

Satan's Last Day Theology - Nader Mansour

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Romans 6:23 **“For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** We **only** have eternal life through Jesus! Not a structured denomination. How does Jesus describe eternal life?

John 17:3 **“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”** So, according to Jesus eternal life is based on knowing two persons, God the Father, the only true God and Jesus whom He sent. This study is about knowing Christ, for eternal life depends on that. Could an incorrect knowledge of Christ cause us to lose eternal life? Satan knows this is true and he wants to have Christians believe in a counterfeit Jesus. There will be many lost Christians because they followed another Jesus

In Matthew 7:22, 23 it says, **“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”** Their worship was directed to a commandment breaking false Christ.

The pharisees wanted to stone Jesus for saying He was the Son of God. In John 10:36 Jesus tells us who He was, **“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?”**

John 5:18 **“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.”** His equality with the Father was based on His Sonship and that is the very object of Satan's attack.

Is Jesus the only son of God? Luke 3:38 concludes a genealogy, **“Which was [the son] of Enos, which was [the son] of Seth, which was [the son] of Adam, which was [the son] of God.”** Adam was a son by creation. Genesis 5:1 **“This [is] the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;”**

Job 38:7 **“When the morning stars sang together, and all the *sons of God* shouted for joy?”** All the angels were sons by creation.

1 John 3:1 **“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the *sons of God*: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.”** We who have been sinners can become sons of God by adoption.

How is Christ a Son of God? John 3:16 **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only *begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have**

everlasting life.” So, Christ is not a son by creation or adoption, rather He is a Son by being begotten which means born or came out from the Father.

John 1:14 **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the *only begotten of the Father,*) full of grace and truth.”**

In John 16:27, just before going to Gethsemane, Jesus is telling His disciples that the Father loves them because they believe He was really begotten or born of the Father, **“For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that *I came out from God.*”**

So here are the three categories of the sons of God: 1. By creation; 2. By adoption; 3. Being born, begotten or coming out from God, of which Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.

Again, we are looking at who Jesus is because our eternal life depends on a correct understanding so we can avoid the counterfeit.

Micah 5:2 **“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, [though] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [yet] out of thee shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth [have been] from of old, from everlasting.”** This is a prophecy of Christ’s first coming, giving the location as to where He would be born and giving the fact that His going forth is from everlasting, meaning from some point in the eternity past.

We need more light as to when Christ was begotten of the Father. Proverbs 8:22-30 **“The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. (23) I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. (24) When [there were] no depths, I was brought forth; when [there were] no fountains abounding with water. (25) Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: (26) While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. (27) When he prepared the heavens, I [was] there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: (28) When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: (29) When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: (30) Then I was by him, [as] one brought up [with him]: and I was daily [his] delight, rejoicing always before him;”**

Proverbs chapter 8 is called the “The commendation of Wisdom” It is Christ speaking by His Spirit through the prophet Solomon. Now we need to go to 1 Cor. 1:4, so that we can see from the Bible, who is speaking and who is the wisdom of God. **“But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, *Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*”**

So, it is Christ, the wisdom of God in Proverbs chapter 8, that is telling us of an event that occurred before the creation of anything. Twice in those verses cited Christ says He was brought forth, or begotten. So, by the time creation took place, how many were there? Two, the Father and His Son.

In Proverbs 30:4, the Bible tells us, **“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what [is] his name, and what [is] his son’s name, if thou canst tell?”** By inspiration of God’s Spirit, Solomon is speaking about creation and who is He speaking as responsible for creation? ***God and His Son***. Solomon is not identifying them by name, but by relationship, which tells us that the relationship is a real one and not a metaphor. The Father’s name is Jehovah and His Son’s name is Michael, (Who is like God) who became Jesus.

By His divine birth, what did Christ inherit? Hebrews 1:4 **“Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”** One of the many things Christ inherited was a more excellent name. In John 5:43 Christ said, **“I am come in my Father’s name.”** Name means character and authority. Ex.23:20, 21 says the same thing. (20) **“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. (21) Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for *my name [is] in him.*”**

Now we need to read John 5:26, **“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he *given to the Son to have life in himself;*”** What kind of life does the Father have in Himself? Eternal life, which is original, unborrowed and underived. He gave this same eternal life to His Son when He was begotten. Christ can give this same life, which is the Father’s life, to all of the redeemed.

