

To Understand The Trinity is to Understand Jesus

All Scripture is KJV: 2 Peter 3

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY

Today I want to preach about the subject of “The Trinity” or the Triune Godhead, or Simply “Who is God”.

In the bible God is referred to by many names. He does not just have one name.

But it is important to identify which person or persons are persons of the Godhead is referred to in the context of that passage of scripture.

Sometimes the word “God is referring to all three personalities, and sometimes it might only be referring to one of the persons of the Godhead.

It is this lack of understanding which has lead to many false doctrines of God in the bible.

- God’s names are not “titles”, they are names. And every name is referring to one of the persons of the Godhead.
- Remember the word God can be referring to all three persons at once.

So....

1. if you start off by knowing that it says in the scriptures that “no man has ever seen God the Father at any time, nor heard His voice” then you have to answer those passages of scripture correctly where it says that the “LORD God spoke to the prophets for example.
 2. So understanding the Godhead is important for doctrine.
- ❖ In the OT God was known by several names and in the NT God is also known by several names.
 - ✓ So again how would you understand the Book of 2 Peter : 1-9 if you had no distinction.

2 Peter 3: 1-9 King James Version

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were **from the beginning of the creation.**

⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, **that by the word of God the heavens were of old,** and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

⁷ **But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store,** reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord** as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,** as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, **but that all should come to repentance.**

- And it is not that God had a name and then abandoned that name. No. When God calls himself by another name, he does not give up the previous name, but it is that God is also known by that name as well.
- So God from the OT to the NT has several names, and was known and is still known by those very same names.

What about the quotation of Hebrews 1 how would you answer that scripture then?

Hebrews 1 King James Version

- ✓ Remember God, imparted the knowledge and wisdom to the prophets and the Apostles through the Holy Spirit moving upon them as the scripture says, so it was not necessary for the Prophets or the Apostles to actually see or hear God the Father for example when scripture was given to them.
- ✓ And this explains how Hebrews 1 for example was written.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

✓ For no prophecy is by any private interpretation.

2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

So.....

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (spoken through the Holy Spirit)

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (because Jesus was now present in creation).

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

¹² And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

¹³ But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

- ✓ Without understanding the Godhead or who is speaking you will have false doctrine.

John 1 King James Version

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- ✓ All through the Old Testament The LORD is referring to Jesus.
 - ✓ Take a look at the many scriptures with me.
1. [Isaiah 40:3](#) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
 2. [Matthew 3:3](#) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
 3. [Mark 1:3](#) The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
 4. [Luke 3:4](#) As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
 5. [John 1:23](#) He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.
- ✓ So do you see the word capital LORD is reference to Jesus coming in the NT.
 - ✓ Yet people will insist that the LORD was God the Father in the OT.
 - ✓ But how is it that God the Father spoke face to face with the prophets for example?

- ✓ Make no sense that was the case.

So....Let's start in Genesis.....

Genesis 17:1

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the **Almighty God**; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 35:11

And **God** said unto him, I am **God Almighty**: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

Genesis 48:3

And Jacob said unto Joseph, **God Almighty** appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

Ezekiel 10:5

And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the **Almighty God** when he speaketh.

- ✚ But you will have others like the "Jehovah's false Witnesses" religion who will say that God only has one name, and that he is known by the name Jehovah?

1. And they will have you go to Psalm 83:18.

Psalm 83:18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is **JEHOVAH**, art the most high over all the earth.

2. The JW's will say see, Gods name alone is JEHOVAH.
3. But what the verse is actually is saying is that no other person or god has the "name" Jehovah.
4. It's not saying that Jehovah is his only name. But simply that there is no other known by that name.
5. But they will not stop to check out the other verses in the bible where God calls himself by other names also. For example in Psalm 148:13.

Psalm 148:13

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

6. Both of these verses say the same thing. One verse says that his name is Jehovah and the other verse says that his name is excellent.
7. What it means is that he is the only one who's name is excellent and he is the only one whose name is Jehovah.

