

Tutorial #5

THE PRIESTHOOD

1. **Question:** What is a priest?

Answer: A servant of God who offers gifts and sacrifices for the people: a go-between (Heb 5:1-2)

2. **Question:** Why is he needed?

Answer: Where there is a law, there is always a possibility of sin; wherever there is sin, there must be a “priesthood” and a priest to administer the office of the priesthood because the universal law (i.e., the law of sin and death) states that “the soul that sinneth, it must die.”

It is noted in the following scriptures:

a) Rom 6:23, first part:

“The wages of sin is death.”

b) Gen 2:17:

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

c) James 1:15:

“Then when lust is conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

So without a priest, all would die the day they sinned: this includes the beings in heaven as well. We see that the law, itself, contains no mercy as we note again the phrase, “...*the wages of sin is death, and the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*” However, due to the mercy of God, a “priesthood” was set up, which would have rules and terms that the “offender of the law” must follow in order to satisfy the law that would clear him from its “judgment”.

So far, it appears as though the law is the enemy; actually in a way, it is. If the commandment had not stated that thou “*shalt not steal*”, there would be no thieves. However, the commandment stands as an earthbound measuring tool, whereby one could prove to oneself that he or she is indeed righteous. This we call the written or worded law; it is temporary because the sin or offenses are temporary. We will make this point clear, but first we want all to understand that we are speaking of the law of God, and not man’s law or the law of the land. Going back to the temporary written law, everyone on earth is being put through a test. Once the test is completed and the goal is achieved – which is eternal life – there will be no need for the commandments. Why? The possibility of sin is removed. Keep in mind that we are speaking of the commandments or written law, and not the testimonies of Jesus, or the word of God (Matthew 24:35). How can we be sure that the written law is temporary? Revelation 22:11 quotes, “*He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*” This decree will seal all into their permanent state: whether for well or woe. From this point on, the written word is obsolete.

Priesthood in Heaven

As we stated earlier, where ever there is a written or worded law, the possibility of transgression is present, so there must be a system for repentance. Our first priesthood started in heaven. The law at that time stated, “**Touch not the unclean thing.**” This was the anti-matter left over from creation; it contained all the evil that the forces of darkness have used in their effort to fight all that is called good. The angels were forewarned not to touch or go into this anti-matter. However, we know that some did not obey this commandment. Isaiah 14:12-16 “*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;*” (Reference Scripture: Ezekiel 28:12-19.)

Once sin was conceived, all were given an opportunity to repent. In order for sin to be forgiven, a “priesthood” needed to be set into place, and a priest set over it to administer these duties. This was done by Melchisedec, priest of the Most High God, and King of Salem. We are first introduced to him when he met Abraham, the patriarch of the family of Israel, returning from the slaughter of the kings. The exchange between these two was important. Here we see Melchisedec bless Abraham, which was a passing of the priesthood to him; and one in which he gave a tenth of all that he possessed. Hebrews 7:1-3 quotes, “*For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.*” Let’s focus on verse three for a minute and notice the words “without Father or Mother, nor beginning or ending, but made like unto the Son of God”. Here it is plain to see that Melchisedec was not a member of the human family because he had no beginning or ending. Everyone that comes through the earth has a date on which he was born, died and/or left. Therefore, Melchisedec’s kingdom (King of Salem) is not of this world, but one of the universes, in the vastness of God’s heavens. Notice Jude 1:6, “*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*” (Reference Scripture: II Peter 2:4.) These angels sinned and needed to meet the requirements under Melchisedec’s priesthood to receive forgiveness. Therefore, they wait in chains until the Day of Judgment. [Note: In a conversation that I had with the Prophet Webb, he mentioned to me that during his work, he went and prophesied to these angels that were locked here on earth, awaiting the judgment hour. This place is somewhere in a deep cave underneath the earth’s surface.]

