

THE TITLE THAT IS CALLED “GOD” and “LORD”

PREAMBLE

This literature is not meant for those that like to skim through scriptures but for those that dig deep into the Bible. For you to truly benefit from this discuss you must be ready and prepared to read, study and meditate on EVERY ONE of the biblical verses contained therein. It is not for you to assume it but to read it yourself wherever they pop up. This literature is not a novel or just another good informational read but a digging deep kind of thing. If you do not generally like opening up Bible passages to see what is written in it as listed this discuss will not benefit you maximally, please be advised. **Acts 17:10-12.**

INTRODUCTION

In religious and Christian circles there are some words that form the core of their existence and which appear innumerable times in the holy book, the Bible. And that word is God and Lord. Right from the very first sentence of the 1st book of the Bible, Genesis, the word God appears. He is the essence of our very existence and that of the whole of creation; for He has created all things but yet men seem to be ignorant of who he is unto them. This can stem from the knowledge of Him that one has come to accept or reject as the case may be- **Rom 1:19-22.** There is a general lack of understanding of who He is really and a lot more misunderstanding of His person as it were.

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, began by telling us that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth without really introducing God to us nor did it tell us whether that was His name. The word “God” was used repeatedly in the subsequent verses and assumed to be His name since no other word was used to identify Him therein. So by assumption it was taken for granted that that was His name until we came to **Gen 1:26** when we saw that the word “God” could be a plural word also that was used to refer to more than one divine being- “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”. This implied that the word “God” was not a personal unique name attributable to only one personality but can be used by another.

Subsequently, in **Gen 2:4** we began to see the word “Lord” being added to “God” still without a seeming change in the usage, same case as with the word “God” only neither was there any

new introduction made identifying the person(s) bearing that title- **Gen 2:4** “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens”. Probably, because as at then God had not started relating with Man nor did He have need to introduce himself to anyone then. This gave us the understanding that the word “God” and “Lord” whether used separately or together can and does stand as a title not exactly as a unique personal name of one person only. And we know for sure by scriptures, that the Lord our God has personal identifiable name(s) by which He is known or has made himself known to mankind throughout the ages. **Exo 3:13-16; Exo 6:2-3**

“God” and/or “Lord” can be viewed as a title or a generic name, but not the personal name of our Lord. It can be used on its own together or separately, being a prefix or in conjunction with another word, term or the actual names, as it were. “God” is used to qualify the names of the LORD as we shall come to see. “God” and/or “Lord” can be used as a plural or a singular word depending on where it is used like the word sheep. It is used as plural when representing the Father and the Son together or singular when used for them separately as well.

“God” is a general or universal name that can be localized or particularized depending on its usage at any point in time. For example “God of gods”, “among the gods”. Same thing with the title “Man” which encompasses both male and /or female (**Gen.1:27**) and Beings associated with the heavenly and earthly realms. The first Man had personal unique names- Adam and then the woman was called Eve (**Gen.5:2; Gen.3:20**). Christ answers the Son of “God” and the Son of “Man” (“Son” being used to qualify the titles in each case).

DEFINITION OF TITLE AND ITS USAGE

A Title means a name, a term, or word describing a position, job or used in speaking to someone with a particular rank or job. A title is a prefix added to a person’s name to signify either veneration, or official position. So we shall view “title” in this discuss as a prefix that can be used on its own without the name attached, in place of the personal name and which is accepted by all who understand who is being spoken of thereby. A title is a name but a generic one at that and not an exclusive or proprietary name.

Example of titles are Engr., Chief, Dr., father, king, Prince, Pastor, Pharaoh, Caesar, master, Man, lord, etc – **Mtt. 22:21; Mtt 23:8-10; Jn 15:20; Gen 1:27**. So that among their subjects those who are familiar with them the title is used as their name without any controversy or mistaken identity as per who is being referred to – **I Cor. 8:5-7**. Though even till today there is still misconception among their subjects as per who is the person being referred to as “God” especially in the Old Testament writings- whether it be the Father or the Son, many cannot tell

and therefore the seeming ambiguity, but to those that have they understanding there is no ambiguity therein and they can barely tell the difference. But Christ in the N.T. clarified any lingering uncertainty as it were though many still fail to see that as it were. **Colo 2:2; I Cor 8:4-7; Mk 12:32-34; Jn 4:20-22; I Jn 5:19-20**

In this discuss we shall focus more on the titles "GOD" and "LORD" from amongst others as it were. We shall attempt to define the title "GOD" and "LORD" from biblical references and perspective.

