

The God of the universe

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"There is **one God**..." 1 Timothy 2:5.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee **the only true God**..." John 17:3.

He is "... the **only true and living God, the Sovereign of the universe**." 3 SM 256.

"We can never by searching find out God. He does not lay open his plans to prying, inquisitive minds. We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which he **veils His majesty**." R&H. Apr 7. 1885.

He is "... **the high and lofty One** that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy..." Isaiah 57:15.

"The **greatness of God is to us incomprehensible**. The Lord's throne is in heaven..." Ps 11:4. Education 132.

The first Commandment: "**Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, Himself the Source and Sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship**." PP 305.6.

"Hear O Israel, The Lord **our God is one Lord**." Deut 6:4.

The scribe/lawyer asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Jesus answering says: "The first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel; The Lord our **God is one Lord**.".... 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**." Mark 12:29-32. Jesus is acknowledging with the scribe that there is only one God. He is not including Himself, as He is the **Son** of God. Remember, the subject is the first Commandment.

"God is our Father, who loves and cares for us as His children; He is also **the great King of the universe**." Faith Live By 39.

He is "... The **Lord God Almighty**..." Revelation 21:22.

"The Father... is **the great Source of all**..." Desire of Ages 21.

"It is He (the Ancient of Days) **the Source of all being**, and the **fountain of all law**, that is to preside in the judgment." GC88 479.

"The **greatness of God cannot be measured or comprehended**." ST. Jun 27. 1895.

"God is **omnipotent, omniscient, immutable**. He always pursues a straightforward course. His law is **truth -- immutable, eternal truth**. His precepts are consistent with His attributes." ST. July 23. 1902. Psalm 19:7-9.

"Now unto the **King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, the only wise God**, to Him be honor and power eternal." 1 Timothy 1:17.

"Who **only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable**, whom no man hath seen, nor can see, to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen." 1 Timothy 6:16.

"I saw a **throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son**. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The **Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him**. I asked Jesus **if His Father had a form like Himself**. He said **He had, but I could not behold it**, for said He, 'If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist'..." EW 54.

“On page 54, I stated that a cloud of glorious light covered the Father and that His person could not be seen. I also stated that I saw the Father rise from the throne. **The Father was enshrouded with a body of light and glory, so that His person could not be seen;** yet I knew that it was the Father and that from His person emanated this light and glory. **When I saw this body of light and glory rise from the throne, I knew it was because the Father moved,** therefore said, I saw the Father rise. The glory, or excellency, of His form I never saw; no one could behold it and live; yet the body of light and glory that enshrouded His person could be seen.” EW 92.

“We can never by searching find out God. He does not lay open His plans to prying, inquisitive minds. **We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty.** The apostle exclaims: ‘How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!’ It is a proof of His

mercy that there is the hiding of His power, that He is enshrouded in the awful clouds of mystery and obscurity; for **to lift the curtain that conceals the divine presence is death. No mortal mind can penetrate the secrecy in which the Mighty One dwells and works.** We can comprehend no more of His dealings with us and the motives that actuate Him than He sees fit to reveal. He **orders everything in righteousness, and we are not to be dissatisfied and distrustful, but to bow in reverent submission.** He will reveal to us as much of His purposes as it is for our good to know; and beyond that we must trust the hand that is omnipotent, the heart that is full of love.” 5 Testimonies 301.

“One **omnipotent Power,** great in **goodness in mercy, and in love,** has created the earth... Nature's voice speaks, saying that there is a God back of nature, but it does not, in its imperfections, represent God.” HL 296.

Extra Scriptures: Psalm 118:28.29. 116:5. 108:5. 106:47.48. 104:1.2. 18:30.31. Isaiah 40:28.22.26.

This one God is the Father

“Blessed be **God, even the Father...**” 2 Corinthians 1:3.

“**One God and Father of all,** who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Ephesians 4:6.

“...there is **none other God but one...** there is but **one God, the Father,** of whom are all things, and we in Him...” 1 Corinthians 8:4.6.

“**Our Father** which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...” Matthew 6:9-13.

God the Father has a Son

“We give thanks to God and **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...**” Colossians 1:3.

“**God is the Father of Christ;** Christ is the Son of God.” 8 Testimonies 268.

“Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...**” 1 Peter 1:3.

“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath... established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is **his son's name,** if thou canst tell?” Proverbs 30:4.

“For God so loved the world He gave **His only begotten Son...**” John 3:16.

"While (Jesus) was praying... from the highest heaven was heard the voice of **the infinite One, God the Father**, "This is **My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased." 2 Sermons and Talks 167.

"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glory God, even the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**." Romans 15:5.

Christ is the Son of God

"For unto us **a child** is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The **mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The **Prince of Peace**..." Isaiah 9:6. (The Son is not His own Father, but ours. See DA 483)

Jesus asks His disciples, 'Whom do you say I am?' Peter says. "Thou art the Christ, the **Son of the living God**." Matthew 16:15.16.

Jesus said, " '**My Father**...' Then they took up stones to stone him.... 'For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou being a man, **makest thyself God**.'" John 10:29-33.

"The Lord Jesus Christ, **the divine Son of God**, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the Commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by Him as His right." LHU 16.

"We may have the witness in ourselves that the Bible is true, that **Christ is the Son of God**. We know that we are not following cunningly devised fables." Steps to Christ 112.

"Jesus **Christ is the Son of God**. He was manifest in the flesh." Review & Herald. Aug 31. 1905.

The high priest asked Jesus under oath, "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, **the Son of God**....Jesus saith unto him, '**Thou hast said**'." Matt 26:63.64. In Mark the reply under oath is, '**I am**'. Mark 14:61.62.

"**Beneath the guise of humanity** they discerned the glory of the **Son of God**." DA 412.

"The world's Redeemer did not come with outward display, or a show of worldly wisdom. Men could not see beneath **the guise of humility, the glory of the Son of God**." Gospel Workers 392.

"The Lord **possessed** (to own, to procure, to create, to get) me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.... Before there were no depths, I was **brought forth**... Before the mountains were settled... was I **brought forth**... I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22.24.25.30.

"And **the Son of God declares** concerning Himself: "The **Lord possessed Me in the beginning** of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting. . . . When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then **I was by Him**, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22-30. PP 34. See also LHU 16.

"Through Solomon **Christ declared**: "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. . . . When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, **as one brought up with him**: and **I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him**." LHU 17.

Extra Scriptures: Daniel 3:25. John 11:25-27. John 10:35-38.

Christ is Son of the Father

“And lo a voice from heaven saying, ‘This is **My beloved Son** in whom I am well pleased’.” Matthew 3:17.

“The words of confirmation that **Christ is the Son of God** was given to inspire faith in those who witnessed the scene, and to sustain the **Son of God** in His arduous work. Notwithstanding the **Son of God** was clothed with humanity, yet Jehovah, with His own voice, **assures Him of His sonship with the Eternal**. In this manifestation to **His Son**, God accepts humanity as exalted through the excellence of **His beloved Son**.” 2 SP 60.

“Grace be with you... from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the **Son of the Father**, in truth and love.” 2 John 3.

“That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the **Son of the Eternal Father**, the one by whom He created all things, and by whom they do consist.” R&H. Aug 22. 1912.

“He shall be... called the **Son of the Highest**...” Luke 1:32.35. Compare ‘shall be called’ with: Luke 1:36.

Satan “saw the brightness of the Father’s glory overshadowing the form of Jesus, thus pointing out **with unmistakable assurance** the One in that crowd **whom He acknowledged as His Son**.” 5BC 1078.

Extra Scriptures: John 8:38-42. 5 BC 1078. John 8:38-42.

God’s Son was begotten of His Father

“For God so loved the world, He gave **His only begotten Son**...” John 3:16.

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us... the glory as of the only begotten of the Father... No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**...he hath declared him.” John 1:14.18.

“Thou art My Son; this day **I have begotten thee**.” Psalm 2:7.

“A complete offering has been made; for ‘God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son’ -- not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but **a Son begotten in the express image of the Father’s person**... one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection.” ST. May 30. 1895.

Five years earlier E.J. Waggoner said, “The angels are sons of God, as was Adam... by creation; Christians are the sons of God by adoption (Rom 8:14.15), but **Christ is the Son of God by birth**... and so Christ is the ‘express image’ of the Father’s person.” Christ and His Righteousness p12. 1890.

“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of **the only begotten Son of God**.” John 3:18.

“No one less holy than the **Only Begotten of the Father**, could have offered a sacrifice that would be efficacious to cleanse all...” God’s Amazing Grace 103.

“For thirty-three years the **Only Begotten of the Father** dwelt among the children of men.” AU Gleaner. August 19. 1903.

“As the apostles set forth the glory of **the Only-Begotten of the Father**, three thousand souls were convicted.” COL 118.

“The highest gift of Heaven, even the **only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth, was able to redeem the lost.” Messenger. June 7. 1893.

“Christ claimed to be **the Only Begotten of the Father**, but men encased in unbelief, barricaded with prejudice, denied the Holy and the Just One. He was charged with blasphemy, and was condemned to a cruel death...” 2 SM 271.

“The sword of justice was unsheathed, and the wrath of God against iniquity rested upon man's substitute, Jesus Christ, the **only begotten of the Father**.” 5 BC 1102.

“**The Eternal Father**, the unchangeable one, gave **His only begotten Son**, tore from His bosom Him who was made in the express image of His person, and sent Him down to earth to reveal how greatly He loved mankind.” R&H. Jul 9. 1895.

“Who is Christ? -- He is **the only begotten Son of the living God**. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought -- as a thought made audible. Christ is the word of God.” Youth's Instructor Aug 28. 1894.

“If God were your Father, ye would love: for **I proceeded forth** and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.” John 8:42.

“For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I **came forth from the Father**, and am come into the world. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things... **we believe that thou camest froth from God**. Jesus said, ‘Do ye now believe?’” John 16:27-31.

“Father... I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me... Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and **they have received them**, and have **known surely that I came out from thee**, and they have believed that thou didst send me.” John 17:6-8.

“Those who are recipients of His grace, who contemplate the cross of Calvary, will not question concerning the proportion to be given, but will feel that the richest offering is all too meager, all disproportionate to the great gift of **the only-begotten Son of the infinite God**.” R&H Jul 14. 1896.

Today many want to deny the word *monogenes* means ‘begotten’ and they speak of **God's only Son** when they say John 3:16. This is a denial of Christ's true identity. It is actually siding with the Jewish leaders who condemned Jesus to death for claiming to be the Son of God.

Extra Scriptures: Hebrews 1:5.6.

The Son is equal with the Father

“For as the **Father hath life in himself**, so hath he **given to the Son to have life in himself**.” John 5:26. “Therefore doth my Father love me, because **I lay down my life, that I might take it again**.” John 10:17.

“The only way in which the fallen race could be restored was through the gift of his Son, **equal with Himself, possessing the attributes of God**.” 7BC 738. Omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, immortality, justice, purity and love. PP 120-123.

“Be unrebukable until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” 1 Timothy 6:14-16.

“All created things live by the will and power of God. They are **recipients of the life of the Son of God**. However able and talented, however large their capacities, they are replenished with life from **the Source of all life**. He is the spring, the fountain, of life. **Only He who alone hath immortality**, dwelling in light and life, could say, **‘I have power to lay down My life, and I have power to take it again’**.” MS 131, 1897. 5BC 1113. 1MCP 28.

“Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection, and the life.” **In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived**. “He that hath the Son hath life.” The divinity of Christ is the believer’s assurance of eternal life.” Desire of Ages. 530 (1898)

“... Jesus said, ‘I and my Father are one.’ The words of Christ were full of deep meaning as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of **one substance**, possessing the **same attributes**.” ST. Nov 27. 1893.

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). It is not physical life that is here specified, but **immortality, the life which is exclusively the property of God**. The Word, who was with God, and who was God, **had this life**. Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Life-giver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the **life of Christ was unborrowed**. No one can take this life from Him. “I lay it down of myself” (John 10: 18).

“He said. **In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived**. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour. ‘This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent’. (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world.” 1SM 296. Original article -- ST Apr 8. 1897.

“They (the angels) are the appointed messengers of Him who is the Commander of all heaven. But Christ is **equal with God, infinite and omnipotent**. He could pay the ransom for man’s freedom. He is the **eternal self-existing Son**, on whom no yoke had come.” YI June 21. 1900. 5BC 1136.

“In Him is gathered **all the glory of the Father, the fullness of the Godhead**. He is the brightness of the Father’s glory and the express image of His person. The glory of the attributes of God is expressed in His character.” COL: 115.

“He was **equal with God**, infinite and omnipotent... He is the **eternal, self-existent Son**.” Ms 101. 1897. (Some people did not believe in Christ’s pre-existence, thinking He was just a man, a prophet, but Christ is all the above, and begotten)

“The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.” Youth’s Instructor. Jul 7. 1898.

James White said, **“The Father was greater than the Son** in that He was first. The **Son was equal with the Father** in that He had received all things from the Father.” R&H. Jan 4. 1881.

“Immeasurable love was expressed when **One equal with the Father** came to pay the price for the souls of men, and bring to them eternal life.” Christian Stewardship 226.

“And yet the Creator of worlds, He in whom was the fullness of the Godhead bodily, was manifest in the helpless babe in the manger. Far higher than any of the angels, **equal with the Father in dignity and glory**, and yet wearing the garb of humanity!” FLB 48.

“To save the transgressor of God's law, **Christ, the one equal with the Father**, came to live heaven before men, that they might learn to know what it is to have heaven in the heart.” Fundamentals of Christian Education. 179. 7ABC 437.

“He (Christ) was the **Majesty of heaven, He was equal with the Father**, He was the **Commander of the hosts of angels**, yet He died for man the death that was, above all others, clothed with ignominy and reproach.” That I May Know Him 339.

“And that doctrine that denies **the absolute Godhead of Jesus Christ**, denies also the Godhead of the Father; for no man knoweth the Son but the Father.” ST. Jun 27. 1895.

“Jehovah, our Father, and His Son Jesus Christ are alone to be exalted.” Ms 11. 1898. (Jun 29.1898) par 11.

Extra Scriptures: Heb 1:4.6.8.13. Col 2:9. Joh 8:56-59. Luk 10:21.22.

God the Father gave His Son to us Forever

"God so loved the world, that **He gave His only-begotten Son.**" John 3:16.

“When God would assure us of his immutable counsel of peace, he gives his only begotten Son to become one of the human family, **forever to retain his human nature** as a pledge that God will fulfill his word.” R&H. Apr 3. 1894.

“He **gave Him** not only to bear our sins, and to die as our sacrifice; **He gave Him to the fallen race.** To assure us of His immutable counsel of peace, **God gave** His only-begotten Son to **become one of the human family, forever** to retain His human nature.... God has adopted human nature in the person of His Son, and has carried the same into the highest heaven. It is the "Son of man" who shares the throne of the universe...Christ glorified is our brother. Heaven is enshrined in humanity, and humanity is enfolded in the bosom of Infinite Love.” DA 25.26.

Christ was begotten in eternity

“But thou Bethlehem....He will come out of thee... whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. In Hebrew, ‘everlasting’ (*onam*), simply means ‘hidden’, or long ages beyond human understanding, not eternity as we understand it today.

“And although we may try to reason in regard to our Creator, how long He has had existence, where evil first entered into our world, and all these things, we may reason about them until we fall down faint and exhausted with the research when there is **yet an infinity beyond.**” 7 BC 919. 1888.

Speaking of Christ. “His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation. The existence of Christ before His incarnation is **not measured by figures.**” ST. May 3. 1899.

E.J. Waggoner said: “The Word was ‘in the beginning’. The mind of man **cannot grasp the ages** that are spanned in this phrase. It is not given to men to know when, or how the Son was begotten... We know that Christ ‘proceeded forth and came from God’ (John 8:42), but it was **so far back in the ages of eternity as to be far beyond the grasp of the mind of man.**” Christ and His Righteousness. p9. 1890.

“Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God... In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind **back through dateless ages.** He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were

then listening had been with God **as one brought up with Him.**" Signs of the Times. Aug 29. 1900. (Last phrase quoting Proverbs 8:30)

"Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father **from all eternity.**" Acts of the Apostles 38.

"Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was **with God from all eternity**, God over all, blessed forevermore. The Lord Jesus Christ, **the divine Son of God, existed from eternity**, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven." Faith Live By 46.

"The Lord **Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity**, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the Commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by Him as His right." Faith I live By 46.

Compare the following statements in relation to 'all eternity' and 'never was a time'.

"The plan of salvation had its place in the counsels of the Infinite **from all eternity.**" Christian Education 83.

"The salvation of the human race has ever been the object of the councils of heaven. The **covenant of mercy** was made before the foundation of the world. It **has existed from all eternity**, and is called the everlasting covenant. So surely as **there never was a time when God was not**, so surely there **never was a moment** when it was not the delight of the eternal mind to manifest His grace **to humanity.**" Faith I Live By 76.

Eternity, as we generally understand it, is a period of time that has no beginning or end. At times the Bible and Sister White speak of certain things that clearly have a beginning as existing from eternity or all eternity, such as the 'everlasting covenant'. Also the words 'never was a time' in relation to 'grace to humanity'. Compared with our time, Christ has been with His Father from eternity, yet He was begotten at a point **in eternity**.

We understand this for the subject of the state of the dead and hell, but have problems with the subject of God's Son. Jude 7 speaks of 'eternal fire' and we know it is not burning now. Other verses speak of 'everlasting' that are clearly only as long as the person lives or in relation to fire as long as there is something left to burn.

Christ is "**God's thought made audible.**" Desire of Ages 20.

God's Son and the everlasting covenant would have existed in the mind of God for all eternity, as well as the desire to manifest His grace to humanity. The past, present, and future are all alike to God.

God's Son inherited His Father's nature

"Christ was the Lord of heaven and earth, yet for our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. He was **made in the likeness of God**, yet He humbled Himself, and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might save us." Upward Look 134.

"How can it be that the helpless babe in Bethlehem's manger is still **the divine Son of God?** Though we cannot understand it, we can believe that He who made the worlds, for our sakes became a helpless babe." 3 Selected Messages 127.8.

"Though higher than any of the angels, though **as great as the Father on the throne of heaven**, He became one with us. In Him God and man became one..." 3 Selected Messages 127.8.

“For in him dwelleth **all the fullness** of the Godhead bodily.” Colossians 2:9.

“For it pleased the Father than in him should **all fulness dwell.**” Colossians 1:19.

Christ, “who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be **equal with God.**” Philippians 2:6.

“Before Abraham was, I AM.”

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For **in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.** And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.” {AA 473.2}

“Christ Himself is the pearl of great price. In Him is gathered all the glory of the Father, **the fullness of the Godhead.** He is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. The **glory of the attributes of God is expressed** in His character.” COL 116.

“Christ humbled himself from the position of **one equal with God** to that of a servant.” CTBH 78.

“The greatness of God cannot be measured or comprehended. And that doctrine that denies the **absolute Godhead of Jesus Christ**, denies also the Godhead of the Father....” Signs of the Times. Jun 27 1895.

Extra texts: Hebrews 1:4. John 11:25.26.27. John 12:47-50. 14:13.14.

The Father owns the Universe

“**My Father is greater** than I.” John 14:28.

Jesus said, “I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in **my Father's kingdom.**” Matthew 26:29.

“Then the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in **the kingdom of their Father.**” Matthew 13:32.

“**Our Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, **Thy kingdom** come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.” Luke 11:2.

“Then cometh the end, when He (Christ) shall have **delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;** when He (Christ) shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He (Christ) must reign, till He (God) hath put all enemies under His feet... And when all things shall be subdued unto Him (God), **then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him** (God) that put all things under Him (God), that God may be all in all.” 1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, **of whom the whole family in heaven is named.**” Ephesians 3:14.15.

God's Son was given authority

Christ Jesus “is the **head of the body, the church**....that in all things **he might have the pre-eminence.** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell. And having made peace through the blood of his cross, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself,** by him, I

say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." Colossians 1:18-20. (This authority was to fulfil the plan of redemption)

"Jesus might have remained at the Father's side... But He chose to **give back the sceptre** into the Father's hands, and to step down from the throne of the universe, that He might bring light to the benighted, and life to the perishing." Desire of Ages 22.

"All power **is given** unto me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18. "Standing but a step from His heavenly throne, Christ gave the commission to His disciples. "All power is **given unto Me** in heaven and in earth." DA818.

"And coveting **the glory** with which the **infinite Father had invested His Son**, this prince of angels (Lucifer) aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone." PP 35.

"To Christ has been **given an exalted position**. He has been **made equal** with the Father." 8 Testimonies 268.

Christ was *given* an "**exalted position** as the loved **Commander of heaven**, who was worshipped and adored by the angelic hosts." Bible Echo, Dec 1. 1893.

"Some of the angels sympathized with Satan in his rebellion, and others strongly contended for the honor and wisdom of God in **giving authority to His Son**." Early Writings 146.

"To Christ, and to **Christ alone**, is **given the right of authority** over all things." Home Missionary. Vol 16. p15. 1900.

Jesus said, "All power (**authority**) **is given** unto me, as Mediator between God and man." 16 Manuscript Release. 15.16.

"I saw... one like the **Son of man came... to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him. And there was **given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**... an everlasting dominion... and his kingdom... shall not be destroyed." Daniel 7:13.14.

"He (Christ) comes **to the Ancient of days in heaven to receive dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator... our great High Priest enters the holy of holies, and there appears in the presence of God . . . to perform the work of investigative judgment.." FLB 209. "The **Ancient of days is God the Father**." FLB 209.

Jesus will return "with power and great glory" that He had in the beginning with His Father. Matthew 24:30. John 17:5.22.24.

Extra Scripture: Hebrews 1:4.

God is the Father and God of Christ

"Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**." 1 Peter 1:3.

"I ascend unto **my Father**, and your Father; and to **my God**, and your God." John 20:17.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with **my Father** in His throne." Revelation 3:21.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of **my God**, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of **my God**, and the name of the city of **my God**, which is new Jerusalem.... out of heaven from **my God**..." Revelation 3:12.

"The Father, in union and loving sympathy, with His Son, subjected Himself to suffer with His Son... This gift of Christ is the crowning truth of God's love, and His Fatherhood, through time and through eternity. Here is the love of God in His Fatherhood. Let us drink in this love, that we may know by experience what a real, tender, joyful experience there is in a realization of the Fatherhood of God." Spalding & Magan. 68. 1897.

Jesus sits on the throne of God, His Father

"I am set down with **my Father in His throne.**" Revelation 3:21.

