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Notes - on nature of Godhead

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Genesis 1: 1:

In The Beginning - In the beginning of this creation, there were creations before that had been judged. Secular and non-secular historians, geologists, and other teachers are beginning to confirm and explain what Bro. Pruett told many of us in the 1960"s.

God Created the Heavens and Earth...a brief statement of fact-- a headline -- that summarizes many words to follow.

The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. The earth was in the shape it was in as a result of a previous judgment of God.

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.. God was busy getting ready to put order to earth and to prepare it for the generation of Adam. The Spirit of God was hovering, or brooding over the face of the waters. Here, at the very beginning of this creation, God set down the words for Moses to record, and makes it plain.... The Spirit of God had a major part in this creation. I wonder who or what the Spirit of God was or is, just from the simple account so far???

At this point -- a few things are clear and simple, if we will become or remain childlike in our heart, mind, and spirit... God wants us to understand that, from this account, that he, God, had a major part in creation But he wants us to understand that someone else helped him; someone called the Spirit of God. Notice, God describes himself in many scriptures, as being spirit, or a spirit. Yet he causes the words to be recorded, that he was assisted by the Spirit of God. God is Spirit. God has assistance in creation by someone called Spirit of God. A strong statement here that God and Spirit of God, are two entities, or beings, and Both are described as Spirit; or a Spirit. I wonder, is this "Spirit of God" a person, or a power? Let us read on, in the creation account, and expect, as children, to learn more.

As we read the rest of Genesis 1, that he speaks what he wants done... Let this -- Let that -- Let this happen, let that happen -- just as though he had an expectation of assistance, and an absolute assurance of whatever he said, then it would be done.. He spoke -- It happened!

Who was helping him do the work? God himself was working.. It was evident that *God made the stuff we can see out of the stuff we can't see* "By faith we understand the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen, were not made of things which are visible." (Heb 11:3)

The Spirit of God was working. Even though there is only a brief mention of the name, Spirit of God, God's partner in creation is duly given credit early on, and we are reminded often that he is creating, and in conversation with his partner in creation... Let us read on, expecting to learn more about the heavenly beings that had a part in setting chaotic earth in order, and getting it ready for Adam and Eve.

After God finished creating, or re-creating everything else, we read in Genesis 1:20 the following: "Then God said, let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind and every winged bird according to its kind, and God saw that it was good.

v.22... and God blessed them saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply the earth."

v.23... so the evening and morning were the fifth day.

v.24... then God said, "let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind; cattle and creeping things and beast of the earth, each according to its kind, and it was so..

v.25...and God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind, and God saw that it was good.

v.26...Then God said, "let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth..

v. 27... so God created man in his own image; in the image of God, he created him; male and female, He created them.

Now that we have read these verses of scripture, let us learn what truth we can discover, by remaining children.

In verse 26, then God said, let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. --- Here, God speaks once again, the creative word. But, he is including others in his creative plan.

Let Us---Who else is he speaking with? Who else is there? It is evident that the Spirit of God is there. He announced early on that the Spirit of God had a major part in this creation. Is anyone else there? There is another record that speaks to this question. Just as Genesis 1 starts out "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth", so now, John, the apostle, who wrote the gospel of John, I, second, and third John, and the Revelation; he writes in John 1:1-- "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. 2- He was in the beginning with God. 3- All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made that was made.

And so now we understand--- Jesus Christ, before he took upon himself a fleshly body, existed as the Word. Later on, when Mary conceived by the Holy Ghost, and gave birth to Jesus, then "the word became 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." Now, as to the question, who else did our Father God use, besides himself, to create. He used the Spirit of God. He used His son, who existed then as the word, and apparently existed without a natural body. It would be another study, for another time, and for a different purpose, to discover how our Father let Jesus manifest himself in different times and places and for different purposes, before he came to dwell in a fleshly body.

So we now understand, when our Father God, said Let Us, who he was speaking with and using. Let us make man in our image, God declared, let's do it! But here is what man will be like

In our image

According to our likeness

These are strange words indeed, considering the Father didn't have a fleshly body. It follows, to those of a sound mind, and a childlike heart, that what God was proposing, not for anyone's approval or disagreement, but speaking in an absolute creative sense, "here's how it shall be." It follows, that "in our image -- according to our likeness", meant that God and those with him (remember the Spirit of God and the Word) had in mind they were going to produce/reproduce/ create in a body their spiritual likeness. They were going to create in a body, their spiritual counterpart, or representation - -image--reflection and embodiment.

