

Who is the Son of Man? Christ – The Word

“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” (Luke 17:26-30).

We're not to come together to talk about the Message. **We are come together to get in the Message. And the Message is Christ, He is the Word.** That's right. **We're to get into It, get beneath It.** Yes, sir. That's what we're supposed to do. [1]

The Son of man is Christ; He is the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man; a man, his words will fail. **But you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man** (*John 6:48-58*).

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Who is this great unseen Person? Who is This that Abraham seen in visions? Right at last, though, **He was manifested in flesh**, before the son came. **God Himself came to Abraham in the form of a man, at the end time. Manifested!** (*Gen. 18,1-14*). **He saw Him in a little Light one time; he saw Him in visions; he heard His Voice; many revelations. But just before the promised son, he saw Him in the form of a man, and talked to Him, and fed Him meat and drink. See? Notice, God Himself veiled in human flesh.**

This is a part of His way. **This is the way that He manifests Himself to us, manifests the Eternal Word, God, Jehovah made flesh** (*John 1:14*). Like in Saint John 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the... In the beginning was Elohim, **and Elohim** was... **became the Word, and the Word was Elohim.** And the Word was made Elohim." (*John 1:1-3*). See? **It's the same thing, just unfolding.**

Like the attribute, see, it is in God. **An attribute is your thought. God in the beginning, the Eternal, He wasn't even a God. He was the Eternal. He wasn't even God; God is an object of worship, or something. See? So He wasn't even that. He was Elohim, the Eternal. But in Him was thoughts He wanted to become material. And what did He do? Then He spoke a Word, and the Word was materialized.** That's the whole picture, **from Genesis to Revelations.** Is nothing wrong. **It's Elohim materializing so He can be touched, feel. And in the Millennium, there is Elohim sitting on the Throne, see, that's right, with all of His subjects around Him, that He predestinated before the foundation of the world.**

But it's the same Person all the time, the same Person, God all the time. In this way He reveals Himself to His people, in doing this. Notice, through the **age of the Pillar of Fire** (*Exod. 13:21-22; 14:24*). He revealed Himself to His people. **In the age of Jesus, He revealed Himself to His people. In the age of the Holy Spirit, as Son of God. He always reveals Himself in that manner to His people, making the people to know Him. He is veiled behind something, notice, in the same way, or same nature, every time.**

God veiled in Jesus, to do the work of redemption at the cross. God could not die, as a Spirit. He's Eternal. But He had to put on a mask and act the part of death. **He did die, but He couldn't do it in His God form. He had to do it in Son form, as Son of man, on earth. See? He had to be Son form. Then when He returned on Pentecost, He was Son of God again.** See what I mean? Get the idea? [3]

Jesus, when He come, **He was to be a Prophet.** That's right! **And today, before Jesus comes again, the full manifestation of the person of Jesus Christ is to be manifested in flesh** (*Rom. 8:18-19*). Think of it! Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, **so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man, when the Son of man is being revealed.**" (*Luke 17:26-37*). **What is revealed? Unfolded, made known.** The secret had been brought forth, revealed (*Rev. 10:1-7*). **In the day that the Son of man will be revealed, the world will be in a Sodom condition.** We've got it, haven't we? Yeah! How many believes that? **It's in a Sodom condition** (*II Peter 2:4-9*). And that's exactly right! Look where it's setting, now.

Remember, there's always three groups of people in every bunch of people you gather, that's, **make-believers, unbelievers, and believers. We have them in every group.** They've had them in all time. There was the **Sodomites**, there was the **Lotites**, and there was **Abraham**.

The Abraham was a called-out group, he wasn't in Sodom to begin with. Now watch their Message! They'd been looking for a promised son, looked for it for years. God had showed Abraham many great signs and wonders, **but here God came down Himself like a man!** (*Gen. 18:1-14*).

