

“NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME”

VISIONS OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

*18 No man hath seen God at any time;
the Only Begotten Son, Which Is in the bosom of the Father,
He hath declared Him.
John 1:18 The BIBLE*

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SCRIPTURE TELLS US repeatedly that, “no man hath seen God.” In fact, the Bible says that not only has no man ever seen God, but It says also that no man has ever even heard His voice!

37 And the Father Himself, Which hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape.

John 5:37 The BIBLE

But numerous passages of Scripture seem to defy that statement;¹ in this message we seek to resolve these issues. Let's address these two matters in reverse order:

NO MAN HAS HEARD GOD'S VOICE

GOD SPOKE TO MAN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

To Moses and the Israelites in the Wilderness

4 The LORD² talked with you³ face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,
5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the Word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

...
22 These Words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote Them in two tables of stone, and delivered Them unto me.

23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: **if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.**

26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

¹ VISIONS OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32-33; Isaiah 6:1-4; Ezekiel 1:4-28; Daniel 7:9-10; 10:5-7; Revelation 1:10-16; 4:2-11; 5:6; 10:1

² Jesus

³ The Israelites

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 **But as for thee, stand thou here by Me, and I will speak unto thee** all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

Deuteronomy 5:4-31 The BIBLE

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Exodus 33:11 The BIBLE

To The Disobedient

9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?

10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

Numbers 22:9-12 The BIBLE

GOD SPOKE TO MAN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

An otherworldly voice was heard multiple times during Jesus' sojourn on earth, a voice sent from God. But at no time was 'that voice' ever identified by Scripture, or by any individual there, as the very voice of God Himself. No matter how obvious or likely it seemed that this was indeed the voice of the Father, that voice is always referred to, by individuals and Scripture, simply as, "... a voice ...," or, "... the voice... ."

On the Mount of Transfiguration

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.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

Matthew 17:5-6 The BIBLE

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This Is My beloved Son: hear Him.

Mark 9:7 The BIBLE

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

Luke 9:35-36 The BIBLE

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure Word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

II Peter 1:16-21 The BIBLE

At Jesus' Baptism

And even when the Dove at Jesus' baptism is identified for us as the Holy Spirit. In the very same sentence, the voice from heaven is never identified as the Father, Himself.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou Art My beloved Son; in Thee I Am well pleased.

Luke 3:21-22 The BIBLE

16 And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This Is My beloved Son, in Whom I Am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16-17 The BIBLE

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and Was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou Art My beloved Son, in Whom I Am well pleased.

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness.

Mark 1:9-12 The BIBLE

Whose was That Voice?

Indeed, some individuals did suggest that at least one of the New Testament's voices from heaven was the voice of an angel, rather than the voice of the Father.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes.

John 12:27-30 The BIBLE

But Scripture, and Jesus Himself, didn't identify it.

There is every reason to believe that, "the voice," from heaven which in various places and times speaks of Jesus, was either an angel, or in fact the very voice of Jesus Himself even while Jesus was present on earth. In fact, Jesus spoke of Himself as being in heaven while simultaneously being on earth, so there is no reason that Jesus was not able to speak from both locations at once.

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He That came down from heaven, even **the Son of man Which Is in heaven.**

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

John 3:13-14 The BIBLE

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19 **And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of Words;** which voice they that heard intreated that the Word should not be spoken to them any more:

20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 **And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.**

25 See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him

that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven:⁴

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now He hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this Word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:18-27⁵ The BIBLE

Jesus' voice, "... a great voice, as of a trumpet;" "I Am He That liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I Am alive for evermore, Amen ... "

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, Which Is, and Which Was, and Which Is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me **a great voice, as of a trumpet,**

11 Saying, I Am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: and, What thou seest, write in a Book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I Am the First and the Last:

18 I Am He That liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I Am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:8-18 The BIBLE

1 God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

⁴ Exodus 19:19

⁵ Haggai 2:3-23

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds;

Hebrews 1:1-2 The BIBLE

So any time that it is suggested that God the Father spoke audibly to man we must understand that the voice was either that of Jesus, similarly to how Jesus spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus, or that it was the voice of an angel, fulfilling his job as an angel, a messenger of God, as we also have many other examples of the angels of God speaking His Words. After all, that is often the very reason they are sent to earth,⁶ as was their message to Manoah regarding his future son (Samson, in Judges 13:20-23), who felt that he had actually been speaking to God (Jesus?) Himself (verse 21). Angels spoke similarly to the shepherds at Jesus' birth, to Joseph, regarding the Divine child to be born to his wife, and to Zacharias regarding the son (John the Baptist) to be born to him.

