

From the Inkwell

We understand from the Scriptures that God is a spirit. As human beings we are incapable of really knowing what this means, but through illustrations and extension of our minds beyond the physical realm in which we are constrained, we seek to reason and try to explain.

We also understand from Scriptures that God is a Being in Trinity. One in Three and Three in One - Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Within the Christian Israelite Theology we further seek to understand the nature of God through an explanation of the composition of the Trinity. Father, Mother and Child - a parallel to our earthly physical situation.

In this edition of *Latter Rain* we set out our understanding about the relationship, the roles and the responsibilities of each entity of the integrated Trinity. We do not expect that all readers would accept these explanations, but we trust that through these articles each will be led to a greater understanding of their relationship with God.

And as well we have the regular features - *Debug*, *Children's Story* and a feature article on the development of the Lord's Prayer in English and all the fill in articles for your enjoyment.

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The Manifestations of God

God Almighty is the beginning and ending of all things. Without Him there would have been nothing (Genesis 1:1; Job 38:1,4). Only God's wonderful power and knowledge could have made things as they are. He has put so much beauty into all things of nature, large and small, and has made the whole universe in such an orderly manner (Job 38 and 39), that all theories of chance or evolution without recognition of the Creator, have no significance at all. The Bible, God's revelation to mankind, is true. History and archaeology have proved, and are still proving it over and over again, so let us seek then to the Bible when endeavouring to understand God's mysteries (2nd Timothy 3:16,17).

God Almighty, the Great Elohim, is the Creator of the universe. So great is He that the heavens cannot contain Him (1st Kings 8:27). He fills heaven and earth (Jeremiah 23:24). The eyes of the Lord, the True God, are in every place, beholding the evil and the good (Proverbs 15:3).

God, taken as a whole is ONE SPIRIT (John 4:24), but we understand that He exercises the ability to manifest Himself through other channels; and then we see Him in Trinity form, that is, three Spirits in One:

God Jehovah - The Father of All

Christ - The Male Spirit

Jerusalem Above (the Holy Ghost) - The Female Spirit

"*HeElohim*" is a Hebrew word, and it appears many times in the Old Testament. In English it is translated "the true God", and is generally written in the Authorised version as "God". Elohim is the plural number of the word "*El-o-ah*". Note, the

plural, designating that God is more than one, in other words, God is a unity of Spirits, pointed out by Jesus, "*God is a Spirit*" singular (John 4:24), three Spirits, but One. Three aspects of the one being, each having a different function or work, but so unified in thought and deed that they are also one in purpose. By God Almighty, these three Spirits in ONE, were all things made (John 1:1-14). Our world, as part of the universe, was created by Him, and the system of events for it was planned out. 2nd Esdras 6:1-6, "*And he said unto me, In the beginning, when the earth was made, before the borders of the world stood, or ever the winds blew, before it thundered and lightened, or ever the foundations of paradise were laid, before the fair flowers were seen, or ever the moveable powers were established, before the innumerable multitude of angels were gathered together, or ever the heights of the air were lifted up, before the measures of the firmament were named, or ever the chimneys in Sion were hot, and ere the present years were sought out, and or ever the inventions of them that now sin were turned, before they were sealed that have gathered faith for a treasure: then did I consider these things, and they all were made through me alone, and through none other: by me also they shall be ended, and by none other.*"

The Hebrew word *adonai* means 'my Lord' but is generally translated to Lord, or Lord God, when used in English. Because the Jews had such a respect for God Almighty, they would rarely call Him Jehovah, but used instead this word Adonai, 'My Lord'. This has caused some varying translations between the words Elohim and Adonai, but essentially they both refer to

God, the Lord, the Almighty, the Trinity of three Spirits in One.

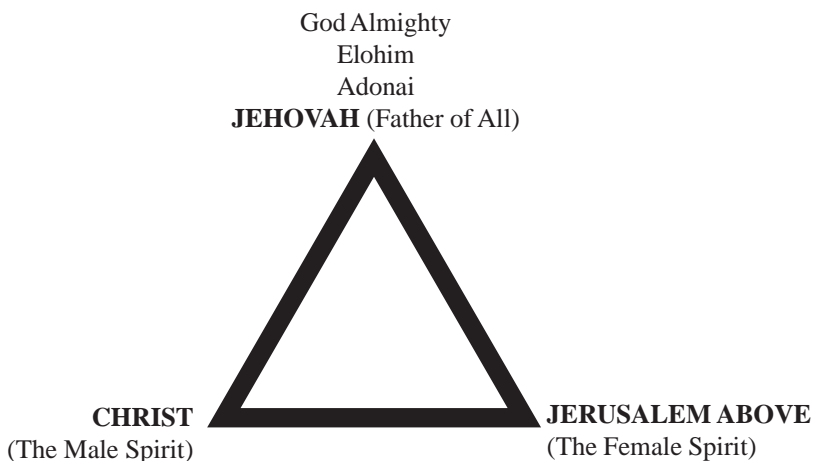
The Hebrew word *Yahweh* is translated Jehovah, the God of revelation and grace, dwelling with His people and guiding and delivering them, and receiving their worship. In Exodus 6:2-4, God Almighty revealed to Moses that His Name 'Jehovah' had not been previously known, but now, as Father of All, He was revealing His power to deliver them, and His instructions which He wanted them to keep.

After this world was created by God Almighty, He put it under control of Christ the Son, who was to reconcile the world to the Father of All (Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 4:15; 1:22; Hebrews 1; Luke 10:22). All things are put in dominion in accordance with God's Divine Plan, which allowed for the Fall of Man and his redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus, the body through which the Son, Christ worked (Micah 6:7). In placing this world under Christ, Christ was not above God Almighty for in 1st Corinthians 15:27 we read, "*For He hath put all things under His (Christ's) feet. But when He (God, Jehovah) saith all things are put under Him (Christ) it is manifest that He (God*

Jehovah) is excepted, which did put all things under Him."

God Almighty, the Trinity of three Spirits in One, created the complete universe, both known and unknown to us. In the plan of operation and redemption for this planet, Earth, He has placed all things under the Male Spirit, Christ, and the Female Spirit, Jerusalem Above, with Himself, Jehovah, the Father of all life, both known and unknown to us, above them. In God's perfect plan, each spirit of mankind is a complete being (male and female – 1st Corinthians 11:11); the man is not without the woman, nor the woman without the man in the Lord, so the female part of the Trinity is active with Christ in this world. Christ, the Spirit, was revealed in the flesh in the human body of Jesus in the fifth thousand years, and in these latter days, according to promise (John 14:26,16), the Female Spirit (called the Holy Ghost or Jerusalem Above), will be revealed to fulfill Her part in the completion of God's plan in saving alive the flesh of God's Elect (Matthew 24:22).

The Trinity of Spirits could be illustrated thus:



This topic will be explored further in the following articles, to show the importance of the Godhead, and this dual Power working upon mankind.

Thus we could summarise the points made so far as follows:

1. All things were created by God Almighty.
2. God Almighty is Spirit.
3. God Almighty is plural and is also known as Elohim and Adonai.

4. God Almighty is a Trinity of three spirits consisting of:

Jehovah - Father of us all

Christ - The Male Spirit

Jerusalem Above - The Female Spirit

These 3 spirits are 3 and yet 1 (a mystery to man).

5. Jehovah, the Father of all, has put Christ and Jerusalem Above in charge of this world.📖

The Proper Way

The proper way for a man to pray,
Said deacon Lemuel Keys,
The only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees.

No, I should say, the way to pray,
Said Reverend Doctor Wise,
Is standing straight with outstretched arms
And rapturous upturned eyes.

It seems to me his hands should be
Devoutly clasped in front,
With both thumbs pointing t'ward the ground
Said Reverend Doctor Blunt.

Last year I fell in Hodkins' well
Head first, said Cyrus Brown,
With both my heels a sticking up,
My head a pointing down.

