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Did God Talk To Himself In Jesus?



Oneness Theology teaches that Jesus Christ is the full incarnation of the Father's Being as a fully complete human being through the Hebrew virgin. Many sincere people often ask, "If Jesus is the Father incarnate as a man, how then could Jesus as the Father pray to God the Father? Could God the Father pray to Himself?

Oneness Theology responds by affirming that it is possible for the only the true God the Father who is omnipresent (being everywhere present) to also become a true human son while never losing any of His divine attributes in heaven because Jesus is "the arm of Yahweh" Himself revealed (Isaiah 53:1). Isaiah 53:1; 52:10; and 59:16 prove that the One who became our salvation (Psalm 118:14) never left heaven while He simultaneously became a man. Yet many Trinitarians holding the kenosis view of Philippians 2:7, allege that a Heavenly God the Son violated Malachi 3:6 by losing His omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence to become a man even though Yahweh Himself said, "I am Yahweh, I CHANGE NOT (Malachi 3:6)." Can a true God Person ever cease being a true God Person by losing any of His divine attributes while still being the true God Himself? The scriptural answer is an emblatic "no."

Wherefore, the One who became a man known as "Jesus Christ" is "the same YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER (Heb. 13:8)" because He is that unchangeable only true God the Father who laid "bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all flesh may see the salvation of God (Isaiah 52:10)"

Oneness believers ask our Trinitarian friends how an alleged God the Son could have always remained, "the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8)" as a true God Person without violating Hebrews 13:8 and Malachi 3:6? Could the true God who said, "I am Yahweh, I change not (Malachi 3:6)" have ceased being God for a while by losing His omnipresence, omniscience, and Almightiness to become a man? Can God cease being God for a while in order to become a man without violating Hebrews 13:8 and Malachi 3:6? The only viable scriptural answer is an emphatic "NO."

In a YouTube Video, Trinitarian apologist Ethan Smith explained that it is impossible for a God the Son to lose "His omni-divine attributes ... to become a human." (Ethan Smith, Did Jesus empty His divine attributes and leave heaven? https://youtu.be/ofg-t5Xim/fs)

Most knowledgeable Trinitarian scholars are forced to believe that an alleged Heavenly God the Son Person retained His omnipresence in heaven while simultaneously become a true man. Thus, Trinitarians have a Heavenly Son who could act and speak as the omniscient God in heaven and an earthly Son who could act and speak independently as a non-omniscient Son on the earth. If an alleged God the Son Person would be able to act and speak in the heavens while simultaneously acting, speaking, praying, and being tempted on the earth as a true man, then just like Oneness Pentecostals have two manifestations of the Father, Trinitarians also have two manifestations of an alleged God the Son Person: One Son who could act and speak in heaven, and another human Son who could act and speak independently on earth. Thus Trinitarian theology has a God the Son Person retaining His omnipresence in heaven, while simultaneously entering His creation to become a true man.

Wherefore, just as Oneness Theology teaches that the unchangeable Father never had to lose His Divine attributes to become a man in the incarnation, so most Trinitarian theologians believe that an alleged Heavenly God the Son Person retained His omnipresence and other divine attributes in heaven while simultaneously becoming a man. Thus they have a Heavenly Son Person who could not be tempted as God in heaven and an earthly Son person who could simultaneously be tempted on the earth as a true man. This also sounds like two Son Persons because Trinitarians postulate that One unchangeable Heavenly Son Person who had no need of prayer in heaven, also simultaneously existed as a human Son Person on earth who had need of prayer. Therefore Trinitarians sounds like they believe in two Son Persons: one Son as an unchangeable Heavenly God the Son Person who could act and speak in heaven, and a human Son person who could simultaneously act and speak on the earth as a true man after the incarnation.

In contradistinction, Oneness Pentecostals also sound like they have two Father Persons, the unchangeable God the Father who could act and speak in heaven, while simultaneously becoming the man Christ Jesus who could independently act and speak as a true man on the earth. For the miracle of the incarnation would enable the only omnipresent God, who alone "fills heaven and earth" (Jer. 23:24), too also become the man Christ Jesus who was able to pray and be tempted through his newly assumed human nature and will.

Oneness adherents do not profess two divine Father Persons just as Trinitarians do not profess two divine Son Persons because both Oneness Pentecostals and most Trinitarians teach that a Single Divine Person was incarnated as a true man on the earth while simultaneously existing as the unchangeable God in the heavens. Therefore Oneness Pentecostals believe in One Divine Person as God as God in the heavens who never lost any of His divine attributes in the heavens (Malachi 3:6), and one fully complete human person (1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:17) who is that Divine God Person as God with us as a true man person.

Created angels and men cannot literally act and speak in more than one place at a time because they are not omnipresent (everywhere present) like God (Isaiah 46:9, "I am God and there is none like Me"). In contradistinction to created angels and men, only the omnipresent God can miraculously exist and act as God in heaven while simultaneously existing as God with us as a genuine man at the same time.

Jesus prayed in his genuine humanity by addressing the Father as "the only true God" (John 17:3). This is exactly what we would expect if we are to believe that God became a true man in the incarnation. For the incarnation of God's Holy Spirit through the virgin enabled the child born and son given to have a distinct human mind and will who could pray and submit Himself to the Divine Mind and Will of his Heavenly Father. Hence, contrary to the

Biblical evidence, Trinitarians have two and three God Minds and two and three God wills which we never find anywhere in the Bible. All we find in the Scriptures is One Divine will of our Heavenly Father and one human will of the Son via the incarnation of God's Holy Spirit through the virgin.

Wherefore, Jesus could not have prayed as the only true God because God as God cannot pray or be tempted. Hence, Jesus clearly prayed as a genuine man just as he was tempted in his genuine humanity. For God as God cannot pray or be tempted of evil.

1 Timothy 2:5 proves that "there is One God (the Father), and one mediator between God (the Father) and men, the man Christ Jesus." Since there is only One true God who is the Father, Jesus could not have prayed as a second true God Person as an alleged Heavenly God the Son. For it is wishful thinking on the part of Trinitarians to interpolate an alleged "God the Son" into passages such as 1 Timothy 2:5 which states that there is only "One God" who is the Father and one man who is the Son.

If we are to truly believe that Jesus is truly God as to his divine nature, then we must accept the fact that he is fully God incarnate with us as a genuine man who was tempted and needed to pray as all men do. This is precisely what we would expect if we are to truly believe that God became a man to save us. For if Jesus could not have had the capacity to pray and experience human temptations then he could not be said to have been a true man at all!

If Jesus is not the only true God the Father with us as a genuine man (via incarnation) then he could not have said in John 8:24, "If you do not believe that I AM HE you will die in your sins." Although Jesus did not have a divine consciousness as God with us as a true man, he clearly had a Divine awareness of His true identity as Immanuel, God with us as man.

Jesus cited the words of God the Father Himself when he said, "If you do not believe that I AM HE" in John 8:24. For God the Father said in Isaiah 43:10-11, "You are My witnesses, declares Yahweh, and My servant whom I have chosen (the Father is the speaker), that you may know and BELIEVE ME, and understand THAT I AM HE (the Father). Before Me (the Father) there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me (the Father). I, even I AM YAHWEH, and BESIDE ME THERE IS NO SAVIOR." Here we find that the only true God the Father is our only Saviour. If Jesus is another Saviour who is not that only true God who became a man, then he would be an imposter!

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