Christ is "set on the right hand of the **throne of the Majesty** in the heavens." Hebrews 8:1

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down **on the right hand of God...**" Hebrew 10:12.

Jesus "...is set down **at the right hand of the throne of God.**" Hebrews 12:2.

"The *Son of God* shared **the Father's throne**, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both." Patriarchs and Prophets 35-36. (Prior to the incarnation and after it)

"I saw **a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son.** I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, 'If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.'" Early Writings 54.

Extra texts: Col 3:1. 1 Peter 3:22. Mark 16:19.

The oneness between the Father and the Son

"I and my Father **are one.**" John 10:30.

"That they all may be one as **thou Father art in me, and I in thee...**" John 17:21.

"**Perfect oneness**--a union as close as the union existing between the Father and the Son--this is what will give success to the efforts of God's workers." Reflecting Christ 200.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**" John 1:1. (The same nature, deity)

"**Christ is one with the Father**, but Christ and God are **two distinct personages**... the unity that is to exist between Christ and His followers does not destroy the personality of either. They are to be one with Him **as He is one with the Father.**" R&H June 1. 1905. 5BC 1148.

"The **love existing between the Father and His Son** cannot be portrayed. It is **measureless.**" 16 Manuscript Release. 337.

"From eternity there was a **complete unity** between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet **little short of being identical**; two in individuality, yet **one in spirit, and heart, and character.**" Youth's Instructor. Dec 16. 1897.

"No man **knoweth** the Son, but the Father; neither **knoweth** any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." Matthew 11:27.

“God could not express greater love than He has expressed in giving **the Son of His bosom** to this world.” Lift Him Up 232. (Father and Son are so close)

“The Saviour trod the winepress alone, and of all the people there was none with him. And **yet he was not alone**. He had said, ‘I and my Father **are one**.’ God suffered with his Son.” 3 Spirit of Prophecy 100.

“It is essential that he (the human agent) hold as vital a relation with God **as does the Son to the Father**.” Letter 43. 1895. 7BC 943.

After Lucifer’s fall, “The **only begotten Son of God** swept back the hellish shadow in which Satan has enveloped the Father and declares, ‘I and My Father are one; **look on Me and behold God**.’” ST May 1. 1901.

The Son enters the councils of the Father

“Christ the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father -- one in nature, in character, and in purpose -- **the only being in all the universe** that could **enter into all the counsels** and purposes of God.” Great Controversy 88 493.

“To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been **made equal** with the Father. All **the counsels of God are opened to His Son**.” 8 Testimonies 268.

“Having **stood in the counsels of God**, having dwelt in the everlasting heights of the sanctuary, all elements of truth were in Him, and of Him; for He was one with God.” R & H Dec 1891.

“Even the **angels were not permitted** to share the counsels between the Father and the Son when the plan of salvation was laid.” MH 430. This was Lucifer’s objection, as he was not permitted to enter these councils.

The Son is subject to His Father

“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I **seek not mine own will**, but the will of the Father which hath set me.” John 5:30.

“O My father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless **not as I will**, but as thou wilt.” Matthew 26:39.

“... the **head of Christ** is God.” 1 Corinthians 11:3.

“Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out **His will and His purposes** but would do nothing of Himself alone. **The Father’s will** would be fulfilled in Him.” Lift Him Up 18.

“The Son of God **was next in authority to the great Lawgiver**.” R&H Dec 17. 1872.

“Before He came to earth, the plan lay out before Him, perfect in all its details. But as He walked among men, He **was guided, step by step, by the Father’s will**. He did not hesitate to act at the appointed time. With the same submission He **waited** until the time had come.” DA 147.

“But the Son of God was surrendered to **the Father's will**, and dependent upon His power. So utterly was Christ emptied of self that **He made no plans for Himself**. He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day **the Father unfolded His plans**.” DA 208.

“The one law of His life was **the Father's will**.” A 486.

“In His heart was the peace of **perfect oneness** with the Father's will, and with eager steps He pressed on toward the place of sacrifice.” DA 547.

“The Son of God had wrought **the Father's will** in the creation of all the hosts of heaven... Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would **not seek power or exaltation for Himself** contrary to God's plan.” PP 36.

God's Son the Prince of heaven

“And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, the **great prince** which standeth for the children of thy people...” Daniel 12:1.

“...**Michael your Prince**.” 10:21. 10:13.

“**God's own Son, the Prince of Heaven**, by His example teaches that we should obey.” Story of Jesus 17.

“The monarch (Persian king) had resisted the impressions of the Spirit of God during the three weeks while Daniel was fasting and praying, but **heaven's Prince, the Archangel, Michael**, was sent to turn the heart of the stubborn king to take some decided action to answer the prayer of Daniel.” Reflecting Christ 90.

“Though He was **the Prince of heaven**, He lived and suffered and died under the abuse and scorn of fallen men; and this that He might prepare for the human family mansions in the heavenly courts.” This Day with God 168.

“There is before us the **Prince of heaven, the Son of God**. He laid aside the royal crown and the princely robe and came to take His position in our world as a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief.” Ms 156. July 22.1907. Upward Look 217.

“The **Prince of heaven, the Commander of the heavenly hosts**, stepped down from His high position, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity.” TDG 373.

“As you stand before the cross, and see **the royal Prince of heaven dying** for you, can you seal your heart, saying, ‘No; I have nothing to give?’” AUCR. Apr 1.1901.

“Think of what **the Prince of heaven** did to manifest His love for the Father and for us. He **resigned His position as Commander** in the heavenly courts, and clothed His divinity with humanity... Those who receive Him are **adopted into the royal family as sons and daughters of God**. They are made heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, to an immortal inheritance.” R&H. Nov 29. 1900.

“The **Prince of heaven**, he who was **one with the Father in the creation of the world**, came to our world to labor for the salvation of men.” R&H. Apr 8. 1909.

The Father's life flows thru His Son to all

"All things **Christ received from God**, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: **through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns**, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to **the great Source of all**. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life." Desire of Ages 20.21.

The Father and Son make solemn covenant

"That which in the counsels of heaven **the Father and the Son** deemed essential for man's salvation is clearly presented in the Holy Scriptures." Christian Temperance 438.

"Before the fall of man, the **Son of God had united with His Father** in laying the plan of salvation." R&H. Sep 13. 1906.

"Before the foundations of the earth were laid, **the Father and the Son** had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race." DA 834.

"The plan of redemption was arranged in the counsels between **the Father and the Son**. Then Christ pledged Himself to render an account for man if he proved disloyal." In Heavenly Places 12.

"Even the angels were not permitted to share the counsels between **the Father and the Son** when the plan of salvation was laid." PP 69.

"Before the foundations of the world were laid, **the only begotten of God pledged Himself** to become the Redeemer of the human race. He who was partaker of the Father's glory before the world was, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown..." 1 SM 226. 1905.

"In the plan to save a lost world, the counsel **was between them both**: the covenant of peace was between **the Father and the Son**.... The only-begotten Son, in whom the Father delighted, was given for the ransom of a fallen race." Signs. Dec 23. 1897.

"An irrevocable covenant was made between **the Father and the Son**." Signs of the Times. Aug 22. 1900.

"At what infinite cost to **the Father and to the Son** was the merciful, wondrous provision made for our redemption." Signs. Aug 12 1908.

"**The Father and the Son** in consultation decided that Christ must come to the world as a babe, and live the life that human beings must live from childhood to manhood, bearing the trials that they must bear, and at the same time living a sinless life." Reflecting Christ 16.

"And the counsel of peace shall be between **them both**." The love of **the Father**, no less than of **the Son**, is the fountain of salvation for the lost race." GC88 416.

"**God became one with man when, in the council between the Father and the Son in heaven** it was determined that if man fell from his allegiance, the Son of God should be his Redeemer and restore in him the moral image of God." 1888 Materials. 869.

"In the Psalms, in the prophets, in the gospels, and in the epistles, God has by revelation made prominent the vital truths concerning the **agreement between the Father and the Son** in providing for the salvation of a lost race." R&H. Sep 24. 1908.

Redemption “was to vindicate the character of God before the universe... it would **justify God and His Son** in their dealing with the rebellion of Satan.” PP68.69.

This is very different from the Adventist understanding as shown below.

“A plan of salvation was encompassed in **the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead**, who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, **one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son**. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation” (Gordon Jenson, Adventist Review, 31 October 1996, p. 12 – Jenson was at the time president of Spicer Memorial College of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, India).

“The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit **gave Themselves to the working out of the plan of redemption**. In order fully to carry out this plan, it was decided that Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, should give Himself an offering for sin.” Counsels on Health. 223.

The above statement appears to say that the Holy Spirit was part of the council that planned redemption, but this is not what the prophet is saying. The Holy Spirit is part of the “working out” of the plan of redemption that had been made by the Father and the Son. The Spirit was not a third being formulating it with the Father and the Son.

The Father and Son create the universe

“**God**... hath spoken unto us by **His Son**... **by whom** also made the worlds.” Hebrews 1:1.2.

“He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not.” John 1:10.

“For by him (Christ) were **all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or power; **all things were created by him**, and for him.” Colossians 1:16.

“The **Sovereign of the universe** was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had **an associate** – a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy.” PP 34-34.

“The **Son of God** had wrought **the Father’s** will in creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God their homage and allegiance were due.” PP 35-36.

“The **Father** wrought by **His Son** in the creation of all heavenly beings.” PP34.

The Son upholds all Things

“And he (Christ v15.16) is before all things, and by him all things consist.” Colossians 1:17.

“**The Son**, the anointed of God, the ‘express image of his person’, ‘the brightness of his glory’, ‘upholding all things by the word of his power’, holds supremacy over them all.” (Hebrews 1:3). Lift Him Up 50.

“Nature testifies of an intelligence, a presence, an active energy, that works in and through her laws. There is in nature the continual working of **the Father and the Son**. Christ says, ‘My Father worketh hitherto, and I work’.” Christian Education 194. PP 114.5.

Lucifer, a created angel

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth... thou wast upon the holy mountain of God... Thou **wast perfect** in thy ways from the day that **thou wast created**, till iniquity was found in thee.” Ezekiel 28:14.15.

“Lucifer... before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, **next in honor to God's dear Son**. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness... His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. A special light beamed in his countenance and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Christ, **God's dear Son**, had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created.” FLB 67.

“Lucifer . . . , before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God's dear Son. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing a powerful intellect. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. A special light beamed in his countenance and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Christ, God's dear Son, had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created...” FLB 67.

“Evil originated with Lucifer, who rebelled against the government of God. Before his fall he was a covering cherub, distinguished by his excellence. God made him **good and beautiful**, as **near as possible like Himself**.” Faith I Live By 66.

“It **was pride and ambition** that prompted Lucifer to complain of the government of God..” Conflict and Courage 108.

“Satan's position in heaven had been **next to the Son of God**. He was first among the angels.” 1SM 341. “Satan, the chief of the fallen angels, once had an exalted position in Heaven. He was **next in honor to Christ**.” R&H. 24 Feb. 1874.

“Sin originated with him, who, **next to Christ**, had been most honored of God, and who stood highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of Heaven. Before his fall, Lucifer was **first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled**. ‘Thus saith the Lord God: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering.’ ‘Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth.....’ GC88 493.

“Thine **heart was lifted up** because of **thy beauty**, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness...” Ezekiel 28:17. “Every precious stone was thy covering...” 28:13.