The definition or meaning of the title "God" can be derived from the following Bible references:

II Thess 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all **that is called God, or that is worshipped;**

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Jn 5: 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. **Vr.22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son **Vr.25** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. **Vr.26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; **Vr.27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Hebr 1:5 For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be **to him a Father** and he shall be **to me a Son?** **Vr.6** He saith, and let all the angels of God worship him. **Vr.13** But to which of the angels said He at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Jn 8:16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. **Vr.17** It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. **Vr.18** I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

Mk 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. **Vr.6** But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, **Vr.7** Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? **Vr.8** And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? **Vr.9** Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? **Vr.10** But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.

The title "God" genuinely is for any divine being that is meant to be acceptably and legitimately worshipped as divine. Also, more importantly, any divine being that has life in himself, can raise from the dead, hath the power to give eternal life to another, and execute judgment over creation, that can save and/or destroy, and can forgive sins, such earns the title "God". And it is only the Father and the Son that can do these things and more, therefore they are the ones to legitimately bear this title on earth.

From this you get the mystery of godliness concerning the Son and not the Father. How? The Father has always answered the title "GOD" and "LORD", while the Son was exalted to that status and title by the Father when he was begotten and glorified, the Father imputed godliness unto the Son. **I Tim 3:16; Hebr 1:2-9; Colo 1:18-19; Colo 2:9; Jn 5:19-23,26; Jn 10:33-38**

Jesus calls the Father, God and Lord, both while on earth and in heaven (Lk 10:21; Jn 20:17; Rev 3:, while men on earth call both of them Lord and God. Jesus is not called Father both on earth and in heaven. There is only one that is called "God" and "Lord" by every being in heaven and that is the Father, Jesus is called His Christ (**Lk 2:26; Acts 4:26; Rev 11:15; Rev 12:10**). Jesus never answers "the Father" whether on earth or in heaven but he is called Master and Lord instead by men (**Mtt 23:8-10; Jn 13:13-14; Colo 4:1**). That is why there is only one God and one Father, at the end of the day; this is the mystery of God. The Father is the God and Lord of Jesus Christ and all creation as it were. **Jn 20:17,28; Lk 10:21; Colo 2:2; Jn 17:2-3; Mk 12:29; Jn 8:42; Hebr 10:12; Num 23:19; Acts 4:24-30**

I Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

Mk 12:35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? **Vr.36** For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord (the Father) said to my Lord (the Son), Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Vr.37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord (the Son); and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

Hebr 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God (that is the Son), is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. **Vr.9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God (the Father), even thy God (the Father-**Jn 20:17**), hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God (the Father), and the Word was God (the Son). **Vr.2** The same was in the beginning with God (the Father).

Jn 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. **Vr.14** If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. **Vr.15** For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.

Mtt 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. **Vr.9** And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. **Vr.10** Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

Jn 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

But ultimately there is only ONE from whom all life, power, authority emanate and all live unto Him, which is God the Father (**Lk 20:38**), not the Son, rather the Son live unto Him too (**Jn 6:57**). The Father alone art God and there is none like Him, ultimately. Why? Because the Son is the servant of the Father as it is. How? because it is the Father that sent him (**Mtt 12:17-21; Jn 8:42**). For now the Father and the Son answereth the titles "God" and "Lord" on earth, but in the end when all things shall be made new again, only ONE shall be called those titles and that is God the Father. **I Cor 15:27-28; Jn 16:25-28; Jn 20:17; Lk 10:21; Mk 12:29; Rev 21:3**

1 Tim 6:14-16 (Vr.14) That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: **Vr.15** Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **Vr.16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Jn 16:25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

Jn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

I Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Mk 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? **Vr.18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

Jn 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God (the Father), and Jesus Christ (His Son), whom thou hast sent.

I Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him (the Father) that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God (the Father), and eternal life.

Jn 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

Jn 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth (that is of God) heareth my voice. (**Jn 8:45,47**)

The title "Lord" (LORD) is also used in different places in the Bible to denote Christ and in some other places God the Father and in certain places the title was used for both, thereby highlighting the two together bearing the title in the same verse.

