

How things fit together in the Kingdom

The OT Hebrew God is NOT Ours

TACTS If we study the OT to learn about 'God'¹ we'll be led astray.

That was my problem. I learnt in that way for most of my life and ended up thinking he was a cosmic policeman just looking for an opportunity to punish me because I sinned. I ended up being 'dead wrong' in my concept of him. The effect of my misconception made me legalistic, unloving and not very nice company. Obviously, for me – and for the countless others I've met – I totally misunderstood who he really is.

It wasn't until I came into the Father Heart teaching of Jack Frost², around the year 2000, that I was introduced to his real character: that of a perfect father who only operates out of unconditional love. That's the REAL person, not the God of the OT.

Let's examine that claim.

Jesus of Nazareth revealed to the world who Father really is. He displayed Father's character, his heart and his desires for all to see. We know this because it's recorded that he said to his disciples:

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him...He who has seen Me has seen the Father"[‡]

UXPOPUTATION Revealing what Father is truly like, was just as important a task for him, as it was to reintroduce the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and the removal of our separation from the Trinity.

On one hand, what he was doing (and achieved) was to reverse the effects of The Fall and bring us back to where Adam was originally. That meant changing human's spiritual DNA, re-establishing the Kingdom under human oversight as vice-regents, reinstating our sonship with the Trinity, re-introducing personal connectivity and communication in the spirit, eliminating death,³ and much more.

On the other, he showed that the Hebrew religion and it's god (YHWH) didn't represent God the Father, the originator of all things. That was critical, so that the people of the Earth could move forward into spiritual reality and leave the religions of ancient empires behind, and live as Adam originally did when he was created. Father's plan had been that, through Adam and his progeny, humanity would live in an intimate relationship with the Creator, but that was destroyed by religions⁴ (just like I experienced). There was no loving relationship in ancient religions, only care to those who were 'goddy-goodies'⁵.

Jesus even negated the rules set up by Israel's god, which was incorporated into their holy Law (Torah). In overruling them, he was saying that Father doesn't operate that way at all – in fact, the laws gave the wrong impression.

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^{2 –} Find them here: <u>www.shilohplace.org/products</u> [Buy his products] Find them here: <u>www.youtube.com/@ShilohPlaceMinistries</u> [His FREE video teaching]

^{3 –} SEE: <u>canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=6853#death</u> (series)

^{4 –} First set up by Nimrod.

^{5 -} MEANING: Religious people who were 'smug and sanctimonious' <u>www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/goody-goodies</u>

For example, he stated:

- "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder', and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment."[†] That's because murder begins in the heart of the person, it's doesn't arise from a legal statute.
- "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.""* That's because adultery begins in the heart of the person, it's doesn't arise from a legal statute.
- "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord."^{\$} Jesus forbade oaths because Father's Kingdom of Heaven is not about legal statutes, but honesty and integrity.
- "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.""[£] Jesus forbade paybacks because Father's Kingdom of Heaven is based on love and forgiveness.
- "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.""[∞] Jesus forbade hate because Father's Kingdom of Heaven is based on love and forgiveness.
- "It has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.""e By making that statement, Jesus was showing that divorce is rooted in the unrighteous heart of people, and is tantamount to adultery.

The Hebrew god, YHWH, set these laws place to put controls on the people because their hearts weren't pure. He promised them through the prophets that later on he'd change their hearts so they'd operate righteously,[™] not legalistically, under a new covenant.

However, according to a NT writer, YHWH stated the following through this same OT prophet, about this new covenant: "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more"^{*}. Jesus introduced this brand-new covenant to his disciples and then instigated it for the whole of humanity under the title that we know it by, the 'New Covenant'.

That then begs the question: Is YHWH the same being as Father? The simple answer is, "Yes".

So, if they are one and the same, why does the title of this article state that they aren't?

The reason I chose the title was to get my readers to <u>think</u> and work through why they believe Father's character is what they think it is. (I'll fill out this answer at the end of this document.)

If Jesus displayed what Father is like, because he had intimate knowledge of him, what would he have seemed like to the people Jesus interacted with? Knowing that, then, will let us know what Father's like.

According to the records of Jesus' life, he was:

- Compassionate
- Forgiving
- Loving
- Doting
- Honouring
- Open
- Transparent

- Honest
- Righteous
- Selfless
- Protective of the vulnerable
- Supportive of the marginalized
- & much, much more.

Coming back to Jesus original statement:

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him...He who has seen Me has seen the Father"

What do we now understand about Father's character (the real person)?

'Know' in the above quote comes from the Greek word $gin \bar{o}sk\bar{o}$ ($\gamma tv \omega \sigma \kappa \omega$) meaning 'to know someone absolutely'. This is an intimate, relational kind of knowing, like that between a committed and loving husband and wife. This 'knowing' comes through personal experience, by first-hand acquaintance.⁶ It's not head knowledge, the type we get from studying 'God'⁷ in the OT.

So, Jesus was effectively saying to his disciples, "You know me intimately as a person, and from that personal acquaintance, and you know how I operate. Therefore, as Father and I are one[‡] (connected in oneness), you know exactly what Father is like as a person and how he operates."

FUNAL WOORDB Here's confirmation that Jesus showed us what Father is really like because he exhibited Father's character to us:

Now he is the crescendo of God's conversation with us and gives context and content to the authentic, prophetic thought. Everything that God has in mind for mankind is voiced in him. Jesus is God's language. He is the radiant and flawless mirror expression of the person of God. He makes the glorious intent of God visible and exhibits the character and every attribute of Elohim in human form.

Conclusion

Nothing more needs to be said, except to reiterate the following:

- 1. Jesus and Father are one (connected in oneness), so they have the same heart and mind. They think and operate the same way.
- 2. Father is nothing like OT YHWH in total character, nor in relationship with humanity, nor in the way he deals with humanity.
- 3. Therefore, the 'God' we can learn about in the OT bears little to no resemblance to Father.
- 4. If we study the OT to learn about Father, we'll be led astray just like I was.

QUECCE Why was YHWH 'invented' for the Children of Israel? My analysis of the OT – from its literary content, not from a religious point of view – is that Israel got what they desired. They rejected Father's loving invitation to be a wife to him as a nation (like 'The Bride of Christ' is to the King), wanting gods like the ones they knew in Egypt. They demonstrated this desire immediately after their rejection of Father's invitation, by constructing a golden calf to worship. They made their choice, so Father gave them a fasçade of the god they wanted, along with the religion and laws to go with it. That Israelite religion failed to do anything beneficial that was long-lasing, just as Father knew it would. Eventually, it was replaced by his genuine Covenant and relationship with humanity.

Father doesn't make mistakes and he doesn't have a plan A and a plan B.

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Similarly, we can cancel Penal Substitutionary Atonement (PSA) in the same way. Does that theology line up with the heart and character of our King or of Father? No! Therefore, we can logically reject it, and not be in fearful bondage to it, no matter what anyone says.

• WATCH: Mike Parsons "PSA doesn't sound like Jesus" youtu.be/B1a8_BHz6Y4

^{6 –} HELPS word-studies <u>biblehub.com/greek/1097.htm</u>

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