We read, in Revelation 1:1, that this is GOD's message, through others, for His servants. But in verse 1, we are told that **1)** it is a revelation of Jesus Christ **2)** by God's angel. In Revelation 1:1,4, we are told that this message from God is written down for us **3)** by John. In chapters 2 and 3,⁷ we are told that **4)** It is the Holy Spirit Who is talking. And, in all of this, we are told that it is a message from GOD. So when we are given a message from God the Father, it is possible that it is actually being spoken by any one of four **4)** (or more?) different kinds of intermediaries/messengers.

When God spoke to Moses and the Children of Israel out of the mount during the Exodus, God's voice was heard in conjunction with (or with the sound of a trumpet) the sound of a trumpet.⁸ And, here in Revelation 4:1 the voice that John heard calling him to heaven sounded like a trumpet. We do not hear the voice of the Father. We do, however, discover that voices proceed from His throne, and we hear the voices of many around the throne, as in the Elders and the angels.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation 4:5 The BIBLE

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:5-7 The BIBLE

⁶ 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:14 The BIBLE

⁷ Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

⁸ Exodus 19:16-19; Hebrews 12:19

NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD

So we must therefore conclude that, despite the fact that God the Father revealed Himself here in Revelation chapter 4, God has revealed His appearance nowhere else, and nowhere else has He been seen, except in the person of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?

5 And he said, Who art Thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I Am Jesus Whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Acts 9:4-5 The BIBLE

GOD – THE TRINITY

We are told in both the Old and the New Testament that God Is so ‘other-worldly’ that man can neither see Him, nor hear His voice. In fact, the Father Is so un-physical that it was His Son, Jesus, Who created the physical – John 1:1-3, and It was the Holy Spirit Who, during that time, moved upon the face of the waters – Genesis 1:2 (and Who, in prophecy of the New Testament, moved at the conclusion of the waters of the Flood, and at the conclusion of Jesus’ baptism, both times in the form of a dove). Since we are told that no man has ever seen God, nor heard His voice, we must understand that whenever we read in Scripture that a man has indeed seen or heard God it must therefore have been God’s Son, Jesus (Who, too, Is God), or one of His messengers, that was seen or heard. This is another reason that, throughout Scripture we recognize the fact that God Is a tri-une God, three Persons in one Person.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, 1) **He (Jesus)** saw the heavens opened, and 2) the **Spirit like a dove** descending upon Him:

11 And there came 3) **a voice from heaven (speaking for the Father)**, saying, Thou Art My beloved Son, in Whom I Am well pleased.

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness.

Mark 1:9-12 The BIBLE

16 Come ye near unto Me,⁹ hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there Am I:⁹ and now the Lord GOD,¹⁰ and His¹⁰ Spirit,¹¹ hath sent Me.⁹

Isaiah 48:16 The BIBLE

NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD

Who Was That Person?

8 Behold, I go forward, but He Is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive Him:

9 On the left hand, where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him: He hideth Himself on the right hand, that I cannot see Him:

Job 23:8-9 The BIBLE

⁹ Exodus 3:13-14; John 8:58 – God the Son: Jesus

¹⁰ God the Father

¹¹ The Holy Spirit

15 Verily Thou Art a God that hidest Thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

Isaiah 45:15 The BIBLE

18 No man hath seen God at any time; The Only Begotten Son, Which Is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

John 1:18 The BIBLE

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to Whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

I Timothy 6:16 The BIBLE

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

I John 4:12 The BIBLE

8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 14:8-9 The BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT CHRISTOPHANIES

Scripture tells us that, “no man hath seen God,” but Scripture tells us in numerous places that man has indeed seen, and even interacted with God!

