

The Oneness of the Godhead/Elohim and its purpose for the Plan of Salvation for Man

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Happy Sabbath Brethren,

For me personally, as many of you know, any discussion about the knowledge we are given to be able to understand the things of God, starts in Romans 1:20. "For the unseen things of Him from creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things which are made (#4161), both His eternal power and Godhead (#2305), for them to be without excuse."

Simply put, we have the knowledge all around us in creation for us to understand who God is, and what They are doing. Please never forget a simple equation; Elohim = Godhead. Not head God as we will show in scriptural pattern of such things.

Romans 1:20 is a very direct and authoritative statement. "Made" here is poiema, from #4160; a product, i.e.; fabric (literally or figuratively). Vines concurs; "that which is made," "workmanship."

Lots of things have been made by God in creation. According to scripture, God's finest achievement in such endeavors since the creation of the world has been mankind. So how do we know this? Because in Genesis 1:26 and 28 we read where They gave man dominion over all They had created on and in the earth. Of course, that is not a politically correct observation let alone believed in this day and age.

The Elohim, or as the Second Covenant scriptures puts it, the Godhead, had a reason for doing this. They had devised a Plan in which They were going to attempt to create beings who would be capable of becoming fully vested members of the Godhead, of Their Divine Nature. In simple basic terms, They wanted to procreate after Their kind. They wanted to share Their eternal existence with others. However, They learned They cannot create righteous character with the first go-around with the angels, so the Plan for Mankind had to take that into consideration. We have lots of articles on the website which cover this aspect in detail, as to who and what the Elohim are. It is my understanding and belief the Godhead/Elohim have always consisted of two Divine Beings who have been companions for eternity. If you do not believe that, that is your decision, however you may not want to continue with this short presentation today because we are going to address several aspects of that very understanding.

In Romans 1:20, we see one of the three uses in the Second Covenant scriptures which uses the term "Godhead." It may surprise some that in each of the three instances a different Greek word is used. The one used here in Romans 1:20 is #2305 theiotes. Strong's says it is from #2304 theios; divinity. #2305 is translated as Godhead in many translations of the Bible. Vines says of #2305; "theiotes is derived from theios (which is used to denote the power of God, 2 Peter 1:3, and His nature, verse 4, in each place, as that which proceeds from Himself. In Acts 17:29 it is used as a noun with a definite article, to denote 'Godhead,' the Deity or as the NKJ translates it 'Divine Nature.')

and is to be distinguished from theotes #2320 translated Godhead in Colossians 2:9." Continuing in Vines; "In Romans 1:20 the apostle is

declaring how much of God may be known from the revelation of Himself which He has made in nature from those vestiges of Himself which men may everywhere trace in the world around them..."

In summing this up, Vines says "theotes indicates the divine essence of God-hood, the personality of God, His divine nature and properties." (That's important)

Colossians 2:9 "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." What this is teaching us is the permanency of the Father in the Son. Christ was not God while He walked in the flesh, it was the fullness of the Father in Him that gave Him His ability to carry out His functions in the Plan of Salvation for man in the flesh. Remember Christ told Philip in John 14:9 "He who has seen Me has seen the Father..." Christ was divinely sustained by our Father. It was Father's essence in Him and Christ was the conduit for it. Do we understand that? Christ was totally a man in the flesh. He had emptied Himself of His Divine Nature willingly. It was being kept by Father while He fulfilled His mission as a flesh and blood man.

Remember John 17:4-5. "I have glorified You on the earth. (Have you ever asked why Christ made this statement? Had not the Father been glorified in the past on the earth prior to that?) I finished the work that You gave Me to do. And now Father glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the existence of the world."

A little diversion here. The next verse says, "I revealed Your name to the men whom you gave to Me out of the world..." Did we get that? What name? The only name He called Him by, in His personal relationship with Him; Father!

Tie that together with "I have glorified You on the earth..." and what can we deduce? He revealed the Being we know as the Father to men and directed all the glory to Him. He, the Father, had not been known as a personal Being to mankind prior to this. This Being didn't need nor desired any recognition or glory for His part in all of the creation. No egos, no self-centeredness involved here folks. The Being we know as The Word, and as Christ, got all the glory on the earth for that. Colossians 1:15-20.

