

The Church in **SILENCE**

“In the beginning God created **the heaven and the earth**” (Genesis 1:1). There was a point in time when there was no heaven and no earth. The two separate abodes did not exist, until one day, God created **them**. The heaven and the earth are a two-fold whole where the spiritual creation live in heaven and the physical creation live on earth. Both had a beginning; except for God—the Creator **by whose power** creation came into existence.

“But we know that there is **only one God, the Father, who created everything**, and we live for him” (I Corinthians 8:6a).

“Remember what happened long ago, for **I am God, and there is no other; I am God**, and there is **none like Me**” (Isaiah 46:9).

“Do we not all have **one Father? Did not one God create us?**” (Malachi 2:10)

The existence of a supreme God is evident throughout the scriptures, but often overlooked is God’s Son **through** whom God created both the heaven and earth.

“But for us, there is **one God, the Father, BY** whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is **one Lord, Jesus Christ, THROUGH** whom all things were created, and through whom we live” (I Corinthians 8:6).

“For in Him [the Son of God] **all things were created**, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. **All things were created through Him and for Him**” (Colossians 1:16).

Now, before God and His Son formed the earth in verse 2 of Genesis 1 into a suitable abode for mankind, heaven was already filled with life—spiritual beings: angels, the 24 elders, the four living creatures, holy ones, and sons of God. Many of these beings hold very important positions in heaven. This abode is invisible to human eyes, but it will become visible when God rolls back the sky.

“**The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up**, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the commanders, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and free man, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they say to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us and **hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb**’” (Revelation 6:14-15).

A time will come when mankind on earth will see into heaven, the abode of God’s spiritual creation. **This heavenly creation existed before the creation of mankind** and they comprise of

powerful rulers and authorities. After God and His Son formed the earth to be suitable for mankind, they rested on the seventh day and said, “Thus **the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array**” (Genesis 2:1). Now, they rested only after **BOTH the heaven and the earth** were complete: one in heaven, which was then brimming with life and the other on earth, which had only just begun.

God alone has all power. The creation came into existence through His Son from the power received from the Father. “You alone are the LORD. **You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it**, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you” (Nehemiah 9:6). Nehemiah identified the living creation on each created abode: heaven has a starry host and earth has all that is on it.

The “starry host” in Nehemiah are not the stars in our sky. The spiritual entities living in heaven are invisible to mankind at this time. The “starry host” is the spiritual creation that give off a beautiful glow and they live in heaven. God describes these spiritual beings under different names.

Morning stars:

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when **the morning stars** sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4-7)

Jesus is a bright morning star. “I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star**” (Revelation 22:16).

“And I will give him **the morning star**” (Revelation 2:28).

Sons of God:

“Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them” (Job 1:6).

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A host in heaven:

“Micaiah continued, ‘Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and **all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and on His left**’” (1 Kings 22:19).

The angel of the LORD:

“Then the angel showed me Joshua the high priest standing before **the Angel of the LORD**, with Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him” (Zechariah 3:1).

The son of the gods:

Before Jesus walked the earth as a mortal, King Nebuchadnezzar recognized angels as sons of the gods. “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 the gods**’” (Daniel 3:25). King Nebuchadnezzar who lived during a time when they were ruled by sons of God from the heavens, declared, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has **sent his angel** and rescued his servants... **no other god can save in this way**” (Daniel 3:25, 28, 29b). God was showing King Nebuchadnezzar that the God of Israel is the Supreme God, not the sons of God ruling over them.

Holy Ones who declare a verdict:

“God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the ‘gods’**” (Psalm 82:1).

King Nebuchadnezzar related his dream to Daniel, “In the visions I saw while lying in my bed, I looked, and there before me was a messenger, **a holy one**, coming down from heaven...” (Daniel 4:13). The holy one declared the fate of King Nebuchadnezzar. “The decision is announced by messengers; **the holy ones declare the verdict**, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men” (Daniel 4:17).

King Ahab of the house of Israel did evil in God’s eyes (as all of the kings of Israel did) and God decreed that he would die at Ramoth-Gilead, but the means of his death had not yet been decided. **God invited His council to participate in the decision** and they debated the matter until **one of the sons of God came forward and suggested: “I will go out and I will be a false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.” Upon hearing this, God said “Go and do it”** (I Kings 22:22).

