

What did Moses tell the Hebrews about the God they worshipped?

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deut. 6:4,5)

Our former Trinitarian brethren claim that this "one Lord" is the Trinity God (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost).

If this true then the Hebrews should have understood this truth about the God they worshipped. Let's see if the Trinitarians are correct.

"And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." (Mark 12:28-30)

Jesus quoted Deut. 6:4,5.

Notice how the scribe replied to Jesus:

"And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said THE TRUTH: for there is ONE GOD; and there is NONE OTHER BUT HE: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:32,33)

Now notice how Jesus replied to the scribe:

"And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, THOU ART NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD. And no man after that durst ask him any question." (v. 34)

And who was the "one God" that the Hebrews acknowledged and worshipped?

"...we have one Father, even God." (John 8:41)

What did the disciples of Christ believe about God?

"But to us there is but ONE GOD, THE FATHER, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Cor. 8:6)

"ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph. 4:6)

And in the Old Testament, the prophet Malachi said this too:

"Have we not all ONE FATHER? hath not ONE GOD created us?..." (Mal. 2:10)

So what is the correct understanding of Deut. 6:4 according to this exchange between Christ and the scribe? That the "one God" is God the Father, not a Trinity.

The Hebrews did not have a Trinity God. They had the knowledge of the true God!

Ellen G. White wrote this:

"The Hebrews were the only nation favored with a knowledge of the true God..." (5T 196)

And what did Moses know about Christ?

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me." (John 5:46)

Jesus here basically said that He and Moses believed the same thing.

So what did Jesus say in this chapter? Let me share with you something that startles a trinitarian...

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." (John 5:26)

"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." (John 5:43)

What? Jesus said the Father gave Him life and He came in His Father's name!

Now what kind of life did the Father give to His Son?

Trinitarians claim that this was referring to His human life, but WAIT! Let's read the context,

"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." (John 5:22-27)

Does this sound like the human life? It's nowhere even in the context. It is eternal life that the Father gave to His Son.

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4)

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (1 John 5:11)

The truth is what the Bible declares about God the Father and Jesus is His Son. This knowledge is LIFE ETERNAL.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee THE ONLY TRUE GOD, and JESUS CHRIST, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9)



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