

## God the Father Was Not the God of the Old Testament V

*Refuting a false doctrinal paper, and proving the God of the Old Testament  
was indeed the One Who became Jesus Christ*

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Let's start out in the New Testament, because this becomes very important.

Let's come to the last part of 2-Peter 3 because here's a warning. This is what's very important. When it gets down to it, this is God's book. He is the One Who tells us what to do and how to do it, plus He provides the Holy Spirit so we can.

2-Peter 3:15: "And bear in mind that the long suffering of our Lord *is* salvation... [He's having to put up with us] ...exactly as our beloved brother Paul... [he recovered from the rebuke of Gal. 2] ...according to the wisdom given to him, has also written to you; as *he has* also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them concerning these things; in which are some things *that are* difficult to understand..." (vs 15-16)—*especially with the different translations!* Once in a while they make it easier to understand.

"...which the ignorant and unstable..." (v 16). *That doesn't mean stupid!* Stupid means you're unable to learn. Ignorant means you don't have the knowledge.

"...are twisting *and* *distorting*..." (v 16). That's exactly what is this subject here: Was God the Father the only God of the Old Testament? {Study paper produced by Pacific Church of God}.

Then we can project ahead, then the next thing is: Who really was Jesus?

"...as *they* also *twist and distort* the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction" (v 16). ***Paul's writings are equated to Scriptures!*** So, they ***knew!***

This is quite important. This is why the apostles were very, very important. Different than Moses, who had access to God all the time. Whenever God would want to get in touch with Moses, He would come to the special meeting tent and meet him there.

Now with the apostles, *they were taught personally for three and a half years!* They are the ones who would write all the things necessary for spiritual salvation.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus took Peter, James and John, and He was transfigured before them. Who was standing on each side of

Him? *Moses on one side, Elijah on the other side.* We have God, Who gave the Law. Jesus was transfigured to show Who He was, which was a vision. He didn't change from flesh to spirit and back to flesh again. *It was a vision!* It showed that what they were going to do was as important, maybe even more so, than the Old Testament.

It turns out to be very, very true, because it is the New Testament that unlocks the things in the Old Testament. The parts of the Old Testament help us understand the New Testament, especially the prophecies concerning Christ.

What has happened is, ***every false doctrine turns out to be a twisting and turning and distorting of the Word of God!*** Or, a wrong interpretation.

Paul told Timothy; 2-Timothy 2:15: "...rightly dividing the Word of Truth." The Greek can also mean *straightly*, meaning in Truth. That also ties together with Jesus said that *the way to life is straight or narrow and difficult*, likewise with the Scriptures. They have to be put together correctly.

How many times have we said it... I've seen this Amoco transmission ad where it shows a transmission and it all blows apart. Here every part is separated and it's all floating in the air. It's true. If you have a part that's not quite correct, it will work in degree. But if you have a major part that isn't correct, you're not going anywhere.

Every time I think about putting the Scriptures together, I think about the ad. They blow it apart and they bring it together and say, 'Okay, we have the miracle man over here at Amoco, he'll take care of your transmission. We have the miracle man right here, Mack is a good mechanic. He'll take care of everything. If he can't take care of it, he'll weld it shut.

2-Peter 3:16: "...to their own destruction." ***That's how important the Word of God is!*** You don't want to misuse it.

Verse 17: "Therefore, beloved, since you know this in advance, be on guard against *such practices*... [this is why understanding doctrine is important] ...lest you be led astray with the error of the lawless ones, *and* you fall from your own steadfastness; rather, be growing in *the* grace and *the* knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To

Him *be* glory both now and into *the* day of eternity. Amen” (vs 17-18).

One of the things that they bring up is that this also leads to devaluing Christ as the God of the Old Testament. They apply this to God the Father and this is completely misapplied.

This is one of the reasons why in the *Faithful Version Bible* we have Appendix A, Fourteen Rules for Bible Study. One of the rules is the context.