And I made prayer right then and there,
Best prayer I ever said.
The prayingest prayer I ever prayed
Was standing on my head.

Unknown.

The Godhead

The word 'Godhead' is defined as 'the essential nature of God', it being the source of Power through which He has chosen to work redemption in this creation.

St. Paul, while at Athens, saw the worship of many gods, including one called 'The Unknown God'. Paul felt it was his duty to explain to the people about this unknown God, and he said, "*Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, graven by art and man's device*" Acts 17:29. Paul proceeded to explain how God was represented in the flesh in the man Jesus, and how He dwelt among us and has now ascended to Heaven.

Man has always tried to understand the 'invisible God', the 'Omnipotent', who lives in the heavens, and yet dwells amongst men, who controls the orbits of the planets, and yet causes the lilies to grow in their season. The first concept we must accept though, when trying to understand our God, is that He is of a greater sphere of existence, and greater expression of magnitude than our limited abilities can comprehend. We see light in certain colours, yet science has proved there are colours above and below our spectrum; we hear sounds to a certain pitch, yet bats and dogs perceive pitch higher than man's ear can hear, and in fact can be driven insane by a sound we cannot hear. Remember the case of Elisha, who could perceive more than his servant (2nd Kings 6:17). Our God must be measured in His own dimensions, and not by man's limited abilities. God needs to be considered by the expressions of Himself, and how He wants to influence and guide man, if we are to come anywhere

near to understanding this great Omnipotent Power, this Elohim, Three in One.

In Romans 1:18-25, Paul states that the Eternal Power, and Godhead, are seen clearly when we discern them in things that are made, and their Power manifest, but man, professing to be wise, has compared God to things created only, and has not recognized that the Creator is above them. In Paul's day they worshipped idols; today, God, through His Power shown in Jesus, is likened to a man, because men won't humble themselves to recognize a personage greater than themselves. God is linked to man, but since man's fall in Eden, man is not like Him.

When God created Adam, He made him in His own likeness, male and female created He them, and called their name Adam (Genesis 5:1-3), ie., when Adam was first created, male and female were dwelling as one, and were called Adam (Genesis 1:26). Later, to instigate His plan for mankind, God caused a deep sleep to fall upon him, and He took the female spirit from him (the rib), and placed it in a female body. The two spirits, male and female, were now in separate, but God implanted in each the desire, the one to be with the other (Genesis 2:18-24).

We have read in a previous article that God Jehovah placed Christ, the Male Spirit, in charge of this world, but because man is designed to be in the image of God (male and female) God then sent Jerusalem Above, the Female Spirit, to work with Christ in the affairs of this world. These two, Christ and Jerusalem Above, are the Father and Mother of this world (Galatians 4:26), and they represent the Godhead, the

Power of God to help man to rise above his fallen nature. It was this dual Power which did the work of obedience in Jesus (Hebrews 5:8,9), and which caused Paul to write in Colossians 2:9,10, "*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.*" John the Baptist also testified in John 3:29 that He who was coming after him would have both the Male (Bridegroom), and Female (Bride), working in and with Him.

We can note also that Mary was told that 'The Holy Ghost', the Female, would come upon her, and the Power of the Highest, the Male Spirit Christ, would overshadow her, making her child 'the Holy Thing', the Son of God (Luke 1:35.)

In Zechariah 4 reference is made to the 'two olive trees', and 'the two golden pipes'. In Zechariah 4:14 these are explained as 'the Two Anointed Ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole Earth'. We believe these to be the two Immortal Spirits of the Godhead that stand by God Jehovah, working His purposes on the earth (see also Revelation 11:3,4).

An important thing to realize is that Christ and Jerusalem Above, in unison, are the complete Spiritual Godhead, and they did the work in the mortal man Jesus, and this is how Jesus became Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This is the avenue that is open to us, that we, through the combined Power of the Godhead, can overcome sin and evil from within our bodies, and rise to become sons and daughters of God equal with Jesus Christ (Mark 3:35; Isaiah 56:4,5; Hosea 2:16). The key is obedience to God's Will, a condition which is only possible through the spiritual strength of the Godhead.

When we accept the saving Grace made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross of Calvary, we have a foundation

laid, a foundation of repentance, but repentance does not remove the cause of the temptation. It is only through seeking to the combined Power of the Godhead that the evil nature can be overcome, giving us the victory Paul spoke of in 1st Corinthians 15:51-56. Man is a three part being, spirit, and soul, and body; through repentance and acceptance of Jesus, the soul is saved, but the body is still lost; through acceptance of Jesus, and seeking the Godhead to do the work in us, we can overcome sin (repentance) and evil (inherited by the curse from the fallen nature), presenting ourselves as vessels fit for the Master's use, ready for the power of the Godhead to dwell within, and not only on, our being.

In Matthew 22:41-46, Jesus posed this question to the Pharisees, "*What think ye of Christ, whose Son is he?*" Now a further proof is brought out from this conversation, namely that Jesus Christ had to be a combination of an earthly body of the lineage of David, and yet He had to have within Him the Power of the Spirit from God, so that He could be both God and Man.

Christ through Jesus, suffered for the sins of all, "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust*" 1st Peter 3:18. Jesus said, "*If I go away, I will send the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in My Name. He shall teach you all things*" John 16:7-14; 14:26.

The coming of this spiritual strength, and the work it is to do in Israel will be discussed in the next article. In summary of this article we can say:

1. When Adam was created, he was both a male and female spirit.
2. God separated the female spirit from the male spirit and put them into separate physical bodies called Eve and Adam.
3. Man's instinct is to cleave to the female

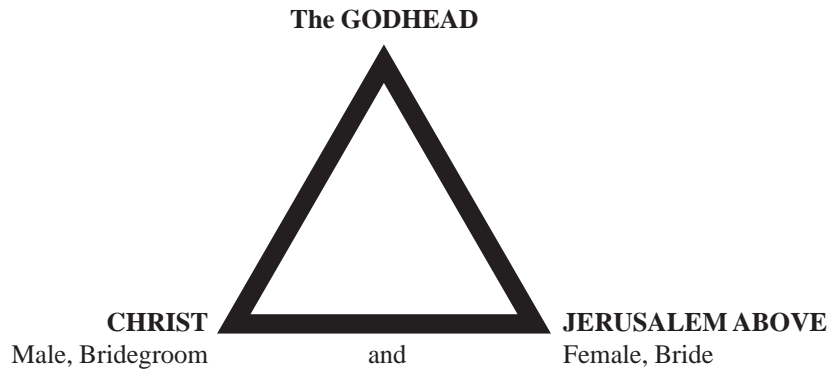
as a fulfillment of his purpose in life; as Christ's fullness is shown when combined with the Female, Jerusalem Above.

4. Christ and Jerusalem Above are the Godhead.
5. Jerusalem Above, the Comforter, was shown after Jesus Christ's ascension.
6. Jesus is separate from the Godhead, and

genetically He is the Son of David. With the power of the Godhead, He is the Lord of David.

7. Greater work for God can be done in man if, after accepting the saving Grace of Jesus' sacrifice, they look to the Godhead, Christ and Jerusalem Above, to do God's work in them.

This can be illustrated as follows:



“Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away: yea, she is easily seen of them that love her, and found of such as seek her.

She preventeth them that desire her, in making herself first known unto them. Whoso seeketh her early shall have no great travail: for he shall find her sitting at his doors.

To think therefore upon her is perfection of wisdom: and whoso watcheth for her shall quickly be without care. For she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, sheweth herself favourable unto them in the ways, and meeteth them in every thought.

For the very true beginning of her is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love; and love is the keeping of her laws; and the giving heed unto her laws is the assurance of incorruption; and incorruption maketh us near unto God; therefore the desire of wisdom bringeth to a kingdom.

If your delight be then in thrones and sceptres, O ye kings of the people, honour wisdom, that ye may reign for evermore.