The Priesthood with Man

Moses came down from Mount Sinai after communing with God. He had many instructions that he would give to the people in terms of laws and ordinances (*see last page). This was called, “**the old covenant**”. One of the most important precepts of this covenant was the “Levitical Priesthood”. Moses was told to pattern all operations of the priesthood according to the things that he saw in heaven. So when he gave instructions on how the tabernacle was to be constructed, he made certain that it was a carbon copy of the one shown to him from Heaven. Hebrews 9:1-10 quotes, “*Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubim's of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.*”

Though the ordinances of this law were indeed most sacred, it could only stand as an example of the things to come. At that particular time, the way of repentance was established with man, on earth, in the form of the Levitical Priesthood. This is the reason that Melchisedec met with Abraham, so that he could pass this most important work onto him and his seed. Two questions may come to mind at this time:

1. What about all of the people living on earth before the priesthood was set up, and how did they atone for their sins?

Answer: It was common knowledge to all, that you needed blood in order to present an offering to the Lord (Genesis 4:3-7). To make this point perfectly clear, just as it was common for all to know how bodily functions operate, or how to plant and harvest crops without anyone instructing them, everyone on earth at that time knew that in order to present a sacrifice to God, one would need blood. However, as time went on, the dragon's kingdom would attempt to stamp out the light of understanding by overspreading man's mind with evil thoughts to the point that the way to live right became uncommon. We refer to Genesis 6:5 quoting, “*And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*” We also note that Noah made a blood offering to God, after the flood.

2. Now that we understand that Melchisedec is a Son of God, like as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, why do the scriptures refer to Christ as the “Only Begotten Son” sent to the earth?

Answer: Jesus Christ is the only begotten son to visit this creation, born of a woman. We do have record of one of God's son paying a visit to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as seen in Daniel 3:23-25: “*And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.*”

Please know and understand that Nebuchadnezzar may not have had full knowledge of the Deity; however, God's presence is unmistakable, and once he saw one of God's other sons, he had no other choice but to recognize him for whom and what he was. Just as when Christ does come and reveals himself to all, one could have been an atheist on the previous day, yet nevertheless, you will become a true believer and recognize Christ for who he is... "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords." [Note: For more information on God's other sons, please refer to the treatise entitled, "God's Other Sons" written by James T. Webb.]

The Tithing System

A key component to the Levitical Priesthood was the paying of tithes. The nation of Israel was divided into twelve tribes: a tribe named after each of the twelve sons of Jacob, who later on in age was called Israel, thus said the Lord. This nation would grow mightily and strong, insomuch that the Egyptian ruler, Pharaoh, would think to enslave them, which lead to the story of Moses. [Note: For the complete story of the "Life and Times of Moses", and how God delivered them with a mighty hand, refer to the book of Exodus, chapters one through twenty.]

Let us continue. We note that Moses was born of the tribe of Levi and God would use him and his brother Aaron to deliver to the people the manifold operations of the priesthood. Now to Aaron and his seed alone, he gave the authority to conduct the office of the high priest. As time went on, and Israel began to inherit the promises of God, each tribe would be given a portion of land; if they would follow all the laws set before them, they and their land would be blessed by God. Under the guidance of Joshua, all the tribes of Israel were given land, **except the tribe of Levi**. We repeat, the house of Levi was not given a portion of land. They were given the duties of the priesthood as an inheritance.

This is an important fact concerning the Levites as we read in Numbers 18:20-26: *"And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithes."*

THIS IS THE ONLY REASON THEY HAD A TITHING SYSTEM. The Levites were not allowed to work in the fields or herd cattle; their duties were to take care of the sins of the people. If at any time you, or anyone else, committed an offense, or if a new baby was born, or any other such matters that required a sacrifice, you would go to the priest assigned to that area and offer a sacrifice according to the law. [For more information on the operations of the Levites refer to Numbers 18th Chapter.]

Dear reader, on a personal note, it was the thought of this writer not to address any further on this matter (the tithing system), but after being buffeted (forcing one's way with difficulty) with the thoughts of this subject three times, this writer will address the following questions:

1. Why do the churches of today all collect tithes?

Answer: The churches of today have no rights or authority under any circumstances to collect tithes. This is in no way viewed as something good in the sight of God. This and all other operations of the Levitical system was nailed to the cross as noted in Colossians 2:14: ***“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”*** Therefore, we see that this action made all animal offerings null and void. Remember, the only reason for the tithing system was to give the people of the tribe of Levi substance. They did not inherit any land, so for all of their food, clothing, and housing, they were given a tenth part of every other tribe's possessions.