- ✚ You see when the bible refers to God and Lord for example, they are both names of God. God has many names.
- ✚ If you look at the OT again in Exodus 6:3 you will see another example of Gods names.

Exodus 6:3

And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of **God Almighty**, but by my **name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.**

1. You see here that at the time when God revealed himself to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; God used the name to reveal himself to them by the name God Almighty.
2. This was the primary name that God chose to reveal himself up to that time.
3. But by the time you get passed the event at the burning bush here in Exodus 6:3, God starts to use another name to reveal himself. Which is the name JEHOVAH.
4. God even told us here by what name he was known, and that up to this point he was not known by the name JEHOVAH.
5. Is that not interesting; How God chose to do that?

✚ This therefore shows again that JEHOVAH was not the only name that God used like the JW's false witnesses would have you try and believe folks?

1. Now let's look at two other passages.

Romans 10:9-13

⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth **the Lord Jesus**, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰For *(because)* with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹For *(because)* the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

¹²For *(because)* there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for *(because)* **the same Lord** over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

¹³For *(because)* whosoever shall call upon the **name of the Lord** shall be saved.

1. According to Romans the name we are calling upon is "**The Lord**".
2. The parallel passage to this is found in Joel 2:32. And if you look at this verse you will see that it is speaking about the LORD.
3. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be delivered.

Joel 2:32 ³²And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on **the name of the LORD** shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be

deliverance, as the **LORD hath said**, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

1. This verse LORD is talking about the name of God. The name JEHOVAH which is the teragrammaton (YHWH) which is God.
2. But in Romans 10:13 it is also cross referencing this same LORD with Lord. It's the same Lord of salvation.
3. So.....with that in mind.....let's look at Genesis 12.

Genesis 12:8. ⁸ And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto **the LORD**, and **called upon the name of the LORD.**

Genesis 13:4. ⁴ Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there **Abram called** on **the name of the LORD.**

Now go to Genesis 26 in your bibles.....

Genesis 26:24-25. ²⁴ And **the LORD appeared** unto him the same night, and said, **I am the God of Abraham thy father:** fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

²⁵ And he builded an altar there, and **called upon the name of the LORD,** and pitched his tent there: **and there Isaac's servants** digged a well.

- **Remember** Back in Exodus 6, God told us that he was not known by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by the name JEHOVAH, but that he was know by another name. Do you remember what that name was ? It was **God Almighty** not so?
- **But yet;** He said that **Abraham called upon the name of the Lord** in Genesis 12:8 and Genesis 13:4. Why is that?
- **Well it is because....**God has other names.
- **Even when we got saved:** What name did we call upon? Did we not call upon Jesus. Yes we did. Because Jesus is LORD. And The LORD is Jehovah that's why.

✚ **All of these verse show:** That JEHOVAH is not the only name of God.

1. Therefore by the time we get to the NT. The name Jesus is just another name for God. It does not mean that Jesus stopped being Jehovah.
 2. But that Jesus is Lord, and that Jehovah is just another one of His names.
 3. And when he was revealed as Jehovah at the burning bush, he does not stop **being God almighty.**
 4. All these names are names of God.
- ❖ When we read the bible in the OT we find that in the **later chapters of the book of Genesis and Exodus God starts to use the name LORD.**

Genesis 4:26

And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his **name** Enos: then began men to call upon the **name** of the **LORD**.

Exodus 15:3

The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

- ✓ Without understanding properly the names of God, you will have some difficulty in understanding your bible.
 - ✓ But what you need to remember is that progressively in different time periods God added different names by which he wanted to be known.
 - ✓ But even though he added more names by which he is called he never deleted any of those names.
1. So God has many names by which he is known.
 2. But the people in the OT for example never knew the name of Jesus, but only the name JEHOVAH or LORD. Just as we see the example in Exodus 6:3.
 3. However by these names especially in the OT we can see who is “Jesus” and who is God the Father.
- ✓ That is why we can explain some passages in scripture which talk about no man has ever seen God the Father and lived.
 - ✓ But man has seen God the Son and lived, because that was either speaking about the LORD who is Jesus or JEHOVAH who is Jesus.
- ❖ This is why the names of God are clearly laid out for us in the KJV. It is not like this in any of the other new bible versions.
 - ❖ That is why in Exodus 3 we know its Jesus. And that’s why the Book of Acts 7 makes reference to it.