Holy gods:

God’s spiritual creation who live in heaven have been given by God authority over mankind at times, for they can pass judgment and issue verdicts. These holy ones have God’s Holy Spirit and that was known by the Babylonians. “The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. ‘O king, live forever!’ she said. ‘Don’t be alarmed! Don’t look so pale! There is a man in your kingdom **who has the spirit of the holy gods in him**. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom **like that of the gods**’” (Daniel 5:10-11a).

These gods do not live on earth. The astrologers of the Babylonians knew and said, “No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and **they do not live among men**” (Daniel 2:11). Daniel revealed the mystery to King Nebuchadnezzar and he declared, “Surely **your God is the God of gods** and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this

mystery” (Daniel 2:47). During a time, when the ruling sons of God over the nations led them into deception, God was working to show the nations that the rogue gods who declare themselves as supreme are imposters; their power does not compare to Almighty God.

Holy ones, and sons of God:

“And so, the heavens will praise your wonderful deed, O God, even your faithfulness, in the **assembly of the holy ones**. For **who in the sky is equal to God? Who is like God among the sons of God, a God feared greatly in the council of the holy ones**, and awesome above all surrounding him?” (Psalm 89:5-7).

The creation in heaven is well respected by God. They are a seasoned creation. Some of them grew to incredible height—full of wisdom, complete with the knowledge of God and highly honored. But, unfortunately some of God’s best and choicest sons have fallen. Ezekiel recorded the pain God suffered when the great fall of the strongest, the tallest of all the sons of God fell. “On the day it was brought down to the grave, **I covered the deep springs with mourning for it**” (Ezekiel 31:15).

This great leader in heaven became proud of the level he had reached. He was admired by the other beings and no one could rival it. God uses earthly imagery of great cedars to make it easy for mankind to visualize the heights that some of His sons have achieved before our creation. He said, “I made it beautiful with abundant branches, the envy of all the trees of Eden in the garden of God... once a cedar in Lebanon... it towered on high, its top above the thick foliage. The waters nourished it, deep springs made it grow tall... it was majestic in beauty... the cedars in the garden of God could not rival it” (Ezekiel 31). But, he became proud of his height and he became wicked.

God brought down this wicked heavenly being. “I held back its streams, and its abundant waters were restrained. Because of it, I clothed Lebanon [imagery for God’s headquarters] with gloom, and all the trees [heavenly rulers] of the field withered away. I made the nations tremble at the sound of its fall when I brought it down to the grave with those who go down to the pit” (Ezekiel 31:15). God has imprisoned this rogue son in the pit for judgment at a later time.

Not only did this great heavenly leader fall, but ALL “the trees of Eden [leaders in God’s government], **the choicest and best of Lebanon all the trees that were well-watered were consoled in the earth below**” (Ezekiel 31:16b).

“If God puts no trust in His holy ones, if even THE HEAVENS ARE NOT PURE IN HIS EYES, how much less man, who is vile and corrupt, who drinks iniquity like water?” (Job 15:15-16)

It could be surmised that one-third of God’s heavenly creation has fallen. “Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. **His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky** and flung them to the earth” (Revelation 12:3-4).

God's purpose for the creation of mankind:

The great fall of billions of God's heavenly creation has opened the door for eternal life for mankind. God is replenishing fully His holy, royal family with new members. A plan known before time, reveals a second creation first made mortal and tested, then redeemed to replace the fallen heavenly beings. Through procreation on earth, God said to Adam and Eve "be fruitful and multiply and **replenish the earth**" (Genesis 1:28).

From the beginning, God and His Son created the heaven and the earth. They filled the heaven with spiritual beings and left the earth empty until it was time for His second creation. After the heavenly beings were tested and the fallen identified, it was time to create the second creation on earth and replenish the fallen in heaven who are yet to be destroyed along with the unrepentant on earth.

In the two creations: one in heaven and one on earth, God has established an order of authority. The righteous heavenly creation has already received positions of great power, authority and rulership. Resurrected mankind has a place within that order.

God's purpose of creating mankind, male and female:

God created mankind male and female to picture the two creations: one in heaven and the other on earth. God will not leave mankind ignorant of important heavenly matters. "Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless **He reveals His plan to His servants**" (Amos 3:7-8).

ADAM was created to image the spiritual beings in heaven who hold powerful positions of rulership. "A man ought not to cover his head, since **HE IS THE IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD...**" (I Corinthians 11:7). God does not want mankind to be ignorant of existing rulers in heaven and their authority.