Mk 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord (the Father) said to my Lord (the Son), Sit thou on my right hand

Zech 3:2 And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord (the Father) rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee:

LK 2:11 for unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. **Vr.22** And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord (which Lord? the Father); **Vr.23** (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) **Vr.24** And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. **Vr. 26** before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **Vr. 28** Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, **Vr 29** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Mtt 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

I Cor. 8:5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth (as there be gods many and lords many) **Vr 6** But to us there is but **one God**, the Father..... and **one Lord** Jesus Christ

For the many that might not decode or understand still our explanation of a title, then the following biblical passages as a Bible quiz is for you. You should extract which is the name and which is the title where found in:

Jn 19:19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS**. **Vr.20** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and

Latin.**Vr.21** Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. **Vr.22** Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. **Vr.11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **Vr.12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. **Vr.13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **Vr.14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **Vr.15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **Vr.16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

AND HOW COME THE SON BEARS THE TITLE “GOD”?

Jn 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

For any divine being outside of God the Father to bear the titles “God” and “Lord” and be addressed thus and be worshipped or receive worship then such has to be approved, authorized or glorified by God the Father. The title is given as per the office or position such a one has been made to occupy. It was only Christ Jesus, the Son that was elevated to that seat or position or rank at the right hand of the Father and granted that privilege. Lucifer sought it by himself without the Father’s approval and it was counted as iniquity unto him till date.

Hebr 1:5 *For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father and he shall be to me a Son? Vr.6 He saith, and let all the angels of God worship him. Vr.13 But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

For it was by the Father’s decision, pleasure and act, that the Son should have in himself the full nature of God, in order for him to be called the title “God”. **Colo 1:19; Colo 2:9**(GNT)

I Pet 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Therefore, it was by reason of a divine command from the Father to all heavenly hosts/creation that the Son receives worship from the angels of God, and from men on earth (**Mk 5:2,6; Mtt 2:11; Mtt 14:33; Mtt 28:17**). It was by divine permission/right that the Son began to answer the title “God” with the Father - **Hebr.1:8**- “*But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever*”. It also pleased the Father for him to answer His other titles too:

Isa.9:6 “*and his name shall be called ...The mighty God (The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace)*”.

It is only the Father and the Son that ought to truly bear this title “God” and “Lord” no one else; Why the Son? because the Son is His only begotten Heir by divine appointment- **Hebr 1:2**

Hebr 1:9 “*therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee...*”

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Jn 1:1 *and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Vr.2 The same was in the beginning with God. (Jn 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.) When? Gen 1:1*

Ps 138:1 I will praise thee with my whole heart: **before the gods** will I sing praise unto thee. **Vr.2** I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy name.**

Rev 19: 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

God the Father exalted Jesus Christ, as the only begotten Son of God, to the position of bearing the title “God” (**Phil.2:9; Isa.54:5; Isa.9:6**), for it is the Father that makes “gods” and He exalted only one to the title of “God” from amongst the “gods”, which is Christ, but Satan sought this title “God” by trying to exalt himself by himself to that rank (**Rev 13:1-4; II Thess.2:4; Isa.14:12-14**). Wherefore, **Mtt.23:12** saith “*And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted*”.

Amongst men we see a similar divine promotion made by God- **Exo.7:1** “*And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. Vr.2- Thou shalt speak all that I command thee* (even as Christ declared in **Jn.8:26** – “*but he that sent me is true: and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.*” **Jn.12:50**–“*I speak therefore , even as the Father said unto me, so I speak*” . **Jn.7:16**- “*My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me*”. **I Jn.4:14** “*that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world*”(as God of the whole earth- **Isa. 54:5**).