1-Timothy 6:13: “I charge you in the sight of God, Who gives life to every *living* thing, and Jesus Christ, Who *in* testifying before Pontius Pilate gave the exemplary profession of *faith*, that you keep this commandment without fault... [or spot] ... *and* without rebuke until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; which in His own times the blessed and only Sovereign will make known, the King of kings and Lord of lords; **Who alone has immortality** dwelling in light which no man can approach; Whom no man has seen, nor has *the* ability to see; to Whom *belong* eternal honor and power. Amen” (vs 13-16).

No man has seen Christ in His glory, but who is He compared to here? *He’s King of kings*.

- Doesn’t He say that He is Lord of the kings of the earth (Rev. 1)? *Yes!*
- What did most of the kings back then assume? *That they were immortal!*

That’s why they worshiped the emperor. The word *immortal does not mean eternal!* Immortal means undying, because that refers back to these kings of the earth who claim immortality, but are going to die.

Jesus now resurrected from the dead, as He said, ‘I am alive evermore’ (Rev. 1). *There’s no way He’s going to die!* This has nothing to do with only God the Father having immortality, or the fact that this means eternal life. It’s completely taken out of context and this is used to show that there is only one God.

*They also, in all of this, get everything all twisted around!*

Isaiah 45:19: “I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I did not say to the seed of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, you who have escaped of the nations; they have no knowledge who carry the wood of their graven image, and those who pray to a god *that cannot save*” (vs 19-20). *This is compared to the gods of the nations, gods of the earth!*

Verse 21: “Declare and bring near; yea, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this of old? *Who* has told it from ancient times? Have not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me...”

- Does that exclude the Most High?
  - Does this mean that the God of the Old Testament was the Father?
  - If it does, then how are you going to bring out the teaching of Jesus Christ?
  - What’s the first step? *He was a Divine being*
  - The next step: *He did not exist until He was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary*
  - What is he talking about?
  - Is he talking about the Most High?
  - Is this one and there are no other gods?
- or**
- Is the One Who is the Lord God of the Old Testament telling Israel that none of the gods of the nations are God and there is no god beside Me?

***That does not eliminate the Most High!*** The Most High was not revealed in detail in the Old Testament.

“...a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me.... [instead of your gods] ... Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* God, and there *is* none else” (vs 21-22). *This does not mean the Father only!*

- Why?
- What is the word *God* in Hebrew? *Elohim, which is plural!*

Even though He’s talking about Himself personally in relationship to Israel, the gods of the nations and the world, ***this is not God the Father because the Most High is not mentioned nor revealed!*** In the word Elohim He is not excluded.

Isaiah 43:9: “Let all the nations be brought together, and let the people be gathered; who among them can declare this and show us the former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, ‘*It is Truth.*’ ‘You *are* My witnesses,’ says the LORD, ‘and My servant whom I have chosen...’” (vs 9-10).

- Who were those to be the witnesses of God? *The nation of Israel!*
- Did God choose Israel? *Yes, He did! He didn’t chose any others!*

“...that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me no god was formed...” (vs 9-10).

That's quite interesting! This is talking about the false gods, the idols, the statues. *It's not eliminating the Most High, nor is it revealing the Most High!* The word here is Elohim. Neither Christ was formed nor the Father. Everyone asks: Where did God come from? *When we're in the Kingdom of God, we'll find out!* Until then He hasn't told us.

Verse 11: "I, *even I, am* the LORD; and besides Me there is no savior.... [Who is the Savior? *Jesus Christ the Lord!*] ...I have declared, and have saved, and I have shown, when *there was* no strange *god* among you; therefore, you *are* My witnesses,' says the LORD, 'that I *am* God'" (vs 11-12).

- that doesn't eliminate the Most High
- that doesn't restrict it to God the Father

Let's talk about ***I AM***. We've covered this already back in John 8 where Jesus said when they asked Him, 'Who do You say You are?' He said, 'I AM.' They said, 'How could that be? You're not even 50 years old? And You've seen Abraham?'

