

# TWO GLORIES ON EXHIBITION IN EARTH'S FINAL CRISIS. PART 11

## WHY ONLY THE SON OF GOD? (Continued)

### A DEEPER LOOK AT PROVERBS 8: 22 – 36

#### INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul admonishes us to advance beyond the elementary doctrines of the Christian faith and make progress towards perfection of doctrine and experience in Christ. Hebrews 6: 1 to 3. This requires the **wisdom** that is from above, for we dare not trust to our own intellect, we must claim the promise given in James 1: 5. We must have this Wisdom in order to know the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom he has sent, for such knowledge is **eternal life**. John 17: 3. Nor must we be ashamed of the **gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation**. Romans 1: 16, 17.

“We are not kept by our intelligence, by our words, or by our riches. In these we find no safety. We are kept only by the power of God through faith unto salvation. We are living in a period of time during which we must be allied with an infinite God or else we cannot overcome the strong powers of darkness seeking to destroy us....” CTr 199.2

#### FATHERHOOD AND SONSHIP IN THE ETERNAL STATE

Isaiah 57: 15

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

The Hebrew word translated *eternity* in this text is **ad** from the original Hebrew root **adah** and it means **perpetual continuation, timeless continuity**. ( Note that it is not the usual word **olam** which is also translated *everlasting* or *eternal* but which really means *age lasting* ; the duration being determined by the *subject*.)

Deut.33:27

“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.....”

The Hebrew word translated *eternal* here is **qedem(kedem)**. This is another word which means *past without beginning*.

God inhabits **absolute** eternity. Eternity is **timeless**, beginningless and endless, yes **timeless**! There is, absolutely speaking, no past-tense or future-tense in eternity.

Created beings live **in time**, all created beings have or had a beginning . On this Earth we live in “*fallen*” time. Since we live in **time** we measure or define things according to **time**. For example, we understand a father-son relationship in terms of **time**, with a father’s beginning occurring before that of his son. Our problem is that we try to analyze eternity and eternal realities in terms of time and this cannot work because eternity is **timeless**. And so the question is usually asked; *how can there be a Father -Son relationship* in the Godhead if both are beginningless? And we ask this question because, whether we know it or not, we are trying to study and analyze **eternity** by using **time**. And it cannot work.

So let us come straight to the point. The Bible reveals God **the Father** and informs us that **He** has a **Son**. Moreover, careful exegesis shows both to be beginninglessly **eternal**. The inescapable conclusion must be that there is a **real Father – Son relationship in the Deity** that has nothing to do with **time** and yet the **Father** is the **Begetter** and the **Son** is the **Begotten** , both are God and both are **beginningless in terms of time** ! And the Son has no separate existence apart from His Father. Before God created anything there “was” timeless, beginningless eternity; so everything happening inside God “was” beginningless and timeless ! This is not easy for us to wrap our thoughts around because we are finite, *time-bound* creatures.

This brings us to a very important conclusion, and it is this : the process of the Father **begetting** the Son (or to use better understood words) the process of the Son **being born** of the Father, had to be beginningless as well ! This means that there is no past-tense (or future-tense), in describing the birth of the Son of God, it is an eternal

birthing or begetting and yet it is an *infinitely* real birth in the **Divine Nature!** How can we prove this from the Bible ? Read John 8: 57, 58, Isaiah 43: 11 to 13 and Rev.1: 11.

### **MYSTERIOUS WORDS IN PROVERBS 8 : 22 TO 30**

We examined the Hebrew word *qanah* translated *possessed* in verse 22 **KJV** and we saw why it cannot be correctly translated *created*.

In verse 23 the **KJV** reads “*I was set up from everlasting.....*” the word translated *everlasting* here is *olam*(age- lasting) and the Hebrew word translated *I was set up* is *nissachti* which comes from a mysterious root word which means *to establish, to install,( to position, to anoint)*.

In verse 24 we read in the **KJV** “ *When there were no depths, I was brought forth ...*” and in verse 25 we read “ *Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth*”.

The Hebrew word translated *I was brought forth* is *chovlaleti* and it comes from another mysterious root: *chul* which can mean *travail* or *writhe* ( like in birth pains ).

