C. The Trinity – third part - The Lord our God is One

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1. Introduction

This is a third study in the continuation of the Trinity. The topic of this doctrine is so entrenched that it is not easy for one to critically evaluate this concept using only the Bible due to the fact that one needs to let go of preconceived ideas on this subject. Bible scripture does not support the concept of a Trinity. It is man-made and was essentially developed politically to give unity to different factions of the Churches that had separated after the death of the Apostles. Today the Trinity is hardly ever questioned and is a major problem in Christian beliefs as it conflicts with Judaism and Messianic Jews as well as with the Bible.

The study document on first part of the Trinity looks at Bible scripture with respect to the Holy Spirit. It found that there was no Biblical support for the Holy Spirit to be a person, nothing in scripture supported the three in one concept. That study came to establishing that the Holy Spirit was a portion of the Father Himself. God is Holy and God is Spirit and throughout the Old Testament God gave some parts of His Spirit to others mainly for imparting knowledge. This study looks at establishing what Yeshua tells us about the Father and why the King James Bible , and many other Bibles, muddies the water in understanding who God really is. In order to understand what God's word is saying, one needs to open their mind and let go of the preconceived idea of the Trinity. To do this pray and ask for God's Holy Spirit to open and show you the truth from His word.

2. Bible Translation Problems

The King James Bible used various texts for their translation, the main one for the Old Testament being the Hebrew Rabbinic Bible by Daniel Bomberg (1524), but also adjusted to the Greek Septuagint and Latin Vulgate. The main source of Bomberg being the Masoretic Text. The New Testament used mainly Greek editions of Theodore Beze (1598) as well as editions of the Latin Vulgate. Again the main source of Beze coming from the Masoretic Text and the Latin Vulgate. Most all of the early English translated Bibles follow closely to the KJV.

A major problem in translation is for the translator to try and find a word for word translation. However this is not always possible and this is true with both the Hebrew and Greek words in which the Bible was written. So the translator does the best he can and sometimes his translation obscures the meaning and understanding to the English reader. Recognize also that the original Hebrew and Greek languages do not have punctuation or capitals. Also extra words in light font are added by the translators in order to help with English reading. One other problem that can arise is that the translator can bring his bias into play, most often inadvertently but sometimes intentionally. At times it can be correct, but other times it is wrong. This is why various bible translations are need to be compared and also why Strong's numbers as well as both Hebrew and Greek Lexicons and interlinear Bibles need to be used. For especially difficult to understand

scriptures we need to use a number of resource materials in order to understand what is being said as well as God's spirit opening up the scripture to us.

Also recognize that the New Testament did not come into existence until 30 to 60 years after Christ's death and resurrection. Thus the early congregation formed by the Apostles only had the Old Testament to guide them as well as the Holy Spirit. Also understand that Yeshua came to the Jews, not to the Gentiles, He did not need to tell the Jews to keep the Laws, He only needed to explain to them how to better keep the Laws by their intent. It was only later that the Apostles were sent to the Gentiles, in particular the ministry of Paul.

3. Translations of the word God

The word "God" translated in nearly all Bibles leads us to confusion in some scriptures and to a major lack of understanding. In the Old Testament the word God is Strong's number H430 which is Elohiym. This Hebrew word has a wide variety of meanings, it can mean any of the following; God, a mighty one, a messenger, a chief, a mayor, a land owner, a person of authority, etc. In the Bible it usually refers to the Father or the Son. This means one must be careful with the context of the particular scripture. This Hebrew word is the most important one that we must know for without it in a number of verses we do not obtain a truthful understanding. Consider the following verses;

Psa 45:6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre. Psa 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (KJV)

The above scriptures give us a great deal of difficulty in trying to understand what is being said. It leads us to attribute both the Father and also the Son are God. However we need to look at the same verses in the Scriptures Bible as follows;

Psa 45:6 Your throne, O Elohim, is forever and ever; The sceptre of Your reign Is a sceptre of straightness.

