

THE GODHEAD - A CLOSER LOOK (Part 3)

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I. MANKIND'S CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER.

- A. What He does for us.
1. He has worked to give us salvation.
 - a) **John 5:17.** But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."
 - b) **John 6:32.** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven."
 2. He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
 - a) **Hebrews 11:6.** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
 - b) **Matthew 6:4-6.** that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. **5** "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. **6** But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
 - a) **Matthew 7:11.** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
 - b) **Luke 12:32.** "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
 - c) He provides our eternal abode. **1 Corinthians 15:24.** Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.
 - d) He is a Punisher of the wicked. **Matthew 18:34-35.** And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. **35** "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."
 3. He hears and answers our prayers. **1 John 5:14-15.** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. **15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
 4. He provides for our needs.
 - a) **Matthew 5:45.** That you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
 - b) **Matthew 6:26,32.** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
 5. He gives us every spiritual blessing in Christ.
 - a) **Ephesians 1:3.** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ
 - b) **James 1:17.** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
- B. Our responsibilities to Him.
1. We must diligently seek Him.
 - a) **Hebrews 11:6.** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- b) **Matthew 6:33.** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- 2. We must glorify Him.
 - a) **Matthew 5:16.** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
 - b) **John 15:8.** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
 - c) **Romans 15:6.** That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3. We must worship Him in spirit and truth. **John 4:23-24.** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- 4. We are to pray to Him in faith; in the name of Jesus.
 - a) **John 16:23.** “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.
 - b) Not once do we have Paul or any other inspired writer mention praying to Jesus. He always says that he prays to the Father through Jesus.
 - (1) **Ephesians 5:20.** Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - (2) **Colossians 3:17.** And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

II. MANKIND’S CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SON.

- A. What He does for us.
 - 1. He is our Mediator.
 - a) **1 Timothy 2:5.** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus
 - b) A mediator is a go between.
 - c) He goes between us and the Father.
 - d) He reconciles us to the Father. **Ephesians 2:16.** And that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.
 - e) He intercedes for us. **Hebrews 4:15-16.** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 - 2. He is our Advocate.
 - a) **1 John 2:1.** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
 - b) **Matthew 10:32-33.** “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.
 - c) An advocate is a little bit different than a mediator.
 - (1) A mediator represents both sides equally.
 - (2) An advocate pleads for one who is accused of doing wrong.
 - 3. He is our Judge.
 - a) All judgment has been committed to Him by the Father. **John 5:26-30.** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, **27** and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice **29** and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. **30** I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
 - b) It is before His judgment seat that we all must stand. **2 Corinthians 5:10.** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- c) His words will be the standard of judgment. **John 12:48.** He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.
 - 4. He is our Savior. **Luke 19:10.** For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost
 - 5. He is our propitiation.
 - a) **1 John 2:2.** And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
 - b) Propitiation means to appease God’s wrath.
 - c) It is Jesus’ blood that appeases God’s wrath. **Romans 3:23-25.** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed
 - 6. He upholds all things. **Hebrews 1:3.** 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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high
- B. Our responsibilities to Him.
- 1. We are to worship Him.
 - a) He accepted worship while He was here.
 - b) **John 9:35-38.** Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” **36** He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” **37** And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” **38** Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.
 - c) **Luke 24:52.** And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
 - d) Many of our acts of worship are directed to Jesus.
 - (1) Many of our songs.
 - (a) What A Friend We Have In Jesus.
 - (b) Man of Sorrows.
 - (c) He Paid a Debt.
 - (2) Communion. **1 Corinthians 11:26.** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.
 - 2. We are to confess Him before man. **Matthew 10:32-33.** “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.
 - 3. We are to render Him obedience. **Luke 6:46.** “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?

III. MANKIND’S CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. What He does for us.
- 1. He convicts us of sin. **John 16:7-11.** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
 - 2. He washes us. Cleanses us. **1 Corinthians 6:11.** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
 - 3. He sanctifies us. **2 Thessalonians 2:13.** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth
 - 4. He justifies us. **1 Corinthians 6:11.** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
 - 5. He saves us. **Titus 3:5-7.** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

6. He comforts us. *Acts 9:31*. Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.
 7. He teaches. *1 Corinthians 2:13*. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
 8. He intercedes for us. *Romans 8:26-27*. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
 9. He dwells within the Christian. *1 Corinthians 6:19*. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- B. Our responsibilities to Him.
1. We are not to grieve Him.
 2. We are to heed His instructions.