As for wisdom, what she is, and how she came up, I will tell you, and will not hide mysteries from you: but will seek her out from the beginning of her nativity, and bring the knowledge of her into light, and will not pass over the truth.

Neither will I go with consuming envy; for such a man shall have no fellowship with wisdom”

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-23.

Mortal and Immortal Woman – Man’s Helpmate

There is a song which possibly many have heard, as it comes from a Musicale Play; some of the words from the song say, “Let a woman in your life, and your serenity is through...” Probably this thought occurred to Adam after he and his ‘helpmate’ had fallen in the garden of Eden, but in the defence of the woman, we need to consider the place God has ordained for woman, before making a judgment.

When Adam was created, he was alone (Genesis 2:18), so God caused him to sleep and took from him the female spirit, referred to as ‘rib’, and placed it in a body which Adam called ‘woman’. *“This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man”* Genesis 2:23. Literally wo-man (womb-man) means man with womb. Since this act of division of the complete duo-spirit being, it is instinctive in both man and woman to cleave to each other, they finding companionship, procreation, and greater realization of God’s perfection, from one another.

Within the mortal woman has been placed times and seasons; times to procreate, to multiply, and times to abstain, as set out in the Levitical instructions (Leviticus 15:25-28). If creation is kept to the correct times, the new seed is only marred by the inherent condition of the father; consequently the increase or decrease of the growth of evil in the world is in the hands of parents. Jesus Christ instructed that parents, although having inherent evil, are to give good gifts to their children (Luke 11:13). In the partnership of man and woman, it is their duty towards

God that they procreate to restrict the growth of evil; in this way the woman helps the man and future generations to rise above their fallen nature.

We note that Mary, the mother of Jesus, being in the Power of the Immortal Mother, Jerusalem Above, and being overshadowed by the Power of the Highest (Christ) – Luke 1:35, conceived of that which God had commanded them to multiply and replenish the earth, that it might become one flesh in Him, Jesus (Genesis 1:28). Jesus’ body was not marred, as are the rest of the mortal race; He was able to be the ‘perfect sacrifice’ without blemish, to take away the sins of the world.

God’s design in creation is for man to know both good and evil, to rise above the evil, and live a life in righteousness; in so doing man will show the power of good and God. This condition will be similar to, and yet greater than, that from which he fell. *“In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him; male and female created He them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created”* Genesis 5:1,2. Original creation was a unified male and female being; it was the two spirits living in one being, in harmony with the will of God. To restore this condition, the two must live again as if one, and be in harmony with God.

Just as we were born of a temporal mother, so too we need to be born of the Spiritual Mother. The place God has ordained for mortal woman is that as man’s partner or helpmate, she will strengthen him and with the help of the Immortal

Mother, “*walk in the spirit, not fulfilling the lust of the flesh*” Galatians 5:16. Combined in desire and effort, they will rise above their ‘fallen nature’, casting out their evil and sin and present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God (Romans 12:1,2).

The Bible is a book of parables. God uses parables to explain His purposes, because we, as people, need to be able to compare intangible situations with things we can see and feel. Often though, in parables there is a situation beyond our immediate grasp, and the parable denotes the truth in another way. One such case was when Jesus was speaking with Nicodemus (John 3:1-13), and He told him he must be ‘born again’. The implication is that our fallen nature, which has degenerated from the ways of God, must rise above the downward trend, and think and act positively for good. We can readily accept the birth from a temporal mother, because we hear of it daily, so too, we must realize the need for birth from our spiritual Mother, from Her who lives in a realm of greater bliss and joy with the Creator; from Her who wants to bring us to this greater realization of our God. God is a God of love and reason, and His aim in this whole creation, is for man to rise above the base, degrading tendencies of ‘fallen nature’, and look to the happier condition when all will be good and perfect. Perfection allows no room for defect, so too, our thoughts must be only on good intentions and actions.

To achieve this condition, we need to be trained. Just as an earthly mother has in her power to train her children in good, so we look to the heavenly Mother to be trained and helped into ways of better living. The Mother, Jerusalem Above, the Mother of this world (Galatians 4:26), is waiting, ready to help those who look to

Her, and ask Her for help (John 16:23-25).

In 1st Corinthians 12 through to 14, Paul speaks of the spiritual gifts that show the presence of the Spirit. But note in 1st Corinthians 13:12, he says, that even with these gifts, we can only “*see through a glass darkly;...and know in part*”. Even though these gifts are present with us, we do not have the fullness of the Spirit abiding with us, but it will come to us if we continue on in righteousness. The gifts of the Spirit are manifestations of a partial outpouring of God’s Power. God’s Power will dwell within man only when our desires and ambitions are for Good and Righteousness alone. This condition we cannot bring about of ourselves; belief in the sacrifice on the cross is not enough; it is only when we believe in the sacrifice of Jesus, and look to our spiritual Mother to bring us to heavenly birth, that we are able to be born again in spirit, soul, and body (1st Thessalonians 5:23; Romans 12:1,2).

In these latter days, it is natural that Satan, the adversary of good, will use all in his power to destroy God’s good intentions. Jesus said that iniquity would abound, that evil would increase, and tribulation would grow, and consequently the ‘love’ (human understanding and happiness in a temporal and a spiritual partner), would grow cold (Matthew 24:12). Satan influences modern advertisers to use the temporal woman’s desirable physical features to attract man’s attention. In so doing, the purity of God’s purpose in spiritual and temporal woman is lost in the baser thought of man’s imagination. Solomon warned many years ago of the seducing way of a ‘strange woman’ (Proverbs 5:3), but he also instructed that those who would be wise should “*keep thy Father’s Commandment, and forsake not the Law of thy Mother*”

Proverbs 6:20; 1:8. We are to keep the commandment as given by “the Father of this world” (Christ) to the children of Israel, and the law of “the Mother of this world” (Jerusalem Above), if we wish to be born in spirit, soul and body, into the spiritual kingdom, fit vessels for our Master’s use.

In the Christian Israelite Church Catechism, in answer to one of the questions, the following verse is quoted,

**“Now she helps the man to rise,
As once she helped his fall;
And now he owns that God was wise,
And just, and true in all.
She with her Sister (Jerusalem Above –
the Immortal Helpmate) now appears
To hand the precious food;
And God’s intent in making her,
Is finished and made good.”**

God created the mortal woman to be man’s helpmate, but instead, they fell. God has arranged for the mortal to be helped by the immortal, so that she can help man rise again from the fallen nature.

Paul said in Philippians 3:14,21, that He pressed for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, who would “*change his vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself*”. This High Calling is spoken of by Isaiah as a “*name better than of sons of daughters*” Isaiah 56:5. If we speak of sons and daughters, we must

of necessity have a Father and Mother, being Christ, the Father of this world and Jerusalem Above, the Mother of this world, and it is only by looking to them for guidance that we can be completely trained into this High Calling of God.

So in summary for this article, we find that:

1. Man by nature, seeks to a female partner. This is God’s design, because by doing so, he can receive greater spiritual strength.
2. The mortal woman has power to conceive, procreate in righteousness.
3. In God’s Plan, the mortal woman with the help of her Immortal Mother, will help man to rise above his present fallen nature.
4. As we have a mortal mother and father to be born temporally, so we need an immortal Mother and Father to help and train us to God’s perfection.
5. There are many gifts of ‘the Spirit’ but they are only received ‘in part’ until the Spirit dwells within mankind. These spirits cannot dwell within us while evil and sin are within us.
6. Modern advertisements and movements under influence from Satan, try to abase the spiritual importance of the woman to the man.
7. The mortal woman, through her looking to her spiritual Father and Mother, is to be man’s true helpmate.📖

Hymn No. 131

Almighty God of Love,
Set up th’ attracting sign,
And summons whom Thou dost approve
For messengers divine:
From favour’d Abr’ham’s seed
The new Apostles choose,
In isles and continents to spread
The dead-reviving news.