2. What did Paul, the administrator of the Gospel, have to say regarding giving money in the Church?

Answer: The Apostle Paul did not speak at all about the Levitical system or its' tithing statutes, or its connection to the Gospel because the preaching of the Gospel let all know that Christ's coming and death on the cross wiped out the Levitical system. This in turn, would make all religious institutions that performed the deeds of the Old Covenant or Levitical Priesthood deniers of Christ... or anti-Christ's. We note in I John 4:2-3: ***“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”*** Further, we see in 1 Cor 16:1-2 that Paul did set up a format by which the needs of the people could be met by the church. The churches were given permission to have collections on the **first** day of the week (Sunday) to ensure that no passing of money would be done during worship on the Sabbath Day. [Note: Nevertheless, in no wise was permission given to them to change the Sabbath Day from the 7th day to the 1st day of the week.]

3. So what did God mean by this statement in Malachi 3:8-10?

Answer: This is the sum of this particular matter, when Israel returned to their land after being captive for seventy years in Babylon, they were given four hundred and ninety years in which to come to terms with God under the Old Covenant. The Prophet Malachi was sent to give word concerning their shortcomings. This had no connection to the Gospel Church. [For more information on Israel and the four hundred ninety years refer to the **History of the Nations** tab.]

We end with these last comments from various scriptures in regards to the collecting of money in exchange for the word of God.

- **Matthew 10:7-8**
“And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”
- **Matthew 21:12-13** (Jesus' feeling on money changing hands in the church)
“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.” (Reference Scriptures: St. John 2:13-16, I Timothy 6:10)

- **Mark 6:2-3** (Proof that Jesus worked for a living; noting how he was identified by his occupation)
“...Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses, and of Juda, and of Simon? And they were offended at him.”
- **Acts 18:1-3** (Notes that Paul was a tentmaker)
“...And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.”
- **II Thessalonians 3:8-10** (Paul’s statements regarding payment for the word of God)
“Neither did we eat any man’s bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.”

The Day of Atonement

The most important day of the year, as it relates to the Priesthood, is the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:26-32). On this day, all the sins of the entire nation would be forgiven. This is the only time that the high priest would go into the second tabernacle. Keep in mind that priests would perform their duties daily, entering only into the first tabernacle. However, only the high priests would enter into the second tabernacle; once at the end of the year, which was the Day of Atonement. On this day, sacrifices would be made for the entire household of Israel. The high priest must be male and a direct descendant of Aaron. The occasion was a solemn affair, for you see, the high priest would first make an offering for himself, because if he had any offenses, he would die. He would enter into the “Holiest of All”, which is also called “The Second Tabernacle” as seen in Hebrews 9:3 quoting, ***“And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all.”*** After making his entrance, he would pour the blood upon the altar. One of the processes of this sacred operation was the fact that they would put all the sin of the people upon a goat’s head. This was called a “scapegoat”; it would bear the sins of all the people, and would be carried out by a strong, fit male into the wilderness to die. [Please note that all we have covered thus far is only a shadow of the work that Jesus Christ would do in his priesthood.]

The Priesthood of Jesus Christ

First, let us take note of the fact that Jesus was born into the tribe of Judah, from the line of David, in which no priesthood responsibility was given, according to the Law of Moses; which is to say that Jesus’ Priesthood would not be conducted after the order of Aaron, but after the heavenly order of Melchisedec, his brother. Further, this meant that no carnal rituals would be performed. According to the plans of salvation, Jesus had many things to accomplish by coming to the earth. In fact, every name that he received is a direct result of his accomplishments – both in heaven and on earth. His dying on the cross completely wiped out death’s hold on man, remembering that the law states, ***“The soul that sinneth must die.”*** So from the time that Adam sinned, death had man in a “choke-hold”, and though Jesus **did not sin**, death still took him. Death had no right to take Jesus because he (Jesus) had committed no sin. Therefore, because Christ ***DIED WITHOUT SIN***, he would now force everyone that died and would die, to now be resurrected. As a result, Christ then turned the tables on death – making void the statement/agreement the following statement that reads: “THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, MUST DIE!” Through this action of Christ, everyone that is born of a woman, will be resurrected; thus, declared by the **power of the blood** of Jesus, this action wiped out the sin of Adam.

Note Romans 5:17-20: *“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

As stated earlier, Jesus' work, both here and in heaven, is innumerable/immeasurable and so vast that it would take us eternity to list all of his accomplishments. The Holy Spirit expresses to us knowledge and understanding in the form of “meat in due season”. In turn, we will give praise to God from our hearts. In fact, what this word does to the mind, causes it to recognize the greatness of Jesus, and forces the body to react in the form of outbursts of “Praise God” and dancing for joy. This is the type of worship that the devil tried to steal by forming churches where members would fall out and jump around in an effort to claim the Holy Spirit. However, what we are referring to is the understanding of the word of God to the point that at the very mention of the name of Jesus, an individual will shout his praise.