Psa 45:7 You have loved righteousness and hated wrongness; ^a Therefore Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. Footnote: ^aQuoted in Heb 1:8-9 where the Greek text has *lawlessness* instead of *wrongness*. (TS)

This now says that the Father has anointed the Son with oil of gladness more than His companions. His companions being the angels in heaven. In Psa 45:7 the first Elohim is a mighty one, or the Son of God, the second Elohim is God the Father. Consider, if the Son was God why would he be anointed? Or if the Son was part of God Himself, then God would be anointing Himself.

Another example is given in the following verses;

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

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God. (KJV)

These verses refer to the "Word" who is defined for us in other scriptures as Yeshua the Messiah and the above scriptures seems to tell us that the Word (Christ) was with the Father at the beginning and that both are God. Again we need to go to the Scriptures Bible in order to obtain a true understanding;

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim. (TS)

What we are now shown is that the Word (Christ) was with the Father (Elohim) and the Word (Christ) was a mighty one (Elohim). Also the Word was with the Father in the beginning.

These verses above now tell us that there is one God, being the Father. Yeshua the Messiah is a mighty one but He is not God, He is next to God, just below the Father, He is second in command and He is Deity and divine, see the second study in this series. This is the start in understanding and it will be examined in much more detail in the following sections.

4. What Yeshua told us

As we proceed from this point on, only the Scriptures Bible will be used.

In starting, Yeshua when He came to earth told us of the Father and told us to pray directly to the Father, not to Himself or anyone else;

Mat 6:9 "This, then, is the way you should pray: 'Our Father who is in the heavens, let Your Name be set-apart,

Luk 11:2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in the heavens, let Your Name be set-apart, let Your reign come, let Your desire be done on earth as it is in heaven.

After Yeshua's Resurrection and when He ascended into Heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father and now is our Chief Priest and intercedes to the Father for us. We now pray to the Father in Yeshua's name. Yeshua takes our pray to the Father.

Luk 22:69 "From now on the Son of Adam shall sit on the right hand of the power of Psa 110:1 Elohim."

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, (Yeshua) the Son of Elohim, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who was tried in all respects as we are, apart from sin.

Heb 4:16 Therefore, let us come boldly to the throne of favour, in order to receive compassion, and find favour for timely help.

Heb 6:20 where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become **High Priest forever** according to the order of Malkitsedeq. Psa 110:4.

Eph 5:20 giving thanks always for all to Elohim the Father, in the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah,

 $Col\ 3:17$ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Master יהושע, giving thanks to Elohim the Father through Him.

While Yeshua was on earth He informed us that His Father is in the heavens.

Mat 10:32 "Everyone, therefore, who shall confess Me before men, him I shall also confess before My Father who is in the heavens.

Mat 10:33 "But whoever shall deny Me before men, him I shall also deny before My Father who is in the heavens.

To this point Yeshua informs us while He is walking on earth in the flesh, that His Father is in the heavens and that we are to pray directly to the Father and we do this by going through our Chief High Priest, Christ Himself, so we pray to the Father in Yeshua's name. We are also told that Yeshua is the "Master" as well as now our Chief Priest and that God is the "Father". Yeshua intercedes for us to the Father, Yeshua sits on the right hand of the Father and is second in command. We are told from the following scriptures that at this point in time Yeshua possesses the keys of hell and death as well as having all authority in heaven and on earth. This has been given to Him by the Father.

Rev 1:18 and the living One. And I became dead, and see, I am living forever and ever. Aměn. And I possess the keys of She'ol^c and of Death. Footnote: ^cSee Explanatory Notes - She'ol.

Mat 28:18 And יהושע came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in

heaven and on earth.

Further we are told that God is our Father as well as being Father to Yeshua, His Son;

Luk 6:36 "Therefore be compassionate, as your Father also is compassionate.

Mar 11:26 "But if you do not forgive, neither shall your Father in the heavens forgive your trespasses."