God, as a man accompanied by angels

1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

Genesis 18:1-2(-23) The BIBLE

We read that Abraham saw, and communed with God on the plains of Mamre.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Genesis 18:17-21 The BIBLE

God, as a man

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Genesis 32:24-30 The BIBLE

God, as King Melchizedek

We read that God ensured that even in the Old Testament, centuries before Jesus would be born of a virgin, He lived and reigned in the City of God. God has never left Himself without witness:

18 And Melchizedek¹² king of Salem¹³ brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And He blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Genesis 14:18-20 The BIBLE

We are told of the identity of Melchizedek in both subsequent Old Testament Scripture, and in the New Testament:

1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

¹² **Melchizedek:** מֶלֶךְ Melek – “King” & צְדָקָה Tzedeq “Rightness, Righteousness” = “King of Righteousness”

¹³ “**King of Salem**, which is, King of Peace”- (Hebrews 7:2). Salem is also known as Jebus, the city of the Jebusites, and as Jerusalem (Jebus-Salem). It is understood that this holy place, “the land of Moriah,” is the area where God sent Abraham ostensibly to sacrifice Isaac - Genesis 22:2, and where God instructed Solomon to build his temple - II Chronicles 3:1, eventually to be referred to, generally, as the ‘City of David,’ and the ‘City of Jerusalem.’ It is here that Melchizedek reigned as the King of Righteousness, and, (Hebrews 7:2b-3) - “King of Peace without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually” – Jesus, so that God would never be without witness on earth, and, more specifically, among His chosen people.

See, also: “**GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE HIMSELF WITHOUT A WITNESS:**” <http://www.Micaiah.info/cannot.htm>

2 The LORD shall send the rod of Thy strength out of Zion: rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: Thou hast the dew of Thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou Art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at Thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.

Psalms 110:1-5 The BIBLE

1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, Who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To Whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;**

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this Man Was, unto Whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

Hebrews 7:1-4 (Hebrews 5-7) The BIBLE

THE DIVINE AS JESUS

33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

Luke 13:33 The BIBLE

20 And He shall send Jesus Christ, Which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:20-21 The BIBLE

The Divine Jesus as a Man

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.

...

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?

Luke 24:16-32 The BIBLE

The Divine Jesus Mistaken for a Spirit

49 But when they saw Him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

Mark 6:49 The BIBLE

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And He said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have.

40 And when He had thus spoken, He shewed them His hands and His feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43 And He took it, and did eat before them.

Luke 24:36-43 The BIBLE

God/Jesus Is Occasionally Referred To As An Angel/Messenger

Jesus: **Revelation 10:1**, and perhaps also **Revelation 1:1**

This, "angel," may actually be Jesus, Himself, as the description would seem to indicate. The fact that He is referred to as an, "angel," doesn't necessarily preclude this, as the passage is referring to a messenger. Indeed, "angel," is the word in the original (Greek) text of Scripture used to refer to John the Baptist in **Matthew 11:10**, where Jesus says of him:

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send My ἄγγελόν/angel/messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:9-11 etc. The BIBLE

God appeared to Moses *as an angel/sent one*, in the burning bush:

30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an Angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

...
35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Acts 7:35 (Exodus 3:2-4:17) The BIBLE

Yet Scripture tells us that it is God Who Is the One Who spoke to Moses in the bush. **Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37**. Indeed, Moses said that God called to him out of the bush, told him to put off his shoes, as that was holy ground, and,

6 Moreover He said, I Am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 3:6 The BIBLE

Stephen said that it was the angel of God Who had spoken to Moses in the bush – **Acts 7:35**, and on Mount Sinai – **Acts 7:38**, while we are told that God spoke directly with Moses on Mount Sinai (**Exodus 32** and following). In fact God says that He will send an *angel ahead of* the Israelites (**Exodus 33:2**), while saying (verse 3) that *He won't go among* them, because of their, “stiffnecked,” nature. In **Isaiah 63:9-14**, God refers to His Holy Spirit's presence with the Israelites in those days as, “the angel of His presence.”