"He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, (if you have seen Me you have seen the Father), the firstborn over all creation (there had never been a firstborn over all creation prior to this). For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (Why? Because He was going to be the firstborn over it all, the Firstborn of the Father) And He is before all things and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning (of it), the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased in Him (Father) all the fullness should dwell and by Him (Christ) to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

Christ was the upfront guy for all of this. It was part of His function in the Plan. However, now the Father was going to have all the glory directed to Him for His role or function in the Plan, His turn one might say. What an incredible mindset these two Beings have. To some that may be an affront to their thinking but that is what the scriptures just told us with plenty more to back up the pattern. Let's look at this wonderful mindset of the Elohim/Godhead. Philippians 2:1-8. Please understand these verses contain two vital keys to knowledge for us today. Two mysteries or hidden truths as Paul often states are unlocked here in regard to the functions of the Elohim/Godhead and the Plan of Salvation.

Point number one: Christ had been part of the Elohim, the Godhead, or Divine Nature, in all its fullness. The equation is simple: Elohim=Godhead=Divine Nature=Oneness. He had existed as part of the Elohim in all its glory as well as all its fullness. There are some folks who would try to convince us that He was some kind of lesser God than the Father was, and then others that He had never been God at all. For those who fall for that garbage I can only say; way to go Satan. We are told that even the elect can be deceived. Neither of the Elohim had dominion over the other. It is a completely nonexistent concept to and in Their relationship. That is also how Adam and Eve started out at the beginning as scripture instructs us, but after sin was embraced by Adam, and after Eve was deceived, dominion entered into their relationship as Genesis 3:16 clearly states.

The second point is: The Word willingly emptied Himself of all His Elohim/Godhead glory to become a flesh and blood human being in all its fullness. In doing so, He subjected Himself to the Being we know as the Father to demonstrate just part of the mindset They shared together. All of this needed to happen for the Plan to continue on to a successful completion. Without Christ undertaking that function and role in all its fullness, there would have been no hope for mankind, and let me throw in here for the angels that sinned as well. Someday we will discuss that as well but it will take us from our main understanding that we are looking at today.

In these 8 upcoming verses of Philippians 2, we are talking about both the simplicity and the complexity of the Elohim/Godhead and the Plan of Salvation.

“Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort in love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, of one accord, of one mind. (Here comes the essence of what Paul is asking for in them) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition (like Satan did when he sinned and caused others to sin as well. Same ploy he used against Eve and Adam, ‘For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’) or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (That is a mainstay of spiritual Oneness) Let this mind be in you (the one he just spoke about) which was also in Christ Jesus, for being (subsisting) in the form of God, **did not consider it robbery (usurpation) to be equal with God**, but emptied Himself (of all His Godhead glory) taking the form of a slave, having become in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.”

These 8 scriptures are just loaded with understanding. But for today we are only focusing on a bit of it which is pertinent to this study. Let us look at a couple of key words and their meanings here.

Form is #3444 Morphe and means “shape; figuratively nature.” That’s important to us. The very nature of the Elohim/Godhead.

Being or subsisting is #5225. Vines says it has 3 uses within contexts. #C, “The present participle of hupoarcho; to exist; which always involves a pre-existent state, prior to the fact referred to, and a continuance of the state afterwards.” Here at the end of the age we have so many aids to assist us in our understanding of the languages the scriptures were written in. Words and their application are very important to God.

Now for robbery or harpagamos #725. Strong's says of it: from #726: plunder. Vines says of it: "akin to harpazo (#726), to siege, carry off by force, usurp, rob." Vines goes on to explain to us that there are 2 possible applications for the word in its usage in Philippians 2:6. I can state number 2 is in error but number 1 nails it shut when we have the understanding that Christ was commissioned to carry out two purposes when He willingly emptied Himself of all His glory and divine nature. The first was to become the sacrificial Lamb of the Father's household. The second was to demonstrate to all the angelic beings the error of Satan's mindset and actions to convince the angels that he was the greatest and could and would usurp the throne of the Elohim and sit himself in it and be the number 1 in all dominion. As scripture tells us, he actually attempted to do so with a large contingent of angels who followed him. Remember Isaiah 14:13-14? "For you have said in your heart, I will go up to the heavens; I will raise my throne (his was on the earth) above the stars of God/El and I will sit in the mount of meeting (Mount Zion), in the sides of the north. I will rise over the heights of the clouds: I will be compared to the Most High."