Mat 26:29 "But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father."

Luk 9:26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Adam shall be ashamed when He comes in His esteem, and in His Father's, and of the set-apart messengers.

Joh 20:17 יהושע said to her, "Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My Elohim and your Elohim.

We are told by Yeshua that God is both His Father and our Father as well as His God and our God.

We are directed to God the Father as being the embodiment of Good, as the ultimate sovereign of the universe, we are to focus on Him;

Mar 10:18 And יהושע said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One – Elohim.

Luk 18:19 So יהושע said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One – Elohim.

Mat 19:16 And see, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good shall I do to have everlasting life?"

Mat 19:17 And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One – Elohim. But if you wish to enter into life, guard the commands." Footnote: bSee also <u>Luk 10:28</u>, <u>Joh 12:50</u>, <u>Rev 22:14</u>.

In the Old Testament the Father was hidden from mankind, since it was the mediator of the Father that was the one dealing with man on behalf of the Father. The mediator was Christ or the Word or Rock or Cloud:

Luk 10:21 In that hour יהושע exulted in the Spirit and said, "I praise You, Father, Master of the heaven and of the earth, that You have hidden these *matters* from clever and learned ones, and did reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, because thus it was well-pleasing in Your sight. Luk 10:22 "All has been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whom the Son wishes to reveal *Him.*"

The Father sent the Son to earth as part of His overall plan for the redemption of man;

Joh 3:16 "For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 "For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Joh 4:34 יהושע said to them, "My food is to do the desire of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.

Joh 5:36 "But I have a greater witness than that of Yoḥanan, for the works that the Father gave Me to accomplish, the works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. Joh 5:37 "And the Father who sent Me, He bore witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.b Footnote: bSee Joh 1:18.

Joh 8:17 "And in your Torah also, it has been written that the witness of two men is true.

Joh 8:18 "I am One who witnesses concerning Myself, and the Father who sent Me witnesses concerning Me."

It is the Father who is the supreme governor, it is the Father that decides how things will unfold and happen, it is the Father that sent the Son;

Mat 20:23 And He said to them, "You shall indeed drink My cup, and you shall be immersed with the immersion that I am immersed with. But to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father." Footnote: CSee also Mar 10:39, Luk 12:50.

Yeshua tells us that His Father is greater than Him and that he can do whatever the Father shows Him. Yeshua was sent to do the will of the Father, Yeshua has been given from the Father the ability to create life;

Joh 14:28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you did love Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater

than I.

Joh 5:19 Therefore יהושע responded and said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do none at all by Himself, but only that which He sees the Father doing, because whatever He does, the Son also likewise does.

Joh 5:20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all that He Himself does. And greater works than these He is going to show Him, in order that you marvel.

Joh 5:21 "For as the Father raises the dead and makes alive, even so the Son makes alive whom He wishes.

Joh 5:22 "For the Father judges no one, but has given all the judgment to the Son,

Joh 5:26 "For as the Father possesses life in Himself, so He gave also to the Son to possess life in Himself,

Joh 5:30 "Of Myself I am unable to do any *matter*. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own desire, but the desire of the Father who sent Me.

We are told of various actions that Yeshua carries out on behalf of the Father especially towards the end that is as yet coming;

Luk 24:49 "And see, I am sending the Promise of My Father upon you, but you are to remain in the city of Yerushalayim until you are clothed with power from on high." Footnote: C Act 1:4-8.

Mat 16:27 "For the Son of Adam is going to come in the esteem of His Father with His messengers, and then He shall **reward each according to his works.**d Psa 62:12, Pro 24:12 Footnote: dSee also Mat 21:44, Joh 5:29, Rom 2:6, 2Co 5:10, Eph 2:10, Tit 2:7 and Tit 2:14, Jas 2:14-24, Rev 22:12.

1Co 15:25 For He has to reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy to be brought to naught is death.