Exo. 3 is another example that we need to read the whole thing because when He says I AM, He is telling everyone Who He is. Moses makes a great deal out of that the angel of God spoke to him from the burning bush. Was that just an angel or was it God? ***The burning bush is right here, it was God!*** Was He also a messenger from the Father? *Yes, He was!*

Exodus 3:13: "And Moses said to God, 'Behold, *when* I come to the children of Israel, and shall say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they shall say to me, "What *is* His name?" What shall I say to them?' And God said to Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you."' And God said to Moses again, 'You shall say this to the children of Israel, "The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My title from generation to generation'" (vs 13-15).

That means *all generations of human beings!* Was this His name, even to Adam and Eve, though He is called the Lord God? Does God have more than one name? *Yes, indeed!* But here it is: I AM THAT I AM.

When Jesus said, 'I AM,' 'ego emi,' to the religious leaders, they understood that meant God. *That was startling!*

Why did they want to take stones and cast against Him to kill Him, but He escaped? *Being a Jew, if there's any man who says he's God,*

*blasphemous!* That's why they wanted to kill Him. But He told them, and if they would have checked the Scriptures, they would have found out that yes, it was prophesied that He would come. Did we not already cover:

Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God..."

How do you get an infant human being coming in the flesh saying, 'I AM,' and carry the name of God to every generation? That's how you do it.

Let's see how this is twisted. You have to bring all of the knowledge that you have to bear whenever there is a difficult Scripture to understand.

Matthew 15:4: "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'..." *Here's what has been written concerning that:*

How could this be Christ saying God commanded. He says it only means that the God of the Old Testament was the Father and that whenever Jesus used the word God, it was always exclusively of the Father.

*Is that true? NO!*

Why didn't He say, 'I told you when I was on Mount Sinai honor your father and mother'?

Why did Jesus not say that? *They would stone Him!* Can He still talk about Himself when He says, 'God commanded you shall honor your father and mother'?

Have you ever told a story to someone, which was really your story and you said, 'I knew this woman, or I knew this child, or I knew this man.' But you were really talking about yourself? *Yes!*

Was it time for Jesus to reveal to those religious leaders who were following their traditions that He was God manifested in the flesh? *No!* So, He was just quoting what He said from Mount Sinai in the third person, God commanded saying, 'honor your father and mother.'

What was the topic? The topic was they were telling children that if you dedicated something to the temple, then you didn't have to give it to your father and your mother.

Did they know that that was in the Law? *Yes, they did!* So he's sticking to the subject: God commanded... It's not exclusively God the Father,

but that's what they do. We'll look at some here in just a little bit.

***They twist the Scripture for their own interpretation to make your theory fit, rather than look at all of the facts to put it all together!***

(go to the next track)

Genesis 17:1: "And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD... [YHVH] ...appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I *am* the Almighty God!....'" In this doctrinal paper, it says:

This has to be God the Father.

How do you disprove that? *You can't take Scriptures in isolation and say that is the final word!* What you have to do is get all the Scriptures. In addition to being I AM, Jesus says:

Revelation 1:8: "'I AM... ['ego emi'] ...the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* Ending,' says the Lord, 'Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come—the Almighty.'"

- Is Jesus Almighty?
- Is He God?
- Is He Almighty God? *Yes!*

*Jesus is all of these things here:*

- Alpha and Omega
- Beginning and Ending
- Who is
- Who was
- Who is to come
- the Almighty

Is the Father called the Almighty? *Yes, because the two are Elohim!*

Remember that we covered all the Scriptures that 'no one has seen God at any time.' That's referring to the Father. Still no one has seen Him *except the One Who came down from heaven*—the Elohim Who became Jesus Christ.

Genesis 17:1: "And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I *am* the Almighty God!.... [that didn't make Him the Father] ...Walk before Me and be perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly'" (vs 1-2).

Then God changed his name from Abram to Abraham because he would be the father of many nations.

Acts 3—here is how they make that Scripture appear to be God the Father, instead of the One Who became Jesus Christ.