With the second purpose for Christ willingly yielding and humbling himself before the Father mentioned above, it is easy to see why Paul was inspired to give us this knowledge and understanding. With that said let us listen to the first application of the word harpagmos from Vines in Philippians 2:6.

"(1) with the active sense of robbery or usurpation we get the following meaning: Who because He was subsisting in the essential form of God, did not regard it as any usurpation that He was on an equality of glory and majesty with God, but yet emptied Himself of that co-equal glory."

As I mentioned above, that explanation nails the use of the word here, but only with the spirit of God in us can we get the understanding as to why. Satan tried to usurp the glory and equality of the Elohim/Godhead by force and actually convinced somewhere in the realm of one third of the angels to support him in doing so. Terrible mindset!

On the other hand, Christ/The Word displayed the mindset of the Elohim, a complete lack of vanity and selfishness in Their relationship with each other. That is a big part of the essence of Oneness on display for all to see. It was not difficult for Him to empty Himself of His glory and divine nature and willingly yielding to the Father. What a slap down to the devil and his minions. In the future when you read Phil. 2:6, I hope you insert "usurpation" and all its meaning in the scriptural patterns instead of "robbery" and especially in place of "prize" as some translations have it. This will bring to mind the victory He had over Satan at that time, over all his doctrines of dominion, hierarchy, and self-centeredness; which are the basis of the Nicolaitan way.

Once again John 17:5: "And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the existence of the world."

Now let us review one more set of scriptures about the Elohim/Godhead for our foundation prior to getting to the understanding of what the Oneness of God is, and its application for us and our part in it in the Plan of Salvation for Mankind.

John 1:14. "And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, (what glory?) **glory as of an only-begotten from Father**, full of favor, acceptance, and truth."

So, what was His glory after He had emptied himself of all His eternal glory? It was being the only begotten of the Being we know and call Father in our calling. When did Father take on that role and

function? Matthew 1:20 “And as he was thinking about these things, behold an angel of the Lord was seen by him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For that in her is fathered by holy spirit.” Take note that “the” is not in the original scripture. Imagine that!

Fathered or begotten here is #1080 gennao. Strong’s says of it in brief; “from a variation of #1085, to procreate, figuratively to regenerate.” Let me add, “after your own kind.” The Father had never done any of the creating prior to this. It was Christ/The Word who had done it all and that is why He was the only begotten of the Father at that time.

John 1:1-3. “In beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one (thing) came into being that has come into being.”

This is actually a stumbling block for some today who try and instruct us that the Word was a lesser God than the other Eloah, and some that He was not God at all. Hebrews is loaded with who He was and is today. Let’s just look at one instance which confirms what we are talking about here, in Hebrews 1:5.

“For to which of the angels did He ever say: You are my son, today I have begotten You? (Not one of them for it had been Christ/The Word who had brought them all into being, not the Father) And Again: I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a son.” (A brand-new relationship was created. Now we have Father and Son. As such, Christ/The Word, is now officially “the first born of Father;” others would follow, but the begetting of Christ in Mary was the first. His self-existence and all its glory was left in the keeping of Father until He finished the work He had to complete in the flesh; as a man subject to death.

In John 1:3 the Greek used for “come into being” or “made” is #1096 ginomai and means “to cause to be” (generate), “to become” (come into being.)

Vines says of it; “to become, is sometimes translated by the passive voice of the verb; to make...”

So, did the Word do all this by Himself? **NOT AT ALL!** For in Genesis 1:26 we read, “And Elohim (plural) said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them (more than one also) rule over...”

In Genesis 5:3 we find the same words used for image and likeness. “And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.” A pattern is forming.

