

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Truth About The Godhead

INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of the “Godhead” is a central theme of the Bible, both for the Old Testament and the New Testament. The classic expression of the doctrine of “One God” is found in **Deuteronomy 6:4**. “Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD.” This belief in only one God is called **monotheism**, which comes from two Greek words: **monos**, meaning alone, single, one; and **theos**, meaning God. Anyone who does not accept monotheism can be classified as any one of the following: an **atheist** who denies the existence of God; an **agnostic** - one who asserts that the existence of God is unknown and probably unknowable; a **pantheist** - one who equates God with nature or the forces of the universe; or a **polytheist** - one who believes in more than one God. **Ditheism**, the belief in two gods, is a form of polytheism, and so is **tritheism** or **trinitarianism**, the belief in three gods. Among the major religions of the world, three are monotheistic: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

THREE MAJOR BELIEFS



The three most common beliefs on the Godhead, however, are (1) **Trinitarianism**, (2) **Unitarianism**, and (3) **Dualism**.

TRINITARIANISM

The **premise** of the **Trinity Doctrine** is that there are **Three PERSONS in ONE GOD**, sharing the same powers, occupying three thrones in heaven. Trinitarians use the diagram of a triangle to explain that the three corners represent the three members of the Trinity, while the complete triangle represents God as the whole trinity. The Discrepancy, however, in the Trinity doctrine is that **THREE PERSONALITIES equals THREE GODS**. This belief breaks the very **First** Commandment of God that says, “Thou shalt have **no other gods** before Me”. Revelation 4:2 states that there is only “**one throne**” in heaven. How can three persons be one God?

UNITARIANISM / ONENESS

The **premise** of the **Oneness Doctrine** is that **JESUS, THE MAN, IS ALL THREE (Father, Son and Holy Ghost)**. The Discrepancy, however, in the Oneness doctrine is that Jesus cannot be his own Father. If Jesus was the Father, why did Jesus pray to the Father if He is already His own Father? Why did He cry at the cross, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?” Was Jesus just acting it out? Obviously not.

DUALISM / TWONESS

The premise of the Twoness Doctrine is that there are **TWO GODS: THE ETERNAL FATHER & THE ETERNAL SON**; making the **HOLY SPIRIT just a POWER and MESSENGER OF THE TWO**. The Discrepancy, however, in the TWONESS doctrine is that a 'SON' is 'BEGOTTEN'. The word "SONSHIP" signifies a 'BEGINNING'. There is no such thing as an "eternal son". The word "ETERNAL" means no beginning and no end".

THE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING ON THE GODHEAD

God, all throughout the Old Testament did not have a body, but appeared to the people in different forms, such as the Burning Bush to Moses, the Cloud by day, and the Pillar of Fire by night, to the children of Israel. Though He sent His angels to many who appeared as men, but no one ever saw God in **physical** form until Jesus Christ was born. **John 1:18** says, "**No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him**".

GOD IS A SPIRIT

The Scripture states that, "*God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth*" (**John 4:24**). In **Isaiah 43 and 45**, we can read that God the Father said that He alone is God... "*And [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none beside Me.*" (**Isa. 45:21**) "*Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, [even] I, [am] the LORD; and beside me [there is] No Saviour.*" (**Isa. 43:10-11**)

In these Scriptures, we can clearly see that there is only one God, (not two or three) for in His very First Commandment, Elohim (the self-existing One) solemnly said that "*Thou shalt have NO other gods before Me...*" (**Exodus 20:3**)