Acts 3:13: "The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Son Jesus, Whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, after he had judged to release *Him*. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One... [referring to Christ] ...and requested that a man *who was* a murderer be granted to you; and you killed the Author of life Whom God... [the Father] ...raised from *the* dead, whereof we are witnesses. And through faith in His name, this *man* whom you see and know was made strong in His name; and the faith that *is* through Him gave this complete soundness to him in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I realize that you acted in ignorance, as *did* your rulers also; but what God had before announced by *the* mouth of all His prophets, *that* Christ should suffer, He has accordingly fulfilled. Therefore, repent and be converted in order that your sins may be blotted out, so that *the* times of refreshing may come from *the* presence of the Lord; and *that* He may send Him Who was before proclaimed to you Jesus Christ Whom *the* heaven must indeed receive until *the* times of restoration of all things, of which God has spoken by *the* mouth of all His Holy prophets since the world began" (vs 13-21).

Verse 22: "For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'A Prophet shall *the* Lord your God raise up to you from among your brethren, like me; Him shall you hear in all things that He shall say to you. And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.' Now indeed, all the prophets from Samuel and those who followed, as many as prophesied, also proclaimed these days. You are *the* children of the prophets and of the covenant that God Himself appointed to our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' Unto you first has God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you in turning each *of you* from your wickedness" (vs 22-26).

...because God raised up Jesus, His servant, therefore God of the Old Testament has to be the Father.

***No, does not!*** It didn't say the Most High appeared to Abraham.

It says in 1-John 4:12: "No one has seen God at any time..." *You can't have it both ways!*

When it talks about Elohim in the Old Testament, though the Father was not revealed, except being the Most High, whenever it talks about what God has done, or the covenant that He made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, does that exclude the Father, the One Who became the Father? Or does

Elohim also include the Most High, but does not reveal Him?

So, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers... That's what they have said here. I wonder what translation he is using in his paper. I'll have to look this up.

Acts 3:26: "Unto you first has God, having raised up **His Son** Jesus..." *The translation he {the author of the false doctrinal paper} is using 'having raised up His servant, Jesus.'* The difference in the translation is that:

- the word **Son** in v 26 is 'paida,' which means *child*
- 'yios,' which is literally son, but in this case it is 'the *child* His'

*Son* would be a proper translation. The only time 'pedia' is used as *servant* is if you have a child that is a servant but not your own offspring. You have to find out which translation. I didn't catch that when I went through this the first time. But he's saying here:

These verses tell us that God, Who made the covenant with Abraham, raised up Jesus Christ, that Jesus is His servant. Both these statements make it clear that it was God the Father Who made the covenant with Abraham...

**No, it doesn't!**

Christ certainly didn't resurrect Himself, nor did He by His own power do anything, His work performed....

Let's look at another one. They use several other Scriptures in Acts, along the same line, and then they come to this:

Since it is clear that Israel was definitely aware of both God the Father and the one Who became Jesus Christ....

*It has not been made clear!*

...an important question to ask is which God Being was the One that spoke the Ten Commandments and made the covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai. To look at this question, let's start by looking at how God spoke the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, identified Himself to Israel.

Exodus 20:1: "And God spoke all these words, saying, 'I *am* the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage'" (vs 1-2).

Just before speaking the Ten Commandments, the God at Mount Sinai identified Himself as 'the God Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.' We have just seen that Israel gave God of our fathers credit for leading them out of Egypt and that the book of Acts identifies the God of our fathers as God the Father.

*Sleight of hand with that!* Then they take some Scriptures from Psa. 78.

Whenever there are some things that are very important in the Old Testament, **the Most High** is identified as having part of it. This is something, because it brings out **the Most High** four times.

Daniel 4:1: "Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: 'Peace be multiplied to you. It seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders that **the Most High God** has done for me'" (vs 1-2).