Them, snatch'd out of the flame,
Through every nation send,
The true Messiah to proclaim,
The universal Friend;
That all the God unknown
May learn of Jews t' adore,
And see Thy glory in Thy Son,
Till time shall be no more.

O that the chosen band
Might now their brethren bring,
And, gather'd out of every land,
Present to Zion's King!
Of all the ancient race
Not one be left behind;
But each, impell'd by secret grace,
His way to Canaan find.

We know it must be done,
For God hath spoke the word:
All Israel shall the Saviour own,
To their first state restored:
Rebuilt by His command,
Jerusalem shall rise;
Her temple on Moriah stand
Again, and touch the skies.

Send, then, Thy servants forth,
To call the Hebrews home;
From east, and west, and south, and north
Let all the wanderers come:
Wher'er in lands unknown
The fugitives remain,
Bid every creature help them on,
The Holy Mount to gain.

An offering to their Lord,
There let them all be seen,
Sprinkled with water and with blood,
In soul and body clean;
With Israel's myriads seal'd,
Let all the nations meet,
And show the mystery fulfill'd,
The family complete!

The Trinity

Having read the three earlier articles outlining the different aspects of the Trinity, the time is now here that the importance of these revelations and the wonderful truth that has been promised will be manifested, that the power of God is to be shown in men and women by their overcoming the curse of evil, *“dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return”* Genesis 3:19, the ‘last enemy’ being destroyed (1st Corinthians 15:26; 15:57; Hosea 13:14), and God and good having complete victory over death and evil.

The Trinity of Spirits is Jehovah, the Father of all, **Christ**, the Male Spirit and **Jerusalem Above**, the Female Spirit.

God has placed His creation in the care of Christ, the Father of this world, and Jerusalem Above, the Mother of this world.

Christ and Jerusalem Above, the Godhead, are the two anointed ones who did the work in Jesus, and who will come and help all who seek them to do the work of redemption in them.

Generally, people seek to Christ through Jesus, praying in the name of Jesus Christ, but few realize that Jesus as a mortal man had to seek the

help and cooperation of both Christ and Jerusalem Above to do the work in Him.

As Jesus sought for the guidance of these two immortal Spirits, so we in these latter days, need their guidance, and help, so that we can overcome evil and sin. The mortal female, through the guidance of the immortal Female, is to help, she being the source by which we receive the fullness of the Immortal Mother.

You and I need to accept Jesus’ sacrifice for the remission of our sins (Acts 16:31), and to build on this foundation, seeking through the help of the two Immortal Spirits to present our body to become the Temple of God, spoken as done in 1st Corinthians 3:12,16, but yet to be fulfilled.

Jesus said, *“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother”* Matthew 12:50.

“Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your hearts” Jeremiah 29:13. Yes, we can be the brothers and sisters of Jesus through the two immortal Spirits doing the work in us, each one then being a Trinity of Spirits. We need to make ourselves prepared vessels by accepting the shed blood of Jesus, then through prayer and covenanting our whole self, we need to seek for the power that did the work in Jesus (Hebrews 5:8,9), to do the same work in us so that we can be obedient to God, and become Jesus’ brothers and sisters.

There is no complicated ritual here, but there is a sacrifice on the part of the person, because we need to show a subservience to an Almighty God, seeking to the Godhead to do the work in us. We need to present our body, as Paul said, *“a living*

Father, Son & Holy Ghost

sacrifice” Romans 12:1,2, severed from the leech-like civilization of this world, and transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we regard first of all, “*The kingdom of God and his righteousness*” Matthew 6:33. We must make a humble submission, seeking to receive the help of the two immortal Spirits to do God’s work in us.

The Book of Revelation deals with events prior to, and at Jesus’ return, and here we find that with the Lamb, Jesus, are 144,000, who have severed themselves from the ways of the world, and have “*the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God* (Mosaic instructions to Israel) *and the faith of Jesus* (belief in His sacrifice and resurrection)” Revelation 14. The combination of these two faiths brings us to a perfect relationship with God, but this is not possible by man alone, even Jesus acknowledged this (John 8:28), but it is possible by our humble submission to the two immortal Spirits that they will do God’s work of righteousness, achieving perfection in us. It is not our effort alone, but our desire coupled with our fervent prayer, that will make us fit vessels to receive this privilege.

The Power of God is superior to any other influence, but it will come in its fullness only to those who ‘search for me with all your heart’. In the world today, we see showings of the Power of God as was shown on the Day of Pentecost, but these are only partial out-pourings of what is available. The fullness of outpouring will not abide with us while we have evil with us. Our sin can be banished through the shed blood, but our evil nature can only be removed by the ‘change – in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump’ (1st Corinthians 15:51), by Him who is able to subdue all things unto Himself (Philippians 3:21), “*but if the spirit of him* (Christ) *that raised*

up (the spirit and soul of) *Jesus from the dead* (with a spiritual, celestial body) *dwell in you, he* (the Godhead) *that raised up Christ* (the name given to the body of the man, Jesus) *from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies* (cleansed of evil and changed from mortal to immortal) *by his spirit that dwelleth in you*” Romans 8:11.

If the Power of the Godhead rests on us, and we continually seek to it, it will come to dwell within us when our evil is removed, making a three-fold cord that cannot be broken. When our spirit is alone, Satan and evil can overcome it: when we have Christ with our spirit, we are the two who can withstand Satan, but the physical body is lost because of the evil nature remaining. If we have Christ and Jerusalem Above with us, as Jesus had, then the trinity of Spirits will gain God’s victory, casting out evil and sin from our body (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). This shows that man is made for the glory of God, and not to have his body destroyed by the degrading effect of evil and sin. Note though, for this work to be done in us we need to be a trinity of spirits. It is significant to mention here that three is taken as meaning ‘Divine Perfection’. Perfection is what man can

achieve for his Creator when he has the Godhead working with his spirit.

Enoch and Elijah through seeking to good, their evil withered within them; the good developed and overcame the evil, and God through His Power cast the evil out and took them to heaven, even though they had been men subject to like passions as we are (James 5:17).

Paul, being of Israelite descent, could see this wonderful promise, and he sought to the Lord for this 'change' to be wrought in him, but he was told he was to be saved by Grace (2nd Corinthians 12:8,9). Read 2nd Thessalonians 2:7; 2nd Corinthians 3:16; 1st Corinthians 13:9,10; and analyse how Paul realized that the salvation of the soul through grace was only as seeing through a glass darkly, but the time was to come when through the coming of the two immortal Spirits, this veil will be removed and we can see our Maker face to face.

Revelation 21 speaks of the Holy City where "*the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them*" Revelation 21:3, they presenting themselves as virgins from all evil, espoused to be the Bride of the Lamb. The City is built up of 144,000 who have sought to do God's Will, hence presenting their cleansed bodies as living stones of the City.

The magnificence of this City is beyond our human realization, but it is described

as immaculate in order to convey to us the purity and perfection that is there. God is going to dwell with, and in the purified bodies of, Israel. They will call Him Husband, through their presentation of themselves to do God's work, and the two immortal Spirits achieving it in them (Hosea 2:16; Isaiah 56:4).

You and I do not deserve to know of this promise, let alone to aim for it, but it has been shown, because in these latter days when the two immortal Helpmates are available, it is required of the seed of Israel (Ezekiel 36:37). What a privilege it is to have been shown some of these wonderful truths and to try to aim, through Gods grace, for these promises. It is the obedience to His Laws and Commands that will prove who are Israel and who are not.

Are you and I looking for this Promise to be fulfilled in us? The obedience to God's Laws and Commands is the measure, so let us humbly recognize our need of the two anointed ones, the two Immortal Spirits, the Godhead, petitioning God day and night, wrestling with the evil as did Jacob, so that we may overcome, and be worthy to be called the true Israel (Genesis 32:28).