GOD'S THOUGHTS AND ATTRIBUTES

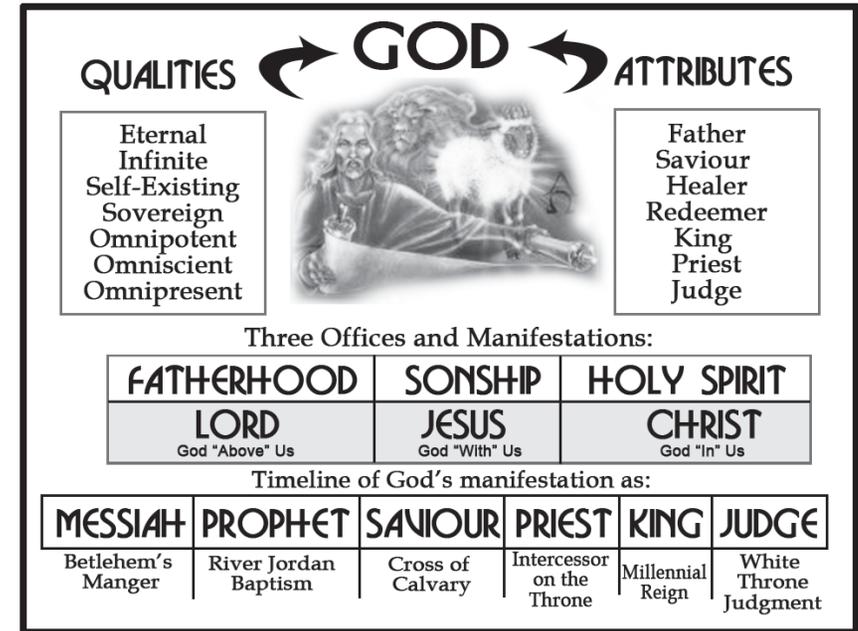
Way back in eternity, before there ever was a star, a moon, or a galaxy, Elohim has eternal thoughts and attributes that He wanted to express and manifest for His own pleasure and glorification. He hath seen all things from the beginning, for He is infinite and all-knowing.

Elohim wanted to be **God**. The word "God" means "an object of worship". But there was no one that worships Him at that time and so He then created the angels first, so that He as God is worshipped and is proclaimed as the Almighty.

Elohim also wanted to become a **Father**. Yet how can He be called a "Father" when He Himself has no children? **And so in God's mind He wanted to create sons and daughters unto Himself so that He could become their Father**. Thus, we know that this plan of God was fulfilled and manifested later on. He created Adam and from him He took Eve. It's a type of the church which was taken from the body of Christ, for the Bible says, "we are flesh of His flesh, and bones of His bones."

Elohim wanted to become a **Saviour**. But you see, how can He become a Saviour when there's no one to be saved in the first place? **There has to be a fallen entity first before He could ever display his attributes as a Saviour**. We can therefore conclude from this case that God hath foreseen the fall of man and He permitted man to fall from grace in order for God to fulfill His majestic plan of saving them. Man was

placed as a "free moral agency" to choose for himself between good and evil. Adam and Eve fell for the wrong choice. But God prepared the solution for sin even before the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8 tells us that the "Lamb was slain "before" the foundation of the world" to act as an atonement for sin. And God wrote our names (God's elected seed) in the Lamb's Book of Life even before man could ever commit sin. Christ came to redeem these predestinated seed.



Elohim wanted to be a **Healer**, too. Yet how can He become a Healer when there's nobody that's sick? **There has to be a sickness first before He could become a Healer**. Which was first, the sickness or the Healer? We can then conclude from here that sicknesses and afflictions are part of God's permissive will unto men in order to show and manifest to mankind His attributes of being a Healer. **Psalms 103:2-3** states, "*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth ALL thy diseases.*" Consider the afflictions of Job, blind Bartimaeus, the woman with the blood issue, and more. Through their affliction, they have declared the glory and healing power of God and served as testimonials of God's grace through their generations.

God also wanted to manifest Himself as a **King**, as a **Priest**, and as a **Judge**. **So there has to be a kingdom set-up, a holy tabernacle set-up, and a judgment bar set up**. These are His eternal thoughts and intentions before the foundation of the world, to get glory unto Himself.

Yet God knew that as a Spirit He will never be able to fulfill these plans of his without having a "body" that will act out His plans. For example, it is written in His Law that "**Almost all things are by the Law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission**" (**Hebrews 9:22**). Redemption requires death. Can a Spirit bleed and die?

It takes BLOOD, therefore, to pay the penalty for sin. Yet no man's blood, no angel, no priest, no animal's blood, was ever worthy to redeem man in his fallen estate. God must do it Himself, for there is no Saviour but Him alone. He must do it in order to show that He alone is the ONLY Redeemer. In **Isaiah 45:22**, God said, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, for I AM God, and there is none else." "Thou shalt know no God but Me; for there is NO SAVIOUR BESIDE ME". (**Hosea 13:4**).