Plans of the Father and the Son

“Before the fall of Satan, **the Father consulted His Son** in regard to the formation of man. They purposed to make this world... and to make man in the image of God...”

“When Satan (Lucifer) **learned the purpose of God, he was envious at Christ**, and jealous because the Father had **not consulted him** in regard to the creation of man.” 3 Spiritual Gifts 36.

Lucifer's rebellion over God's begotten Son

"Sin originated with him who, **next to Christ**, had been most honored of God and was **highest in power and glory** among the inhabitants of heaven." Patriarchs & Prophets 35.

"Thou hast said in thine heart... **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God... **I will be like the most High**." Isaiah 14:13,14. "Thou hast **set thine heart** as the heart of God." Ezekiel 28:6.

"**God's dear Son, had the preeminence** over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created. **Lucifer was envious** of Christ, and **gradually assumed command** which devolved on Christ alone." LHU 18.

Lucifer "coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels **aspired to power** that was the prerogative of Christ alone." PP35.

"Lucifer allowed his **jealousy of Christ** to prevail and became the more determine." Patriarchs & Prophets 35-36.

"To **dispute the supremacy of the Son of God**, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master mind, which, **next to Christ's**, was first among the hosts of heaven." PP35-36.

"He promised them a new and better government than they then had, in which all would be freedom. Great numbers signified their purpose to accept him as their leader and chief commander. As he saw his advances were met with success, he flattered himself that he should yet have all the angels on his side, and that **he would be equal with God Himself**, and his voice of authority would be heard in commanding the entire host of heaven. Again the loyal angels warned him, and assured him what must be the consequences if he persisted; that He who could create the angels could by His power overturn all their authority and in some signal manner punish their audacity and terrible rebellion. To think that an angel should resist the law of God which was as sacred as Himself! They warned the rebellious to close their ears to Lucifer's deceptive reasonings, and advised him and all who had been affected by him to go to God and confess their wrong for even admitting a thought of questioning His authority." SR 16.

"He (Lucifer) **desired the place occupied by Christ**, having it in his mind, that if he gained this position, to make an effort to take the place of God." MS 37. May 1903. UL 135.

The Father meets with all the angels

"The **King of the universe** summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth **the true position of the Son**." Patriarchs & Prophets 35-36.

"Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven **the King declared that none but Christ, the only begotten of God**, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will." PP 35-36.

"Angels delighted to execute his (Lucifer's) commands, and He was clothed with wisdom and glory above them all. Yet **the Son of God** was the **acknowledged sovereign of Heaven**, one in power and authority with the Father." GC88 495.

"The exaltation of the **Son of God as equal with the Father** was represented as an injustice to Lucifer, who, it was claimed, was also entitled to reverence and honor... There had been

no change in the position or authority of Christ. Lucifer's envy and misrepresentation... and his claims of equality with Christ had made necessary a statement of **the true position of the Son of God**; but **this had been from the beginning.**" PP 37.38.

The Rebellion of Lucifer Continues

"Before he fell, Satan wanted **Christ's position**. Because he could not have it, he became desperate, rebelled, and was cast out of heaven. Because he was restrained from carrying out his plans, he decided that he would be his own god." 19 Manuscript Release 395.

"Notwithstanding the infinite power and majesty of God and Christ, angels became disaffected. The insinuations of Satan took effect, and they really came to believe that **the Father and the Son** were their enemies, and that Satan was their benefactor." 3 T 328.

"Satan... began his **work of rebellion** with the angels under his command, seeking to diffuse among them the spirit of discontent. And he worked in **so deceptive** a way that many of the angels were won to his allegiance before his purposes were fully known." R&H Jan. 28. 1909.

"Loyal angels warned against this rebellion. Many were disposed to heed this counsel, to repent of their disaffection, and seek to be agents in favour with **the Father and His Son...**" Patriarchs and Prophets 40-41.

The Father's Decision

"Lucifer had been the highest of all created beings and had been foremost in revealing God's purposes to the universe. After he sinned, his power to deceive was the more deceptive, and the unveiling of his character more difficult, because of the exalted position he had held with **the Father.**" Desire of Ages 759.

"**The Father** decides the case of Satan, and declares that he must be turned out of Heaven for his daring rebellion, and that all those who united with him in his rebellion, should be turned out with him." 3 Spiritual Gifts 38.

"**Christ, as Commander of heaven**, was appointed to put down the rebellion." R & H May 30 1889.

War in Heaven

Satan "declared that he was prepared to resist the **authority of Christ**, and to defend his place in Heaven by force of might, strength against strength." 1 Spirit of Prophecy 22.

"And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven." Revelation 12:7.

"**Michael and His angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven." Revelation 12:8.

"Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to **conquer the Son of God** and those who were submissive to His will." 1 Spiritual Gifts 18.

“The **Son of God, the Prince of heaven**, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the archrebel and those who united with him. The **Son of God** and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven.” LHU 19.

“Lucifer, who, because he was determined to have his own way and **be above Christ**, was cast out of heaven.” R & H. Dec 22. 1910.

“**Christ and his angels** fought against Satan and his angels, for they were determined to remain in Heaven with all their rebellion. But they prevailed not.” 3 Spiritual Gifts 38.

Lucifer cast out of Heaven

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:9. (This verse applies more so to when Satan was cast out as earth’s representative at the death of Christ. At his initial rebellion, he was not cast into the earth as it had not yet been created, but after the cross, he was no longer permitted to enter heaven as our representative. Christ took that place and is now our Representative)

“The **Son of God, the Prince of heaven**, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the archrebel and those who united with him. The **Son of God** and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven... Not a taint of rebellion was left in heaven. All was again peaceful and harmonious as before.” Lift Him Up 19.

“Satan in his rebellion took a third part of the angels. They turned from **the Father and from His Son**, and united with the instigator of rebellion.” 3 Testimonies 114.

The Father and the Son create this Earth

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1.

“Angels in heaven mourned the fate for those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. **The Father consulted His Son** in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth.” Story of Redemption 19.

“**The Father and the Son** engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of creating the world. The earth came forth from the hand of the Creator exceedingly beautiful.” Signs of the Times. Jan 9. 1879.

The Father and the Son create man

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...” Genesis 1:26.

“After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, **the Father and Son** carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. Life Him Up 47.

“The glory of God is to be revealed in **the creation of man** in God's image and in his redemption. One soul is of more value than a world... The **Lord Jesus Christ is the author of our being**, and He is also the author of our redemption, and everyone who will enter the kingdom of God will develop a character that is the counterpart of the character of God.” AG 248.

The Father and the Son rest after creation

“And on the seventh day God... rested on the seventh day...” Genesis 2:1-3.

“In the beginning **the Father and the Son** had rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation.” Desire of Ages 769.2

Adam and Eve in the Garden

“Very happy were the holy pair in Eden. Unlimited control was given them over every living thing... Adam and Eve were charmed with the beauties of their Eden home. They raised their voices in harmonious songs of love, **praise and adoration to the Father and His dear Son** for the tokens of love which surrounded them.” Story of Redemption 22.

“The happy birds flitted about them without fear; and as their glad songs ascended to the praise of their Creator, Adam and Eve united with them in **thanksgiving to the Father and the Son.**” This Day with God 23.

Satan determines to seduce Adam and Eve

“When through his rebellion he was cast out of heaven, he determined to make man his victim, and the earth his kingdom. He **cast the blame of his rebellion upon Christ**, and in determined hatred of God, sought to wound Him through the fall of man.” Bible Echo Nov 1. 1892.

“If he should come boldly upon Adam and Eve and make complaints of God’s own Son they would not listen to him for a moment, but would be prepared for such an attack... He decided that **cunning and deceit** would do what might, or force, could not.” Signs. Jan 10. 1879. Story of Redemption 28.29.

Adam and Eve warned against the evil plot

“Two angels sped on their way to visit our first parents... They told them that the **most exalted angel, next in order to Christ**, refused obedience to the law of God...that this rebellion had caused war in heaven... and that this fallen foe was now an **enemy** to all the concerned the interest of **God and His dear Son...**” Story of Redemption 30.31.

“The angels unite with Adam and Eve in holy strains... Satan heard the sound of their strains of joyful **adoration to the Father and Son...**And his envy, hatred and malignity increased.” SR 30.

Angels Wait and Watch

“How anxiously they (the holy angels) waited to see if the holy pair would be deluded by the tempter, and yield to his arts! They asked themselves, Will the holy pair **transfer their faith and love from the Father and the Son** to Satan?” 1 Bible Commentary 1083.

Eve falls for Satan's trap, then Adam

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food... she did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Genesis 3:6.

"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." 1 Timothy 2:14.

"**Satan was determined to succeed** in his temptation of the sinless Adam and Eve. And he could reach even this holy pair more successfully through the medium of appetite than in any other way. The fruit of the forbidden tree seemed pleasant to the eye and desirable to the taste. **They ate and fell.** They transgressed God's just command and became sinners. **Satan's triumph was complete.** He then had the vantage ground over the race. He flattered himself that, through his subtlety, he had thwarted the purpose of God in the creation of man." Confrontation 15.

"The **Son of God, heaven's glorious Commander** was touched with pity for the fallen race." Patriarchs and Prophets 63.

"By sin, **earth was cut off from heaven**, and alienated from its communion..." DA 113.

"The transgression of man had **separated earth from heaven**, and finite man from the infinite God. As **an island** is separated from a continent, so earth was cut off from heaven, and **a wide channel intervened** between man and God." R&H. Nov 11. 1890.

God's Son pleads for Adam and Eve

The Father suffers to give His Son

"Sorrow filled heaven as it was realized that man was lost... The whole family of Adam must die.

I then saw the lovely Jesus and beheld an expression of sympathy and sorrow upon His countenance. Soon I saw Him approach the exceeding bright **light which enshrouded the Father.** Said my accompanying angel, 'He is in close converse with His Father.' The anxiety of the angels seemed to be intense while Jesus was communing with **His Father.**

Three times He was shut in by the **glorious light about the Father**, and the third time He came from **the Father** we could see His person. His countenance was calm, free from all perplexity...

He then made known to the angelic choir that a way of escape had been made for lost man; that He had been pleading with **His Father**, and had obtained permission to give His own life as a ransom for the race, to bear their sins, and take the sentence of death upon Himself..." Early Writings 149.

"Before **the Father He (God's Son)** pleaded in the sinner's behalf... Long continue was that mysterious communing – 'the counsel of peace' for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth... yet it was a struggle even with **the Father** to yield up **His Son** to die for the guilty race." PP63.

"Said the angel, "Think ye that **the Father** yielded up **His dearly beloved Son** without a struggle? No, no." It was even a struggle with the God of heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give **His darling Son** to die for them." EW 127.

“As the angels beheld the overmastering anguish of the Son of God, the words were spoken, ‘The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent.’ **Father and Son** have clasped their hands, and are mutually pledged to fulfil the terms of the everlasting covenant, to give fallen man another chance.” 12 Manuscript Release 408.

“He that **spared not his own Son**, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” **Romans 8:32**.

Giving His Son was an Eternal Risk

“Look upon the wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet. Remember that Christ risked all. For our redemption, **heaven itself was imperilled.**” Christ’s Object Lessons 196.