"Why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, said the Lord God, wherefore turn yourselves and live ye" Ezekiel 18:30,31.📖

Odes of Solomon, Ode 19

A cup of milk was offered to me,
and I drank it in the sweetness of the
Lord's kindness,
The Son is the cup,
and the Father is he who was milked;
and the Holy Spirit is she who milked
him;
Because his breasts were full,
and it was undesirable that his milk
should be released without purpose.

The Holy Spirit opened her bosom,
and mixed the milk of the two breasts of
the Father,
Then she gave the mixture to the world
without their knowing,
and those who have received it are in the
perfection of the right hand,
The womb of the Virgin took it,
and she conceived and gave birth.

Some Details on the Holy Ghost

John 14:26, the Holy Ghost is a person or personal God.

Luke 3:22, the Holy Ghost assumes the form of a dove.

Matt. 13:16, the Holy Ghost is a spirit.

John 1:32, the Holy Ghost is an inanimate, senseless object.

John 5:7, the Holy Ghost is a God - the third member of the Trinity.

Acts 2:1, the Holy Ghost is a mighty, rushing wind.

Acts 10:38, the Holy Ghost, from its mode of application, is an ointment.

John 20:22, the Holy Ghost is the breath, by its being breathed into the mouth of the recipient after the ancient oriental custom.

Acts 2:3, the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them, probably in the form of a bird, as at Jesus' baptism.

Acts 2:1, the Holy Ghost appears as cloven tongues of fire.

Luke 2:26, the Holy Ghost is the author of a revelation or inspiration.

Acts 8:17, the Holy Ghost is a magnetic aura imparted by the laying on of hands.

Mark 1:8, the Holy Ghost is a medium or element for baptism.

Acts 28:25, the Holy Ghost appears with vocal organs, and speaks.

Heb. 6:4, the Holy Ghost is dealt out or imparted by measure.

Luke 3:22, the Holy Ghost appears with a tangible body.

Luke 1:5, and many other texts, people are filled with the Holy Ghost.

Matt. 11:15, the Holy Ghost falls upon the people as a ponderable substance.


Luke 4:1, the Holy Ghost is a God within a God, Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 21:11, the Holy Ghost is a being of the masculine or feminine gender - Thus saith the Holy Ghost.

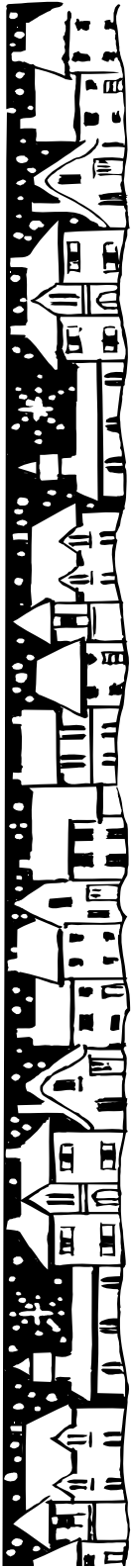
John 1:32, the Holy Ghost is of the neuter gender, it (the Holy Ghost) abode upon him.

Matt. 1:18, the Holy Ghost, this third member of the Trinity aids the first member (the Father) in the creation of the second member of the trinity of bachelor Gods - the Word, or Saviour, or Son of God.

The Hebrew Ruh Elohim, translated Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2) in our version, is literally, Wind of the Gods. The word Pneuma, of the Greek New Testament, is sometimes translated Ghost and sometimes Wind, as suited the fancy of the translators. In John 3:5 the word is Spirit, in verse eight both Wind and Spirit, and in Luke 1:35 the term is Holy Ghost - all translated from the same word. In the Greek Testament the word Pneuma is used for Spirit, Holy Ghost, breath and Wind so that in the Christian Scriptures they are synonymous. An unwarranted license has been assumed by translators in rendering the same word different ways.

The spirit was originally female so that the Trinity consisted of two masculine principles and a feminine one, the latter being the procreative or regenerative principle. At the imposition of Patriarchy the sex of the Holy Ghost altered from female to neuter. 

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The Real Meaning

Are you planning surprises for Christmas children? Perhaps you are old enough to make things and you can make gifts for your family. Sometimes you can give gifts in other ways, by helping mummy and daddy or doing things to help Grandma and Grandpa. It is good to think of others at Christmas time instead of just thinking about what we want.

God gave His gift to all of us by sending the little baby Jesus. We remember that first Christmas by giving gifts to others, to those we love and to our families.

Here is a story about a boy who loved to help his brothers and sisters and showed his love in a very special way. Grant had three younger brothers and two younger sisters. His father was away from home a lot as he worked in different towns and his mother was left with many jobs to do. Mother could always depend on Grant. He used to get the breakfast and help feed the little ones who were only one and two years old. He bathed them, played with them and often took them for walks.

Grant's mother was always busy, cooking, ironing, cleaning, sewing and caring for all the children. It seemed as if it was always Grant that did all the jobs around the house. He went to the shop, he helped in the garden, and he even helped his two younger brothers with their homework. Grant also had his own homework to do and was careful not to forget about this.

Grant enjoyed school. His classmates liked Grant because he was so used to helping at home that he helped people at school too. Grant worked hard at school. He was good at writing stories and at numbers, but he found geography hard. He enjoyed sports and school excursions. Probably his best subject was reading because he was so used to reading stories to his brothers and sisters.

Every year the teacher, Miss Green, held a competition for her class. She gave a special trophy to the best all round student. This was a very special gift...it was tall and gold. It shone so brightly on

of Christmas

her desk and she told the class that only one student would receive it at the end of the year. The person she chose would have to be a person who could help others, be good at school work, always trying to do their best, a person who didn't tell lies, or steal or take other people's things. The person Miss Green would choose would have their name engraved on the cup and they could take it home and keep it.

All the year Grant and his friends in class worked hard hoping that they each would be the one to win the special shiny cup. Everyone wanted to win that trophy. Grant thought he would love to win it and put it on the mantelpiece at home. Miss Green told the class that she would give a second prize of \$10 this year, as there were so many good students. All the class tried hard at exam time because each of them wanted to be the one to own the big shiny gold trophy with the words engraved on it "To the best and fairest student for the year". Wouldn't you like a shiny gold trophy to sit in your lounge room at home?

As the year was coming to an end, Grant was even busier than usual with School tests and a piano exam. His mother and father were working very hard so that they could afford to buy presents for the children for Christmas, but it had been a hard year and somehow there just never seemed to be enough money to go around. Grant could tell that his mother and father were troubled about this.

The day arrived when Miss Green was going to tell the class who had won the shiny gold trophy that everyone wanted. All eyes were on Miss Green as she stood up in front of the class and said: "Class, I have found it very difficult to choose the winner, but one person in particular has been so helpful this year. He works well in class, tries hard, and is always happy and not grumpy. This person is Grant Smith. I have pleasure in giving you this shiny trophy Grant."

Grant stood up and the class clapped loudly. Grant felt so



excited. He wanted that trophy more than anything, but as he looked at it he couldn't help thinking of his brothers and sisters. Finally he made up his mind. He knew what he had to do.


"Please, Miss Green," said Grant, "May I ask you something? May I have the second prize instead of the first prize?" Miss Green was so surprised, she just didn't know what to say. "But everyone wants to win this trophy, Grant. I suppose if you like you can have the second prize instead of the trophy, but may I ask you why you want the second prize?"

"Well, you see, Miss, I want to give my mother the \$10 to buy Christmas gifts for my brothers and sisters. We don't have very much money and this would help my mother," said Grant.

Miss Green felt very touched. She knew how much Grant wanted that trophy, and what a sacrifice it was for him to make for his family. "That is a lovely thought Grant," said Miss Green. "Yes, you may have the \$10 for your mother."