Notice, God was not planning, nor would He settle, for creating man in just His own image. He said, We will do this in our image. He was part of "our" image, but he was only part---as he wanted to call attention that someone else's image and likeness was to be used. How strange, for him to put it on record that he was sharing the attention and credit and glory with someone else. Later on, He revealed himself as the one and only true God, that there is none beside him - and "him only shalt thou serve". Could it be that he was spreading around the credit, and the truth, that the "us", "our", he was allowing us to learn about, through his words, was or were so fully one with him, that he considered them part of himself!!!!?

v.27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God, he created him; male and female, he created them.
These words are a summary of God's creation of man (the generation of man, mankind - the generation of Adam). So, God said, "I created mankind. So, God said, mankind is created in my image and likeness. So, God said, my image and likeness takes male and female to express or, portray myself through. There is a strong hint here, if you are childlike in heart, (but as Paul said) men (mature) in understanding, that when God said, "let us, our image, our likeness; male and female he created them---- there is a strong suggestion that male and female, the created ones, are an expression of God and the Spirit of God. (God being the male part, the Spirit of God being the female part).

When God created male and female, he blessed them, and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply. Part of God's plan depended upon the reproduction of "US, OUR, MALE, FEMALE"- the expression of God's natures through both male and female. That's why he made nearly everything--plant, animal, bird, fish, creeping thing, in both the male and female models. Without male and female, there is no "next generation", and so God's plan to make himself and his creation, perpetual, -----gets stopped. Even an earthworm, we're told, has a male half and a female half, although they appear as one! No wonder God, and those with Him, created every thing male and female, and then again, saved through Noah, everything in male and female models; because the male and female parts of the natural creation, reflect the fact of a male and female part of the original creator, or creators. (let us --in our image)!

Another part of His command, his order, is that all creatures reproduce after their kind. When male and females of different species get together for reproduction, most of the time, we're told, there is no offspring, because it would not follow the order, "after it's kind". The exceptions to this are permitted, it seems, to make examples out of disobedience, or of not following God's order.

Now let us look at the record of the actual creation of Adam and Eve, to discover what we may.

Genesis 2:7 -- And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being (or soul) kjv

This is simple. This is plain. Notice, God created the man, Adam, first, and gave him work to do.... to tend and keep the Garden of Eden, along with instructions, "of every tree of the garden you may freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die."

God gave Adam work to do, a responsibility. At a certain point, while Adam was being kept very busy, (v.18) the Lord God said, "it is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helper comparable to him." (nkjv)

God created Adam first, kept him busy, and allowed Adam to experience life and responsibility, and loneliness. It was God's purpose to let Adam feel and know his need for a helper--a companion.. God had been planning and rehearsing the creation of Adam and Eve for a considerable time; so we cannot say, oh, God forgot to create Eve at the same time he created Adam, and then realized he had forgotten Eve.⁴¹

Genesis 2:19 -- Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was it's name.

20. - So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.... Notice, even though animals were found to be helpful and companions, among them was not found a helper comparable, or help meet (sufficient-kjv) for Adam.... and so, at the time when God saw Adam's readiness,

v.21 - "and the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in it's place.

22 - Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, he made into a woman, and he brought her to the man.

23 - And Adam said: This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 - Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, (literally "cling" to his wife) and they shall become one flesh.

Notice, God choose to let Adam live without Eve for a period of time. During that time, Adam experienced the need of, the lack of, this one that would be his wife. Adam readily accepted Eve when God made her, and brought her to Adam. It did not take long, apparently, for Adam to confess, "this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man."

Did God, in creating Adam first, and then after awhile, creating Eve out of Adam, portray or picture, a pattern that started first in the heavenly realm? Could it be that our Father God existed for a while before creating a helper or help meet, or comparable to Him?

We see a hint of God's manner of creating his companion, and the timing of that creation, in Proverbs 8. Let's look at it, while "beholding the Lord", as David said "ever before my face". "I see you Lord Jesus, before me, clothed upon and one with me."

As we begin reading or singing, or prophesying, Proverbs 8, we begin to hear and see who it is that is speaking, through the writer. Consistent with what we have learned elsewhere, we see this identity of the Spirit being hidden or masked with yet other names.

Proverbs: 8

1. Does not wisdom cry out; and understanding lift up her voice.
2. She takes her stand on the top of the high hill. (sounds like Mt. Zion the Jerusalem above, (is free), which is the mother of us all.) Gal 4:26
Beside the way, where the paths meet.
3. She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city. (sounds like the New Jerusalem) at the entrance of the doors.)
4. To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. (compare "still small voice of grace", "speaking of the Spirit", drawing of the Spirit, "convincing of the Spirit."

- 8:5 - O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart.
- 6 - Listen, for I will speak excellent things, and from the opening of my lips will come right things.
- 7 - For my mouth will speak truth.. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 - All the words of my mouth are with righteousness. Nothing crooked or perverse is in them.
9. They are all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.
- 10 - Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold;
11. For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.
12. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion
13. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate.
14. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength
15. By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice.
16. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.
17. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me.
18. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and righteousness.
19. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver.
20. I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice.
21. That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasures.