“The issues at stake were beyond the comprehension of men... In His conflict with the prince of darkness in this atom of a world, Christ had to **meet the whole confederacy of evil, the united forces of the adversary of God** and man; but at every point He met the tempter, and put him to flight. Christ was conqueror over the powers of darkness, and took **the infinite risk** of consenting to war with the enemy, that He might conquer him in our behalf.” Signs of the Times. Jan 5. 1915.

“God permitted His Son to come, a helpless babe, subject to the weakness of humanity. He permitted Him to meet life’s peril in common with every human soul, to fight the battle as every child of humanity must fight it, at **the risk of failure and eternal loss.**” DA 49.

“To meet a bitterer conflict and a **more fearful risk**, God gave His only-begotten Son, that the path of life might be made sure for our little ones.” DA 49.

Adam and Eve are told of the plan

“Adam and Eve were told that **the Son of God** had offered to atone, with His own life, for their transgression.” PP 66

“When Adam and Eve realized how exalted and sacred... they pleaded to die themselves... rather than that **the beloved Son of God** should make this great sacrifice.” Story of Redemption 47.

“Adam was informed that an angel’s life could not pay the debt... But **the Son of God**, who had in unison with the Father created man, could make an atonement for man acceptable to God, by giving His life a sacrifice and **bearing the wrath of His Father.**” SR 46.

“Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin – sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate **the Father and the Son.**” PP 63.

“When he (Satan) tempted and overcame Adam and Eve, he thought he had gained possession of this world... But God gave **His own dear Son – one equal with Himself** – to **bear the penalty of transgression...**” PP 69.70.

“He was to stand between the sinner and the penalty of sin; yet **few would receive Him as the Son of God.**” PP 63.64.

Satan rejoices in evil

“When the plan of salvation was revealed, Satan rejoiced with his angels that he could, by causing man's fall, pull down the Son of God from his exalted position. He told his angels that when Jesus should take fallen man's nature, he could overpower him, and hinder the accomplishment of the plan.” ST. January 30. 1879.

Other Worlds support Father and Son

“Every world throughout immensity engages the care and support of **the Father and the Son**; and this care is constantly exercised for fallen humanity.” MYP 254.

God's Son is the only Mediator

“For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all.” GC 261. 1 Timothy 2:5.

“The life-giving doctrine of the **one Mediator between God and man** has been freely taught.” Mar 193.

“Why Only One Mediator. **Jesus alone** could give security to God; for He was equal to God. **He alone could be a mediator** between God and man; for He possessed divinity and humanity.” RH Apr 3, 1894. 7BC 914.

“The intervention of Moses in behalf of Israel illustrates the **mediation of Christ** for sinful men.” PP 26.27.

“**Christ is** today standing as **our Advocate before the Father**. He is the **one Mediator between God and man**. Bearing the marks of His crucifixion, He pleads the causes of our souls.” Letter 35, 1894.

“We have a great High Priest to whom we may come boldly; we have **a Mediator in the heavens**.” R&H. May 7. 1889.

“After the Fall Christ became **Adam's instructor**. He acted in God's stead toward humanity, saving the race from immediate death. He took upon Him **the office of Mediator**. Adam and Eve were given a probation in which to return to their allegiance, and in this plan all their posterity were embraced.” 9 MR 237.

“Go to **Jesus** as He has invited you. There is but **one Mediator, one Intercessor**, who can help wisely and not make one indiscreet move. I point you to the ‘Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’ In Him is all-sufficiency. Tell Him your failings, and receive instruction from His words.” 14 MR 196.

God's Son is the only Intercessor

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25.

“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who also **maketh intercession for us**.” Romans 8:34.

“... **the Spirit itself maketh intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26.

“The work of Christ in the sanctuary above, presenting His own blood each moment before the mercy seat, as He makes intercession for us, should have its full impression upon the heart, that we may realize the worth of each moment. **Jesus ever liveth to make intercession for us...**” Counsels to SS Teachers 85.86. CSW 111.

“When tempted, just say, He cares for me, **He makes intercession for me**, He loves me, He has died for me. I will give myself unreservedly to Him.” LHU 184.

God's Son is the only Advocate

“... And if any man sin we have an **Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous.” 1 John 2:1.

“In obedience to Christ's command, they waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father-- the outpouring of the Spirit... They knew that they had **a Representative in heaven, an Advocate at the throne of God...** Higher and still higher they extended the hand of faith, with the mighty argument, “It is **Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession for us.**” Rom 8:34. AA 35.

“We endeavor to tell of this love, and language fails us. We consider His life on earth, His sacrifice for us, **His work in heaven as our Advocate**, and the mansions He is preparing for those who love Him.” AA 333.

God's Son the means of Communication

“Since the sin of our first parents, there has been **no direct communication between God and man...** **All the communion** between heaven and the fallen race has been **through Christ**. It was the Son of God that gave to our first parents the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs... It was He who gave the law to Israel.” AG 43.

“As Jehovah, the **supreme ruler**, God would **not personally communicate with sinful men**, but He so loved the world that He sent Jesus to our world as a revelation of Himself.” 9 MR 122.

“The **Father has given the world into the hands of Christ**, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God.” PP366.

“**All the communication** between heaven and the fallen race has been **through Christ.**” PP366.

“It was **Christ that spoke to His people through the prophets...** the Spirit of Christ (1 Peter 1:10.11)... It is the voice of Christ that speaks to us through the Old Testament.” PP 366.7.

The ladder shown to Jacob “represented Jesus, the **appointed** mediator.” PP 184.5.

“In all the **revelations** of the divine presence the glory of God was **manifested through Christ.**” PP 365.6.

God gives a promise to send His Son

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between her seed and thy seed; **it shalt bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**" Genesis 3:15.

"This sentence, uttered in the hearing of our first parents, was to **them a promise**.... Adam and Eve stood as criminals before the righteous Judge, awaiting the sentence which transgression had incurred; but before they heard of the life of toil and sorrow which must be their portion, or of the decree that they must return to dust, they listened to words that could not fail to **give them hope.**" PP 65.

"The sentence pronounced on Satan... was to our first parents **a promise of the redemption** to be wrought out through Christ." AA 222.

"But man was not abandoned to the results of the evil he had chosen. In the sentence pronounced upon Satan was given **an intimation of redemption**... All that had been lost by yielding to Satan could be regained through Christ." Ed 27.

"The **incarnation of Christ is a mystery**... It was kept in eternal silence by Jehovah, and was **first revealed in Eden**, by the prophecy that the Seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, and that he should bruise His heel." 6BC 1082.

"If Satan could have touched the Head with his specious temptations, the human family would be lost; but the Lord had made known **the purpose and plan of the mystery of grace**, declaring that **Christ should bruise the serpent** under his feet." BEcho. Jul 15. 1893.

Christ gives the sacrificial System

"**Christ, in counsel with His Father** instituted the system of sacrificial offerings..." Signs. Mar 14. 1878.

"**Christ was the foundation** and center of the **sacrificial system** in both the patriarchal and the Jewish age." AG 43.

"**Christ** was the foundation of **the whole system of Jewish worship**, and in it was shadowed forth the living reality,--the manifestation of God in Christ. Through the sacrificial system men could see Christ's personality and look forward to their divine Saviour." R&H. Apr 23. 1895.

"In the sacrificial system the truth of the atonement was to be impressed upon the world, **that all might know that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins**. Many have wondered why it was that God appointed so many sacrifices in the old dispensation; but it was to teach the world in ever-bleeding sacrifices concerning Christ, the victim of man's transgressions. The offering for sin was a most solemn, sacred offering, and was placed upon the altar with impressive ceremony, and every detail was explained by the priest to the people, that **they might understand that the Son of God was to be made an offering for their sins**. This is the central truth of the plan of salvation, and it should be often repeated in the hearing of both believers and unbelievers." ST. Aug 28. 1893.

"Christ's sacrifice is the glorious **fulfilment of the whole Jewish economy**. The Sun of Righteousness has risen. Christ our righteousness is shining in brightness upon us." 7BC 932.

God sends His Son to fulfil the covenant

After the fall of Adam and Eve, "With intense interest the unfallen worlds had watched to see Jehovah arise, and sweep away the inhabitants of the earth. . . . But instead of destroying the world, **God sent His Son** to save it. . . . At the very crisis, when Satan seemed about to triumph, **the Son of God came** with the embassy of divine grace." God's Amazing Grace 11.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and **sent his Son** to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10.

"The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave His only begotten Son, tore from His bosom Him who was made in the express image of His person, and **sent Him down to earth** to reveal how greatly He loved mankind." R&H. Jul 9. 1895.

"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.

"And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son** to be the Saviour of the world." 1 John 4:14.

"**God sent His Son** into our world to break the power of Satan, and to emancipate the will of man." Our High Calling 104.

"**God sent His Son** into the world, His divinity clothed with humanity, that man might bear the image of the invisible God. He made known in His words, His character, His power and majesty, the nature and attributes of God. Divinity flashed through humanity in softening, subduing light. He was the embodiment of the law of God, which is the transcript of His character." MS 77, 1899. 5BC 1131.

"The infinite God has been manifested in the **gift of His only begotten Son** to redeem the lost race. Christ came to the earth to reveal to men the character of His Father." PP 469.

"**God sent his Son** from the heavenly courts to a world seared and marred with the curse. In Christ was righteousness, peace, life -- every blessing necessary for man's happiness. But the world hated **the Son of the infinite God**. The world saw nothing attractive in him. The best gift of Heaven was slighted and spurned." R&H. Sep 20. 1881.

"**God sent his Son** to save it." Signs of the Times. Feb 5. 1894.

"**God sent His Son** into the world because He loved the world." 7 Manuscript Release. 79.

Jesus said, "And this is the Father's will which **hath sent me**... And this is the will of **him that sent me**, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life..." John 6:39.40.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which **hath sent me** draw him..." John 6:44.

"I am not come of myself, but he that **sent me** is true..." John 7:28.29.

"I go unto **him that sent me**." John 7:33.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, **whom thou hast sent**." John 17:3.

"But when the fullness of the time was come, **God sent forth** his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Galatians 4:4.

Also see Mark 9:37. Luke 4:18. 9:48. 10:16. John 1:33. 4:34. 5:24.30.36.37.38.39.40.44.57. 7:16.28.29.33. 8:16.18.26.29.42. 9:4. 11:42. 12:44.45.49. 13:20. 14:24. 15:21. 16:5. 17:18.21.23.25. 20:31.

A Marvel of the Universe

“... it was a marvel with all heaven, that **the Father suffered the Son of his bosom** to lay aside His glory, and come down to earth, and submit to humiliation, and the agonizing death of the cross to save fallen man.” 4a Spiritual Gifts 119.

“Christ’s death had answered the question whether the Father and the Son had **sufficient love** for man to exercise **self-denial and a spirit of sacrifice.**” PP 70.

A Son in a new sense

“In His incarnation He gained in **a new sense the title of the Son of God...** While a human being, He became the Son of God in **a new sense.**” 1 SM 226. ST Aug 2. 1905.

God’s Son leaves Heaven

“Even before He took humanity upon Him, He saw the whole length of the path He must travel in order to save that which was lost. Every pang that rent His heart, every insult that was heaped upon His head, every privation that He was called to endure, was open to His view before **He laid aside His crown and royal robe**, and stepped down from the throne, **to clothe His divinity with humanity.** The path from the manger to Calvary was all before His eyes. He knew the anguish that would come upon Him. He knew it all, and yet He said, ‘Lo I come...’” DA 410.