That Christmas was a happy time for Grant. He would have loved to have had that trophy, but he was so happy to be able to share with his brothers and sisters. Mother and father were very proud of their son for being so thoughtful. They gave him a special hug and a big "Thank you".

You see children, Christmas is all about thinking of others. It's nice to make others happy. What can you do to make your family happy at Christmas time and at other times too? You can help your mother and father and you can do jobs around the house, and you can help look after your younger brother or sister. Now that you are growing up, there are lots of things you can do. Can you tell me some?

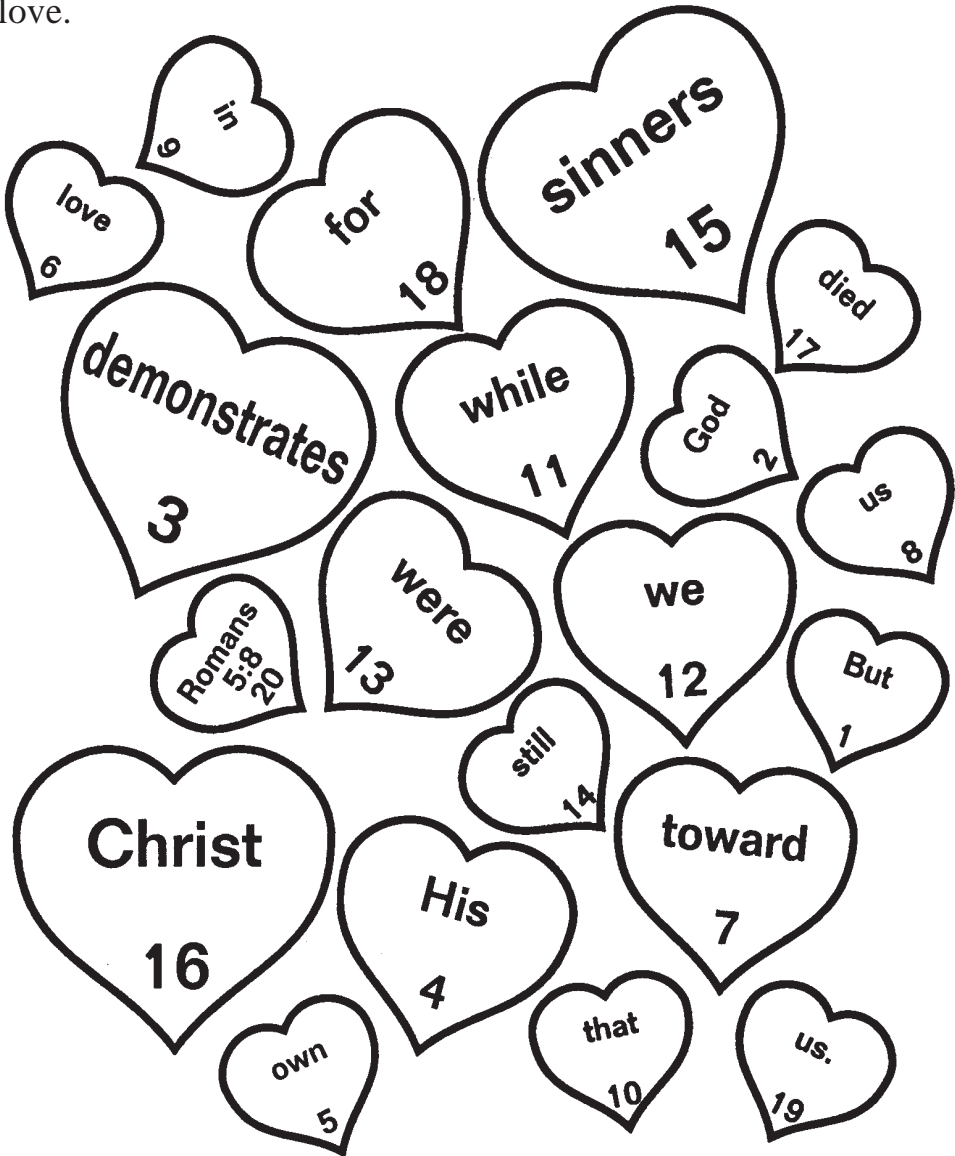
Have a very happy Christmas time children, and as we celebrate Jesus' birthday remember to be happy with your gifts and to say thank you. And most important of all, remember to say thank you to God for that very first Christmas when Jesus was born a baby, in a manger. 



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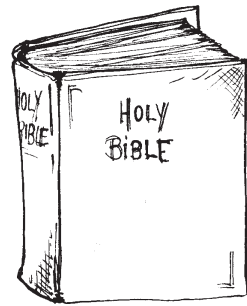
God's Love

Put the words in the hearts in order to find a verse about God's love.



Debug Your Bible:

“The Lord’s Prayer”



In this article we are going to look at prayer with particular reference to the Lord’s Prayer and its development from the original language in which it was recorded, to what we have now in our Bibles. You often find a depth of meaning in the original language, that is lost, or diluted when translated into another language.

What is prayer? Prayer is communion with our Creator – it is taking time out to talk to God. Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God. It helps to bring us closer to God and to make us reliant on Him. It brings the things which are close to our heart to his attention. Somehow God seems to be pleased and responsive to our prayers.

The word Prayer is mentioned 36 times in the book of Psalms. As an example of the importance of prayer, look at King David, he spoke regularly to God through prayer and song. Prayer by the disciples is mentioned 9 times in the book of Acts. Zacharias’ prayer was answered by the Lord when Elisabeth was able to bear a son, who would grow and become John the Baptist.

Jesus in Luke 6:12: “*And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.*” Jesus demonstrated the importance of prayer with his relationship with the Father by frequently going to be by myself to pray to the Father. His dislike of pretentious prayers is seen in Mark and Luke. Matthew chapter 6:5,6: “*And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the*

synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” The only public prayer we hear that Jesus is involved in is The Lord’s Prayer. This prayer was given to teach the disciples to pray. Luke 11:1,2 – “*And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say...*”

We also read of Jesus giving thanks for food in Luke 22:17, “*And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves*”. Perhaps thanks was not regarded as prayer or perhaps he did not necessary say words as there is no prayer of thanksgiving recorded – simply – gave thanks. The disciples obviously knew he gave thanks.

The Lord’s Prayer is the model of prayer that Jesus taught us, as recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Let’s take a look at the Lord’s prayer and its evolvement.

Jesus and the disciples did not speak Hebrew, they spoke a language known as Aramaic. The Israelites’ had lost the knowledge of the original Hebrew language back at the time of the prophet Ezra, for remember he had to address the tribes in Assyrio-Chaldean because their

native language had been forgotten. Thus reading from the scrolls in the temple.
at the time of the New Testament, the Now let us look at the original language
language of the region was Aramaic, which and wording, as it is pronounced and the
language Jesus would have used when direct translation of each word or phrase.

Phonetic writing of the original Aramaic:

Abwûn

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes,

d'bwasmâja

who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration.

Nethkâdasch schmach

May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.

Têtê malkuthach.

Your Heavenly Domain comes.

Nehwê tzevjânach aikâna d'bwasmâja af b'arha.

Let Your will come true - in the universe (all that vibrates)

just as on earth (that is material and dense).

Hawvlân lachma d'sûnkanân jaomâna.

Give us bread (understanding, assistance) for our daily need,

Waschboklân chaubên wachtahên aikâna

daf chnân schwoken l'chaijabên.

detach the ropes of faults that bind us,

like we let go the guilt of others.

Wela tachlân l'nesjuna

Let us not be lost in superficial things (a common temptation),

ela patzân min bischa.

but let us be freed from that what keeps us off from our true purpose.

The Benediction

Metol dilachie malkutha wahaila wateschbuchta l'ahlâm almîn.

From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act,
the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age.

Amên.

Sealed in trust, faith and truth.