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Now, if God created man in His Own image and in His Own likeness, what kind of a man did He create? **A spirit man** (*Gen. 1:26-27*). Now, if you'll notice, after He had made all the creation **and created a spirit man**, that God give dominion of the cattle and the fishes and everything to the man. But in His making up there, **He made man in His Own image to lead the cattle**, lead the beasts of the field, **just like the Holy Spirit leads the believer today** (*Rom. 8:14-17*).

He was, in other words, Adam, the first man in the lower creations of God... **The first creation was God Himself; then out of God came the Logos, which was the Son of God; then out of the Logos, which was the Word.** "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us*" (*John 1:1-2;14*), **out of the Logos came forth the man.** [5]

And that's God. He changed Himself from a Pillar of Fire, to become a Man (*Acts 2:1-4*). **Then changed Himself from that, back in the Spirit again, that He might dwell in man. God acting in man what He really was** (*Rom. 8:3-4*). **Jesus Christ, was God acting in Man, in a Man. In a Man, that's what He was** (*1 Tim. 3:16*). He had changed from the Pillar of Fire, and then had come in; which was a veil in the wilderness, **that hid God from Israel.** Moses seen the shape of His body (*Exod. 33:12-23*), **but really He was hid all the time behind this Pillar of Fire, which was the Logos that went from God.**

Now we find here, **now since Pentecost, God is not acting in man, or act... now He is acting through man** (*Eph. 4:4-16*). **He was acting in a Man then, Jesus** (*Col. 2:8-10*). **Now He is acting through man that He has chosen for this purpose. God, in the form of man, He changed Himself from the form of God, to a form of man** (*Phil. 2:5-11*).

He came in three names, three sons' names. **He came in the name of the Son of man, the Son of David, and the Son of God; three sons' names.**

Now, **He came first in the Son of man, because He was a Prophet.** Now, Jehovah Himself called Ezekiel and the prophets, "son of man, what seest thou?" (*Ezek. 2:8-10; 3:1-4*). Jesus never referred to Himself as Son of God; He **referred to Himself as Son of man**, because the Scriptures cannot be broken. [3]

When He was on earth here, the first time, **He was the Son of man.** He could not be Son of God then; He never claimed to be. He said He was "Son of man." (*Luke 19:10*). When anybody would question Him, He said, "You see the Son of man; the Son of man." Now, **"Son of man" is a prophet.** He had to come that way, because, the Scripture, He cannot come contrary to the Scripture.

Then, He served His office **as Son of man** (*Luke 9:43-44*). Then He served His office now **as Son of God** (*Acts 9:20*). **God is a Spirit** (*John 4:24*), and when now He served through the Church Ages, **as Son of God. Now, in the Millennium, He'll be Son of David, when He sits on the throne of David** (*Isaiah 9:6-7; 65:17-25*). He'll be Heir to the throne, Son of David. **Son of man, Son of God, Son of David, and it's the same Man all the time.**

Just like Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; **the office of God. He was God the Father, then He became God the Son, now He is God the Holy Ghost. Not three Gods; one God, three manifestation, three attributes of the same God.** [6]

Now, remember, **He come in three names: the Son of man, a prophet; the Son of God, the Spirit; the Son of David, for the Millennium. But in between, this conjunction, now according to His own Words, in the day when the Son of man shall be revealed, reveal Himself as** (what? not Son of God) **Son of man** (*Luke 17:26-30*). Will reveal Hisself in a different way. Now, what does that make? **Malachi 4, exactly right.** See, the Son of man will reveal Himself, not in a whole big denominations and things, as we've had through the ages, **but He would manifest Himself as Son of man again, to make manifest Malachi 4:5-6, "And in that day, I will send to you Elijah the prophet, and he shall turn the hearts of the children back to the Faith of the apostolic fathers,** away from all this denominationalism, **and come back to the original Word**

again," to draw out that last-day **Bride-Tree** that He promised. **"In the evening time it shall be Light"** (*Zech. 14:6-7*), not through the misty day, it shall be light; it'll be a day can't be called day nor night. See, **it's making up the Body**. But the same Head that was here in the East, is here in the West again, "There shall be Light in the evening time." [7]

He said here, "I am He that was, He that is, and shall come, the Almighty."