“Christ, at **an infinite cost, by a painful process**, mysterious to angels as well as to men, assumed humanity. Hiding His divinity, laying aside His glory, He was born a babe in Bethlehem.” MS 29, 1899. 7BC 915.

“Here we behold what the angels contemplate with wonder -- the **Son of God**, as He **humbled Himself to become our substitute** and surety, to cope single-handed with the powers of darkness, and to gain the victory in our behalf.” FE 85.

“Christ took humanity to stand here in our world, to **show that Satan had lied.**” FW 71.

“Christ took upon Himself humanity for us. He clothed His divinity, and **divinity and humanity were combined.**” FW 71.

“He took humanity upon Him, but He **did not leave His divinity...**” 2SAT 126.

“He **laid aside His royal robes, clothed His divinity with humanity**, stepped down from the royal throne, that He might reach the very depth of human woe and temptation, lift up our fallen natures, and make it possible for us to be overcomers, the sons of God, the heirs of the eternal kingdom.” FE 127.

“The **Son of God stepped down from His heavenly throne**, laid off His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity. He came to die for us, to lie in the tomb as human beings must, and to be raised for our justification.” IHP 13.

“Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity through His infinite sacrifice might become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.” 9 Testimonies 68. (1909)

The patriarchs knew the Son of God

“In the garden in their innocence, *Adam and Eve* united... in thanksgiving to **the Father and the Son.**” PP 50.51.

“It was the **Son of God** that gave to **our first parents** the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. **Adam** . . . understood the gospel...”. FLB 47.

“Abel defends the justice... of God... and urged that *God* loved them (his parents) or He would not have given **His Son**, innocent and holy, to suffer the penalty which they had incurred.” PP74.

“It was the **Spirit of Christ** that spoke through **Enoch.**” PP 86.87.

“Two of the heavenly messengers departed, leaving **Abraham** alone with Him whom He now knew to be the **Son of God.**” PP 139.140.

“It had been difficult even for the angels to grasp the mystery of redemption – to comprehend that the Commander of heaven, the **Son of God**, must die for guilty man. When the command was given to **Abraham to offer up his son...** light was shed upon the mystery of redemption, and even **the angels understood** more clearly the wonderful provision that God had made for man’s sins.” PP155.

“When his assailant placed his finger upon **Jacob’s** thigh... he discerned the character of his antagonist... It was **Christ.**” Conflict and Courage 196.

“Jacob talked with Christ and angels.” R&H. Mar 2. 1886. “...he wrestled with the **Son of God** all night...” ST. Aug 14. 1884.

“Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and all the patriarchs and prophets, **heard the gospel through Christ; they saw** the salvation of the race through the substitute and surety, **Jesus,** the world’s Redeemer.” R&H Mar 2. 1886.

“Moses held converse with **Jesus** face to face as one who speaketh with a friend.” R&H Mar 2.1886.

In bringing the dead to life – **Moses** -- was an evidence that Satan could not controvert, of the supremacy of **the Son of God.**” PP 478.9.

“Before He clothed His divinity with humanity and came to our world, the gospel message was given by Adam, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah. Abraham in Canaan and Lot in Sodom bore the message, and **from generation to generation faithful messengers proclaimed the Coming One.** The rites of the Jewish economy were instituted by Christ Himself.” COL 126.

“It was He (the Son of God) who **revealed Himself to the patriarchs...**It was He who gave the law to Israel. Amid the awful glory of Sinai, **Christ** declared in the hearing of all the people the ten precepts of **His Father’s law.** It was **He** who gave to Moses the law engraved upon the tables of stone...” AG 43.

“It was He (Christ) who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. **Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses** understood the gospel. They looked for salvation through man’s Substitute and Surety. These holy men of old held **communion with the Saviour** who was

to come to our world in human flesh; and some of them **talked with Christ** and heavenly angels face to face." PP 366.

"Lo I see four men loose... and the form of the fourth is like the **Son of God.**" Daniel 3:25.

God's Son arrives on this earth

"We marvel at the Saviour's sacrifice in **exchanging the throne of heaven for the manger**, and the companionship of adoring angels for the beasts of the stall." DA 48.5}

"Many among Christ's hearers who were dwellers at Jerusalem, and who were not ignorant of the plots of the rulers against Him, felt themselves drawn to Him by an irresistible power. The **conviction pressed upon them that He was the Son of God.**" DA 457.

"When Jesus came into the world, Satan's power was turned against Him. From the time when He appeared as a babe in Bethlehem, the **usurper worked to bring about His destruction.** In every possible way he sought to prevent Jesus from developing a perfect childhood, a faultless manhood, a holy ministry, and an unblemished sacrifice. But he was defeated..."

From the desert to Calvary, the storm of Satan's wrath beat upon Him, but the more mercilessly it fell, **the more firmly did the Son of God cling to the hand of His Father**, and press on in the bloodstained path." DA 759.

God's Son is baptised

"And Jesus when he was **baptised**, went **up straightway out of the water**, and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and light upon him. And lo a voice from heaven saying, '**This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:17.

"At the Saviour's baptism, Satan was among the witnesses. He saw **the Father's glory overshadowing His Son.**" DA 116.

"When Christ bowed on the banks of Jordan after His baptism and offered up prayer in behalf of humanity, the heavens were opened; and **the Spirit of God, like a dove of burnished gold, encircled the form of the Saviour**; and a voice came from heaven which said, 'This is **my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased'." CG 525.

"Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at His baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from **the Father to His Son**. But no! **direct from the Father issues the light of His glory.** The **heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God** and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold." R&H. Jan 21. 1873.

"He (John) heard the majestic voice resounding through heaven and echoing through the earth like peals of thunder. He saw the lightnings flash from the cloudless heavens, and heard the fearful words from Jehovah, "**This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased." **He saw the brightness of the Father's glory overshadowing the form of Jesus**, thus pointing out in that crowd the One whom He acknowledged as His Son with unmistakable assurance." Confrontation 29.

"And in answer to that prayer (of Jesus), the **light and glory of God flashed forth from His throne** and descended as a dove and rested upon Him." ST Feb 14. 1878.

“Of the vast throng at the Jordan, few except John discerned the heavenly vision. Yet the solemnity of the divine Presence rested upon the assembly. The people stood silently gazing upon Christ. **His form was bathed in the light that ever surrounds the throne of God.** His upturned face was glorified as they had never before seen the face of man. From the open heavens a voice was heard saying, “**This is My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.” DA 112.

The light that surrounded Jesus at His baptism, the light that ‘ever surrounds the throne of God’, is the Spirit of God. It was not a third Person coming down to meet Christ. It was God’s presence in Spirit.

God’s Son is tempted by the Devil

“And the devil said to him, **If thou be the Son of God**, command this stone that it be made bread.” Luke 4:3.

“When Satan and **the Son of God** first met in conflict, Christ was the commander of the heaven host; and Satan, the leader of revolt in heaven, was cast out. Now their condition is apparently reversed, and Satan makes the most of his supposed advantage...

Not without a struggle could Jesus listen in silence to the arch-deceiver. But **the Son of God** was not to prove His divinity to Satan, or to explain the reason of His humiliation... Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit... Though **he recognised Satan** from the beginning, He was not provoked to enter into controversy with him.” Desire of Ages 119.

“Satan well knew the position that Christ has held in heaven as **the Beloved of the Father**. That **the Son of God** should come to this earth as a man filled him with amazement and with apprehension.” Desire of Ages 115.

Satan brought Him to the temple and said, “**If thou be the Son of God**, cast thyself down from heaven...” Luke 4:9. “Christ was tempted to answer the ‘if’, but He refrained from the slightest acceptance of the doubt.” Desire of Ages 124.

Jesus agonises in the Garden of Gethsemane

“All heaven and the unfallen worlds had been witnesses to the controversy. With what intense interest did they follow the closing scenes of the conflict. They beheld the Saviour enter the garden of Gethsemane, His soul bowed down with the horror of a great darkness. They heard His bitter cry, “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me.” Matt. 26:39.

As **the Father’s presence was withdrawn**, they saw Him sorrowful with a bitterness of sorrow exceeding that of the last great struggle with death. The bloody sweat was forced from His pores, and fell in drops upon the ground. Thrice the prayer for deliverance was wrung from His lips. Heaven could no longer endure the sight, and a messenger of comfort was sent to **the Son of God.**” DA 759.

“In the Garden of Gethsemane Christ suffered in man’s stead, and the human nature of **the Son of God staggered under the**

terrible horror of the guilt of sin, until from His pale and quivering lips was forced the agonizing cry, ‘O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.’” AG 168.

“He must not exert His divine power to escape. As man He must suffer the **consequences of man’s sin.**” DA 686.

“As the Father’s presence was withdrawn, they (the disciples) saw Him (Jesus) sorrowful with **a bitterness of sorrow exceeding** that of the last **great strength of death.**” DA 759.

“The third time (Jesus prayed for release) He sought the place of prayer. A horror of great darkness overcame Him. He had **lost the presence of His Father.**” Story of Jesus 104. 1896.

“**As the Son of God** bowed in the attitude of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the agony of His spirit forced from His pores sweat like great drops of blood. It was here that the horror of great darkness surrounded Him. The sins of the world were upon Him. He was suffering in man’s stead as a transgressor of **His Father’s law**... The divine light of God was receding from His vision, and He was passing into the hands of the powers of darkness..... The wrath that would have fallen upon man was now falling upon Christ. It was here that the mysterious cup trembled in His hand.” AG 169.

“Could mortals view the amazement and sorrow of the angels as they watched in silent grief **the Father separate His beams of light, love and glory from His Son**, they would better visualise how offensive is sin in His sight.” ST. Aug 14. 1879.

Testimony of the Father before the cross

“The voice of God had been heard at the baptism of Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, and again at His transfiguration on the mount. Now at the close of His ministry it was heard for the third time... Now God again set His seal to the mission of **His Son**. He recognized the One whom Israel had rejected. “This voice came not because of Me,” said Jesus, “but for your sakes.” It was **the crowning evidence of His Messiahship**, the signal from the Father that Jesus had spoken the truth, and was **the Son of God.**” DA 625.

“As the voice was heard, a **light darted from the cloud, and encircled Christ**, as if the **arms of Infinite Power** were thrown about Him like a wall of fire. The people beheld this scene with terror and amazement. No one dared to speak. With silent lips and bated breath all stood with eyes fixed upon Jesus. The testimony of the Father having been given, the cloud lifted, and scattered in the heavens. For the time the visible communion between **the Father and the Son** was ended.” DA 625.

“With prophetic eye Christ traced the scenes to take place in His last great conflict. He knew that when He should exclaim, ‘It is finished’, all heaven would triumph. His ear caught the distant music and the shouts of victory in the heavenly courts. He knew that the knell of Satan’s empire would then be sounded, and **the name of Christ would be heralded from world to world throughout the universe.**” DA 679.

The Son of God faces an Illegal Trial

“The high priest said unto him, ‘I adjure thee by the living God, that thou **tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.**’ Jesus said unto him, ‘**Thou hast said**’...” Matthew 26:63.64.

“At last, Caiaphas, raising his right hand toward heaven, addressed Jesus in the form of a solemn oath: “I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou **be the Christ, the Son of God.**” DA 706.

“**Jesus said, ‘I am’.**”

“So perverted had the priesthood become that when Christ **declared Himself the Son of God**, Caiaphas, in pretended horror, rent his robe, and accused the Holy One of Israel of blasphemy.” 5BC 1104.