No, The Word did not act on His own. He and the Being we know as Father worked in unison to bring this about. However, the scriptures tell us that The Word did all the actual work of creating.

Adam was created in the image and likeness of the Elohim but on a physical level. Man was given dominion over all of the physical creation to see what he would do with it. But that is not all we received by a long shot.

Genesis 1:27-28. “And Elohim created the man in His own image; in the image of Elohim He created him. He created them male and female. (For what purpose?) And Elohim blessed them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over...(everything in it).”

So here we have them created in Their image and likeness. Mankind was given the ability to procreate and also to rule over all the other physical creation on and in the earth with one very big exception. And

this has a lot to say about Oneness 101! **There was no authority given at creation, in Their image and likeness, to rule over one another.** Why? Because mankind was to be one in all their pursuits, goals, and endeavors. Adam did not rule Eve and she did not rule over him. Adams dominion over Eve did not start until after sin had entered in as scripture instructs us. Genesis 3:16 "...your desire shall be toward your husband and he shall rule over you."

A pattern had been established in the physical creation to exemplify that which was in the Divine Nature relationship between the two Elohim. It would take two to procreate. Both the male and female have a part in it, but only one will carry out the brunt of the function of bringing it to fruition after conception. That is one of the functions that The Word was tasked to do. He was the one who had been tasked with bringing everything into being. That is similar to the female part in the physical creation. The Elohim had made that decision together and They patterned it in creation, with complete unison in Their decisions. Mankind through Adam and Eve were to mimic this behavior in everything, from procreation to having dominion or rulership over all of the physical creation. A grand experiment had been started in a grand Plan. One was to function as male and the other as female to their responsibilities and functions. It is absolutely brilliant when applied to the Plan of Salvation and the creation of beings "after your own kind." Everything that has the breath of life in it houses this pattern. It takes two to procreate! That is very, very important to the Plan and to the doctrine of Oneness. No singularity of purpose allowed in any way, shape, or form. It was to be one always looking out for the other. Adam crashed and burned on that, he blamed both Elohim and Eve for his sinning.

Genesis 2:24. "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become ONE flesh."

This is a physical equivalent of the spiritual type as manifested by the Elohim/Godhead. It was meant to be a visible marker in creation to instruct us in righteousness. Remember Romans 1:20. If we were to have continued reading after that scripture we are given an account of how Satan has attempted to destroy this wonderful truth of the Elohim established in creation for us to function after Their image and likeness.

Verse 21: Because knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful; but became vain in their reasonings, and their undiscerning heart was darkened."

One example.

Verses 26-27. "Because of this, God gave them up (#3860 paradidomi: to surrender, to hand on to another) to dishonorable passions, for even their females changed the natural use to that contrary to nature. And likewise, the males also forsaking the natural use of the female burned in their lust toward on another, males with males working out shameful, and receiving in themselves the reward which was fitting for their error."

From the creation of Adam and Eve; the Elohim/Godhead, the Us and Our of Genesis 1, the two Beings we know as Father and Son, had given mankind the ability to become one with each other physically; male and female, to procreate their own kind. This is just one of the many gifts mankind received in the effort to establish us in Their image and likeness

Elohim made mankind male and female. Christ tells us angels are not made as male or female. Elohim designed us that way for the purpose of becoming one flesh and thus procreating others after our image

and likeness, or as preceding verses in Genesis state; “after their kind.” Now this is very important and is a marker placed in creation so we will be without excuse. It took two Elohim to create. It was empowered to one of them to carry it out after they had agreed. It takes a male and a female to become one to produce another like themselves, however it is left in the woman’s function to carry the new creation in her for 9 months up unto birth. Yes, the father is involved but he does not have it growing in him, but all the same it is his child and he cares for both the mother (wife) and child. This is very important to the family Plan and Salvation. We could talk about these roles spiritually for a long time but that is not the point we are addressing here as to this specific doctrine of the Father, His doctrine of Oneness. If we read about the other 3 flesh types (birds, fish, mammals) we see the same function of creating another after their kind. It takes a male and a female to do so in all higher life forms.

