

JESUS WAS ALWAYS THE LITERAL BEGOTTEN SON IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY AND IN THE BIBLE

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- “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is His name, and what is His Son's name**, if thou canst tell? Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” {Proverbs 30:4-6}
- “Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.” {Psalm 2:11-12}
- “Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord; Say, a sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished: It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of **My son**, as every tree. And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.” {Ezekiel 21:9-11}

And Revelation also describes Jesus' use of His sword against sinners:

- “And **out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” {Revelation 19:15}

- “He **was** the Majesty of heaven, the only-begotten **Son of God**. Yet ‘God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’ John 3:16.” {Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 9, p. 208.2, **1909**}
- “How shall I bear impressively the commission Christ has given to His people—the privilege of being workers with the **Spirit** of all truth **manifest in the flesh—the divine Son of God, clothed with humanity**, a channel devised and prepared to be continually receiving and imparting the heavenly current? Himself the overflowing Fountain, He receives to communicate to all those who will accept the gift.” {Ellen White: Diary, Manuscript 125, July 25, **1906**, par. 13}
- “Clothed with humanity” means His coming to the earth: He remained the Son then, but took on human nature.
- “**The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly Beings**. ‘By Him were all things created, ... whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created by Him, and for Him.’” {Ellen White: Letter 256, August 1, **1906**, par. 9}
- “In His humanity He was a partaker of the divine nature. In His incarnation He gained **in a new sense the title of the Son of God**. Said the angel to Mary, “The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). While the Son of a human being, He became the **Son of God in a new sense**. Thus He stood in our world—the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race.” {Ellen White: Signs of the Times, August 2, **1905**, par. 2; Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 226.2}

The expression “Son of God in a new sense” would be nonsensical, if beforehand Jesus had not been the “Son of God in an old sense.” Why “in a new sense”? Because He set aside His Divinity and took on human nature so that He could die for us.

- “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.” {Ellen White: 1888 Materials, p. 869.2, 1891}

If the holy Spirit were a being and part of the Trinity, why didn't He participate in the heavenly council?

- “Satan had sympathisers in heaven, and took large numbers of the angels with him. **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, Testimonies for the church, Vol. 3, p. 328.1}
- “Satan well knew **the position that Christ had 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**. He could not fathom the mystery of this great sacrifice. His selfish soul could not understand such love for the deceived race.” {Ellen White: Desire of Ages, p. 115.2}

Was the “third being of the Trinity” not on either side of the conflict? Jesus is the Son, even before Adam and Eve's fall:

- “How anxiously they 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 Son** to Satan? Will they accept His falsehoods as truth?” {Ellen White: Signs of the Times, May 12, 1890, par. 2}
- “God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, liable to physical infirmities, tempted in all points like as we are. **He was the Son of the living God. His personality did not begin with His incarnation in the flesh.**” {Ellen White: Letter 77, August 3, 1894, par. 9}

- "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...** I saw that it was impossible for God to alter or change **His** law, to save lost, perishing man; therefore he suffered **His** darling Son to die for man's transgression." {Ellen White: Supplement to the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White, p. 48.1 - 48.2, 1854}
- "**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, This Day With God, p. 128.2, 1910}

Jesus was a real Son before He came to Earth and before the fall of man into sin. This explains why God, as a real Father, struggled to give up His real Son. The Trinity isn't a Father who gives His Son! According to that doctrine, God the Father is just a part of that Trinity, and not a real Father. According to that logic, Jesus could be His Own Father! Trinitarians necessarily make arbitrary interpretations: in one place "God" means just one Being of the Trinity; in another, "God" means the whole Trinity. They reject such clear truths, violating theological principles! Either one or the other! In the Bible, there is not a single place that says that God is a unity of three Beings, or that the Father, Son, and holy Spirit are one God, nor that Jesus wasn't always the only begotten Son. Contrary to the Bible, modern theologians teach that Jesus was only playing the role of a Son in the context of the plan of salvation.