Up to this point, we've received some strong hints as to the identity and the characteristics of this one that is speaking...but let us continue

22. The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before his works of old.
23. I have been established from everlasting; from the beginning, before there was ever an earth.
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, I was brought forth.

Now, let us get a fuller understanding of the truth that is hidden here, and of the truth that is plainly revealed!

The Lord possessed me - The Hebrew word for possessed means, to erect, create, to procure. These words paint a picture of creating, or laying hold of, or taking possession of...

At the beginning of His way, early on, before God became busy, before his works of old, before he began his creative works.

God saw to it that He had a partner to help him with creation. While he may have been without this person for a "short" time (and what does a short time matter to an Eternal God who has no beginning?), God went about creating or bringing about or forming just the creative partner he needed; evidently out of Himself. The creation of Adam first, and then creating Eve, out of Adam, paints a picture here....

I have been established from everlasting!

Established, the Hebrew word here means to pour out, as into a mold, to cover, melt, to set up (kjv) A picture of something being formed, or created, or melted and poured out into a mold. Once again, the person speaking is a product of someone's creative and formative labor-- not unlike our Father forming Adam from dirt, and the breath of life. Not unlike God forming Eve out of Adam's rib, plus dirt, plus the breath of life (although not mentioned).

23.b From the beginning, before there was ever an earth...

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, I was brought forth!!

Notice, vs. 24 & 25 "I was brought forth"

Brought forth is an excellent translation here, coming from the Hebrew word that has various meanings (the text, and the context help determine). Twist, or whirl (like a whirlwind); dance, make to bring forth...make, form, travail. Clearly, there is a word picture here of something being brought forth, whirled into existence, or created, perhaps out of nothing, or perhaps out of something that already existed!! Once again, this agrees with our Father's methods of creation, and reflects the creation of Adam and Eve, as well as the rest of the creation.

- 26.- While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primal dust (literally the beginning of the dust) of the world.
- 27.- When he prepared the heavens, I was there. When He drew a circle on the face of the deep.
- 28.- When He established the clouds above, when He strengthen the fountains of the deep.
29. When He assigned to the sea it's limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command; when He marked out the foundations of the earth,
30. Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight -- rejoicing always before Him,
31. Rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men...

What the speaker is saying about herself (remember, all references to self in Proverbs 8, are feminine) is that First, there was God, and then before any serious creating was done-- she was brought forth - formed - created , and now is verse 30, brought up or trained as a master craftsman; and then everything else was created! She is saying, I was there before creation began, and I was there while it happened.

She is saying, I was there beside Him, and I was daily His delight.

These, then, are the credentials of this one who hides herself, calling herself here, Wisdom. She magnifies herself, howbeit in a hidden manner, by identifying herself with

2 - The high hill - Mt Zion - Jerusalem from above

3 - The gates -- the entry of the city - the entrance of the doors.

A voice to the sons of men, the same ones she delights in (v31)

6,7 - Speaks only truth - The Spirit of truth (John)

8 - Speaks nothing perverse (I Cor.12) No one speaking by Holy Ghost, calls Jesus accursed.

9 -12 - Plain - Understanding - Knowledge .. compare spirit of revelation and understanding and gifts or manifestations of spirit, word of knowledge , word of wisdom

Notice also the workings and fruits of the Spirit:

- 12. Prudence -- temperance
Discretion -- discernment
- 13 Love of God with abhorrence
- 14 Wisdom in counsel
understanding -- strength (Joy)
- 15,16 - Ruling and reigning (wisdom and justice)
- 17-21 - I love those who love me. (a person speaking)
Grieve not the spirit (a person)
quench not the spirit
as many as are led by the spirit--- (Romans)

Listen now to Paul describe the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) NKJV
Love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness or meekness, self-control.

Let us continue on, noting and summarizing the similarities between this one who calls herself "Wisdom", and what we already know and understand about the "Spirit of God" or the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost.

8:22 - The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way. Notice, the similarity of the Lord God possessing, or laying hold of, or pulling into Himself, or making this being, after possessing her, one with Himself. Again, this is pictured in Adam and Eve/

After God created Eve out of Adam's rib, and dirt, and brought Eve to Adam (brought forth Eve)

and After Adam said "this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.

After these things, God spoke in the written record, as recorded by Moses, "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined (literally cling) to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.

Notice, when a man obeys this, and submits to this in God's order, then the result of leaving his father and mother (leaving behind his history and origins as being first place in his life) and begins clinging to his wife; (by pulling her inside of him, and the two of them walking in agreement, that he covers her, and that she is inside of and covered by him).

....The result of this is that "They shall become one flesh".

Let us summarize this again, because God's method of teaching is scattering his truth out in different times and places and repeating it, if he chooses to, so that "the wayfaring man, though he be a fool, shall not err therein!