Indeed, Nebuchadnezzar, who had just referred to the fourth person in the fiery furnace as being, “like the Son of God” (commonly recognized as an early incarnation of Jesus Himself, a, “Christophany”), referred to that same Individual as God's, “angel” (**Daniel 3:25, 28**).

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

Zechariah 12:8 The BIBLE

- Similarly, the, “angel,” of **Revelation 1:1** may in fact be Jesus, Himself.
- Also, the, “mighty angel,” of **Revelation 10**, similarly described, appears to be Jesus.

But God makes sure to say very clearly that, despite His oft referring to Jesus' *presence/mission/purpose* as an, “ἄγγελόν/angel/messenger,” Jesus is not, in *essence/identity/actuality*, an angel! - **Hebrews 1:6,13-14; 2:5,7,9,16**.

Isaiah saw the Lord in chapter six of his eponymous Book; he didn't describe Him other than to say that He was, “... high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple” In chapter 52, however, he describes Jesus:

2 ... He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He Is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Isaiah 53:2b-3 The BIBLE

This second passage has been variously interpreted by different writers, including that this describes Jesus after His suffering abuse at His crucifixion, and that this describes his having a melancholy and un-spectacular general appearance throughout His life.

Revelation 1:13-18 Jesus Described

Nebuchadnezzar, centuries earlier, and during his attempt of murderous sin, had described Jesus in the fiery furnace as, “... the form of the Fourth is like the Son of God.”¹⁴ But in **Revelation 1:13**, John, “the

¹⁴ Daniel 3:25

disciple whom Jesus loved¹⁵ ... ; which also leaned on His breast at supper,”¹⁶ who had lived and ministered with Jesus for three years, and called Jesus, “Lord,” here, refers to His Lord, not by the Name Jesus had used on earth, but as, “the Son of Man.” John was referring to the Jesus Whom he knew intimately, and Whom he recognized despite seeing Him now as God Himself, but Whom he also now, in **Revelation 1:13**, properly describes in a manner suitable for describing the God of otherworldly and distant awe and majesty. John now describes the Son of Man as one would describe someone seen for the first time, unfamiliar in appearance. Jesus’ clothing is described here as though new and unrecognized. John doesn’t describe ‘the Jesus Whom we disciples know so well,’¹⁷ but this appearance as Someone seen for the first time, Someone Who therefore must be described in detail. As He did on earth after His resurrection,¹⁸ Jesus has here, also, taken on a new appearance. Yet, by John’s use of the here-incongruous phrase, “the Son of Man,” he bears testimony that This Is, indeed, that Jesus Whom ‘we disciples know so well.’

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him;

Luke 24:31a The BIBLE

This description of the Son of Man is similar to Daniel’s visions, but much more personal, and we now know, personally, That Man. However, in the rest of Scripture, God/Jesus Is described in a manner much more in concert with His heavenly majesty:

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen,
Whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

Daniel 10:5 The BIBLE

14 His head and His hairs were white like **wool**, as white as **snow**; and His eyes were
as a flame of fire;

Revelation 1:14 The BIBLE

(God/Jesus described prophetically, in relation to His redeeming role

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, Whose
garment was white as **snow**, and the Hair of his head like the pure **wool**: His throne
was like the fiery flame, and His wheels¹⁹ as burning fire.

Daniel 7:9 The BIBLE

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet,
they shall be as white **as snow**; though they be red like crimson, they shall be **as wool**.

Isaiah 1:18 The BIBLE

¹⁵ John 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, 21:20

¹⁶ John 21:20

¹⁷ I John 1:1-3

¹⁸ Luke 24:15-32, 36-45; John 20:15, 19-20, 26-29; 21:4-7

¹⁹ Ezekiel 10:6-19

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He Is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He Is pure.