- "...To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one i.e. of the truth heareth my voice." {John 18:37}
- "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for **I proceeded forth and came from God**; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." {John 8:42}

"I proceeded forth and came from" are two completely different, unrelated terms, which in this verse are presented separately (proceeded forth **and** came from). They are also given in chronological order, so that we could recognise without a doubt, that herein are described two different events, that Jesus' heavenly birth, proceeding forth from the Father and His later coming from the Father to the Earth, are completely independent events in eternal history. The Bible clearly says that Jesus was a Son even in heaven, before His first coming to the Earth:

- "And to wait for **His Son from heaven**, Whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." {1 Thessalonians 1:10}

Does the above verse talk about Jesus' original status as a Son, independent of the plan of salvation?

- "Christ **was** the Son of God; He had been one with Him **before** the angels were called into existence." {Ellen White: Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 38.3, 1890}
- "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." {Ellen White: Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 36.2, 1890}
- "**The divine Son of God** saw that no arm but his own could save fallen man. He determined to help man." {Ellen White: Review & Herald, February 24, 1874, par. 33}
- "These are the credentials we present to the world in our harmony and unity, that **God has sent His Son and that Jesus is the Son of God.**" {Ellen White: Letter 51a, 1878, par. 29}
- "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God." {Philippians 2:6}

These words show us that Jesus as the Son did not, even in heaven, think it robbery to be equal with Him, and that as a Son He was subject to God. These words cannot be interpreted in the context of His time on Earth, for then He was not in the form of God! Jesus was the Son even before creation itself, even before He decided to help fallen humanity! And we see this fact confirmed in the Old Testament:

- “Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; **and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.**” {Daniel 3:24-25}
- “How did **Nebuchadnezzar** know that the form of the fourth was like the **Son of God**? **He had heard of the Son of God from the Hebrew captives** that were in his kingdom. They had brought the knowledge of the living God who ruleth all things.” {Ellen White: Review & Herald, May 3, 1892, par. 10; SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 4, p. 1169.7}
- “Here in full view of the king he saw in that furnace those Whom he had cast in, walking in the midst of the fire, and he also saw the **fourth form like the Son of God**. So you can see that the king was not ignorant **of God and of His Son.**” {Ellen White, Manuscript 44, October 22, 1886, par. 9}

Was Jesus just a symbolical Son, within the scope of the mission of His earthly birth at His first coming? Here we see that even in Old Testament times it was not only clear to the servants of God that Jesus was the Son, but that He even manifested Himself then as a Son! That is even why the Pharisees asked Jesus if He was the Son, for even they understood, unlike today, that Jesus always existed as the Son! What did the prophet of God write about those who reject the truth that Jesus is the Son of God?

- “And Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, ‘who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them.... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.’ 2 Peter 2:1, 2. Here the apostle has pointed out **one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the (real and literal) 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.” {Ellen White: Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 686.1}
- “...I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the **Christ, the Son of God.**” {Matthew 26:63}
- “It is a great thing to believe in Jesus. We hear many say, “Believe, believe; all that you have to do is to believe in Jesus.” But it is our privilege to inquire, What does this belief take in? and what does it comprehend? There are many of us who have a nominal faith, but we do not bring that faith into our character. The statement is made that the devil believed and trembled. **He believed that Christ was the Son of God while he was in heaven;** and when upon this earth he was in conflict with Him here on the field of battle, he believed on Christ; but could this save him? No, because he did not weave Christ into his life and character.” {Ellen White: Manuscript 5, June 19, 1886, par. 10}

Was the prophecy fulfilled in the church that Jesus would be denied as the literal Son of God? Modern theology says that the Son was “just a role” and that Jesus is not truly a Son! Where does this doctrine come from? According to the quote above, it came directly from privily hidden spiritualists! God is calling us, with tears in His eyes, to return to Him, so that we don’t lose eternal life, for which He made an incomprehensibly precious sacrifice! Jesus has always been the Son!

- “I entreat every one to be clear and firm regarding the certain truths that we have received and heard and advocated. The statements of God’s Word are plain. Plant your feet firmly on the platform of eternal truth. Reject every phase of error, even though it be covered with a semblance of reality, which denies the **personality of God or of Christ.**” {Ellen White: Manuscript 124, 1905, par. 12}