“While in the guardroom, awaiting His legal trial, He was not protected. The ignorant rabble had seen the cruelty with which He was treated before the council, and from this they took license to manifest all the satanic elements of their nature. Christ's very nobility and **godlike bearing** goaded them to madness. His meekness, His innocence, His majestic patience, filled them with hatred born of Satan. Mercy and justice were trampled upon. Never was criminal treated in so inhuman a manner as was **the Son of God.**” DA 710.

“Priests and rulers forgot the dignity of their office, and **abused the Son of God with foul epithets**. They taunted Him with His parentage. They declared that His presumption in proclaiming Himself the Messiah made Him deserving of the most ignominious death. The most dissolute men engaged in **infamous abuse of the Saviour.**” DA 715.

The Son of God is Crucified

“In the **sacrifice of God's only begotten Son** is demonstrated the awful glory of divine justice and holiness.” Home Missionary. Nov 1.1897.

“And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull... and **they crucified Him...**” Matthew 27:33.35.

“And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and **Jesus** in the midst.” John 19:17.18. Matt 27:33.35. “It was the **third hour** and **they crucified Him.**” Mark 15:25.

“And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him.... Then said Jesus, ‘**Father, forgive them;** they know not what they do.’” Luke 23:33.34.

“As soon as Jesus was nailed to the cross, it was lifted by strong men, and with great violence thrust into the place prepared for it. This caused the most intense **agony to the Son of God.**” DA 745.

“And the sun was darkened... (about the **sixth hour** until the **ninth hour** – Luk 23:44)... and when Jesus had cried **with a loud voice, he said, ‘Father,** into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” Luke 23:45.46.

“And at the **ninth hour** Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, eloi, lamasabachthani?... and Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.” Mark 15:34.37. “Jesus cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.” Matt 27:46-50.

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, ‘It is finished.’ There was a shriek, shrill and agonizing, **and the Son of God expired.** He died of a broken heart. When the spear was thrust into His side, there flowed forth blood and water. His heart was broken by His mental agony.” ST. Apr 14. 1898.

“When **Christ upon the cross cried out, ‘It is finished’** (John 19:30), and the veil of the temple was rent in twain, the Holy Watcher declared that the Jewish people had rejected Him who was the antitype of all their types, the substance of all their shadows. Israel was divorced from God.” DA 709.

“Suddenly the gloom lifted from the cross, and in clear, trumpetlike tones, that seemed to resound throughout creation, Jesus cried, ‘It is finished.’ **‘Father, into Thy hands I**

commend My spirit. ' A light encircled the cross, and the face of the Saviour shone with a glory like the sun. He then bowed His head upon His breast, and died." DA 756.

"Christ did not yield up His life till He had accomplished the work which He came to do, and with His parting breath He exclaimed, 'It is finished.' The battle had been won." DA 758.

"The voice that cried from the cross, 'It is finished', was heard among the dead. It pierced the walls of sepulchers, and summoned the sleepers to arise. Thus will it be when the voice of Christ shall be heard from heaven." DA 787.

"The cross of Calvary, while it declares the law immutable, proclaims to the universe that the wages of sin is death. In the Saviour's expiring cry, 'It is finished', the death knell of Satan was rung. The great controversy which had been so long in progress was then decided, and the final eradication of evil was made certain." FLB 361.

"The sun refused to look upon the awful scene. Jesus cried with a loud voice, which struck terror to the hearts of His murderers, 'It is finished'. Then the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom, the earth shook, and the rocks rent. Great darkness was upon the face of the earth." EW 177.

"**The blood of the innocent** had been shed for the guilty. By the life that He gave, man was ransomed from eternal death, and the doom of him who had the power of death was sealed." Reflecting Christ. 60.

"As He hung on the cross, He could say, "It is finished." The demands of justice were satisfied. The way to the throne of grace was opened for every sinner." ST. Jul 31. 1901.

"When upon the cross He cried out, 'It is finished', *He addressed the Father*. The compact had been fully carried out. Now He declares: Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption." DA 834.

"When Christ uttered the cry, "It is finished," he knew that the **battle was won.**" YI. Jun 21. 1900.

Both the Son and the Father Suffered

"The dark cloud of human transgression came between **the Father and the Son**. The interruption of the communion between God and His Son caused a condition of things in the heavenly courts which cannot be described by human language." Letter 139, 1898. 5BC 1108.

"The **Father suffered** with the Son." Signs. Nov 25. 1889.

"Christ was the Son of God, equal with the Father; and yet he was abused, ridiculed, scourged, and crucified. There are many who have thought that the Father had no part in the sufferings of the Son; but this is a mistake. The Father suffered with the Son." ST. Nov 25. 1889.

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Angels of Heaven Suffered

"The angels who witnessed the humiliation and soul **anguish of the Son of God** were not permitted to interpose..." PP 154.5.

"The despairing agony of the Son of God was so much greater than his physical pain, that the latter was hardly felt by him. The hosts of Heaven veiled their faces from the fearful sight. They heard his despairing cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" they saw the divine Sufferer die beneath the sins of the world." Present Truth. Feb 4. 1886.

The Son fulfils covenant with His Father

" 'It is finished'. When Christ spoke these words, He addressed His Father... It was the fulfilment of the covenant made between **the Father and the Son** before the foundation of the earth was laid...The compact was now being fully consummated." 5 Bible Commentary 1149.

"Christ bowed His head and died. The compact **between Father and Son** was fully consummated." YI. Jun 21. 1900.

"But when the Saviour yielded up His life, and with His expiring breath cried out, 'It is finished', then the fulfilment of the plan of redemption was assured. **The promise of salvation made to the sinful pair in Eden was ratified.** The kingdom of grace, which had before existed by the promise of God, was then established." AG 19.

Reaction of men and women at the cross

"Many who had scoffed and jeered at, and taunted the Son of God were terribly afraid that the shaking earth, the rent and trembling rocks would put an end to their own lives. They **hastened away** from the scene, **beating upon their breasts, stumbling, falling, in awful terror** lest the earth should open and swallow them up. The veil of the temple rent so mysteriously, changed the religious ideas of many of the Jewish priests, and a large company changed their faith." 5BC 1108.

"The Jewish rulers had carried out their purpose of putting the Son of God to death, but they **did not feel the sense of victory** that they had thought they would after silencing the voice of the great Teacher. Even in the hour of their apparent triumph they were **harassed with doubt** as to what would next take place.

They **dreaded a dead Christ** more, a great deal more, than a living Christ. They had a deep conviction that their revenge against Jesus for exposing their hypocrisy would not bring rest to their souls. They had heard the cry, "It is finished," "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." They had seen **the rocks rent**, and had **felt the mighty earthquake**, and they were restless and uneasy. The words spoken by Christ when he was under their cruel power recurred to their minds." YI. May 2. 1901.

His "triumphant cry, 'It is finished', which seemed to resound through the universe, his immediate death, the quaking of the earth and the shivering of the rocks, the opening of the graves and the rending of the vail of the temple. All these remarkable circumstances **pressed upon their minds** the overpowering evidence that **Jesus was the Son of God.**" 3SP 177.

"The Roman officers in charge were standing about the cross when Jesus cried out, 'It is finished', in a voice of startling power, and then instantly died with that cry of victory upon his lips. They had **never before witnessed a death** like that upon the cross. It was an unheard-of thing for one to die thus within six hours after crucifixion... such an **astonishing event that the Roman officers**, experienced in such scenes, **marveled greatly**; and the centurion who commanded the detachment of soldiers on duty there, immediately declared, **Truly this was the Son of God.**" 1 SP 169. Matthew 27:54.

“The shaking of the earth, the rending of the rocks, the darkness spread over the earth, and the loud, strong cry of Jesus, It is finished...The **disciples wondered at these singular manifestations; but their hopes were all crushed**. They were **afraid the Jews would seek to destroy them** also. Such hate manifested against the Son of God they thought would not end there. Lonely hours the disciples spent in sorrow, weeping over their disappointment. They expected that he would reign a temporal prince; but **their hopes died with Jesus**. They doubted in their sorrow and disappointment whether Jesus had not deceived them. His mother was humbled, and even her faith wavered in his being the Messiah.” 1SG 63.

“As the outer gloom settled about the Saviour, many voices exclaimed: The vengeance of heaven is upon Him. The bolts of

God's wrath are hurled at Him, because **He claimed to be the Son of God**. Many who believed on Him heard His despairing cry. **Hope left them**. If God had forsaken Jesus, in what could His followers trust?” DA 754.

“The sun refused to look upon the awful scene. Jesus cried with a loud voice, which struck terror to the hearts of His murderers, ‘It is finished’.” EW 177.

Satan's character fully revealed

“Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion were all planned by the fallen foe. His **hatred, carried out in the death of the Son of God**, placed Satan where his true **diabolical character** was revealed to all created intelligences that had not fallen through sin.” 5BC 1149.

“When Christ cried out, ‘It is finished’, all Heaven triumphed. The controversy between Christ and Satan in regard to the execution of the plan of salvation was ended. The **spirit of Satan** and his works had taken deep root in the affections of the children of men. For Satan to have come into power would have been death to the world. The **implacable hatred he felt toward the Son of God was revealed** in his manner of treating him while he was in the world.” 3SP 183.

“When Christ cried out, “It is finished,” the **unfallen worlds were made secure**. For them the battle was fought and the victory won. Henceforth **Satan had no place in the affections of the universe**.” R&H Mar 12. 1901.

“The devil saw that he had **overdone himself**. Christ by dying accomplished the death of Satan and brought immortality to light.” FW 73.

“Satan was **defeated**, and knew that his kingdom was **lost**.” DA 758.

The Father bows His head satisfied

“When Christ cried, ‘It is finished’, God's unseen hand rent the strong fabric composing the veil of the temple from top to bottom. The way into the holiest of all was made manifest. God bowed His head satisfied. Now His justice and mercy could blend. He could be just, and yet the justifier of all who should believe on

Christ. **He looked upon the victim expiring on the cross, and said, ‘It is finished’. The human race shall have another trial**’. The redemption price was paid, and Satan fell like lightning from heaven.” MS 111, 1897. 5BC 1150.

Christ's "death had answered the question whether the Father and the Son had sufficient love for man to exercise self-denial and a spirit of sacrifice." PP 69.3

Heaven rejoices in the Son's Victory

"To the angels and the unfallen worlds the cry, 'It is finished', had a deep significance. It was for them as well as for us that the great work of redemption had been accomplished. **They with us share the fruits of Christ's victory.**" DA 758.

"When on the cross Jesus uttered the cry, 'It is finished!' **glory and joy thrilled heaven**, and discomfiture fell upon the confederacy of evil. After that triumphant cry, the world's Redeemer bowed His head and died and to all appearance the Captain of our salvation was conquered; but by His death He was a conqueror, and He has opened the gates of eternal glory so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life." R&H. Jan 29. 1895.

"When Christ cried out, 'It is finished', the unfallen worlds were **made secure**. For them the battle was fought and the victory won... The **heavenly universe was secured** in eternal allegiance." R&H. Mar 12. 1901.

"The price was paid to purchase the redemption of man, when, in the last soul-struggle, **the blessed words were uttered**, which seemed to resound through creation, 'It is finished'." ST. Aug 28. 1879.

"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." DA 764.

"All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, 'It is done. It is finished.' The plan of salvation had been accomplished..." EW 73.

