

# SON OF GOD

Some say that being the SON OF GOD makes Jesus a God, and we are to worship him because of this. Is this correct or is this incorrect? And how are we expected to view this type of theology? Perhaps we should see what Scripture says and how God feels about this, by taking a look at God's FIRST and NUMBER **ONE** COMMANDMENT as well as His SECOND COMMANDMENT, of God's TEN COMMANDMENTS!

## Exodus 20:3, 4-6 (NASB)

(3) You shall have no other gods before (*or besides*) Me.

(4) You shall not make for yourself an idol (*or graven image*), or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

(5) YOU shall **NOT** WORSHIP them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous (*zealous*) God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

(6) but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love ME and **KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**.

So then, how is it that so many Christians worship Jesus as the SON OF GOD? Why do so many Christians choose to focus most of their worship, not toward Almighty God the Heavenly Father, but rather to focus most of their worship toward Jesus, the SON OF GOD? It certainly appears that within much of Christianity there is some serious mis-understanding!

Of course one thing, which adds to this perennial mis-understanding, is the manner in which the translators have chosen to translate certain Bible verses. Perhaps the translators are feeling a need to justify their worship of Jesus or possibly they just made a simple mistake. To show how some of these simple errors can happen, we first need to understand a little of the background, traditions and culture surrounding the Biblical narrative. Some of which still exist even in current cultures. For example, at that time (and even today) in parts of Europe and Asia the traditional greetings would range from bowing (which is still done in Japan and other countries) to a kiss on each side of the face (which is also still in use in many cultures and countries). Yet, when these traditional expressions of respect, honor and welcome occur with Jesus in the New Testament account they are translated as worship or worshipping Jesus. Why is it, more often than not, that these traditional expressions of respect, honor and welcome, which are occurring between Jesus and someone else, are mis-interpreted? Why do the translators feel a need to translate these events as though the person or persons involved were worshipping Jesus? Even though their interactions with Jesus was just the normal, polite and respectful manner of greeting or welcoming someone, in their culture! Yet as has been stated before, more often than not, the translators of the New Testament Scripture translate these traditional greetings as though these people were worshipping Jesus. Rather than showing that they were actually treating him as they would any other well respected Rabbi of that time?

Even so many people will refuse to except that they were not worshipping Jesus the SON OF GOD, as a God or Their God. Being the SON OF GOD, they think that makes him a God! At least for many of them, this is how they see it, in their own mind.

**Matt 3:16-17** (NIV)

(16) As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

(17) And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Additional accounts of this event are also to be found in Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:32-34

Isn't a child the creation of its parent(s)? So, for God to declare; "This is My Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." What was God declaring? Here and in the multiple other New Testament accounts, isn't God declaring that His Son is part of His, Almighty God's, Creation?

**Proverbs 8:22-31** (NIV)

(22) "The LORD brought me forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old;

(23) I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, **before the world began.**

(24) When there were no oceans, **I was given birth**, when there were no springs abounding with water;

(25) before the mountains were settled in place, before the hill, **I was given birth,**

(26) before He made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.

(27) I was there when He set the heavens in place, when He marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

(28) when He established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

(29) when He gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep His command, and when He marked out the foundations of the earth.

(30) Then I was the craftsman **at His side.** I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in His presence,

(31) rejoicing in His whole world and delighting in mankind."

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of unrelated proverbs, assembled into a single book. To show where one proverb stops and the next begins the Hebrew codex used for translating most of the English versions of the Bible, has the Hebrew letter **ב** placed at the end of a proverbial section to indicate where one stops and the other starts. Proverb chapter eight has a **ב** at the end of verse 21 (just before the beginning of verse 22) and at the end of verse 31. Showing that it is un-connected and un-related to the proverbs both before it and after it!

If we worship the SON are we, or are we not, worshipping part (the very first part) of ALMIGHTY GOD'S Creation? Even though His Son and many other Angels were created by the Almighty; and later utilized by God in the CREATION OF THE EARTH, these beings had been created by God! THE ETERNAL ONE had already brought them into existence, prior to the

CREATION OF THE EARTH. They were and still are incredible super-natural occupants of our universe. Even so, we are **not** supposed to worship them; we are supposed to worship ALMIGHTY GOD, the CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, and Him Only? (Luke 4:5-8, Matthew 4:8-10 and others)

If being the SON OF GOD meant that Jesus is to be worshipped as a god both then and now, then what about the other SONS OF GOD mentioned in the Scripture? Are we to worship them as well? If so, this would give us an entire *Pantheon of gods*, which Scripture tells us are also the SONS OF GOD!

**Job 1:6** (NASB)

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

**Job 2:1** (NASB)

(1) Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

If it is proper and even expected that we are to worship one **SON OF GOD**, it stands to reason that the same would hold true for all the rest?

**If** you believe that **God's** Sons are also **gods**, then that would make THE ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER, the **God of gods!** Because it seems that this Pantheon of gods is subordinate to Him. This appears to be confirmed when The ALMIGHTY requires His Sons to present themselves before Him at various times. So we see that **God's** Sons are subordinate to Him, whether or not; they are or are not, to be thought of as other **gods**.