Note that Moses was the mediator (of the Old Testament) and messenger of God that came from the earth while Jesus Christ is the Mediator (of the New Testament) and Messenger of God that came down from heaven. Christ is the true mediator between God and Man. **Jn 6:31-33,47-51; Acts 3:22-23; Hebr 3:1-6; Gal 3:19-20; I Tim 2:5-6; Heb 9:14-23; Hebr 12:24-25**

Jn 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **Vr 5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

As sons of God, angels and Christians(men) are called “gods”(Ps.82:6; Jn.10:34) but for you as a “god” to be worshipped that has to be authorized, approved and sanctioned by God the Father, meaning that He has to elevate or exalt you to the position of bearing the title “God” no longer “god” among gods. And when you assume the position of “God” then you can be worshipped. Any “god” that takes upon himself this position or title in order to be worshipped or receive worship is in rebellion and doomed for destruction. Unfortunately, there are men that have towed this rebellious line with Satan to be acting as “God” over their fellow men though subtly not openly answering “God” but their ways betray them as acting thus. They allow their ignorant adherents to idolize them and think of them more highly than they are or they ought. Paul admonished against this trait in his followers severally during his ministry days. This ought not to be so. “Ye are gods” being sons of God does not mean a man nor an angel should be worshipped as “God”, beware not to find yourself playing “God” over others no matter the exalted religious position you occupy over others in this world, for we are all brethren in the Lord. **Jn 10:34; Colo 2:18; Rev.19:10; Acts 12:20-23; Acts 14:11-18; Exo 7:1-2; Gen 30:1-2; Gen 50:16-21; Acts 10:24-26; Rev 22:8-9; Mtt 23:4-12; I Cor. 12:13-27,28-30**

I Cor. 8:5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth (as there be gods many and lords many) **Vr.6** But to us there is but **one God**, the Father..... and **one Lord** Jesus Christ

There is only one that was worthy among the “gods” to be exalted (**Rev.5:2-8,14**) as “God” and thereafter to be worshipped also as “God” which is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Christ was found among the “gods”, the mighty but the Father has always been above the “gods”.

Ps 82:1 (ASV) God standeth in the congregation of God: He judgeth among the gods.

Isa 54:5 The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Christ is able to bear the title-names of the Father because the Father has put His name in him (**Exo.23:21**) and not only that He has also magnified Christ (His Word) above all His name.

Ps.138:2

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord (Jehovah) of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel.

By inheritance, Christ obtained those excellent title-names of the Father (**Heb.1:4**). No other being was given this honour even the honour of being begotten by God as His Son and not just “one of the sons” again. **Jn 5:22-23; Jn 8:54; Job 1:6; Gal 4:4-7**

Jn 10:34-36 (Vr.35 if he called them “gods” unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken); **Vr.36** Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? **Vr.33** The Jews answered him, saying....; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself “God”.

The Father has given the Son the right and privilege to answer His title-names on earth including the right to be called “God” and to receive worship on His behalf from the inhabitants of the earth, for as it hath pleased Him and He hath ordained it to be so on earth, but in heaven there is a difference. How? For example in heaven Christ is never addressed as the Father as he himself taught us in **Mtt 23:9; Mtt 16:16-17** unlike the title ascribed to him on earth amongst others through the prophet Isaiah in **Isa 9:6** “The everlasting Father”. Christ even taught us that there is only one called “God” in **Mk 10:18; Mk 12:29; Jn 20:17**. Christ calleth only one being in heaven, God and Father, but we as men on earth call both God the Father and Christ the Son with the same titles and names but not Christ, who knoweth between them who it is that is God and Lord over all truly, including himself, Christ. **Jn 10:29; Jn 14:28; Jn 17:3; I Cor 15:24-28**. Unfortunately, the Many lack this knowledge and the CAO had sustained this ignorance and seeming confusion/contradictions amongst the simple minded by their man-made doctrines of who God is, whom they call their God and Father but whom they know not truly. Only the Few have this understanding as it were. **Lk 8:10; Jn 8:42,54-55; Jn 4:22**

I Tim 6: 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: **Vr.15** Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **Vr.16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Christ operates as “God” on the basis of a power of attorney from the Father for him to operate thus on the heaven and earth He hath created through him. When? **Hebr 1:2-6, 8-9,13; Colo 1:19; Colo 2:9**. The Father bestowed upon Christ this honour for he did not take it upon himself by himself. Jesus was made a form of God by the Father as it were for the salvation of mankind and fellowship. **Phil 2:5-11**

Jn 5:22-23 (Vr.22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: **Vr.23** That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Jn 8:54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me, of whom ye say, that he is your God:

Mtt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Jn 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **Vr.2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Jn 20:28- And Thomas answered and said unto him my LORD and my God.