I confirm that with my whole being

Aramaic manuscripts have been uncovered over the years which provide us with original source documents that can be fairly well authenticated. Beginning with Constantine around 325 AD, dramatic changes began to be infused into interpretations as texts were

translated from Aramaic into Greek then into Latin and in later years into old English, and still later, into the more modern English. These translations over the centuries have changed dramatically sometimes even altering the original meaning of a particular text.

Lords Prayer, from Aramaic into Old English

Translation by G.J.R. Ouseley from *The Gospel of the Holy Twelve*

Our Father-Mother Who art above and within:

Hallowed be Thy Name in twofold Trinity.

In Wisdom, Love and Equity Thy Kingdom come to all.

Thy will be done, As in Heaven so in Earth.

Give us day by day to partake of Thy holy Bread, and the fruit of the living Vine.

As Thou dost forgive us our trespasses, so may we forgive others who trespass against

us.

Shew upon us Thy goodness, that to others we may shew the same.

In the hour of temptation, deliver us from evil.

Amun.

In the latter part of the second century, Matthew translates the Lord's Prayer in rather crude Greek, behind which one can still sense the original Aramaic. The commonly accepted version of the Lord's Prayer is the version given in the gospel of Matthew. This version, however, is

admitted to be grossly inaccurate. It contains sixty-six words. The Revised Version of Matthew contains but fifty-five. Twenty-four words either do not belong to the prayer, or have been misplaced; while words which do belong to it have been omitted.

Old English (c. 450-1100)

The Lord's Prayer in Old English - Matthew 6:9-13 (dated the 11th century)

Fæder ure þu þe eart on heofonum;

Father our thou that art in heavens

Si þin nama gehalgod

be thy name hallowed

to becume þin rice

come thy kingdom

gewurþe ðin willa

be-done thy will

on eorðan swa swa on heofonum.

on earth as in heavens

urne gedeghwamlican hlaf syle us todeg

our daily bread give us today

and forgyf us ure gyltas

and forgive us our sins

swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum

as we forgive those-who-have-sinned-against-us

and ne gelied þu us on costmunge

and not lead thou us into temptation

ac alys us of yfele soþlice

but deliver us from evil. truly.

Modern English (1500-now)
Early Modern English (1500-1700)
Book of Common Prayer
(dated 1559)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

(Morning prayer; modern spelling edition, ed. Booty (1976).

Late Modern English (1700-now)
The Benediction is added.

The doxology (*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*) was not present in the original version of the prayer, but rather was added to the Gospels as a result of its use in the liturgy of the early church. For this reason, it is not included in many modern translations.

This English version without the doxology of the Our Father became accepted throughout the English-speaking world. Later, the Catholic Church made slight modifications in the English: “who art” replaced “which art,” and “on earth” replaced “in earth.” During the reign of Edward VI, the *Book of Common Prayer* (1549 and 1552 editions) of the Church of England did not change the wording of the Our Father nor add the doxology. However, during the reign of Elizabeth I, the Lord’s Prayer was changed to include the doxology.

Book of Common Prayer
(dated 1928)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us now, just take a quick look at the Lord’s Prayer, and what the utterer is asking for.

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”

When Moses approached God on Mount Sinai, he heard a voice saying, “Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” An infinite chasm separated us from God.

In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus invites us to draw near to God who is beyond human understanding, who dwells in mystery, who is all holy.

We can call God “*our Father*”. By calling God “*Father*” we are describing ourselves and our relationship with God. Jesus teaches that God sees us as if we were a daughter or a son. And we can approach God as a child approaches a loving parent. What is more, we approach God through God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, who unites us to himself. We are His children, as such,



we occupy a place of privilege, and He wants us to spend time in prayer with Him. *“Our Father-Mother Who art above and within.”* Calling God “Father” does not mean that God is masculine as in the original text the Birther or Creator was both Father and Mother.

None of our descriptions of God are adequate. *“Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration. May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.”* God, who is *“in heaven”*, in spirit. Gods spirit is there for us to dwell in and for the spirit to dwell in us. *Hallowed be Thy Name in twofold Trinity.* His name is holy, . His name is honoured, and above all other names. We must always give honour to God. In our words and actions.

“Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, as in heaven so on earth.”

God’s kingdom. Jesus often said that God’s power would appear and renew all creation. God like a mighty king would rule over the earth according to a plan that unfolds from the beginning of the world. God’s kingdom would be marked by peace and justice. Good would be rewarded and evil punished.

Your Heavenly Domain comes. Let Your will come true - in the universe (all that vibrates) just as on earth (that is material and dense). Gods Kingdom is a spiritual realm which will be achieved when Gods spirit dwells in man. *In Wisdom, Love and Equity Thy Kingdom come to all.*

Thy will be done, As in Heaven so in Earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

We are God’s children. What can be more childlike than this petition in which

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we pray for our daily bread, a word that describes all those physical, human and spiritual gifts we need to live.

Give us bread (understanding, assistance) for our daily need. *Give us day by day to partake of Thy holy Bread, and the fruit of the living Vine.* May we partake of the spirit of Jesus Christ everyday.

And forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who are indebted to us.

This petition of the Lord’s Prayer is a demanding one. Not only do we ask God’s forgiveness for our sins, but we link God’s forgiveness of us with our forgiveness of others. Forgiving others is not always easy to do. We need God’s help to do it. But it must be done or we ourselves cannot receive God’s mercy - **detach the ropes of faults that bind us, like we let go the guilt of others.**

Shew upon us Thy goodness, that to others we may shew the same.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Life is not easy. It is a daily battle. Trials like sickness and failure can crush our spirits. False values and easy promises can entice us and even destroy our souls. And so we ask God to keep us from failing when we are tested, to help us to know the right thing to do, to deliver us from the evil which awaits us in life.

Let us not be lost in superficial things (a common temptation), but let us be freed from that what keeps us off from our true purpose. *In the hour of temptation, deliver us from evil.*

Amên.

Sealed in trust, faith and truth. I confirm that with my whole being.📖

Statement of Belief

The Christian Israelite Church beliefs can be fully supported by the Scriptures. Here is an outline:

We Believe

- * In God Almighty creator of all things (Genesis 1:1).
- * In the existence of Satan, the Devil, in whom God allowed iniquity to be placed (James 2:19; Ezekiel 28:14,15).
- * That God created a spirit-existence in which the devil manifested evil and caused some of the spirits to rebel against God (Isaiah 14:12-14; Jude 6).
- * That God created our physical world, to which each person comes with a body and a soul made alive by a spirit from the spiritual creation (Luke 9:55; Genesis 2:7).
- * That God gave His people instructions on the way they should live, which instructions were *"for their good always"* (Deuteronomy 6:24).
- * That all have sinned and come *"short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:19).
- * That God has reconciled the (whole) world to Himself through the sacrifice of Jesus (John 3:16,17).
- * That through belief in the sacrifice of Jesus believers are counted as righteous before God, and can be assured of the resurrection of their souls (a Spiritual body) at Jesus' return (1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:44).
- * That there will be a small number who will fully prove their faith by a work of true obedience to God's instructions and will thereby receive the prize of the highest calling of God, the redemption of spirit and soul and body - this living mortal Body made Immortal without seeing death (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Revelation 14:1-5; Hebrews 11:39,40).
- * That Jesus Christ will return to this earth again, subdue the power of Satan and reign forever and ever (Revelation chapters 19 and 20).
- * That the return of Jesus Christ is near and we are living in the period described in Scripture as the latter days (Matthew chapter 24; Mark chapter 13 and Luke chapter 21).
- * That there are promises in the Scriptures especially to Israel - God's chosen people (1 Peter 2:9).
- * That although Israel of old did not accept the challenge of spiritually being God's peculiar people, a remnant of their descendants will come forward in the latter days to fulfill the obligations and receive the promises (Revelation 7:1-8).
- * That the Mission of the Christian Israelite Church is to awaken the lost ten tribes of Israel to this special inheritance to be the physical Immortal "Bride of the Lamb" and to be the vehicle for the task of bringing them all together at God's appointed time (Matthew 10:5,6; Revelation chapter 19).