**Job 38:4-7** (NASB)

- (4) "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"  
"Tell, if you have understanding."  
(5) "Who set its measurements, since you know?"  
"Or who stretched the line on it?"  
(6) "On what were its bases sunk?"  
"Or who laid its cornerstone."  
(7) "When the morning stars sang together,  
And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?"

**Notice**, once again, that the **SONS OF GOD** were present at the CREATION OF THE EARTH! That means that they existed before the Creation of not only the Earth but also Adam and Eve. The next question is: What about the ones from among the **SONS OF GOD** who at some point in time rebelled against their **HEAVENLY FATHER** and did what they were never intended to do?

**Genesis 6:1-4** (NASB)

(1) Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

(2) that the **sons of God** saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

(3) Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty.”

(4) The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the **sons of God** came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Are these dis-obedient and rebellious SONS OF GOD also supposed to be worshipped as **god** or **gods**?

And what about the human beings which are said to be or become SONS OF GOD? Are they also to be worshipped as **gods**?

**Hosea 1:10 (NASB)**

(10) Yet the number of the sons of Israel  
Will be like the sand of the sea,  
Which cannot be measured or numbered;  
And it will come about that, in the place  
Where it is said to them,  
“You are not My people,”  
It will be said to them,  
“You are the **sons of the living God.**”

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

**John 1:12 (KJV)**

(12) But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name.

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

**Romans 8:14, 16, 19 (KJV)**

(14) For as many as are lead by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God.**

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

(16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the **children of God:**

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

(19) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the **sons of God**.

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

**Galatians 4:6** (NASB)

(6) And because you are **sons**, **God** has sent forth the Spirit of **His Son** into our heart, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

**Philippians 2:15** (KJV)

(15) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the **sons of God**, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Does this make them **gods** who are to be worshipped?

**1 John 3:1-2** (KJV)

(1) Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

(2) Beloved, now are we the **sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

If we are to become like Him (Jesus), and if you believe that He (Jesus) is truly God, then that would mean that we were also to become Gods. **Wrong!** What was the **lie** that was told to Eve in **THE GARDEN OF EDEN**?

How then can we understand what THE ALMIGHTY, as our HEAVENLY FATHER, intended for us to understand? And how can we view all of these things in the proper manner? So that we will be able too properly apply them in our own lives.

Is it possible that God orchestrated the events surrounding Joseph and Pharaoh? So that it could become an aid in the understanding of this? To help those who would come in the future? In order that we might be able to understand the type of authority structure which applies to THE ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER and His Son? Just as Joseph was second only to Pharaoh in the entire realm; so to Jesus is second only to His HEAVENLY FATHER! In Egypt it was Pharaoh that was worshipped as a god, - **NOT** Joseph! Jesus never said that anyone was supposed to worship Him! On the contrary, Jesus said time and again, that we were only to worship THE ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER as our God!

**John 20:17** (NIV)

(17) Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to **my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.**'"

**Luke 4:5-8 (NIV)**

- (5) The devil led him (Jesus) up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.  
 (6) And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to."  
 (7) So if you worship me, it will all be yours."  
 (8) Jesus answered, "It is written:  
"Worship the LORD Your God and serve Him ONLY!""

**Save for Pharaoh,**

Joseph had more status, power and authority than anyone else did in Egypt.

**Save for the Name of Pharaoh,**

the Name of Joseph was the Name that was above every other name in the Land.

**Save for HaShem** (The Name of God),

the True Name of Jesus (Yeshua HaMashiach) is above every other name!

Even so there are yet many that can not understand how this could be? Since the Old Testament appears to declare that the prophesied Messiah would be God. How can this be? Most Christians believe, and declare, that the prophecy in Isaiah 9:6 was about the first coming of Jesus.

**Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)**

- (6) For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace.**

Most do not realize that the English translation of Isaiah 9:6, rather than a totally accurate translation, is actually more of a theologically devastating near-miss. This and other English translations do not FULLY portray the original intent of both the Hebrew Culture and Language found in the original Hebrew Text. Most Christians, without realizing there is a problem, go on to develop various and sometimes rather elaborate doctrines based on these translations. However they almost always seem to overlook what Jesus had to say about this very topic.

**Matthew 10:34-36 (NASB)**

**"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did NOT come to BRING PEACE, but a sword. For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; AND A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD."**

If Jesus was not the Prince of Peace when He was here on the Earth, then maybe Jesus was **not** the others as well (Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Eternal Father)? However, if Jesus

was the Prince of Peace, then He is bearing **FALSE WITNESS** about Himself! That means that Jesus would have **SINNED!** Which in turn means, that Jesus would **not** have been a perfect sacrifice for our sins when He (Jesus) was **CRUCIFIED?** This would also mean, that we were **NOT** (and could **NOT** have been) **REDEEMED** from our **SINS** through His **CRUCIFIXION?** Also, according to Christian Theology, this would mean that everyone on Earth would therefore be doomed to **HELL** with no chance of **REDEMPTION** and **SALVATION?**

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