God, therefore, is the only Saviour there is. The key to the whole mystery of the Godhead is this: God knew that He, as God, could not die and bleed in the Spirit, for a Spirit has no flesh and bones. But His own law required blood for an atonement. So in order for God to fulfill His plan of redeeming mankind, He had to put on a veil of flesh, in order to taste death and pay the penalty for His own law, to justify the ungodly. That is to fulfill **Romans 3:28**, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (**Eph.2:8,9**).

GOD'S THOUGHTS EXPRESSED INTO "WORD" (LOGOS)

God, then began to express Himself from eternity, by His spoken Word. Time began when God started speaking. This great Fountain of Spirit which had no beginning or no end, began to express His attributes by the Spoken Word. Out of the existence of the Father went out the "Logos", which was the Word, which was God's "Theophany". It was a visible body of the great Jehovah God going forth in the beginning. It was called the "Logos", which in the original Greek, means "something spoken; which includes the thoughts of the Speaker".

That Logos was God's "express image". It was God Himself made into Word. That Logos that went out from the great eternal Spirit was called the "Son" of God. It was the only visible form that this Spirit had. And It was a "theophany", which means a celestial body, and that body was like a "man".

Time, then, began when that "Logos" came out of God, as evident in the succeeding scripture. **John 1:1-3**, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made" ..And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." (**John 1:1-3,14**).

From that "theophany" is where man was also created by God, after His own image, which was a "spirit-man":

"And God said, Let US make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."(**Genesis 1:26,27**).

The "Let US make man in OUR own image" in the above verses refer to God the Father (the great Spirit) talking, speaking to His Theophany Body, which was His begotten Son. We can see here that man was created from that pattern, with both spirit and body realms. We were never created in the image of angels.

Rev. Branham taught us this: "You will never be an Angel. God made Angels, but God made man. And what God does is off of God, which is as eternal as God is. And man's just as eternal as his Creator, because he was made from eternity. (HEBREWS CHAPTER 5 AND 6, JEFF, IN 57-0908M).

"Brother, I'm telling you; I believe in the resurrection. God will speak one of these days, and we'll come forth in His image and in His likeness, men and women, not angels, but men and women. God made Angels; we'll never be Angels. We wasn't made for Angels. Men are made men. God made man. He intends him to be man. It's God's pattern." (EL.SHADDAI.title LA.CA 59-0416)

The "theophany", which was the Son, is also what's spoken of in **Colossians 1:15-17**, which reads: "Who is the IMAGE of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and He is before all things, and by him all things consist."

That theophany of God was then made FLESH on earth later on in the Person of Jesus Christ through the womb of Mary.

In the following paragraphs, Brother Branham relates to us about the mystery of the Godhead in the Message LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE - CPT.9, 336-2:

"Revelation 3:14 speaks of Jesus as the "Beginning of the Creation of God". That is Who the Lord Jesus says He is. But those words don't mean exactly as they sound to us. Just taking them the way they sound has made some people (in fact multitudes of people) get the idea that Jesus was the first creation of God, making Him lower than Godhead. Then this first creation created all the rest of the universe and whatsoever it contains. But that is NOT right. You know that doesn't line up with the rest of the Bible. The words are, "He is the BEGINNER or AUTHOR of the creation of God."

Now we know for a surety that Jesus is God, very God. He is the Creator. **John 1:3** "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made." He is the One of Whom it is said, **Genesis 1:1** "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". Also it says in Exodus 20:11, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day." See, there is no doubt that He is the Creator. He was the Creator of a FINISHED PHYSICAL CREATION. Surely we can see what these words mean now. To have any other interpretation would mean that God created God. How could God be created when He, Himself, is the Creator?" (WMB, 336-4 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

GOD MANIFESTED IN FLESH

And thus, God fulfilled His plan of salvation, the fulfillment which is written in **1 Timothy 3:16** which states: "And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness, God was manifest in the flesh."

When did God manifest in flesh? It was when Jesus Christ was born through a woman; without any resulting sexual act but it was God Himself making both hemoglobin and egg cells in the womb of Mary, God Himself taking the form of a man.

Jesus Christ was the FLESH of God, none other than God Himself creating a BODY of His own. That fleshly BODY was called the "SON", while the SPIRIT indwelling that body was the "FATHER". Not two Gods now, but God veiling Himself in FLESH. That's the reason Jesus said "I and My Father are one." (**John 10:30**). Philip, the apostle, one time said to Jesus (**John 14:8-9**), "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." And Jesus answered him saying, "Have I been with you so long and

yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? **He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.**"

The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah has become our Saviour". Jesus was also called "Emmanuel", meaning, "God WITH us", God dwelling with men.