Col. 2:9; 1:19. **“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” “For it pleased [the Father] that in him should all fulness dwell;”** Fulness of the Godhead means the divine nature. So, Christ has the divine nature of the Father. Therefore, the Son is equal to the Father by virtue of His divine birth.

All post-fall communication with humanity has been by Christ and the angels. However, the Father audibly confirmed His relationship to His Son twice in the presence of human witnesses. First in Mat. 3:17, His baptism, **“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”** Then on the mount of transfiguration in Mat. 17:5, **“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”** So, twice the eternal Father has declared the fact that Jesus is truly His Son.

Now we can expose Satan’s counterfeit theology in respect to the Son of God. He is more brilliant than any human theologian that has ever lived, for he has studied scripture for as long as sacred writings have existed. Matthew 4:3, 6: **“And when the tempter came to him, he said, *If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.* (6) And saith unto him, *If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*”**

Satan's counterfeit theology has a dual purpose and that is to #1. Question the authenticity of the Sonship of Christ and #2. To instill doubt as pertaining to the true Sonship of Christ. Notice that God stated that Christ was His Son twice. Satan appearing as an angel asked Jesus twice "***If thou be the Son of God.***"

We are seeing how the great controversy was playing out when Satan came at Jesus when He was at His weakest point and most vulnerable, but would not yield to either temptation. Jesus knew who He was and never lost sight of His mission.

We remember another time that Satan, disguised as a serpent, effectively used his questioning skills back in Eden. In Genesis 3:1-4, 6. He asked if God had said if they should not eat of every tree in the garden, which instilled doubt. She responded with what God had correctly said. Then he told her, "Ye shall not surely die." Telling her that when she eats the fruit, God knows that her eyes would be opened and she would become as a god knowing the difference between good and evil. She yielded and ate. Satan's deceptive theology often uses disguise, cunningness and subtlety with lies posing as truth. That is why we must be sober, vigilant and test all things.

Since Satan has been questioning the Sonship of Christ, increasingly so today, we need to carefully examine what he has done and is doing here in the end time.

*TDG "Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God. They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. **This fact** the [fallen] angels **would obscure**, that **Christ was the only begotten Son of God**, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ." {TDG 128.2}*

This was in heaven before Lucifer and the fallen angels were cast out. What fact were they trying to obscure or hide? Answer, that Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. So, Satan's deceptive theology regarding the Sonship of Christ began in heaven.

Many people believe that Jesus did not become begotten until Bethlehem, whereas the evidence shows He was begotten before man was created. Sister White says this is a fact. It is not a theory, not a role play and not a metaphor. It is a FACT!

Muslims do not believe that Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. They believe Allah is the only eternal absolute who is neither begotten nor does he beget. In Jerusalem there is a sign written in Arabic that says, "God has no Son." That is what the Quran teaches.

New Age believers do not believe Jesus is the only begotten Son of God for they say we are all on the same level as begotten sons and daughters of God. In their book, "A Course in Miracles," it states that Jesus was not the only one to come and die for our sins for we are all sons of God. On a New Age website it states, "What is your qualification? You are the Holy Son of God Himself. You need only remember who you are." In the garden the serpent told Eve ye shall be as gods. New Age is saying the same thing.

Can we find evidence of Satan's theology in Christianity? In a book title "Understanding the Trinity" by Max Hatton it says on page 97, "The Father-Son relationship in the Godhead should be understood in

a metaphorical sense not in a literal one.” A metaphor means not real. It is Satan’s purpose to obscure the fact that Jesus is the begotten Son of God. A metaphor obscures that fact.

Closer to home, we read this in Adventist Review October 31, 1996 page 12. It is a week of prayer reading by Gordon Jensen. “A plan of salvation was encompassed in the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, one of the divine Beings accepted and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation.”

What is the second Being doing? Accepting the role of the Son and pretending to be the Son. Bible theology or Satan’s theology? Satan’s of course. Why? Because it obscures the fact that Jesus is the only begotten Son.

Coming back to the Bible in 1 Tim.4:1, we have a prophecy about this, **“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall *depart from the faith*, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”** A doctrine of the devil is to obscure the fact that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. The verse tells us that those giving heed to such doctrines, depart from the faith. Such a person is self-deceived. 1 Cor. 10:12 says, **“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”**

The Bible says some will depart from the faith. Regarding the issue we are studying, what faith are they departing from?