When He was on earth, He was a threefold Being. On earth, He was a Prophet. He's also in Heaven, a Priest. And when He comes back to the earth again, **He'll be a King. Prophet, Priest, and King.** He that was, which is, and shall come. "He that was," was **Jesus, a prophet. "He that was now," is a Priest, making spiritual sacrifices, a High Priest** that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, and disclose Himself and prove that He's in the midst of us (*Heb. 4:14-16*). **Prophet, Priest, and King, but One God** (*Heb. 7:23-27*).

What was He on earth? Prophet. **How did the people know He was a Prophet? He done the sign of the Messiah, which was a Prophet** (*John 4:5-26*). Oh, blessed be the Name of the Lord! How did they miss Him? **Because they were looking for something else.** And He done the sign of the Messiah, and they wouldn't hear it. He was a Prophet.

Moses said, *"The Lord your God will raise up a Prophet like me"* (*Deut. 18:15-19*). It'll come to pass if they'll not hear this Prophet, they'll be cut off from amongst the people."

He was a Prophet on earth, now, because He was what? "The faithful witness of God's Word." Amen. **He was God's Word made manifest.**

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,...

He was the true and faithful witness to God's Eternal Word. **He was the Word, was God's Word. And, being the Word, He was a Prophet. For the Word of God flowed through Him.** He was to say only the Thing. "I can do nothing within Myself, but what the Father shows Me to do. Not Me that doeth the works (*John 5:19-20*). But the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works (*John 14:7-12*). **I and My Father are one** (*John 10:30*). My Father is in Me," said **Jesus, the Man, the Tabernacle.**

God has got many titles: Jehovah, Jehovah-Jireh, Rapha, Manasseh. Oh, many! **He's got seven compound, redemptive names.** He's got many titles: Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley, Morning Star; Father, Son, Holy

Ghost. All that. **But He's got one human Name. God only had one Name, and that was "the Lord Jesus Christ."** (*Acts 4:12*).

When He was born, Christ, the Lord. Eight days later, the Holy Spirit called His Name "Jesus." (*Luke 1:26-33*). His mother had Him circumcised, and called Him "Jesus." (*Luke 2:21-24*). **He was born the Christ.**

Amen. **And He was born Christ, the Saviour** (*Luke 2:8-14; Matt. 1:19-23*). **And He was the Lord of Glory, made manifest.** So, He is the **Lord Jesus Christ** (*Acts 2:36*), the God of Glory made manifest among us. Oh, there He is!

On earth, He was the Prophet. In Glory, He's the Priest. Coming, He's the King (*John 19:19, Rev. 19:11-16, Isa. 9:6*). Oh! I like that.

Prophet, "Faithful witness of the Word."

Priest, "With His Own Blood before God."

King, "King of saints." Not king of the world, now. **He is King of saints.** We have earthly kings over them people. **But we have a King, too, and a Kingdom. That's the reason we act different.** [8]

And the Son of man is revealing Himself **in the same power** that He was, (**not down through the church age**, through justification, sanctification, all these things here) **but the Son of man. Who is the Son of man? The Word!** And the Word is more powerful than a two-edged sword, and discerns the thoughts that's in the heart (*Heb. 4:12-13*). What did He have to do? He has to prove that Word. What would He do? Notice of it when we see it happening, look at It in the same form that He was here in the beginning, the **Pillar of Fire.** My! Proving that He's Hebrews 13:8, said, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*" **What was it? Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, that was Christ that was in the wilderness with Moses.** How many knows the Bible said that? Yesterday! That was Christ when Paul was speaking here today (you believe that?) in the New Testament. **Then the Son of man, the same Christ, in the last day.**

Notice also John 14:12, He said, "*The works that I do shall you do.*" All these other Scriptures, what does He do? He's here now proving (not Luther's age, not Wesley age, **not Pentecostal age**, we've went right down through it and proved it by history in the Bible; but what?) **the age of the Son of man being revealed, to bring these things in to fulfill the Word when all must be fulfilled.** We see it, and it's true!

