

HOW DOES ELLEN WHITE DESCRIBE HEAVEN AND THE POSITION JESUS HELD IN HEAVEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

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- “The **King of the universe** summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, **that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son** and show the relation He sustained to all created Beings. **The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both**. About the throne gathered the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng—“ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands” (Revelation 5:11.), the most exalted angels, as ministers and subjects, rejoicing in the light that fell upon them from the presence of the Deity. **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.** The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. 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, but would exalt the Father's glory and execute His purposes of beneficence and love.” {Ellen White: PP 36.2}
- “**Satan was well acquainted with the position of honor Christ had held in Heaven as the Son of God, the beloved of the Father.**” {Ellen White: RH March 3 1874, par. 21}
- “Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. They justified the act of God in conferring honor upon Jesus Christ, and with forcible reasoning sought to convince Satan that no less honor was his now than before **the Father had proclaimed the honor which he had conferred upon His Son. They clearly set forth that Jesus was the Son of God, existing with Him before the angels were created; and that He had ever stood at the right hand of God** [...] They urged that **Christ's receiving special honor from the Father, in the presence of the angels**, did not detract from the honor that he had heretofore received.” {Ellen White: 1SP, 19.1 1908}

Such a deeply precise description of the heavenly hierarchy could only be the result of a prophetic vision, not any human devising, for man has no right to make such a statement without God's revelation.

- “They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. **This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God**, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ.” {Ellen White: TDG 128.2 1910}
- “Satan and his sympathisers were striving to reform the government of God. They were discontented and unhappy because they could not look into His unsearchable wisdom and ascertain **His purposes in exalting His Son Jesus, and endowing Him with such unlimited power and command. They rebelled against the authority of the Son.**” {Ellen White: 1SP 18.2 1870}
- “**God and Christ and heavenly angels were on one side, and Satan on the other.** 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.” {Ellen White: 3T 328.1}

Where is the holy Spirit in this scenario? If He were a third being, that would mean that the heavenly angels were more important than Him! Does this paragraph relate to the time of Christ's mission on Earth or before that? Has Jesus always been at His Father's right hand? Did God change anything of what He showed His prophet in vision? God always stays the same. These quotes are so precise that there is no possibility of wrong interpretation! Even in 1910, Ellen White still held fast to the truth that Jesus was the literal Son of God.

She never once used the word, Trinity, even if that was the most commonly used word in the Christian world of her time to qualify Jesus' Divinity. Ellen White also wrote that, concerning the nature of the holy Spirit, silence is golden. There is a debate around what this means and what it encompasses.

The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy speak in many places very clearly that God the Father was always above His Only-Begotten Son, and that the Heavenly King through all eternity continually gave His Son successively higher positions, which Ellen White says was the reason for Lucifer's jealousy. The title of "Son" does not relate only to Christ's earthly incarnation but was His title in eternity past. Ellen White clearly wrote that according to the heavenly hierarchy, Lucifer the cherubim, was directly below Christ in authority, power, and glory. If there was an actual Trinity in heaven, then she would have said that Lucifer's position was just below the Father, Son, and holy Spirit. But, according to the prophetic word, he was, as a created angel, next after Christ, and Jesus was second only to the Father. If the Trinity were true, why did the prophet did not see in vision the holy Spirit as the third god? What do we read in the next two quotes from Early Writings?

- "**Satan** was once an honored angel in heaven, **next to Christ**." {Ellen White: EW, p. 145.1 1858}

Here we can see why Satan, as the next in honor, after Christ, desired to create a Trinity and appropriate the name of the holy Spirit. He did this because he was jealous of Christ and wanted to be considered divine and worthy of worship just as the Father and the Son are. Through the Trinity, he is seeking the honor of Divinity, which as a created being would never belong to him, neither in the past nor in the future!

- "Some of the angels sympathised with Satan in his rebellion, and others strongly contended for the **honor and wisdom of God in giving authority to His Son**. There was contention among the angels. Satan and his sympathisers were striving to reform the government of God. They wished to look into His unsearchable wisdom, and **ascertain His purpose in exalting Jesus and endowing Him with such unlimited power and command**. They rebelled against the **authority of the Son**. All the heavenly host were summoned to appear before the Father to have each case decided." {Ellen White: EW, p. 145.2, 1858}

Jesus was always the Son, receiving His authority from His Father! Only the Father, as the highest Authority, sat on the throne when the cases of the angels were being decided. After sin, angel Gabriel received Lucifer's position. By receiving this honor, he did not become a part of any kind of trinity, nor in the hierarchy was he equal to the Father and the Son.

- "It was **Gabriel**, the angel **next in rank to the Son of God**, who came with the divine message to Daniel." {Ellen White: DA, p. 234.2}

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