How are we to make sense of these strange Hebrew words or their translation into our modern languages? Well, first of all these words *cannot* mean that the Son of God was created at any point in time, we have already established that fact.

### **DEEPER UNDERSTANDING**

The angels would have never witnessed a step-by-step creation. Lucifer felt himself so wise that he thought he could do whatever the Son of God could do ! The Father created all things instantaneously by His **Word, His Wisdom, His Son**, and it looked so easy. Lucifer disputed the Son’s position and wanted infinite Power to be channeled directly to himself and not through Christ. Lucifer’s distorted thinking underestimated **Infinite Wisdom** because of Wisdom’s **humility**. Even after Lucifer’s rebellion had developed in Heaven, the Son of God ,**Infinite Wisdom**, was still, to exercise His Father’s Infinite Power **in the creation of our solar system and our planet Earth and the human species but in doing that final work of creation He would seek not His own glory, only His Father’s glory !**

“Infinite love—how great it is! God made the world to enlarge heaven. He desires a larger family of created intelligences.” (Manuscript 78, 1901). *IBC 1081.2*

### **MAN, A NEW AND DISTINCT ORDER**

“All heaven took a deep and joyful interest in the creation of the world and of man. Human beings were a new and distinct order. They were made “in the image of God,” and it was the Creator’s design that they should populate the earth” (The Review and Herald, February 11, 1902). *IBC 1081.3*

### **STEP - BY- STEP CREATION OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM**

**Father and Son, Infinite Power through Infinite Wisdom, created our Solar System in a stepwise manner so that the angels and unfallen worlds could see the critical and absolutely important role of Eternal Wisdom in the *intelligent design* of creation. The Father and Son deliberately performed the creation of our Solar System and our planet in six days and then *rested* and **celebrated the completion of the perfect work (and the lesson it was intended to teach) on the Seventh Day**. Seven is the Divine number for *completeness*. ***The lesson is that God’s Infinite Power must function through His Infinite Wisdom/Righteousness in order to create ; and His Wisdom/ Righteousness must cover and fill every detail of creation, otherwise the created entity would fall apart. So the Father made all things through His Son and all things HOLD TOGETHER in His Son ! Only the Son could fulfill that critical function. Not any creature. Not Lucifer .*****

God’s Righteousness completely *covering* and *filling all created intelligences, and in fact all things, is the seal of God and is what the Seventh Day Sabbath represents*. That is the reason Satan hates both the Son of God and the Seventh Day Sabbath, but that is the reason we should love ***both the Son of God and the Seventh Day Sabbath! And that is why the Son of God is LORD of the Sabbath!***

Now we can better understand the mysterious Hebrew words in Proverbs 8: 23, 24, 25. Just as how we would apply or bring forth our (God given) wisdom to solve a problem or to construct something, the **Father *applied, positioned, or brought out His Infinite Wisdom*** for each stage of the

creation. So those words in Proverbs 8: 23 to 25 are not referring to the origin of The Son of God but to **The Father** *applying, setting forth, positioning His Eternal Wisdom, His Son to be the infinite master architect and designer of creation with special reference to our planet Earth and Solar System.* The reason being that the angels would see firsthand that Infinite Wisdom is required to make a world and more particularly the human race and all life on our planet ! Job 38 : 1 to 7 parallels Proverbs 8 : 22 to 31 and Job 38: 7 tells us how excited and joyous the angels were when they witnessed the creation of our planet.

### **JOY AND YET PAIN ? ETERNAL PROLEPSIS?**

Proverbs 8: 30, 31 tell us of the delight and joy the Son of God experienced in the step-by-step construction of our Solar System and especially in the creation of the human species.

“God created man for His own glory, that after test and trial the human family might become one with the heavenly family. It was God’s purpose to re-populate heaven with the human family, if they would show themselves obedient to His every word. Adam was to be tested, to see whether he would be obedient, as the loyal angels, or disobedient. If he stood the test, his instruction to his children would have been only of loyalty. His mind and thoughts would have been as the mind and thoughts of God. He would have been taught by God as His husbandry and building. His character would have been moulded in accordance with the character of God” Letter 91, 1900. SDA.BC Vol 1, 1082.