When the Father decided to come down as our Saviour, He put on a robe of flesh and planted Himself, as a seed, in the womb of Mary. This seed was to produce the flesh and blood of the Body He would dwell in as the Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is God becoming man, to redeem man back to Himself. **God could not die in the Spirit because He's eternal. But He had to put on a MASK and ACT the part of death. He did die, but He couldn't do it in His God form. He had to do it in SON form, as a Son of Man on earth.** (UNVEILING.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN V-9 N-1 64-0614M)

JESUS, THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

The Apostle Paul says this about Jesus in **Collosians 2:9-10**: "For in HIM all the FULLNESS of the GODHEAD dwells BODILY, and ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power"...*"In Whom we have REDEMPTION through His BLOOD, even the forgiveness of sins : Who is the IMAGE of the INVISIBLE GOD... And He is before all things, and by Him all things consists"* (**Collosians 1:14,15,17**).

JESUS, therefore, is the EXPRESS IMAGE of the unseen God, God creating a FLESH-BODY of His own. Men could have never seen God except through Jesus Christ, the FLESH of God.

THREE DISPENSATION OF THE ONE GOD

"**God ABOVE Us**" - that's how God was known in the Old Testament, in the Fatherhood dispensation. God dwelling in the heavenlies, where no man could ever touch Him.

When the the time for the Sonship dispensation came, fulfilling the prophesy of **Isaiah 9:6** which says, "For to us a child is born, for to us a SON is given: the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty GOD, and everlasting FATHER, Prince of Peace", these all pertain to the FLESH of God - JESUS, being God Himself becoming Emmanuel, which being interpreted "**God WITH us**" - God Who can now be touched by the feeling of our infirmities.

It was God also fulfilling **Isaiah 53:5**, "But He (God) was WOUNDED for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and by His stripes we are healed" - all fulfilled and completed at the Cross of Calvary.

In these last days, after Jesus has been resurrected and glorified, God has sent us back His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to indwell every believer. Thus, we are now living in the HOLY GHOST Dispensation - "**God IN Us**". As **1 Cor. 6:19-20** states, "What? Know ye not that your body is the TEMPLE of the Holy Ghost which is IN YOU, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify GOD IN YOUR BODY, and in your spirit which are God's."

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS IN THE CHURCH

JESUS is that self-same Holy Spirit; as He has attested in **John 14:18**, saying, "I will not leave you comfortless, "I" (Personal Pronoun) WILL COME TO YOU." "I will be with

you, even IN YOU until the end of the world." **Galatians 4:6** states this, too, "And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the SPIRIT of His SON into your hearts, crying Abba, Father." FOREVERMORE!" Who was that? That was the same God Who also said, " I have power to lay my life down, and raise it up again" (**John 10:18**).

Jesus' own Spirit is now "**God IN Us**", the "**Hope of Glory**" (**Colossians 1:27**). It is the SELF-SAME GOD all the time, never changing His power, just changed His form from the heavenly to the earthly, and then back again as the Great Spirit, after having fulfilled His great redemptive story.

He was "**GOD ABOVE US**" in His Fatherhood dispensation; "**GOD WITH US**" in His Sonship dispensation; and now "**GOD IN US**" in the Holy Spirit dispensation.

Jesus said, " I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, the Beginning and the Ending, saith the Lord, Which IS, WHICH WAS, and WHICH IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY" (**Rev.1:8**) **Not three persons in One God but ONE GOD in three dispensations, in three manifestations.**

JESUS IS BOTH MAN AND GOD

Jesus, talking to the Jews one day, said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he was glad." Then said the Jews unto Him, "thou art not yet fifty years old and hast thou seen Abraham?" Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:56-58).

Who was the great "I AM"? Remember the burning fire that talked with Moses on the holy mountain? That was the "I AM", the self-same Jesus speaking to the Jews. They could not see that Jesus was their own God VEILED IN FLESH.

"The Jews answered him saying, "For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being man, makest Thyself God" (**John 10:33**). They really failed to see that He was the Emmanuel - both MAN and GOD. Jesus also is the WORD that became FLESH and dwelt amongst us (**John 1:1,14**).

