

"Ye are gods"

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Joh 10:31-36 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus answered them; **Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that **thou, being a man, makest thyself God**. Jesus answered them; **Is it not written in your law: "I said, Ye are gods" ? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, "*Thou blasphemest*"; because I said, I am the Son of God?**

The issue with the Jews was certainly their disbelief and perhaps shock and dismay that any flesh and blood "man" would call himself a "Son of God". Today we, who call ourselves Christians, see this as not only very scriptural but it is our testimony. We generally understand that by faith we are born of the Spirit and also are born of a woman (flesh and blood). Albeit, we readily admit our Spiritual birth is only **the down payment** on the full manifestation which, somehow, is yet to come.

Still,....this is where we run into the same problem the Jews did in John chapter ten;

We have never, **yet**, fully experienced the reality of a company of fully manifest "**Christ in us, the hope of glory**" Christians. Neither had the Jews of John chapter ten ever seen, even one, such until Jesus. Then Jesus, who had been living among them for years, was manifest to them and they couldn't or wouldn't accept Him as "Son of God". History and tradition can be wonderful, but it can also be the choke chain around the neck of God's people when it comes to anything new that God initiates.

It has been said that; "familiarity breeds contempt". I am thinking that the Jews had a case of contempt for the lowly Jesus who had grown up among them. How sad it is that even today "the Christ in us" has become a

derision to the world and, sadly, even to some in the body of Christ, who have elevated themselves over the lowly in status, according to man's reckoning.

Only to those who will humble themselves under the mighty hand of God will He exalt, in His time.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

God has provided us with scripture that indicates this "***manifestation of the Sons of God***" will happen. There are various views of this; the when, where, how, etc.. At best, we still only know in part. When it actually happens, it probably will be different than most Christians expect.

When this does happen, how will we receive the truth?

As the 5 foolish virgins?

As the Jews in John chapter ten?

However and whenever this happens, there will be those who will be eagerly praying for and awaiting this glorious liberation of creation and the **manifestation of "The Sons of God"?**

I have quoted "*the law*", below; from Jesus' reference in John 10:34. Jesus was simply quoting from ***Psalms 82:6*** when he addressed those Jews who were about to stone Him for saying that He was "**the Son of God**" :

John 10:34 " Is it not written in your law: (Psalms 82:6) "*I said, Ye are gods*" ?

It is important to note here, that the quote from the law; "***I said, ye are gods***" was not addressed to the Jews. According to the scripture text (Psalms 82); "*God standeth in the congregation of the mighty, and He judgeth among the gods.*" thus indicating God was talking (Psalms 82:) to a congregation of Angels/gods. (Peshita text/King James Version)

(Job 1:6 and 2:1 will confirm this concept, also)

I have taken the liberty to make some comments for clarification within the text (Psalms 82:). I have changed the font and font size and clearly indicated the difference between my comments and the text. Bold, red emphasis and underlines and are mine as well.

Psa 82:1 **A Psalm of Asaph.** God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. (*Peshita text: v1 "God stands in the congregation of angels; He judges among the angels".*)

Psa 82:2 (God speaking:) How long will ye (*angels/gods or..principalities and powers in the heavenlies*) judge unjustly, and accept the persons (*H6440 Plural (but always used as a singular)*) of the wicked ? (*H7561; morally wrong; concretely an (actively) bad person: - + condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.*) Selah.

Psa 82:3 (God continues speaking to these angels or gods) Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Psa 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked. (*H7561; morally wrong; concretely an (actively) bad person: - + condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.*)

Psa 82:5 They (the poor, fatherless, afflicted and needy) know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psa 82:6 (God continues speaking:) **I have said, ye are gods**; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psa 82:7 **But** (because of your wrong judgments) ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. (see Isaiah 14:)

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, **judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.**

And thus it was written in the law ...and thus is the fulfillment in Jesus Christ !!

Judgment (all power in heaven and earth) was then given to Jesus. Jesus, born of flesh and born of the Spirit. The **Son of God** and the **Son of man**. The first of God's new creation. Jesus, the first fruit of many brethren to

come. Jesus the pattern Son of God, who would willingly choose to die to the will of the flesh, even to an agonizing, but atoning for us, death on a cross. Jesus, the Son of God, having the Spirit without measure, only saying and doing those things that were in accordance with the will of the Father.

Jesus was the beginning of a totally new heaven and a new earth, a new culture, a new government, **as it were**. Jesus who came to earth from heaven to provide God's mankind a way to become partakers of God's divine nature and to be participants with Him in a new and living way that had been in the Fathers mind before the foundations of the world. Offered to Adam, rejected, now offered again in Christ Jesus. **1Co 2:9** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

The beginning of a new creation. Old things had passed away, all things had become new. A new heaven....that is; **new rule**. Judgment would be taken from His angel Lucifer and the angels/gods that followed him. **Judgment would be given to the Saints**.... Daniel prophesied that this would come to pass. (see Daniel 7:)

Jesus, after the cross, resurrection and ascension, was given all power and authority both in heaven and in earth. Then He in turn gives this judgment to the saints who will hear and obey as he did. To those men and women who by faith would believe and receive and by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, overcome the flesh through the work of the Holy Spirit in them. Then, in the fullness of time, God knows, these were to become manifest "Sons of God", after the Fathers own heart.

Heb 2:1 (ASV) *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them.*

Heb 2:2 *For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;*

Heb 2:3 how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard;

Heb 2:4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will.

Heb 2:5 For not unto angels did he subject the world to come, whereof we speak.

Heb 2:6 But one hath somewhere testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Heb 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, And didst set him over the works of thy hands:

Heb 2:8 Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him.

Heb 2:9 But we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every man.

Heb 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

*Heb 2:11 For both he that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause **he is not ashamed to call them brethren,***

For these believers, these new creations in Christ; these were to become joint-heirs with Jesus the Christ both in heaven and in earth. This new rule of God, or government of God, or dominion of the King (Kings-dominion or Kingdom), was to begin first within their own wicked hearts. **A process, not an event.**

Thereby, God's mankind begins this process by believing in faith and then willingly choosing to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. These

who would believe, then hear, and then obey, were to become partakers of the Father's divine nature and in God's time, grow in the Spirit to become fully mature and perfected, even unto the stature and measure of Christ. How and when, God knows, but then ready, fully equipped and authorized to rule and reign wherever and whenever God might place them, joint heirs with Jesus.

These "**Sons of God**". Destined to fulfill the longing of the Father's heart to have Sons (of God) who would love him and manifest His divine nature, even as He loves them. These new "Sons of God", would displace and replace the old angels/gods or principalities and powers in high places who have been rulers of the darkness of this world. Truly, a new heaven and a new earth. It all started with Jesus for He is the beginning and the end of God's plan.

***Joh 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

***Dan 7:26-27** But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

***Joh 5:30** I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*

***Joh 20:21-22** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

***1Co 6:2-9** Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if*

*the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that **we shall judge angels**? how much more things that pertain to this life? Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

Php 2:5 -11 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

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Recommended readings:

Psalms 82:& 83 & 149: etc,
Isaiah 14: & 41: & 10: etc.
Hebrews 1: & 2: & etc.
1 Cor 6:
2 Cor. 10:
Romans 8: etc.
Ephesians 1: & 6: etc.
Phil. 2: & etc.