Now, remember, **that was not Jesus talking to Abraham there**, that could discern the thoughts in Sarah's mind behind him. **That was not Jesus, He had not yet been born.** But it was a man in human flesh (*Gen. 18:1-3*), that Abraham called "**Elohim, the great Almighty.**" And Jesus said, "*As it was in the days of Sodom,*" now watch close, "in the days of Sodom, **so will it be at the coming of the Son of man**, when the Son of man is **being revealed.**" Not no more as a church, see, not no more; **the Bride is called**, see. "In that day the Son of man will be revealed." **What? To join the Church to the Head, unite, the marriage of the Bride. The Bridegroom call will come right through this, when the Son of man will come down and come in human flesh to unite the two together. The Church has to be the Word, He is the Word, and the two unites together, and, to do that, it'll take the manifestation of the revealing of the Son of man.** Not a clergyman. Do you see what I mean? See, **it's Son of man, Jesus Christ, will come down in human flesh among us, and will make His Word so real that it'll unite the Church and Him as one, the Bride, and then she'll go Home to the Wedding Supper. Amen. She's already united, see, we go to the Wedding Supper, not to the marriage. But, the rapture, is going to the Wedding Supper (*1 Thess. 4:13-18*). When, the Word here unites with the person, and they two become one.** And then what does it do then? **It manifests the Son of man again, not the church theologians. The Son of man! The Word and the Church becomes one. Whatever the Son of man done, He was the Word, the Church does the same thing.** [7]

Now, Jesus came in three names. Son of man, which is a prophet; Son of God, which went through the Church age; then Son of David. **But in between the Son of God and Son of David, according to His Own Word, and according to Malachi 4 and many Scriptures, He's to return back into His Church, in physical form, in the people, in human beings, in the way of being a prophet.** [9]

Now, when their tradition veil, of traditions of the elders and the Word, is broken through, oh, of course, today, then comes in plain view, **we see Him, Deity again veiled in human flesh (*Heb. 1:1-3*).**

And Jesus said, "*As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the Coming of the Son of man.*" **Deity veiled again in human flesh!** Now, remember, Jesus didn't say, "When the Son of God is being revealed." In Luke 17:30, He said, "*And when the Son of man is being revealed.*" **The**

Son of man, back in the Church again, revealed in human beings; not Son of God, but the Son of man again, back in His Church again, in the last days. We find that He promised that in God's promises.

We notice another thing, in the Old Testament. I have the Scripture here, in Exodus. That, the old badger skins, what did it do? It hid the Glory of God from the people. The badger skins; even people couldn't see It, because it was a skin that held It. **The Glory of God was behind the skin** (*Exod. 34:29-35; II Cor. 3:7-16*).

And now the Glory of God is behind your skin. That's right. And the traditions don't see It. It's inside the veil, where His Word was.

What was on the inside of that skin back there, the old badger skins?

And now the same thing is today. **There's nothing in a man or a woman, that can be desired. It's what's in behind there.** That's what it is. "Well," you say, "that fellow, I know he used to be a drunkard. He used to do this." I don't care what he used to do. What's hid behind that skin? What is behind there, that's what counts. That's what, the people are blinded. The skin blinds the people.

Them skins, that was once on the badger, **but now it's hiding the Glory of God,** got It housed behind it. It was on an animal, **but now it's housing the Glory of God.**

And so can your skin be changed, today, to be made a housing place for God, God dwelling in humanity (*Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 3:1-6*).

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