Before continuing, we will expound on a few points in which a complete understanding can be gained by all. In order to qualify as a priest, he must be someone who can relate to the conditions and tribulations that the people in his care are up against (Hebrews 5:1-2). We can see that Jesus Christ has met these qualifications perfectly. By leaving his power and glory in heaven, he walked this earth under the same conditions that we face every day. This is why his compassion and mercy for man is so great. He also showed man how to walk within the commandments and testimonies by the perfect example of the way he lived his life, making him the ultra perfect, just and righteous judge. This particular feat could not be done by Melchisedec or any of the angels; even though the angels minister unto man, they do not know what it is like to walk in man's shoes.

REVIEW

Let us review the following points:

- Where there is law, there is the possibility of “**transgression**” of that law.
- A Priesthood is set up so that all who transgress will have a way of “**reconciling**” with God.
- Melchisedec was Priest in heaven for all that transgressed “**before the earth was formed**”.
- The Levitical Priesthood was a law of “**blood offerings of animals**” and “**divers ordinances**” that all Israel had to adhere to.
- The “**Day of Atonement**” is the most important day of the year, as it relates to the Priesthood.
- The “**Tithing System**” was a part of the ordinances of the Old Covenant that was “**nailed to the cross**” of Christ.

All of these above points are important so that we would know Jesus and understand what he has done for us.

Continuing with our subject under study, please take a look at Revelation 5:1-6, *“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”*

We see that Jesus is the only one worthy enough to perform this task. Notice how that no one else in heaven, or earth or even under the earth was able to execute this assignment. The statement “under the earth” is referring to the angels that were locked up until the judgment hour. These are the ones that Bro. Webb was sent to preach to that we spoke of earlier in this writing. Taking a closer look at verse six, we see Christ as a slain lamb. This is after his work in the sanctuary, where he cleansed our records and cleared our names in judgment. Christ cleansed all the records of the saints from Adam, the first man, to the last two prophets, who will be the last two saints on the earth, and all others who come in between. At this time, any of the angels that sinned and met the requirements under Melchisedec’s Priesthood, will be restored to their former estate. It is our hope that all understand the magnitude of this event.

Notice Hebrews 9:18-23: *“Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.”*

Looking again at verse 22, we see that blood is needed to complete this work. In heaven, no creation was made of flesh and blood (Psalms 104:4). Though Melchisedec was a priest forever, he could only do the first work. Let us remember what was said to Moses regarding the Priests: they would perform their duties **every day**, entering only into the first tabernacle, save for once, at the end of the year when the high priest would enter into the second tabernacle to cleanse the sins of all the people. The priests who performed **daily tasks** would only hold the sin in check on a temporary basis, until the high priest went into the second tabernacle (The Holiest of All). At that time, all sin would be removed. These are only examples pointing towards the work of Christ and his priesthood.

Again, we see that blood was needed; so Christ, our God, took the **body that died on the cross to heaven with him after the resurrection**. This was done so that he could use that blood to cleanse our records. Please read Hebrews 9:24-26 as it quotes, *“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself”*.

LET US ALL PAUSE AND SAY, “HAIL TO THE KING”; JESUS IS GREAT AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED! ...For after our records were cleansed, court was held in heaven (this is the judgment) and the devil came to present his case against man (Daniel 7:9-10). He stated that since man had sinned, he (man) did not deserve salvation. At this point in time is when he found out why Christ had come down to earth and died on the cross. Before this, he did not know that the very **body that was resurrected** would be used to **cleanse the records** of the saints. So when they opened the books, all the saints’ records were clean.

This made the devil angry – angry enough for war! We read in Revelation 12:7-10, ***“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”***

The devil came to heaven with all the sins committed by the saints from Adam on down; his effort was to condemn the saints with these accusations. But just as in the example shown in the Levitical Priesthood – where once all the sin was cleansed from the records, the sins were cast upon a goat – and then a strong, fit man was chosen to carry the goat out of the camp into the wilderness to die, we parallel this by saying that in heaven, Michael the angel, was the one chosen to cast the devil out! It was the devil who would bear all of the sins of the people, in that he (the devil) was the **“facilitator of these sins”** and stated that **“someone needed to pay for them”**. Therefore, we have the devil as the scapegoat. So all of the sins that he mustered up to hurt the saints, have come back to condemn him.