JESUS certainly was a man weeping at the grave of Lazarus. But when He shouted, "Lazarus, come forth!", and a dead man, four days and stinking, arose and lived again - that was more than a MAN! Who can raise the dead but God alone.

He was a man hungry that night looking on a tree for something to eat. But when He took five bread and two fishes and feed five thousand - that was more than a man. That was the creator, JEHOVAH!

He was a man laying on the ship that night, tired and asleep, while the waves come up. But once he arose and rebuked the winds and the waves and said, "Peace be still!". That was more than a man. That was God Who can control all nature.

It was a man crying for mercy at the cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" But on Easter morning, when He broke the seals of death, hell and grave, and rose up again and said, "I AM HE that was dead, and behold, I AM ALIVE



OREVERMORE!" Who was that? That was the same God Who also said, "I have power to lay my life down, and raise it up again" (John 10:18).

JESUS, BACK TO A "PILLAR OF FIRE"

Let us remember that after Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, Jesus ascended up into the heavens. And when SAUL of Tarsus was on His road to Damascus to persecute the Christians (Read Acts 9:1-5), a BIG LIGHT, a PILLAR OF FIRE struck him, and he asked, "LORD, who are You?" SAUL knew that It was the same Pillar of FIRE that appeared to Moses, but that Pillar of FIRE answered him, saying, "**I AM JESUS, whom thou persecutest.**" See, He had TURNED BACK, exactly back to THE SAME FORM before He took on a tabernacle of FLESH - the Pillar of FIRE that met Moses in the wilderness.

Remember, It was the SAME Pillar of Fire that came to PETER that night and loosed him out of the prison cell (Read Acts 12:5-7).

That SAME Pillar of Fire (Cloven Tongues of Fire) appeared on the Day of PENTECOST and set on each of those at the upper room, dividing Himself, giving part of His Spirit among His church (Acts 2).

Peter declared in Acts 2:36, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that SAME JESUS, whom ye have crucified, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST". **There He is - LORD (Fatherhood), JESUS (Sonship), CHRIST (Anointed Holy Ghost) - The LORD JESUS CHRIST, the complete manifestation of the ONE TRUE GOD.**

Finally, consider this: Who was the FATHER of Jesus? Matthew 1:18 says, "She (Mary) was found with child of the HOLY GHOST." But Jesus Himself claimed that GOD was His FATHER. Therefore, God the Father and God the Holy Ghost make the Father and the Spirit ONE, OR ELSE JESUS HAD TWO FATHERS. But notice also that Jesus said that "I and My FATHER ARE ONE", NOT TWO. That makes ONE GOD, NOT THREE.

The entire Bible does not say a thing about a First or Second or Third Person in a ONE GOD. The mystery is found in 1 Timothy 3:16: "And without controversy, great is the MYSTERY of Godliness, GOD was manifest in the FLESH, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles; believed on in the world, received up into glory". **The ONE TRUE GOD was manifest in the FLESH. That's how SIMPLE it is. GOD CAME IN A HUMAN FORM. That didn't make Him another God. He was GOD, THE SAME GOD.**

If you cannot accept this TRUTH of the Godhead, but refute it, Jesus said that you are still living in SIN; for He said in John 8:24, "For if ye believe NOT that I AM HE (God), ye shall die in your sins". "He that believeth not the SON shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

JESUS IS JEHOVAH MADE FLESH

JEHOVAH of the Old Testament is JESUS of the New Testament. That is the great MYSTERY of the Godhead. NOT THREE GODS, but THREE DISPENSATIONS and three OFFICES of the same ONE GOD. Never can we find any Scripture that declares that there are THREE GODS in the Holy Writ. If you do, you are breaking the First Commandment which says, "I alone am GOD, thou shalt have no other Gods before Me." GOD Himself declared in Isaiah 45:21 that, "There is NO GOD BESIDE ME; a just God and Saviour, THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME."

JESUS confirmed this truth in Mark 12:29 saying, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is ONE LORD".

The whole thing was JEHOVAH GOD condescending Himself from His heavenly estate to an earthly body He called JESUS, fulfilling His sovereign purpose of becoming Saviour, Redeemer and Healer by shedding His OWN BLOOD as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. "Of Whom as concerning the FLESH, CHRIST came, Who is OVER ALL, GOD Blessed Forever" (Romans 9:5). AMEN.