Scripture states:

- Adam was created **before Eve** (Genesis 2)
He was created before Eve intentionally to teach us that there exists a body of heavenly beings before mankind was created. Adam images these heavenly beings.
- Adam **named the animals before the creation of Eve, indicating the authority the heavenly beings hold before the creation of mankind** (Genesis 2:19).
- Adam's body is **different** to Eve's; he is **physically stronger** as one example and she can conceive and birth children. This difference reflects the differing roles of the two creations.
- Adam finds **no help-meet** (Genesis 2:18). There does not appear to exist in heaven, at this time, complimenting partners for the heavenly ruling beings.
- Adam was put to sleep (Genesis 2:21). After Adam sinned, the LAST Adam was successful and through his sacrifice, mankind has been saved.

- **Eve was created from a rib from Adam** (Genesis 2:21).
As Adam awoke to view Eve, his beautiful helpmeet made from one of his ribs, so our Savior after his resurrection, watches repentant mankind grow into a radiant church in him.
- When Adam saw Eve, **immediately he knew she was good for him** (Genesis 2:23).
Christ loves his church and died for it and all of mankind.
- **Both of them: male and female/existing sons of God and resurrected mankind** are created in the **image of God** (Genesis 1:27). Resurrected mankind will rule as children of God in His holy, royal, ruling family.
- **The heavenly domain and earthly domain** are homes for the two separate creations within God's family.

The domains: heaven and earth of each of these two groups of eternal children of God will remain their own domain and when all things are restored, both domains will be made new, for "God will create a new heaven and new earth and the first heaven and the first earth will pass away" (Revelation 21:1).

GOD'S ORDER OF AUTHORITY AS IT STANDS TODAY.

"But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife/woman is her husband/man, and the head of Christ is God" (I Corinthians 11:13).

In the heavenly world, God Almighty is King and Lord of all. Christ is his body and rules second in-charge with him. The church, Christ's bride, when she is resurrected will rule with Christ, but he will always have pre-eminence over her. The other righteous heavenly rulers are imaged as "the man" will continue to rule as they have done before the creation of mankind. The remaining resurrected mankind will be subject to all ruling members.

The order of authority is clear from I Corinthians 11:13:

1. God Almighty is head of all
- 2a. **Christ rules second in-charge** ruling over the existing heavenly rulers
- 2b. Christ's Bride will co-rule with Christ as a unified body; he is the head and she is his body.
3. **Other heavenly rulers** continue to rule and hold their original positions in their domain, but now **they are under Christ's rule**
4. The remaining resurrected mankind will be subject to those above them.

Understanding this order of authority, makes it clear and stresses the importance of I Timothy 2:11-13 that God will not allow the resurrected church to usurp the existing authority of the heavenly rulers. "A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. **I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority over a man; she must be silent. FOR ADAM WAS FORMED FIRST, THEN EVE**" (I Timothy 2:11-13). The order of the creation determines who has more

authority than the other. Jesus Christ, the man was created BEFORE mankind, the woman. The church will not be teaching Christ or exercising authority over him.

“And Adam was not deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner” (I Timothy 2:14). Certainly, Christ was not deceived nor does he deceive. Mankind is easily deceived. “By your [Babylon] magic spell **all the nations were led astray**” (Revelation 18:23b). **The woman images all of mankind who have sinned** (Romans 3:23).

“Surely there is **no righteous man on earth who does good and never sins**” (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

The only man to walk this earth who did not sin was Jesus Christ. He is the man.

The church who is imaged as a woman receives protection, “**through childbirth**, if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety” (I Timothy 2:15). The righteous and faithful church who teaches her congregation God’s pure word and truth, births a congregation fit for the kingdom of God. That is how the church is protected and the churches that fail will be destroyed. God is replenishing the fallen spiritual beings in heaven with resurrected mankind from earth. It is very, very important for the church to teach the pure word of God, for through her, God’s family is being replenished.

Once all has been restored, only the righteous in heaven and on earth will exist. The righteous remaining in heaven have never sinned, but the resurrected righteous on earth have a history of sinning. Never-the-less, God will forget our sins and it will be as if we had never sinned. Such is the love of our Father in heaven.

A day is coming soon when EVERYONE, that is mankind: male and female, will be teaching each other. “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on **all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy** [teach], your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on My **menservants and maidservants I will pour out My Spirit** in those days, and **they will prophesy**” (Acts 2:17).

“And afterward, **I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy** [teach], your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions” (Joel 2:28).

The church will have learned that their task is to produce a congregation fit for God’s kingdom. Standing before her husband, the church will remain silent and delight in the wonders her husband will teach her. He will share with her his many experiences long before time itself.

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