Do You Know Jesus?

St. John 17:3 reads: ***“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”***

We will now look at excerpts from a class entitled, *The Deity*.

Excerpts:

St. John 1:1-3

(V1) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

(V2) “The same was in the beginning with God.”

(V3) “All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”

Now we must call upon Mother Wisdom at this point because our thoughts are but the thoughts of men and limited in the expression of divinity. In addition, our language is inappropriate when attempting to manifest mental expression of the deity. Our prayer is that God, our creator, will guide our every thought as we bend our ear to listen to the voice of Wisdom in our minds and hearts, for we desire only to magnify, glorify, and honor the majestic, omnipotent power of the great and awesome deity of God. Hebrews 11 v 6 quotes, ***“But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He IS!”*** [Webster on the term **“IS”** means *without change*.] Thus, dear reader we can perceive from Wisdom’s directives that the Ancient of Days was, and is, without change. This is the eternal pattern of the father of spirits that is without change.

Wisdom continues to say that, His power is:

- **Omni:** meaning everywhere,
- **Omnibus:** dealing with all things at once,
- **Omnipotent:** meaning power unlimited,
- **Omniscient:** meaning knowing all things.

We must understand that God, the Ancient of Days, has no limitations of being, or intelligence, total in totality, and perfectly free to express the boundless force of love, while traveling in a perfect circle of power and might with the impossibility of CHANGE. From this makeup of eternal power and might, with unlimited knowledge, came forth as an *expression*, which we refer to as a *Word*. This word was again the total expression of all the force and makeup of power within this perfect circle of spiritual love. Thus, came forth the “*Word of God*”, emerging as an *amalgamation* of all the makeup of totality within the eternal circle (Rev 19 v13). Dear friend, you are looking at the eldest of power, the truth to the first expression of the *invisible image* of the “*Ancient of Days*”, God the Father. His totality of majesty has become a *living being*, visible only in the **first dimension** (Ephesians 3 v18), which was before the **concept of existence**.

Dear reader, Mother Wisdom wills us to understand that it is impossible to know the Father, to understand His being or to discuss his majesty... *except through Christ* (Matt 11 v27; Luke 10 v22; St John 1 v18). Again, the Wisdom of God directs us to Christ. Through him, men might perceive the door of the mystery concerning the Ancient of Days (St. John 10 v7-9). Also, we must understand that Jesus Christ is the name of the vesture or body of human form that he took upon himself to enter into this dimension of the fourth by-product to complete the adoption works of mankind. Yet, before he was Jesus Christ, he was the “*initial expression*” of the Ancient of Days that we refer to as “*word*”. He was, and is, the “**Word of God**”. Rev 19 v13 quotes, “*And he was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called “The Word of God”!*”

Dear friend, according to Webster’s dictionary, vesture is an article of clothing. The vesture of our concern is the resurrected body of Jesus Christ, **WORN LIKE A SHIRT** by the word of God, as He emerged from the Atonement Hall. The Atonement Hall is where he pierced his side, allowing the blood of that *resurrected*, and *spiritually- cleaned and processed* body to run free on the Books of Judgment, cleansing them of **SIN** and **OFFENSE** forever (Rev 5 v3-6). Amen!

Let it be known that only through the grace of God, have we obtained this knowledge that we now share with you. We accept no praise, or accolades, because we are not above anyone else, and did not receive our understanding due to excessive studying of the word. However, we humbly acknowledge the blessing from God and through the patience of the Prophet James T. Webb that these subjects were relayed to us. All Praises be to the Full Throne of God and a Special Salutation to the Wisdom of God!

Your brother in Christ,
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(*) **Ordinance: An authoritative order or command; a municipal regulation or statue.**

Example: During the old covenant the people had laws/ordinances regarding their clothing; such as they could not mix fabrics from two different animals or plants: like wool from a sheep could not be mixed with cotton from the cotton plant. Whereas we notice today, all fabrics are mixed and allowed to do so after Christ (Deut 22:11). Please note that this is just one example. There were many, many ordinances at that time; but again, however, these ended at the cross of Christ.