Here are some Scriptures that tell us that JESUS, THE MAN, ACCEPTED WORSHIP : (See Scriptures: Matt. 8:2, 9:18, 14:33, 15:25, 28:9, 28:17; Mark 5:6; Luke 24:52; John 9:38)

MATTHEW 8:2-3, "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth [his] hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

MATTHEW 9:18, "While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live."

MATTHEW 14:32-33, "And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God."

MATTHEW 15:25-27, "Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast [it] to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

MATTHEW 28:9-10, "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."

MATTHEW 28:16-17, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted."

MARK 5:6-7, "But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, [thou] Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."

LUKE 24:51-52- "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

JOHN 9:35-38, "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."

WHAT BROTHER BRANHAM TAUGHT REGARDING THE GODHEAD DOCTRINE

1. Brother Branham believed that Jesus Christ is God Himself made man:

“JESUS was GOD in the form of a man. That’s hard for people to swallow.. He wasn’t nothing less than God. He was GOD manifested in FLESH. He was the Creator in His own creation.” (God’s Gift Always Find Their Places/63-1222)

“I believe HIM to be GOD: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. That He wasn’t just a prophet, that He wasn’t just a man, that He wasn’t just a teacher or a good man, HE was the DIVINE JEHOVAH GOD living in a BODY of Flesh.” (Who Is This?/59-1004)

“The Beginning Of The Creation Of God.” That is Who the Lord Jesus says He is. But those words don’t mean exactly as they sound to us. Just taking them the way they sound has made some people (in fact multitudes of people) get the idea that Jesus was the first creation of God, making Him lower than Godhead. Then this first creation created all the rest of the universe and whatsoever it contains. But that is not right. You know that doesn’t line up with the rest of the Bible. The words are, “He is the BEGINNER or AUTHOR of the creation of God.” Now we know for a surety that Jesus is God, very God. He is the Creator. (336-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - FATHER CREATED a BODY which was GOD THE SON, and LIVED in the SON. See?” (A Court Trial / pp. 31)

John 1:3-”All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.” He is the One of Whom it is said, Gen. 1:1 - “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”. Also it says in Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.” See, there is no doubt that He is the Creator. He was the Creator of a FINISHED PHYSICAL CREATION. Surely we can see what these words mean now. To have any other interpretation would mean that God created God. How could God be created when He, Himself, is the Creator? (336-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

2. Brother Branham believed that the BODY of JESUS was GOD’s own flesh:

“That’s exactly what HE was. “We handled God,” the Bible said. 1 Timothy 3:16, “Without controversy, great is the MYSTERY of Godliness, GOD was manifest in the FLESH.” We handled HIM with our hands. That body was God. Certainly was. He was God all over, in the form of a human being.” (The Token/64-0308)

“It wasn’t the blood of a Jew. It was the Blood of God that saved us, not the blood of a Jew. He wasn’t no man’s Blood. He was the creative Blood of Jehovah God, Who created the Blood cell. He wasn’t neither Jew nor Gentile by Blood. He was God. God’s Blood saved us.” (WITNESSES_ PHOENIX.AZ.WEDNESDAY_54-0303)

“And there, God, the Creator, wrapped around Himself and created a Blood cell, the virgin not knowing any man. If you don’t believe that, you’re still in sin. She had nothing to do with a man. God, Himself... Christ was not a Jew. His Blood wasn’t a Jew, neither was it a Gentile. It was God’s Blood. The Blood cell come from the Male, and the Male was God. The Bible said we’re saved through the Blood of God, no sex into it at all. There it is.” (CHRIST_ PHOENIX.AZ.MONDAY_55-0221) come down from glory, revealed Himself.” (God’s Gift Always Find Their Places/63-1222)

“And you Catholic people, not to disagree with you, but call her, “Mary, mother of God,” how could God have a mother? She was an incubator. You say, “Well, the—the egg come from the woman.” But the egg didn’t come from Mary. If the egg come from Mary, then there had to be a sensation. Look where you put God. God created both egg and blood cell. He was neither Jew nor Gentile. He was God, nothing less.” (ZACCHAEUS.THE.BUSINESSMAN_TUCSON.AZ.MONDAY_63-0121)