1Co 15:27 For "**He has put all under His feet.**" Psa 8:6 But when He says "all are put under Him," it is clear that He who put all under Him is excepted.

1Co 15:28 And when all are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself shall also be subject to Him who put all under Him, in order that Elohim be all in all.

It is the Father to whom Yeshua prayed, especially when the self preservation of the flesh in wanting to live rose up within Him;

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour יהושע cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Ěli, Ěli, lemah sheḥaqtani?" that is, "My Ěl, My Ěl, why have You forsaken Me?" Psa 22:1.

Mar 15:34 And at the ninth hour יהושע cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Ěli, Ěli, lamah shebaqtani?"^a which is translated, "My Ěl, My Ěl, why have You forsaken Me?"

Psa 22:1. Footnote: aIn Hebrew - "Eli, Eli lamah azabtani" - as per Psa 22:1.

Luk 22:42 saying, "Father, if it be Your counsel, remove this cup from Me. Yet not My desire, but let Yours be done."

Mar 14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all is possible for You. Make this cup pass from Me. Yet not what I desire, but what You desire."

Joh 12:27 "Now I Myself am troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this reason I came to this hour.

Yeshua tells us that God is "one", and it is only God that we are to serve. God is our Father, we are to pray to Him, to love Him, to worship and serve Him and to fear Him;

Mar 12:29 And יהושע answered him, "The first of all the commands is, 'Hear, O Yisra'el, יהוה is one. Deu 6:4.

Luk 4:8 And יהושע answering him, said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it has been written, 'You shall worship יהוה (God) your Elohim, and Him only you shall serve.' "Deu 6:13.

Recognize that this is not new but was also given to us in the Old Testament as the Shema.

All of the above gives us the understanding that God the Father and Yeshua the Son are two separate entities or individuals. The Father is greater that the Son, the Son is next to the Father and because of the Fathers love for the Son and the Son's love and obedience to the Father, the Son is given a special place on the right hand of the Father as well as all authority in heaven and earth up to the end of the world, a time when death is destroyed. Doing what the Son tells us is the same as doing the Will of the Father, the Son is the mediator of the Father. The Son is our Master while the Father is our God. We are to pray to the Father through our Chief Priest Yeshua and whatever we ask is to be asked in Yeshua's name. What we have been told in the New Testament from God's word it is very clear, there is no Trinity or even a hint of a "Trinity".

A problem that man grasps at, as trying to support the concept of the Trinity is the following scripture;

Joh 10:30 "I and My Father are one." Footnote: One - Hebrew: Eḥad. See also Joh 17:11, Joh 17:21-23. Also Deu 6:4.

However the following scriptures are ignored, which tell us what being one really means. Those that walk together, follow the same belief, obeying the same commands, growing with the same thoughts and with love to all and think the same, are those that go forward in harmony with each other, they are said to be one. The following scriptures make this clear;

Joh 17:11 "And I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Setapart Father, guard them in Your Name which You have given Me, so that they might be one, b as We are. Footnote: bAlso see Joh 10:30.

Joh 17:20 "And I do not pray for these alone, but also for those believing in Me through their word,

Joh 17:21 so that they all might be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they too might be one in Us, so that the world might believe that You have sent Me.

Joh 17:22 "And the esteem which You gave Me I have given them, so that they might be one as We are one,

5. Other New Testament Understanding

Jas 2:19 You believe that **Elohim is one.** Deu 6:4 You do well. The demons also believe – and shudder!

1Ti 2:5 For there is one Elohim,^a and one Mediator between Elohim and men, the Man Messiah Footnote: a 1Co 8:6, Eph 4:6, Mar 12:29-34.

Eph 4:6 one Elohim and Father of all, who is above all,^a and through all, and in you all. Footnote: ^aSee Mar_12:32, Mar_12:34, 1Co_8:6, 1Ti_2:5, Mar_12:29-34.

Gal 3:20 The Mediator, however, is not of one, but Elohim is one.