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar came directly from the Most High through the One Who was God of the Old Testament. Because when you read here in revealing the dream that Daniel said:

Daniel 2:20: "'Daniel answered and said, 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. I thank You, and praise You, O God of my fathers'" (vs 20-23)—*Elohim!*

Does that include the Most High? *But the One Who became Jesus Christ was the One directly involved!*

Dan. 4 is so important because it is an actual experience and a prophecy of Babylon. Remember the image (Dan. 2), came all the way down, the toes. What are the toes called at the end? *Babylon the Great!*

Daniel 4:2: "It seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me."

This is above *the Lord God* and so important that it is stated **the Most High** is the One Who caused this to happen. This does not make Him the revealed God of the Old Testament. *A revealed action, but not the person!* Let's use an example:

- Can the President of the United States do something that can affect us clear down here?

- Can you say, ‘Look what the President did to me’?
- Did he do it? *No, he just signed the bill!*
- Did he personally bring it about? *No!*
- Did you see him? *No!*
- Do you know that he was responsible? *Yes! He did it to you!*

Here we have the same thing:

Verse 24: “This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High... [Daniel understood that] ...which has come upon my lord the king; that you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and you shall be made to eat grass like oxen. And you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you until you know that **the Most High rules in the kingdom of men** and gives it to whomever He will” (vs 24-25).

Shows complete understanding that the Lord God, Yahweh Elohim, the One Who appeared to men, the One Who spoke to Moses, also does what the Most High directs Him to do. BUT:

- He’s not revealed
- He hasn’t talked to anyone
- He didn’t deliver this verbatim to him

*This was told to Daniel and it happened*

He counseled the king. ‘Why don’t you repent and avoid it?’ But the king didn’t do it. He got out on the balcony, was looking over the city of Babylon and said, ‘Look at this great city that I made.’ Then it happened!

Verse 34: “And at the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him Who lives forever, for His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation.” How does He carry that out?

- through the One Who became Jesus Christ
- through angels
- through Satan and the demons
- through people

*Ultimately, it all goes up to the Most High!*

When are men and women going to see the Most High? *When they’re resurrected and New Jerusalem comes to the earth!*

When we’re resurrected and are on the Sea of Glass, we may have an opportunity to see God the Father, because then we’ll be resurrected beings. But what are we going to do? *We’re all going to be under Christ, Who is King of kings and Lord of*

lords (Rev. 19). We’re going to come back to the earth, take over the earth. That’s going to be quite a operation.

*Nowhere* does it ever say the Father spoke directly to anyone in the New Testament. He did give dreams and visions. He spoke through Christ, and so forth. *Nowhere* does it say in the Old Testament that the Most High spoke directly or even in vision. This was made known to Daniel by the One Who became Jesus Christ that this came from the Most High.

Psa. 78:12-17: Marvelous things he did in the sight of your fathers in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan. He divided the sea; caused them to pass through. He made the waters stand up like a heap. In the daytime also He led them with the cloud and all the night with a light of fire.

He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink in abundance like the depths. He brought springs out of the rock. He caused the waters to run down like rivers, but they sinned more and more, even against Him by rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

If you sinned against God, are you in rebellion against the Most High? *Yes*. But does that mean that the Most High was the One Who was leading them? *No!*

Verses 18-20: And they tested God in their heart, asking for food for their fancy. Yes, they spoke against God; they said, ‘Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? Behold, He struck the rock so that waters gushed out, the waters overflowed. Can He give bread? Can He provide meat for the people?’”

Verse 24: Rained down manna on them to eat, and gave them bread from heaven... [v 27]: ...He also rained meat on them like dust, and feathered fowl like the sand of the sea... [v 35]: Then they remembered that God was their Rock, and the Most High their Redeemer.

***They say*** this proves that the God of the Old Testament was the One Who was the Father. But again, we have the same situation here. Is Jesus going to redeem anyone the Father does not approve of? *No!* Would the Lord God of the Old Testament, Who became Jesus Christ, do something that the Most High didn’t want Him to do? *No!*

In the prayer Jesus said, ‘You, Father, and I are One. You in Me and I in You, and that We...