“And God came down in the image of man, in the Man Christ Jesus, to suffer pain. God could not suffer pain in the Spirit. How could He suffer physical pain in the Spirit? He couldn’t do it. So God unfolded Himself and was made in the image of man, to redeem the man that was lost. See? And then God suffered in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16, “Without controversy (that’s argument), great is the mystery of godliness; for God was manifested in the flesh.” (QA.ON.GENESIS.title JEFF.IN.COD.53-0729)

“God could not suffer in Spirit. He had to become flesh to feel the pain of sickness, to feel the temptation of lust, to feel the temptation of want, to feel the temptation of hunger, to feel the power of death, that He might take it upon Himself to stand in the Presence of the great Spirit Jehovah (the Spirit, not the man, the Spirit), to make intercessions to this life. And Jesus took that in order to make intercessions for us, for He knows how it feels. When you get sick, He knows how you feel. When you’re tempted, He knows how you feel.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.3.title JEFF.IN.HEB.57-0828)

3. Brother Branham believed that JESUS is the very PERSON of GOD:

“So you see, JESUS was GOD. He was not NO third person, fourth person, second person, HE was THE PERSON, HE was GOD, see? He was GOD Immanuel, God come down from glory, revealed Himself.” (God’s Gift Always Find Their Places/63-1222)

4. Brother Branham believed that GOD DIED in His SONSHIP FORM:

“GOD veiled in JESUS to do the work of REDEMPTION at the cross... GOD could NOT DIE in the SPIRIT; He’s ETERNAL. But HE had to put on a MASK and ACT the part of death. HE DID DIE, but He couldn’t do it in His God FORM. He had to do it in SON form, as a Son of Man on earth.” (Unveiling of God/64-0614m)

“Your BODY has to LIVE by DEAD SUBSTANCE for natural life, then you’ve got to have something DIE SPIRITUALLY to SAVE your SPIRITUAL LIFE. And GOD BECAME MATERIAL, FLESH, and DIED that WE MIGHT LIVE.” (Sir, We Would See Jesus / 62-0724)

“And then God became material in a Man called Jesus Christ which was His Son. This Son gave His Life that He might bring other sons, that God might become tangible, working in all in all. “In that day you’ll know that I’m in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you and you in Me.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN.COD.64-0823E)

Scripture: 1 JOHN 3:16 - “Hereby perceive we the LOVE [of GOD], because HE laid down HIS LIFE for us.”

5. Brother Branham believed that GOD had NO BODY until HE became JESUS:

“GOD is a SPIRIT. He had no hands till He become JESUS. He had no feet, arms, legs and so forth, till He become JESUS... HE come to a stable, born over a manure pile. And Little JEHOVAH crying in a manger, little JEHOVAH playing as a boy, little JEHOVAH toiling as a man, He crossed His cast with us. GOD BECAME HUMAN. When JESUS CHRIST was born, GOD was HUMAN on earth... He toiled and labored and felt for the teen-ager. HE went through every temptation that we go through. GOD DID IT, that He might do His own

CHRIST, and when HE met Abraham, He fed Abraham the COMMUNION and blessed him.. WHO WAS THIS PRIEST? NONE OTHER THAN THE INCARNATED LORD JESUS CHRIST. In His magnificent power He was the same ONE a LITTLE LATER ON, after HE met Abraham, and gave him, as being a COVENANT PEOPLE, the COMMUNION.” (Melchisedec the Great Prince/ 55-0109m)

“When Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament in a theophany, in the Person of Melchisedec, not a priesthood, but the Person, the Man... See? For this Man **Jesus** had yet not been born, but He was in a **theophany** so He had no father, no mother. **He was God Himself**. He was manifested in the form of a Man called King of Peace and King of Righteousness. See King of Salem, which is? He was Melchisedec. He had neither father nor mother, beginning of days of ending of life. See? **It was Jesus in a theophany in the form of a man.**” (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

11. Brother Branham said that GOD in His “FATHERHOOD” office was the indwelling Spirit; while the “SONSHIP” office was His human flesh, Jesus.