At this point we need to understand that Satan can’t procreate. He was not given that ability by the Elohim. Brethren, that infuriates him! That anger and rage has led him to being a pervert in his thoughts. Here we are flesh and blood and we can do what he can’t! He can’t do a thing about that, but he can pervert the minds of men and women to use it in ungodliness and in unrighteousness. Satan hates the concept of family through the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. He hates the concept of a loving, at one, relationship. That is why the institution of family is being destroyed under his dominion. Broken families, shattered marriages, and fatherless children, are the norm under his rulership. Homosexuality is everywhere around us. It is a dead relationship, completely against the moral and physical pattern of creation. It is an abomination before God! But, God allows it at this time to further this phase of the Plan of Salvation and the perfecting of the Bride.

The patterns of: procreation and reproduction, are embedded in creation for a magnificent purpose. **They teach us it takes two to create another after their kind.** There have always been two Elohim. That is why we see the plural “im” after Elohim. The “a” is dropped when used in the plural. The Brown Driver Briggs (used by Hebrew University in Jerusalem for Hebrew word translation, etc.) states that Eloah as found in Hebrew is probably a singular formed by inference from the plural Elohim. They are not the only ones who attest to this either.

The Elohim/Godhead being one is very simple to comprehend. It isn’t talking about or emphasizing one Being. It is talking about more than one being, which are unified in one outlook and purpose. They have one focus together. The use of the Hebrew and Greek words will show us that simplicity. When we see the word Elohim applied to anything, it is representative of both Beings we know as the Father and the Son for when we see or hear from one, we see and hear from both, because they are unified in all things, with one purpose. That very existence is being offered to us, that unity of purpose. Oneness is a doctrine which originates in divine nature and is patterned in the family of God. Its pattern emanates from it. It was embedded into the entire Plan of Salvation for Mankind and into creation as a physical example to help us understand it, and thus its immense importance to the Elohim.

Let’s see this doctrine of oneness in all its simplicity and clarity. We have addressed it in other studies in length so let’s summarize some of the main points of **physical** oneness first from the apostle Paul. Let’s focus on the Greek word translated as one in each instance. It is #1520 HEIS. Strong’s says of it, “a prime numeral, one...” Vines has a very lengthy description of it and its uses in grammar, etc. The high points are “the first cardinal numeral... is used to signify 1 (a) “one” in contrast to many... (b) Metaphysically, “union” and “concord...” Let’s review its physical application in the context of oneness between a man and a woman.

1 Cor 6: 15-17; “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ! Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot! Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her. For the two He says, shall become one flesh. But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”

That is a very simple illustration and explanation of how Paul uses the Greek word HEIS, “one” to explain “two can be one.” **He compares the physical and spiritual types here using the same word.** It can be very righteous as in a husband and wife joining, becoming one in a loving relationship after that command given at creation; or it can be perverted after the influence of Satan for illicit sex with a harlot. This concept of being one can involve more than just two as Paul leads into when he states that he who is joined with Christ is one spirit with Him. Paul explains this in great detail throughout his epistles. Let’s just look at a couple instances.

1 Cor 12: 12-14; “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body being many are one body, so also is Christ. For by one spirit (God’s) we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and have all been made to drink into one spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.”

Romans 12: 4-5; “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function so we being many are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

Is this not easy for the converted mind to understand? Paul says many can be one, however they have different functions at the same time. What makes them one is the spirit of God. It is the essence of Divine Power for they are of the same mindset, the same goal, yet individuals with different functions just like the Elohim/Godhead.

The two Elohim agreed on the Plan of Salvation, but only the Being called The Word carried out the physical act required to do so through Their spirit, Their Divine Nature. One conducted the actual “making process,” with both of Them being in complete agreement. Remember in Gen 1:26 that Elohim is referred to as “Us” and “Our” and in verse 27 Elohim is referenced in the singular as “His” and “He”. That is The Word carrying out Their plan. Look how simply Christ explained this over and over in scripture.

In John 10:30 Christ says; “I and my Father are one.” (in union, in concord, not one Being)

:38; “but if I do, though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

John 14: 8-11 (made even plainer) “Philip said to Him, Lord show us the Father and it is sufficient for us. Jesus said to him, have I been with you so long and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the work themselves.”