Lk 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

The sons of God are also the princes of God and shall be made kings unto God, but Christ was exalted to become the Prince of princes and the King of kings amongst them as it were.

Dan.8:25; Acts 5:31; Rev 1:5-6; Rev 19:11-16

Exo.23:20,21 "Behold, I send an angel before thee,...: for my name is in him."

DOES THE FATHER AND SON HAVE THEIR OWN DISTINCT PERSONAL NAMES?

Idols, heathen gods, deities, Men, etc have unique, personal names by which they are known and addressed by their adherents same thing with our God. Example, Man is a title or generic name, the first Man was given the unique name Adam (**Gen 1:27; Gen 5:1-2**). Our God has a name or names by which He is known to/in each and every generation. In the Old Testament Christ was identified by the name "EMMANUEL" while in the New Testament he was identified by the name "JESUS". **Mtt 1:21-25**

The Father and the Son have their distinct personal names by which they are known in heaven-

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he.... And I will write upon him the name of my God and I will write upon him my new name.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **Vr.12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man

knew, (presently) but he himself. **Vr.13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God (the title name that men know presently).

Acts 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **Vr.12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, (also there is his name given for above heaven which is not yet made known to men on earth presently- **Rev 3:12**) whereby we must be saved.

Prov 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Jn 5:43 I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not:

Exo.6:2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: **Vr.3** And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. **Vr.7** And I will take you to me for a people and ***I will be to you a God***; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

Ps 135:1 Praise ye *the Lord*. Praise ye *the name of the Lord*; praise him O ye servants of the Lord.

Ps 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song.

Ps 20:1 the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Ps 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;

I Kings 18:24(ASV) And call ye on the name of your god; and I will call on the name of Jehovah; and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. **Vr.26** and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. **Vr.36** O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Israel let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel. **Vr. 39** And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he is God.

Gen 46:3 I am God, the God of thy father

Gen 35:11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty;

Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. **Vr. 5** For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant..., *to be a God unto thee* and to thy seed after thee.

“God” whether it be the Father or the Son, has a name. For example “the LORD thy GOD means JEHOVAH”, “God Almighty means El Shaddai”; “Immanuel means God with us”;

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Mtt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS.

There is the pertinent need to bring out the truth that “God” and/or “Lord” is a title because of the fact that both the Father and the Son bear/use it on earth. It could have been a unique name if only one of them uses it or is solely identified by the term “God”. So by reason of both of them bearing it, it becomes a title as it were. Though the Father hath allowed the Son to bear His titles, yet the Father does not mostly go by the titles of the Son, Why? No man hath seen the Father before and He is not meant to be likened unto anything created in heaven above nor on earth below, for all are His creations and He is above all. (**Deu 5:7-8; Num 23:19; Ps 89:6; Isa 9:6; Jn 14:28**).

Jn 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: **Vr.11** Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Jn 12:28 Father, glorify thy name.

Jn 15:16 Ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you.

Acts 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

SEEK TO IDENTIFY WHO IS ADDRESSED AS “GOD” WHEN THE TITLE IS USED

Apart from God’s true subjects/servants that know, when the title “God” is used as a name amongst themselves, when others outside their fold (heathens/unbelievers) use or call this title “God” there is need to identify who they are referring to and not for you to presume that they are calling on the one true living God (**I Jn.4:1-3; I Cor 8:5-7**). Why? You would need to ask the person to identify “which God” he is referring to as it were. Presumption in the past had led many into the trap/deception of the evil one of misconception while utilizing this title. Satan has appeared to many claiming this title and thereby receive worship from them till today deceptively. Same way Jesus warned us to beware of those that will come claiming to be Christ.**(Mtt 24:4-5,23-27)**. Try the spirits. Many worship what they know not but which they call the title “God” knowing no greater/better name to call such. Examples are traditionalist, Moslems, unorthodox worshippers, heathens, occultists, etc; any seeming supernatural manifestation they always give themselves to worship. **Jn 4:20-22; Acts 14:8-18; Acts 17:16-31; Acts 28:1-6**

