really is – and how scripture is clear that in the Old Testament he CLEARLY is also referred to as "YHVH"

We'll have lots more proof, lots more scriptures to show the COLLOSSAL ERROR of the teaching of those who say Yeshua was just a good man, or was not YHVH in the Old Testament...

We need to give Yeshua all the glory and power and adoration He deserves – and he deserves everything we have.

Closing prayer.

"We worship you Father. We worship your SON, Jesus of Nazareth, hallelujah. Help us magnify each of you, working as one, each in the other, in perfect harmony. Father, you are God MOST High, you are the God OF Yeshua, You are the Supreme Being, head of Jesus Christ. But you have given all glory and honor to your faithful Son and exalted him above all other names except your own, that at the name of Jesus/Yeshua, every knee shall bow and proclaim him Lord of Lords and King of kings. Come now into our hearts, dear Father and dear Savior Yeshua. COME, we open the doors of our hearts to you. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Yeshua, the Son of the Highest, amen."