The Father and the Son are one! The Father’s Divine Presence in Christ gave Him the ability to do what He did as a man. Christ was not Divine in nature when He was a man, He had emptied Himself of that prior to becoming a man. That is why He can accurately say there is only one God, the Father, while He

existed in the nature of man. Listen to Christ articulate and sum up what it means to be one in the spirit in the Divine Nature of the Elohim.

John 17: 20-26

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word that they all may be one, as You, Father are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us (there’s that “Us” again), that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, (What glory did Father give to Him?) That they may be one just as We are one; I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved me. (He tells us here that the Oneness He has to offer us is absolute glory) Father, I desire that they also whom You have given to Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O Righteous Father! **The world has not known You** and these have known that You sent Me. **And I have declared Your name** (this is reiterating what we read earlier in John 17:4-5) and will declare that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Do we believe this simple Doctrine of Oneness? **It is a priority doctrine of the Father.** Without it we cannot understand the Divine Nature of the Elohim/Godhead. It is essential to our spiritual health and wellness and ability to grow in favor and acceptance. It connects all the dots of so many patterns in scripture. It is revealed and explained in scripture in both the Greek and Hebrew texts in both language and pattern of scripture.

Christ tells us often that it is He who reveals the Father. There are many scriptures we could turn to on this doctrine. But let’s now look briefly at the equivalent Hebrew word to the Greek “heis” or “one” and see if it means the same. In fact, let’s turn to the most frequently used scripture referred to by Judaism to attempt to prove there is only one God Being.

Deuteronomy 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!”

The actual original Hebrew text says; “Hear, O Israel, Yehovah our Elohim, Yehovah one.”

So here we are told that Yehovah our Elohim is one. As we have seen so often in study, this Being here, being called Yehovah, is the member of the Elohim called, The Word. The Hebrew word translated one here is #259 ECHAD. Strong’s says of it, “a numeral from #258 (ACHAD) properly united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) first.” It’s root word ACHAD Strong’s says means, “perhaps a prime root; to unify...” The Hebrew is telling us two things here. Yehovah is the only real God that Israel has, there are no others, and The Word, is the only Elohim they knew, Yehovah.

When the two Elohim/Godhead determined They would need to enter into a different relationship as to being equal is not known. What is clearly known is that at some point in time the Being we know as The Word decided He would **willingly yield** to the Being we know as the Father so that an example could be taught to the angels and to mankind. That is why we read what we do in John 14:28:

“You have heard Me say to you, I am going away and coming back to you. If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, I am going to the Father, for My Father is greater than I.”

There are some who try to use this scripture, and similar ones, to state The Word was always some kind of lesser Divine Being. That is absolute hogwash. It is a vestige of the Nicolaitan organizations we have come out of.

We are told that the glory of the Elohim members, **was to be equal as such in all its fullness** in John 1:1-4 and Philippians 2:6.

This understanding is foreign to Satan, and thus to his minions as well, and unfortunately, to those who are deceived and being deceived, even the elect. We as the Bride, must never bite of that forbidden fruit.

We live in an age of abhorrent evil. The body of Christ is under continuous attack. Unfortunately, at this time much of it is coming from ravenous deluded brethren who once walked in the newness of the spirit and the truth once delivered. Do not fear them, but at the same time, have nothing to do with them after a first and possibly a second admonition. Let the dead bury the dead! If we play around with delusion, it may in fact infect us. Let me repeat the warning from Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:2-4.

“For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity (purity) that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it.” The Bride of Christ must boldly expose the false teachings of our adversary and his angels of light.

There are enough dangers lurking about brethren without us needing to encourage more. We have been given a very clear understanding about the Plan of Salvation and our part in it as to the purpose of being one. We can clearly see with the aid of the spirit of God in us the example of the Oneness foundation of it. The Father and the Son have Their specific as well as respective roles and functions in all of this. So do we! Do we doubt the opportunity we have to be a member of the Elohim/Godhead, to exist in the Divine Nature?

Romans 8:16-17.

“The spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of the Father. And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of the Father, and co-heirs of Christ, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.”

Our peace we give to you.

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