If you have read this far or have listened this long, and still need help in understanding, then allow me as a servant to tie this together for you -- as you read or listen by the Spirit, and allow your mind to be controlled by the spirit of revelation and understanding, "looking at Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith".

God was without beginning. Very early on, he satisfied His need or desire for a helper comparable to Him -- a partner to assist Him with creation. He brought this being into existence by creating this person out of Himself, and possessed this person and brought this person forth and made this person one with him. He assigned to this person, the feminine noun and pronoun --- a feminine identity -- therefore, feminine in nature after his heavenly order.

Having begun with his order in heaven, and his order there being perfect, he set about to reproduce his heavenly order in the earthly realm. When he began creating living creatures, animals, fish, birds, creeping things, he created everything in male and female. Even in the plant realm, there was male and female. And when he created the generation of man, of Adam and Eve, so that He could let His creation, ^{immaterial} and with consistency, He declared, Let us create man in our own image ---- (and as if to explain the meaning of our own image,) ^{reflect his spiritual creat} God hastened to add-- male and female. He created them..

Those of you that consider yourself students of language, the meaning of words, logic, and so on, will agree with the truths being explained here. If your systematic theology collides with it -- you might examine your system.

God chose to let Adam and Eve portray matters of creation that existed in the heavenly realm.

So God, being the Eternal God, may have existed a while without a partner, but early on, created one. So God created Adam, let him be alone for a while, and then created a partner for Adam, out of Adam, with a little dirt thrown in.

God made his partner, the Spirit of God, one with Him, by first creating her out of himself (not hard to do -- the whole universe is inside of God--no scarcity of raw materials or of spiritual materials).. Then, he possessed her, covered her, pulled her unto and into Himself, so that they, although two, became one. Then to reflect and demonstrate this heavenly harmony into the earthly realm, he told Adam to cleave, or cling to his wife (just as God cleaved, clung to, or possessed his partner, making them one). Notice, please, in this scripture, the order is, "husband clinging to wife". It is not "wife clinging to husband."

Perhaps this is why Bro. Pruett, in leading me and my wife into this oneness, gave us these instructions; and not to us only but to many others as well. Husband and wife, both facing forward (not facing each other); husband then putting both arms around wife, clasping his left and right hands together, where they meet around wife's lower abdomen area (lower stomach), and pulling her, as it were, toward and into himself. Husband confessing out loud, "Father, this is my wife you have given me to cover, and you hath already made us one bone, one flesh." Wife then confesses, *Father, you have placed me inside of my husband - and have made us one, one bone and flesh, and I am covered by him. Hath been done.*

Notice the pattern here, how our Father God operates. He created his creative partner, we'll call her "wife". Then, he possessed her and made her one with Him, even though they had separate identities. Then they created, and created, and created and created.....

When God created Adam, He followed the same pattern. He created first, Adam. Then He created Eve out of Adam. Then he brought Eve to Adam, and Adam received Eve unto himself, and confessed, "this is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh."

In all these matters, there is no attempt to exclude the person and role of the Word, who became flesh, Jesus Christ. He also had a major role in creation, as various scriptures set forth. Our purpose here is to set forth part of the truths concerning our Father God and the Spirit of God, or the Holy Ghost. A detailed study of the life and work of the Word, Jesus Christ, may follow at another time, God-permitting, and breathing it afresh and anew, but sufficient for now is this, the beginning of my God given assignment and charge.

In conclusion, let us now finish Proverbs 8:

32. Now therefore, listen to me my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways.
33. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it..
34. Blessed is the man that listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
35. For whosoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord;
36. But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul;
All those who hate me love death.

These words lets us know that it is necessary to love, respect, obey this one that calls the obedient-hearted, "my children".

32..Blessed are those that keep my ways...(Romans 8:14..as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

33. Hear instruction and do not disdain it

34. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35.For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord..

36. But he who sins against me, wrongs his own soul... All those who hate me love death...

How similar these words are to various New Testament passages.

"grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption." "quench not the spirit." "Being led by the Spirit", "and anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven." Luke 12:10.. In other words, being rightly related and submitted to the Holy Spirit brings blessings...being despising toward and not submissive to the Holy Spirit brings death and destruction.

There will be, God willing, and breathing the words, more of these studies later. I am, by my own reckoning, very late and delayed in bringing these things forth. I am an unprofitable servant.. May these words bring understanding, clarity, and strength to the reader. I do not write these things of my own will, but I am under commandment to do so, by our father of faith, J. W. Pruett, father of the new creation. As Jesus spoke to the Jews, and recorded for all of us to live by, I say unto all, (John 7:16,17),

My doctrine is not mine, but his who sent me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or

whether I speak on my own authority.

verse 18, "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true."