Even God had to identify and introduce Himself to Moses for clarity sake when Moses encountered the Burning Bush - **Acts 7:31-32; Exo.6:2-3**, Why? Because **II Cor 11:14** says “*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light*”. Moses actually asked God what name he will use to identify Him as “God” to the children of Israel themselves talk less of identifying Him to Pharaoh. Paul when he had the heavenly vision light encounter on his way to Damascus to prosecute the Christians had to ask the voice he heard to identify himself as it were too. **Acts 9:1-5**

Exo.3:13-15(Vr.13 And Moses said unto “God”, Behold when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you and they shall say to me , What is his name? what shall I say unto them? **Vr.14** And “God” said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM..... I AM hath sent me unto you. **Vr.15** And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Exo.6:2-3,7 (Vr.2 I am the LORD: **Vr.3** And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. **Vr.7** And I will take you to me for a people and *I will be to you a God*; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

Throughout the ages, men have asked for “God” to be defined whenever they have an encounter with Him through the disposition of angels . Why? Because many worship, ignorantly, what they know not of (**Jn.4:20-22**), the UNKNOWN GOD (**Acts 7:23-25**) because of

such manifestations/appearances (**Rev 19:10; Rev 22:8-9**). When Moses came as a Messenger of God to Pharaoh of Egypt, he had to identify and introduce “which God/Lord” he represented to Pharaoh; for Pharaoh asked him in **Exo 5:1-3 (Vr.2- “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go”** . **Exo.7:16** was Moses introduction of “God” to Pharaoh.

In the days of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar queried who Daniel’s God was- **Dan.3:15 “and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?”** until God proved himself to him and his testimony changed in **Dan.2:47 “of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings”** .

Same thing in **Ps 24:7-10 (Vr.8 “Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle”**

God the Father had in the past introduced His Son Jesus Christ to John the Baptist, three of Christ’s apostles privately and others through heavenly voice manifestations and that is why Satan also counterfeits such experiences in his work of deception too. **Jn 1:29-34; Jn 12:28-30; Mtt 3:13-17; Lk 9:28-37**

Mtt 17:1-9 (Vr. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Unfortunately, many today have been deceived and are still being deceived to worship both men and devilish beings that have appeared unto them in dreams, visions, feigned supernatural manifestations, and after life experiences, all geared at keeping them in captive still in this last days. Pray God that ye may recover yourselves from such deception/beguilement.

ANSWERING THE TITLE “GOD” WITHOUT DIVINE AUTHORIZATION

Every other Being setting itself up to be worshipped as “God” or taking on that title, does so rebelliously and therefore is false, a fraud, a deceiver and doomed for destruction. **Rev.13:11-12,15; I Cor 8:4-6**

Isa 14:12-15 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High

Ezek 28:2-10 (Vr.2 Because thine heart is lifted up and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God. **Vr.6** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; **Vr.7** Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy

brightness. **Vr.8** They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. **Vr.9** Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. **Vr.10** Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Lk 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me:... **Vr.7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Acts 12:19-23 (Vr.22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. **Vr.23** And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory:

Acts 14:8-15 (Vr.11 The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men

Acts 19:26 Saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands.

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him, and he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God:

Gen 3:5-19 (Vr. 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Vr.11** And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

II Thess 2:3,4 Except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **Vr 4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Phil 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **Vr.19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

2 Cor 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **Vr.4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **Vr.5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **Vr.6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

CONCLUSION

There are many misconception and mystery concerning God which revolves around our interpretation of the title "God" by which He is addressed and the erroneous understanding that stems from it. The ability to discern who is being referred to by that title while reading the Bible (whether it be the Father or the Son) is only possible by the Spirit of truth. For this understanding helps in giving one spiritual understanding while studying the Bible for discernment rather than just seeing the letters of the Bible.

Many understand or see the term "God" as majorly a personal unique name rather than a title name that it is, more especially where the Son is concerned. This has led to the Son being equated to the Father without distinction because they bear the same title on earth. This ought not to be so because the Father is greater than the Son in all things. It is the Father that subjects all things unto the Son not vice versa. We believe that this literature would have thrown some light on this issue and will grant you by the grace of God an opening of your eyes of the understanding therein as the Lord permits. Let no man deceive you with the doctrines of devils and of men, in teaching the knowledge of God to you, for many know not God though they claim to even as the Pharisees and scribes of old erroneously taught during their time, beware. **Jn 16:1-3; Jn 7:28-29**

Rev 2:7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches".

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