"All **heaven triumphed** in the Saviour's victory. Satan was defeated, and knew that his kingdom was lost." DA 758.

"When on the cross Jesus uttered the cry, 'It is finished!' glory and joy thrilled heaven, and discomfiture fell upon the confederacy of evil. After that triumphant cry, the world's Redeemer bowed His head and died... but by His death He was a conqueror, and He has opened the gates of eternal glory so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life." OHC 118.

"As Christ in His expiring agony upon the cross cried out, 'It is finished', a **shout of triumph rang through every world** and heaven itself." PP 69.70.

The Son of God rests in the Tomb

"He who died for the sins of the world was to **remain in the tomb the allotted time**. He was in that stony prison house as a prisoner of divine justice... and **His Father only could release Him**. A strong guard of mighty angels kept watch over the tomb, and had a hand been raised to remove the body, the flashing forth of their glory would have laid him who ventured powerless on the earth." 5BC 1114.

The Resurrection of God's Son

"The earth trembles at his approach, the hosts of darkness flee, and as he (the angel) rolls away the stone, heaven seems to come down to the earth. The soldiers see him removing the stone as he would a pebble, and hear him cry, '**Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee**'. They see Jesus come forth from the grave, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher, 'I am the resurrection, and the life.' As He comes forth in majesty and glory, the angel host bow low in adoration before the Redeemer, and welcome Him with songs of praise." DA 779.

"When the voice of the mighty angel was heard at Christ's tomb, saying, '**Thy Father calls Thee**', the Saviour came forth from the grave **by the life that was in Himself**. Now was proved the truth of His words, 'I lay down My life, that I might take it again. . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again'." DA 785.

"Then the angel from heaven, with a voice that caused the earth to quake, cried out, '**Thou Son of God, Thy Father calls Thee! Come forth.**' Death could hold dominion over Him no longer. Jesus arose from the dead, a triumphant conqueror." EW 182.

"The resurrection of Christ from the dead **was the Father's seal to the mission of Christ**. It was a public expression of his entire satisfaction in the atoning work. He accepted the sacrifice that Jesus had made on our behalf. It was everything that God required, perfect and complete." R&H. Jan 29. 1895.

"On the cross He cried, "It is finished," and bowed His head and died. He descended into the grave; but **after three days** a mighty angel, clothed with the panoply of heaven, parted the darkness from his track... The angel rolled back the stone from the sepulchre... and Christ **came forth from the prison of death**, and, over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, proclaimed Himself 'the resurrection and the life'...When Christ rose from the dead, the **victory was proclaimed in triumph** by the loftiest order of heavenly intelligence, and joy, **inexpressible joy, filled the courts of God.**" ST. Mar 26. 1894.

"God was **pledged to raise His Son**, in whom He was well pleased, to the very highest exaltation as the Redeemer of humanity, and to give Him a name above every name." ST. Jun 27. 1895.

The Son of God Ascends to Heaven

"After his resurrection, Christ led the disciples out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." R&H. Nov 13. 1913.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, 'Yes men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.'" Acts 1:9-11.

"As the disciples gazed sorrowfully toward heaven to catch the last glimpse of their ascending Lord, two angels clothed in white apparel stood by them and said to them, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven...?' The disciples and the mother of Jesus, who with them **had witnessed the ascension of the Son of God**, spent the following night in talking over His wonderful acts and the strange and glorious events which had taken place within a short time." EW 191.

The disciples "returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." [Luke 24:52, 53.] They were not rejoicing because Jesus had been separated from them and they were left to struggle with the trials and temptations of the world, but because of **the angels' assurance that he would come again.**" GC88 339.1

"As Christ ascended, His hands outstretched to bless His disciples, **a cloud of angels received Him** and hid Him from their sight. As the disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord, two angels from the rejoicing throng stood by them..." UL 357.

"While their gaze was still riveted upward, voices addressed them which sounded like the music which had just charmed them. They turned, and saw two beings in the form of men; yet their heavenly character was immediately discerned by the disciples, whom they addressed in comforting accents, saying: 'Ye men of Galilee...' **These angels** were of the company that had been **waiting in a shining cloud to escort Jesus to His throne**; and in sympathy and love for those whom the Saviour had left, they came to remove all uncertainty from their minds, and **to give them the assurance** that he would come to earth again." Bible Echo, Aug 1. 1887.

The Son of God is reunited with His Father

"There is the throne, and around it the rainbow of promise. There are seraphim and cherubim. The angels circle round Him, but Christ waves them back. **He enters into the presence of His Father.** He points to His triumph in this antitype of Himself -- the wave sheaf -- those raised with Him, the representatives of the captive dead who shall come forth from their graves when the trump shall sound.

He approaches the Father... Christ says: **Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will**, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption. If Thy justice is satisfied, 'I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am'. (John 17: 24). And the **voice of God is heard**; justice is satisfied; Satan is vanquished... **The arms of the Father encircle the Son**, and His voice is heard, saying, 'Let all the angels of God worship him.' (Heb. 1:6). 1SM 306.

"The voice of God is heard proclaiming that justice is satisfied. Satan is vanquished.... Before the heavenly angels and the representatives of unfallen worlds, they are declared justified.... **The Father's arms encircle His Son**, and the word is given, 'Let all the angels of God worship Him'." Heb. 1:6. DA 834.

Second Coming of God's Son

"For the **Lord Himself shall descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thes 4:16.17.

When Christ "comes the second time, divinity is no longer concealed. He comes as **One equal with God**, as His own beloved Son, Prince of heaven and earth. He is also the Redeemer of His people, the Life-giver. The glory of **the Father and the Son** are seen to be one." HP 357.

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality..." 1 Corinthians 15:52-53.

Jesus comes "in the glory of **His Father** with the Holy angels." Mar 8:38.

"And the **Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard**, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones..." Isaiah 30:30.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, **this is our God**; we have waited for him, and he will save us: **this is the Lord**; we have **waited for him**, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isaiah 25:9.

"The earth mightily shook as the **voice of the Son of God** called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call, and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, Victory! victory! over death and the grave. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Then the living saints, and the resurrected ones, raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory... Friends whom death had separated, were united, never more to part." 1SG 207.

"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust... and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isaiah 26:19.

"Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of **the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints**. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then raising his hands to heaven he cries, "Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!" Throughout the length and breadth of the earth, the dead shall hear that voice; and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people... And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory." GC88 644.

When Moses came from Mount Sinai, "... guilty Israel could not endure the light... How much less can transgressors look upon **the Son of God** when He shall appear in the glory of the Father..." PP 340.

"In the sin and punishment of those unfaithful men the priests and elders see their own course and their own just doom. And now there rises a cry of mortal agony. Louder than the shout, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," which rang through the streets of Jerusalem, swells the awful, despairing wail, "He is the Son of God! He is the true Messiah!" They **seek to flee from the presence of the King of kings**. In the deep caverns of the earth, rent asunder by the warring of the elements, they vainly attempt to hide." GC 643.

"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great man, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand." Revelation 14-17.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make ware... his name is called **The Word of God**.. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS**, and **LORD OF LORDS**." Revelation 20:11-16.

The Son is given His rightful Place

“Before the universe has been clearly presented the great sacrifice made by **the Father and the Son** in man's behalf. The hour has come when Christ occupies his rightful position, and is glorified above principalities and powers and every name that is named.” GC88 671.

“Before the universe has been clearly presented the great sacrifice made by **the Father and the Son** in man's behalf. The hour has come when **Christ occupies His rightful position** and is glorified above principalities and powers and every name that is named. It was for the joy that was set before Him--that He might bring many sons unto glory -- that He endured the cross and despised the shame. And inconceivably great as was the sorrow and the shame, yet greater is the joy and the glory.

He looks upon the redeemed, renewed in His own image, every heart bearing the perfect impress of the divine, **every face reflecting the likeness of their King**. He beholds in them the result of the travail of His soul, and He is satisfied.

Then, in a voice that reaches the assembled multitudes of the righteous and the wicked, He declares: ‘Behold the purchase of My blood! For these I suffered, for these I died, that they might dwell in My presence throughout eternal ages.’ And the song of praise ascends from the white-robed ones about the throne: **‘Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing’.” Revelation 5:12. GC 671.

Heaven with the Father and the Son

“In that day the redeemed will shine forth **in the glory of the Father and the Son**. The angels, touching their golden harps, will welcome the King and His trophies of victory.” AG 355.

Christ “came to ‘magnify the law’ and to ‘make it honorable’... Could its claims have been set aside, then **the Son of God** need not have yielded up his life to atone for its transgression. The death of Christ proves it immutable. And the sacrifice to which infinite love impelled **the Father and the Son**, that sinners might be redeemed, demonstrates to all the universe... that justice and mercy are the foundation of the law and government of God.” GC88 503.

“All the redeemed saints will see and appreciate as never before the **love of the Father and the Son**, and songs of praise will burst forth from immortal tongues.” Mar 318.3

“The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with **the Father and the Son**. ‘Now we see through a glass, darkly’. 1 Cor. 13:12. We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then **we shall see Him face to face**, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence, and behold the glory of His countenance.” FLB 363.

“Jesus died that the sinner might live. Shame is borne by the **Son of the Highest** for the sake of poor sinners, that they might be ransomed and crowned with eternal glory...” That I May Know Him 287.

The Doctrine of Christ

“He that abideth in **the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son**. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: for he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.” AA 554. 2 John

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5:12.13.’

“He that believeth on **the Son of God** hath the witness in himself...” 1 John 5:10

The belief of the Antichrist

“The beloved John continues his warning against seducers: ‘Who is a liar but **he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.” Confrontation 91.2.

This is not simply a denial of the nature of Christ’s flesh – sinful or innocent – but a belief that God’s only begotten Son, born in heaven, has come to this earth and taken human flesh. To deny that He is God’s literal Son is to deny the Fatherhood of God, which is everything to us.

Denial Christ is Son of God is spiritualism

“They (spiritualist teachers of the last days) **refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God**. Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: ‘Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.’ 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, **denies both the Father and the Son**, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist.” PP 686.

Satan is obscuring Truth

“Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which **Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ**. The **Father and the Son** each have a personality. Christ declared, ‘I and My Father are one.’” 9T68. (1909)

“He (Satan) will work every conceivable device to break this golden chain which links heart to heart of those who believe the truth and binds them up in **close connection with the Father and the Son**.” AG 237.

The Father and Son love the soul-saver

“Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work (of the colporteur and others). As the **Father loves the Son**, so the Son loves those that are His, those who work as He worked to save perishing souls.” Review and Herald, June 2, 1903.

“What enterprise will be most dear to the heart of infinite love? What work will bring the greatest satisfaction and joy to the **Father and the Son**? The salvation of perishing souls.” Manuscript 51, 1901. {CME 47.3}

“Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance. At infinite cost a way of salvation has been provided... The **salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God's church**. The Lord calls upon all who believe in Him to be workers together with Him. While their life shall last they are not to feel that their work is done.

Until the time comes when Christ shall say, ‘It is finished’, His work for the saving of souls will not decrease, but will grow in importance, and be far-reaching.” PH 19.

Representing the Father and Son to World

“The soul imbued with the love of Christ is one with Him; he communes with Christ, Christ is formed within, the hope of glory, and the Christian goes forth to **represent the Father and the Son** to the world.” Signs of the Times. Jun 27. 1892.

“Go ye into all the world..” and share the truth that Jesus Christ is God’s only-begotten Son.

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