I John 3:2-3) The BIBLE

6 His body also was like the beryl,²⁰ and His face as the appearance of lightning, and His eyes as lamps of fire, and His arms and his **feet** like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of **His Words like the voice of a multitude.**²¹

Daniel 10:6 The BIBLE

26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Ezekiel 1:26-28 The BIBLE

3 And He That sat Was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Revelation 4:3 The BIBLE

While the appearance of God in majesty is described as having the colour of a, “jasper,” or a, “sardine stone,” (carnelian), which are generally red, yellow, brown we would be hard-pressed to presume upon a single colour. Jasper can also be green or blue. And the colour around God’s throne is also described as being of other colours,^{Error! Bookmark not defined.} including emerald, which, also, is green. However, the appearance of God/Jesus is in various places compared to the sun,²² so one can assume that the colour spoken of here is in the red to yellow, white spectrum, a matter of enough import that it is mentioned here.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but He Himself.

Revelation 19:12 The BIBLE

15 And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice **as the sound of many waters.**²¹

²⁰ Beryl, a variety of Emerald and Aquamarine

²¹ Ezekiel 1:24-25, 3:13; Revelation 4:5; 8:5,13; 10:3-4; 11:15,19; 16:18

²² Revelation 1:16; 10:1, but including a rainbow; 21:23; 22:5

16 And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I Am the First and the Last:

18 I Am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I Am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:15-18 The BIBLE

(Jesus speaks even of His feet:

40 And when He had thus spoken, He shewed them His hands and His feet.

Luke 24[39-]40 The BIBLE)

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, Who hath His eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His feet are like fine brass;

Revelation 2:18 The BIBLE

1 And I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven,²³ clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as pillars of fire:

Revelation 10:1 The BIBLE

We know that we will see God once we have been resurrected.

25 For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Job 19:25-27 The BIBLE

46 Howbeit that was not first which is Spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is Spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man Is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as Is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

I Corinthians 15:46-49 The BIBLE

In the meantime, however, before we have been resurrected, we can glory in the fact that, in Jesus, we see our Heavenly Father exemplified!

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

²³ See, also, **God/Jesus Is Occasionally Referred To As An Angel/Messenger**

10 Believest thou not that I Am in the Father, and the Father in me? the Words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.

11 Believe Me that I Am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake.

John 14:9-11 The BIBLE

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father.

John 15:24 The BIBLE

And, until we are resurrected, if we are privileged enough, the very rare person may see God visually and personally, but only in visions or dreams. However, In Revelation 4-5, we are actually given a vision and description of God the Father, as He sits upon His throne, in one of those visions! We can be certain that It Is our Heavenly Father, and not Jesus, because Jesus/"a Lamb as it had been slain," interacts with Him, taking the "the book out of the right hand of Him That sat upon the throne."

While the Book of Revelation describes both the Father and the Son, He Who sits on the throne of Revelation 4 Is the Father (we know this because, in Revelation 5:5-7, Jesus takes a book from the hand of the One Who, here in Chapter 4, sits on the throne.)

However, while we know that, on earth, we can never see nor hear God the Father, we read how, "in the spirit," our Heavenly Father has been glimpsed by specific, privileged individuals. Moses, in particular, was honoured by God, not only to regularly speak face-to-face with Jesus, but to also, at one point, be shown the back of God the Father – while in the flesh!

6 And He said, Hear now My Words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make Myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all Mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?

Numbers 12:6-8 The BIBLE

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Exodus 33:11 The BIBLE

But even Moses, who was uniquely honoured by God to regularly speak face-to-face with Jesus, wasn't allowed to see God the Father – until he asked. And even then, he was permitted to see only God's back, and while protected behind a rock!

18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Exodus 33:18-23 The BIBLE

WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED

It Was Prophesied

Both: the Old Testament prophets, and Jesus, prophesied of a coming time of fullness and completion in the Messiah.

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which Is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing Spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is Spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

I Corinthians 2:7-16 The BIBLE

15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:15-17 The BIBLE

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

...

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.