So why is the Hebrew word in Prov.8 : 24, 25 *chul* ,which means *labour pains*, used to describe **Wisdom’s work of designing** our Solar System and our human species when verse 30 tells us He rejoiced in His design and creation of our world and the human race ?

### **ANSWER**

God foresaw the fall of Adam. So infinite Wisdom had to design mankind’s anatomy, physiology and biochemistry to survive under the adverse and hostile conditions of sinful flesh in a sin damaged world and Solar System

under Satan’s government of sin. Furthermore **Father** and **Son** covenanted that the Son would be born into the fallen human race and suffer the indescribable agony of **separation** from His **Father** in order to redeem a lost race. In other words the creation and redemption of our world and humanity required a greater *setting forth or birthing* of Wisdom than any other dimension of creation in the universe !

### **GOD’S ETERNAL PURPOSE.**

God foresaw that His *eternal purpose* for the human race would have had to be accomplished through the victoriously redemptive work of *Eternal Wisdom, His Eternal Son* ! Those humans who accept the wonderful gift of salvation, which includes God’s Righteousness and Life in Christ, will more than make up for the number of lost angels and in fact will be *joint heirs with Christ occupying positions higher than the unfallen angels.*

After the 1000 year reign in Heaven, the earth made new will be the new **Headquarters of God’s government in the ‘future’ eternity ! So redeemed mankind will restore the numerical void that was made by the evil angels ; but more yet, they will sit with Christ in His throne. Rev.3: 21.** And through the **Church**, by virtue of the victorious plan of redemption, the angels will understand what they could not have understood *without the creation and redemption* of humanity and planet earth !

“The warfare against God’s law, which was begun in heaven, will be continued until the end of time. Every man will be tested. Obedience or disobedience is the question to be decided by the whole world. All will be called to choose between the law of God and the laws of men. Here the dividing line will be drawn. There will be but two classes. Every character will be fully developed; and all will show whether they have chosen the side of loyalty or that of rebellion.

“Then the end will come. God will vindicate His law and deliver His people. Satan and all who have joined him in rebellion will be cut off. Sin and sinners will perish, root and branch, (Malachi 4:1),—Satan the root, and his

followers the branches. The word will be fulfilled to the prince of evil, "Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; ... I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.... Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more." Then "the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be;" "they shall be as though they had not been." Ezekiel 28:6-19; Psalm 37:10; Obadiah 1:16.

"This is not an act of arbitrary power on the part of God. The rejecters of His mercy reap that which they have sown. God is the fountain of life; and when one chooses the service of sin, he separates from God, and thus cuts himself off from life. He is "alienated from the life of God." Christ says, "All they that hate Me love death." Ephesians 4:18; Proverbs 8:36. God gives them existence for a time that they may develop their character and reveal their principles. This accomplished, they receive the results of their own choice. By a life of rebellion, Satan and all who unite with him place themselves so out of harmony with God that His very presence is to them a consuming fire. The glory of Him who is love will destroy them.

"At the beginning of the great controversy, the angels did not understand this. Had Satan and his host then been left to reap the full result of their sin, they would have perished; but it would not have been apparent to heavenly beings that this was the inevitable result of sin. A doubt of God's goodness would have remained in their minds as evil seed, to produce its deadly fruit of sin and woe.

"But not so when the great controversy shall be ended. Then, the plan of redemption having been completed, the character of God is revealed to all created intelligences. The precepts of His law are seen to be perfect and immutable. Then sin has made manifest its nature, Satan his character. Then the

extermination of sin will vindicate God's love and establish His honor before a universe of beings who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law. DA

"Well, then, might the angels rejoice as they looked upon the Saviour's cross; for though they did not then understand all, they knew that the destruction of sin and Satan was forever made certain, that the redemption of man was assured, and that the universe was made eternally secure. Christ Himself fully comprehended the results of the sacrifice made upon Calvary. To all these He looked forward when upon the cross He cried out, "It is finished." DA 764.4

The mysterious Hebrew word *chul* encompasses what the Apostle Paul emphatically declares in Hebrews 12: 2

*"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God".*

**HAVE WE RECEIVED THAT JOY? AND DO WE JOYFULLY LOVINGLY OBEY, ENDURING OUR CROSS AND DESPISING THE SHAME, KNOWING THAT WE WILL SIT WITH HIM IN HIS THRONE ?**