[we and us] ...may become one with them' (John 17).

This does not prove that the God of the Old Testament was the Father. Can anyone come to the Father *except* through Christ? *No, they cannot!*

John 6:44, Jesus said: "No one can come to Me unless the Father, Who sent Me, draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Verse 46: "No one has seen the Father except He Who is from God; He has seen the Father." *That makes it clear!*

What this shows is this, John 14:6: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.'" *And 'no one comes to Me unless the Father draw.'* So yes, They're working together, of course!

This is why Jesus came to **reveal the Father** so that we understand that it all comes from the Father.

Verse 23: "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me... [Christ] ...he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We... [the two] ...will come to him and make Our abode with him.'" *There are two aspects to the Holy Spirit:*

1. the begetting by the Father
2. the Spirit of Christ for the mind of Christ

**Together!** The two parts of eternal life come from God the Father and Jesus Christ. They work together.

- Did They start working together only when Jesus was conducting His ministry?

**or**

- Were They working together through all eternity?
- Did They both agree when it came to creating the earth?
- When it came to creating mankind?

What is said in Gen. 1? *'Let US make man in Our image after Our likeness and let them have dominion over the sea, the earth, and everything that there is.'* Yes, They worked together there!

I am sure of this. We have the sermon that I gave. I remember Vera Olson asked this years and years ago. She said, 'Fred, what would the world been like if Adam and Eve had not sinned? Can you give a sermon on that.' I did, I gave one: *What Would the World Have Been Like IF Adam and Eve Had Not Sinned*—and it would have been more like the Millennium. Would the Father have been revealed sooner if Adam and Eve had not sinned? *Of course!*

I think we've covered just about all of it here. Isn't it interesting that in John 6:44, eternal life is so important. Think of it this way. Your calling is so important, it doesn't say Jesus drew you to the Father. It's the other way around.

John 6:44: "No one can come to Me unless the Father, Who sent Me, draws him... [the Father starts it] ...and I will raise him up the last day." Jesus finishes it. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore, everyone who has heard from the Father, and has learned, comes to Me" (vs 44-45).

How do you hear from the Father? Since no one heard His voice, how do you hear? *The Word of God, the preaching of the Gospel of the words of God!* If you hear the words of God, who are you hearing, though a man may speak? *You're hearing what God has said.* Those are the words of God. If you act upon them, then God will begin drawing you.

1-Corinthians 15:21: "For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came the* resurrection of *the* dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ *the* Firstfruit; then those who are Christ's at His coming" (vs 21-23).

So, no one has gone to heaven. Christ hasn't returned. No one is going to go to heaven, in the sense of an immortal soul.

Verse 24: "Afterwards the end *comes*, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to Him Who *is* God and Father... [Is Jesus God, but Son? Is the Father God, but the Father? *Yes!*] ... when He shall have put an end to all rule and all authority and power.... [all human and satanic] ...For it is ordained that He reign until He has put all enemies under His feet" (vs 24-25). Didn't we read that in part four in Psa. 110:1?

Verse 26: "*The last enemy to be destroyed is* death.... [When does that happen? *Lake of Fire!*] ...For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when it is said that all things have been put in subjection, *it is* clearly evident that *it does* not include Him Who put all things in subjection under Him" (vs 26-27).

*The Father gave all that authority to Christ!* Everything Christ does has no authority over the Father, but everything the Father told Him to do has authority over Christ.

Verse 28: "But when He has put all things in subjection to Him, then shall the Son Himself also be subject to Him Who put all things in subjection to Him, so that God may be all in all."

Right there in these verses, from v 21-28,  
you've got compressed in there *the whole plan of  
God!*

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The Father was never known in the Old  
Testament. The Most High was known, but not in  
the sense to know as you would know a person, but  
to know that there was the Most High.

- He never spoke to anyone
- He was never seen by anyone
- He was not the God Who led the children  
of Israel out of Egypt

***Obviously the Most High was part of it,  
because He was over the One Who became Christ!***

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