Now look at this quote by E.J. Waggoner in his book “Christ and His Righteousness” on page 12 he wrote, “The angels are sons of God, as was Adam (Job 38:7; Luke 3:38), by creation; Christians are the sons of God by adoption (Rom. 8:14, 15), but Christ is the Son of God by birth.” {1890 EJW, CHR 12.1}

Christ is the Son of God by BIRTH. That’s what the pioneers who were led and taught by God believed.

Now from Ellen White, ST 5/30/1895, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son” - not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten by the Father in the express image of the Father’s person.*” We can see that Brother Waggoner and Sister White believed the same thing about Christ, that He was a begotten Son of the Father. Sister White wrote her statement 5 years after Waggoner.

The fact that Jesus was begotten back in eternity was the faith and belief of the pioneers. The belief otherwise has been a departure from the faith. Has there been an admission to this departure? This is from Adventist Review – Jan. 6, 1994, an article by William Johnsson – editor. “Adventist beliefs have changed over the years under the impact of ‘present truth’. Most startling is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.,.... Likewise, the Trinitarian understanding of God, now part of our fundamental beliefs, was not generally held by the early Adventists.” Here is an admission that the church has changed from what the pioneers believed about Jesus, to the trinity belief which says there are three role playing gods that are co-

eternal, which makes a Father-Son relationship a metaphor and not literal. It is the Bible which tells us that we have made a departure from the faith and accepted the serpent's or the devil's theology.

In 1SM p. 197 God's prophet wrote: *"Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature."* {1SM 197.4}

In the Bible it says some shall depart from the faith, but in this quote, it says MANY will depart from the faith. We are in the period known as the omega and the majority of God's people are embracing this false trinity doctrine that attacks the Sonship of Christ. The alpha of deadly heresy was when Dr. Kellogg attempted to bring the doctrine of the trinity into the church. That key satanic doctrine became a fundamental belief in 1980. Mrs. White had said previously that the Omega would be of a most startling nature. In the Adventist Review article which we previously read, the editor wrote, "Most startling is the teaching regarding Jesus Christ".

Here is another admission found in Ministry Magazine, October 1993. "Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the church today if they had to subscribe to the denominational Fundamental Beliefs. Most specifically, most would not be able to agree to Fundamental Belief number 2, which deals with the doctrine of the Trinity."

WHY is that? Because the pioneers did not believe in a trinity, rather they spoke out against it. They did NOT believe in three co-eternal, role playing gods where the Father-Son was not literal, but metaphorical. They did believe that Jesus was begotten of the Father way back in eternity. Think about this, if the pioneers presented their non-trinitarian views in an SDA church today, they would not be welcome.

In a book by Vance Ferrell, "Defending the Godhead" page 17 he wrote, "Christ has always been the Son of God; and there never was a time when He emerged from the Father. That statement appears to solve all the problems about Christ's Sonship."

Question: Is this Bible theology or serpent theology? It is **not** Bible. Vance Ferrell probably did not realize he was aiding Satan in obscuring the fact that Jesus truly was begotten of the Father, He came out from God, He was brought forth from the Father. and that is Biblical. What is the problem that his statement seems to solve? Is Christ really a begotten Son in eternity?

Here is a comment regarding this book from the publisher, "[...]" Our Bro. Ferrell's recent book upholding the three-member Godhead. That book is unanswerable." Remnant Herald, April 6, 2004, p. 1674. Editor: Russell Standish.

In the Bible we have a foundational fact, Matthew 16:15-18: **"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."**

The scriptures tell us that the Father in heaven revealed to Peter, the foundational truth that Jesus is the literal Son of God. Peter heard the Father speak this fact at the mount of transfiguration. Jesus told Peter that upon Himself, the Rock, He would build His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Satan knows that the begotten Son of God is the foundation of the church, and if he successfully attacks the foundation as it pertains to the Sonship of Christ, the structure will come down. If we are standing on the true and correct foundation, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

In John 3:18 we have a warning that Christ gives us. **“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”**

Matthew 27:39, 40 is an example of a group of people that did not heed the warning given to Nicodemus and ended up condemning themselves. **“And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest [it] in three days, save thyself. *If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.*”**

What theology were the people stating? Satan's theology. When Jesus came out of the wilderness, hungry, thirsty and emaciated, he was met by Satan with the words, **“If thou be the Son of God ...”** Unfortunately, today, if you ask many people if they believe in the Son of God begotten in eternity, they will say that He is a co-eternal, role playing god, and not a true Son of God. That would agree with the SDA Fundamental Belief number 2. Is that Biblical theology or Satan's theology. His goal to deceive the whole world includes the majority of God's remnant people.