Exodus 3:2-17 (Moses sees & speaks to God out of The Burning Bush)

² **And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him** in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

³ And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

⁴ **And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.**

⁵ And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

⁶ Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

⁷ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

⁸ And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

¹⁰ Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

¹¹ And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

¹² And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

¹³ And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

¹⁵ And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

¹⁶ Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

¹⁷ And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Joshua 5 tells the story of the Exodus of Israel from Egypt.

Joshua 5: ¹³ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

¹⁴ And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?

¹⁵ And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

- ✓ So as the story unfolds out of Exodus into Joshua chapter 5 we see **the angel of the LORD speaking to Joshua**. This is the same Angel who is God who spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, and said that he would go before him. And then we see it played out in Joshua 5.
- ✓ But this same story about Moses and the burning bush is revealed to us in Acts chapter 7.

Acts 7:30-39 ³⁰ And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

³¹ When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the LORD came unto him,

³² Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

³³ Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

³⁴ I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

³⁵ This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? The same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

³⁶ He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

³⁷ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

³⁹ To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

Some of the 7 names of God are as follows.

In our KJV Bible the names of God are specifically laid out for us to know exactly which person of the Triune God head it is talking about.

1. So when you see the word LORD used in capital letters that is the word JEHOVAH. (YHWH) – known as the tetra grammaton. So when we see this in all capital letters; what the KJV is showing us is that it is that name JEHOVAH. This is only done like this in the OT because the name JEHOVAH never occurs in the NT.
2. Another word that we will notice in the OT only is the name **GOD** in all capital letters. This is also referring to the tetra grammaton the name JEHOVAH.
3. Most of the 7000 times in the OT (99.9% of the time) JEHOVAH in the bible is translated as the LORD in the OT. The reason for this is that in the Greek NT bibles it never uses the word JEHOVAH in the NT. And also this is why in the KJV it is always translated in the NT as LORD.
4. Also even when Jesus and the Apostles when they are quoting the OT in the NT they never translated the word JEHOVAH but use the word Lord.
5. Jesus never once used the name JEHOVAH when he was referring to the name Lord when he was quoting the OT, and neither did the Apostles.
6. So why then, should we be intimidated by the JW's when they say that our bible is inconsistent, and that we got it wrong in the KJV. No they are wrong and our KJV got it right again.

✚ There is no name JEHOVAH used in the Greek NT for God. The JW's have made it up.

Let's look at more names for God.....

Exodus 3:13-15

¹³ And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name?** what shall I say unto them?

¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

¹⁵ And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **the LORD God** of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of

Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever**, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

1. God never ceases to refer to himself by any of his names.

The 7 Names of God that are most known.

1. God. Genesis 1. Uses this name. (400 times)
 2. The name LORD – (JEHOVAH). Used 7000 times
 3. The lower case Lord. – This could mean a boss, master etc..... but not always God. But is also a name of God. (used 400 times)
 4. God almighty – or the Almighty. (used 50 times)
 5. The Lord of Hosts. (used 300 times)
 6. Jah. (shortened for Jehovah. Used once.
 7. The most High God (used 30 to 50 times).
- ✓ These are the most used names in the bible.

Revelation 4:8

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD **God Almighty**, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 19:16

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS**, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:13

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The **Word of God**.

- ✓ We need to remember that Jesus said that He will come again.
- ✓ We need to remember that Acts 1 said “this same Jesus will come in like manner as you see Him go.
- ✓ We need to know that Jesus is at the right hand of His Father.

Acts 1:11

Which also said, Ye 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.

- ✓ We can have a personal relationship with Jesus because he is the God man.
- ✓ He is a person not just an imaginary spirit.

PRAYER.....CLOSE