We believe that God is the absolute Judge and Arbiter and that we as His servants have an obligation to respond to what He puts in each heart, and that whilst we seek to proclaim and discuss our beliefs, we have no right to contend with other people about them.

Expand Your Bible:

A Salty Article



What is it that is essential to our bodily health, that is made up of two substances which separately are poisonous to the body?

The answer of course is salt...common salt. The two elements which combine to produce it are sodium and chlorine, both vital to the human body as salt, but poisonous or detrimental as separate substances.

Salt is taken in by the body as salt and is excreted as salt. It doesn't change. It is not built up into organic combinations with proteins and other constituents of the cell protoplasm. It yields no energy.

So why is it so important?

What salt does is to play a vital part in all the activities of the body tissues, and no tissue remains healthy unless it is bathed by a fluid in which there is a proper proportion of common salt. The concentration of salt must be correct – too high and it withdraws fluid from the living cell – too low and it allows fluid to enter the cell.

Salt has always had value. In very early days it was a luxury and only the rich had salt. Roman soldiers were paid part of their wages in salt, hence the term 'salary'.

We all need salt. It is normally obtained from the food we eat. In areas where the salt has been leached from the soil, people may suffer a deficiency, but with modern foods and salt as an additive, the opposite is quite often the case – too much salt in the diet. Too much or too little are both detrimental.

Salt has always had some uses. Before the days of refrigeration, ice cream was

churned and frozen by putting the container of mixture into another containing ice to which salt had been added to lower the temperature. Salting was a means of preserving meat and other foods. Salt is spread on roads which have been snowed or iced over to keep them passable.

There are quite a few references to salt in the Bible.

The most widely known story involving salt would be that of Lot's wife. As the family fled from the destruction of Sodom, the city in which they lived, they were instructed not to look back. However, Lot's wife did look back and was turned in to a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:26).

It appears that salt was connected with sacrifices and covenants.

In Numbers 18:19 the phrase "*covenant of salt*" is used. Although it is not really clear what this refers to, it is thought it is perhaps an allusion to the salt used in the sacrificial meal that commonly

Why is salt such a good food preservative?

Salt is considered antibacterial because it restricts bacterial growth in food. It preserves foods by lowering the amount of "free" water molecules in food. Bacteria need moisture in order to thrive, so without enough "free" water, they cannot grow well in foods that contain salt.

Reference: www.cfsan.fda.gov

accompanied the making of a covenant. Examples of this are recorded in Genesis 31:54; Exodus 24:5-11 and Psalms 50:5, where a meal was eaten to seal a covenant made.

When sacrifices were made, salt usually accompanied them.

Leviticus 2:13 - salt which must accompany the grain offering was called "*salt of the covenant*".

Ezekiel 43:24 - salt was sprinkled on burnt offerings.

Exodus 30:35 - salt was one of the ingredients in the incense compounded for the sanctuary.

Salt may have had a purifying effect.

In the book of James, reference is made to water from a spring. The question is asked, "*Can both sweet and salt water flow from the same spring?*" Comparing this to our conversation and words that come from our lips, we are advised that this should always be as the sweet water which is beneficial and of value.

A similar challenge is made to believers in Colossians 4:5,6, where Paul is instructing them, "*Walk in wisdom...let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man*". Another translation reads, "*Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace seasoned with salt so that ye may know how to answer everyone*". An unusual way to put it, but just as salt is a preservative and tasty, similarly a Christian's conversation is to be wholesome.

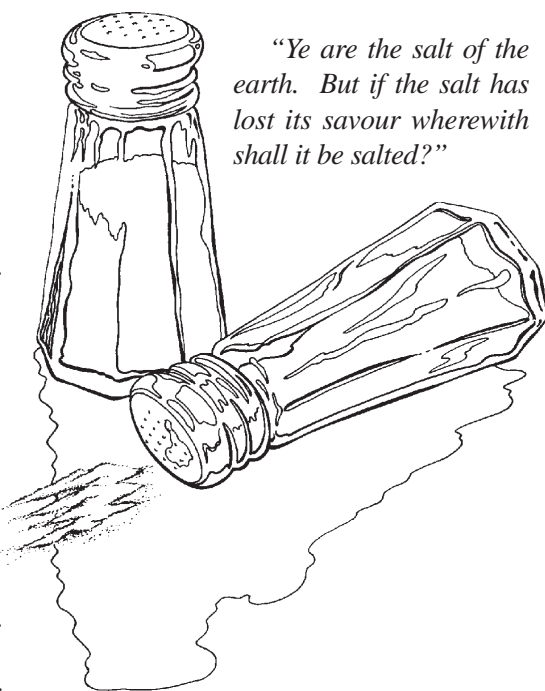
The ultimate exhortation was made to his followers by Jesus Himself, in Matthew 5:13, where he tells them, "*Ye are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its savour wherewith shall it be salted?*"

Check through this list of properties of

salt (you may think of more), and ask yourself, "Do we (I), as a follower of Christ, possess these attributes of salt?"

1. Enhances flavour – do we as Christians enhance our life and make it more meaningful?
2. Brings out hidden flavours – do we enjoy things more?
3. Preservative – do we preserve values?
4. Purifier – do we concentrate on the more wholesome events?
5. Essential for life and health – a better way of living.
6. Healing properties – bathing in salt water is healing. Do we find this quality in our faith?
7. An ingredient in sacrifices.
8. Practical applications – help others.

If the salt has lost its savour it hasn't the same effect. So we as believers need to continually work on our relationship with God, constantly replenishing the savour of our salt (faith).



Vegetarian Recipes

Lentil Shepherd's Pie

(Vegan, Gluten free)

Serves 4-6.

Filling

245g brown lentils

2 bay leaves

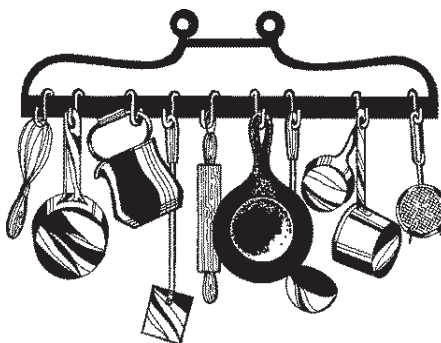
1 onion, chopped finely

olive oil, for frying

pinch of mixed dried herbs

2 cloves garlic, chopped finely

280g finely chopped vegetables (carrot, potato, sweet potato, pumpkin, peas, leek, beans, mushrooms, parsnips, etc.)



Potato Mash

2-3 large potatoes, chopped and peeled (sweet potatoes may be used instead)

1 teaspoon hulled tahini (optional)

salt, to taste

2 tablespoons hulled sunflower seeds

2 tablespoons sesame seeds

2 tablespoons pepitas or pumpkin seeds

Sort through the lentils, then rinse well. Place in saucepan with bay leaves and cover with 2-3cm of water or vegetable stock.

Cook over a low heat for 30 minutes.

Turn the oven on to 180degC.

Get a frying pan and heat olive oil, then add onion and herbs and gently saute for a few minutes. Add garlic and cook for a couple of minutes longer.

Add the onion mixture to the lentils cooking in the pot as well as the chopped vegetables (add the peas later). Keep checking your liquid level making sure it doesn't get too low. Add extra if it is getting too dry.

Continue cooking over a gentle heat for 20 minutes, add the peas. Continue cooking until the mixture thickens, stirring occasionally.

Steam the potatoes (either white or sweet) for 20 minutes until soft. Place in a bowl with tahini (optional) and mash well. Season with salt to taste.

Place the lentil mixture in a casserole dish. Cover with the mashed potato and sprinkle with the seed mixture.

Bake for 25-30 minutes.