1Co 8:6 for us there is one Elohim,^a the Father, from whom all came and for whom we *live*, and one Master יהושע Messiah, through whom all came and through whom we *live*. Footnote: ^a Eph 4:6, 1Ti 2:5, Mar 12:32, Mar 12:34.

Rom 3:30 since it is one Elohim who shall declare right the circumcised by belief and the uncircumcised through belief.

Mar 12:32 And the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one Elohim, and there is no other besides Him. Deu 4:35.

Mar 12:33 "And to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the being, and with all the strength, Deu 6:5 and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is more than all the ascending offerings and offerings."

The above is very clear, we are told many times by Yeshua that there is one Elohim or one God. We are also told that there is one mediator between the Father and man, and that mediator is the Messiah, Yeshua Hamashiach. They are two distinct and different entities or persons that are both Deity, they are not one and the same. One is God the Father and the other is the Son of God.

6. Old Testament Understanding

Throughout the Old Testament, the Word who in fact was Christ was a mediator for the Father, dealing and interacting with man on behalf of the Father. What was said and given was the same as coming directly from the Father. It wasn't known then that there was the Father and a mighty one being Christ the mediator, not until we were told of the mystery by Christ when He came down to earth after emptying Himself and being sent by the Father. Throughout the Old Testament God was stated as being "One". The following scriptures tell us this;

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Yisra'ěl: יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one!

Deu 6:5 "And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might.

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Did not one Ěl create us? Why do we act treacherously against one another, to profane the covenant of the fathers?

God's chosen people, the Israelites knew that God was one, and they worshiped Him as the one and only true living God. They were the only Nation that followed monotheism, having a religion with one and only one God. All other religions throughout the world have multiple god's.

The Israelite Shema, is "Hear O'Israel, the Lord our God is One".

7. Summary

All the scripture in the Holy Bible tells us there is One and only One living and true God. Our God is the God of the Universe, the earth and everything on the earth including man. God created everything out of what is not seen, He did this by showing the Son how to

do it and having His Son carry it out. God is all powerful and all knowing. God is our Father and we are His children made in His image. Next to God the Father is His Son, Yeshua Hamashiach who is our Master. The Trinity is a fabrication out of man's mind and set up in early times as church doctrine. It has been continually perpetuated and has rarely been challenged or questioned.

Yeshua is second to the Father and we are to Honor Him and every knee will bow to Him. We are to Honor Him as we would the Father. Yeshua is our Chief Priest and intercessor allowing us to go directly through Him to the Father with our prayers. We are to obey and follow what Yeshua taught us and showed us, we are to love Him and to keep the commandments, to keep the Torah. There is no name under heaven by which we are able to receive salvation, except the name of Yeshua Hamashiach. Christ died for our sins so that we can be reconciled to the Father. Christ is not God, Christ is not the Father, rather Christ is our Master and King of this earth. The Messiah is our mediator between ourselves and the Father, both throughout the Old and New Testament. Yeshua Hamashiach is also the Word and the Light.

A major problem between the Israelites that convert to Christianity in today's world, as well as in the past, is that they know there is one and only one true living God. There is not some concept of three in one or a Trinity. A Trinity is not given to us in either the Old or New Testament, it is a major deception made by man long ago, still being perpetuated by essentially all the Christian Churches. This even includes many of the Christian Messianic Congregations. Consider initially, the Jews took the message to the Gentiles and both went forward together in harmony as one congregation. A separation only occurred later when many of the Gentiles started to separate themselves from everything they thought was Jewish culture. This included the weekly Sabbath and the Holy Days of God. The gap in the separation was driven further apart by the Gentiles fabrication of a Trinity concept.

We have been warned many times in the New Testament to watch out for deception, now especially as the end of 6,000 years is upon us, we need to wake up as there are not many years remaining before the Tribulation. The concept of the Trinity is a major deception that comes out of the Catholic Church being perpetuated continually throughout history.

2Ti 3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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