15 All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.

16 A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father.

...
23 And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in My Name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

27 For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.

...
33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

...
1 These Words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:

2 As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest me out of the world: - Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy Word.

...
20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;

John 16:7 - 17:20 The BIBLE

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and **when thou art converted**, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto Him, Lord, I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And He said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest Me.

Luke 22:32-34 The BIBLE

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John 20:19-23 The BIBLE

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit, and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight.

22 All things are delivered to Me of My Father: and no man knoweth Who the Son Is, but the Father; and Who the Father Is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.

23 And He turned him unto His disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Luke 10:21-24 The BIBLE

Description Of God The Father!

Until the advent of Jesus, Who Himself, Is God and seen by many, Moses alone was the only man to ever see God Himself in any other way (every other manifestation of God was in the person of Jesus). Until Jesus' coming to earth as an infant Messiah, only Jesus was ever seen by man. Except by Moses! While Moses spoke face to face with Jesus, he was able to see only the back of the Father.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in My sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, shew me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight: and consider that this nation is Thy people.

14 And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto Him, If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? is it not in that Thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name.

18 And he said, I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory.

19 And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the Name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

20 And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away Mine hand, and thou shalt see My back parts: but My face shall not be seen.

Exodus 33:11-23 The BIBLE

With the birth and ministry of Jesus we received a greater revelation of God Himself, through God the Son.²⁴ With the ministry of Jesus, we have a more complete description of God the Holy Spirit.²⁵ And with the death and resurrection of Jesus we now have a more complete description of God the Father, in the revelation of Jesus in the vision that He gave to the Apostle John. This vision and its description is made possible, now, by the entrance into the believer of the Holy Spirit, Who now converts the unbelieving and sinful old man into a new man,²⁶ made in the image of Him, and reveals still more of Jesus.²⁷ The Spirit transforms the new believer, opening his eyes to the things of the Spirit.

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

3 And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

²⁴ John 14:7-9

²⁵ John 3, 4, 7, 14, 15, 16

²⁶ Ephesians 2:15, 4:24; Colossians 3:10

²⁷ John 15:26

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.
8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Which Was, and Is, and Is To Come.
9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, Who liveth for ever and ever,
10 The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 Thou Art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:4-11 The BIBLE²⁸

Jesus interacts with God the Father

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him That sat on the throne a Book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the Book, neither to look thereon.
5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the Book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as It had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
7 And He came and took the Book out of the right hand of Him That sat upon the throne.
8 And when He had taken the Book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou Art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:1-10 The BIBLE

²⁸ We can know that this description is not of the same Person (Jesus) Who Is described in Revelation 1:10-20 because the Person in chapter 1 describes Himself as: "I Am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I Am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." - Revelation 1:18 Earlier in that chapter we also have a more complete description of Him (Jesus) than we have of the Person in chapter 4. (Thus, even after receiving a description – chapter 4 – of God the Father, we disappointingly still have only a pitifully brief description of He Who Is the embodiment of our greatest love and desire!)

We are here given Scripture's only first-hand description of the Father, Himself, of He Who dwells, "... in the thick darkness."²⁹ This is phenomenally unprecedented, because we are told in Scripture, repeatedly, that, "no man hath seen God!" In this vision, we see, therefore, that What God has hidden from the ages, has been graciously revealed to us in the New Testament; we are living in an exalted age, and greatly privileged!

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him.

Isaiah 64:4 The BIBLE

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

I Corinthians 2:7-10 The BIBLE

Even Moses, who saw the back of God,³⁰ didn't give us a description of God. Until this point, Revelation 4, we had been introduced to an actual vision and description of the Father only in His revelation of Himself in the Person of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus.

8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 14:8-9 The BIBLE

And now we see the fullness of God! But, despite all that God has given us, regardless of whether the unbeliever also reads this description of God, he won't still won't understand, and see God.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:14 The BIBLE

²⁹ Exodus 20:21; Deuteronomy 5:22; II Samuel 22:10,12; II Kings 8:12; II Chronicles 6:1; Psalm 18:9-11

³⁰ Exodus 33:23