“Jesus said that God was with Him, “I and My Father are One. My Father dwells in Me.” Not Jesus, and being one with God; but God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. And you **Oneness** brethren, **many of you get off the wrong track when you try to think that God is one like your finger is one. He can't be His Own Father. He can't be.**” (Palmerworm Locust Caterpillar 59-0823 140)

“Now, it's many times it's been said that no man can see God at anytime, the Bible said so. But the only begotten of the Father has declared Him. Philip, here was very inquisitive; he wanted to see the Father. Says here He said, “I've been so long with you, Philip, and you don't know Me?” Said, “When you see Me you see My Father.” In other words, you see **the Father express Hisself through the Son**. Him and the Father were one in the sense that His Father was dwelling in Him, not Him doing the works; He was a Son, Himself, the immortal, virgin born, Son of God. And then in Him was dwelling the God the Father, expressing Hisself to the world, His attitude towards the people. See? Well, that's how Christ and God were one. **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**. Now, He said, “When you see Me, you see the Father, and why do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (SHOW US THE FATHER IT'LL SATISFY 56-0422 E-36)

“That's the reason people couldn't understand Him. Sometime it was Christ speaking... or was the **Son** speaking. Other times it was the Father speaking. **He was a dual Person. He was one Man, the Son. God was in, which was tabernacling in Him**. But what did He do? Did He go around saying, “I'm the Healer.” Very contrary, He said, “I'm not the Healer.” He said, “It isn't Me that doth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me.” (JEHOVAH JIREH 56-0429 053).

12. Brother Branham was neither Oneness, Twoness nor Trinitarian:

“Now, some people have said, "Brother Branham, you are a 'Jesus Only.'" I want to say that that is in error. **I am not a "Jesus Only."** Somebody says, "Brother Branham, are you a trinitarian?" **No, sir. I am not a trinitarian;** I'm a Christian. See? The word "trinitarian" don't even mention in the Bible--the word "trinity." And I do not believe that there is three individual gods. **I believe there is one God in three offices: Father, Son, Holy Ghost**. That's exactly why we were commissioned to baptize in the Name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost. I believe that it's God condescending, coming down.” (GODHEAD.EXPLAINED.title CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 61-0425B)

“Now, the Oneness took it, the oneness group of people, and try to make Father, Son, Holy Ghost, just one office and one place, and like your finger, one. That's wrong. God could not... Jesus could not been His own Father. If He was, then

He was a... **Well, how could He been His own Father?”** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

“And you **Oneness** brethren, **many of you get off the wrong track** when you try to think that **God is one like your finger is one. He can't be His Own Father**. He can't be. **But He is God. God is Jehovah, the Spirit; Christ was the House that He dwelt in.**” (PALMERWORM LOCUST.CATERPILLAR.title JEFF.IN V-14 N-1 59-0823)

“Now, when I come into Pentecost, the Pentecostal people, I found one was a **Oneness**, and one was a **Twoness**, and one was a **Threeness**, and one's baptized this a way and that way, and one was this, and one was that; they were broke up in one Assembly, and one United, and one this. And you know what I did? **I didn't join with any of them. I stayed free from their denominations** and stayed between them so I could love them all the same time and bring them together. That's right. See?” (MINISTRY.EXPLAINED.title CHICAGO.IL 56-1001)

“And when you Catholic people say, “**Eternal sonship**,” where do you get such a word? It doesn't make sense to me. **How can He be eternal and be a son? A son's something that's begotten of**. How can it be eternal? Eternal never did begin; it never does end, so how could it be eternal sonship?” (CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-8 63-0804E)

13. Brother Branham said that if people can't believe the true REVELATION of the GODHEAD, they wont be able to understand the mysteries of the Bible:

“If people **CAN'T SEE the TRUTH of the GODHEAD, but FIGHT it;** they can't ever see the rest of the TRUTH because **the REVELATION is JESUS CHRIST in HIS CHURCH** and His works in the MIDST of the Church Ages.” (Seven Church Age Book/ pp. 309)

CONCLUSION

Brother Branham never taught us **TWO OR THREE PERSONS** in a one **ONE GOD**. God's prophet taught us that there are **THREE “MANIFESTATIONS” OR “THREE OFFICES”** of the **ONE GOD**, but not **TWO** or **THREE PERSONS** in a **ONE GOD**. The “Fatherhood” is an office, the “Sonship” is an office, and the “Holy Ghost” is an “office”. Yet God is all of them. You can't cut God in **TWO** or **THREE PIECES** and give Him to a Jew. The Jews always believed in only One God as was stated in the First Commandment that was given to them by God through their prophet Moses. Yet they missed seeing that that One God came down and manifested Himself in a human flesh. That's why they could not believe in Jesus when He said, “I and My Father are ONE.”

The teaching of multiple gods came from Pagan Greek and Pagan Roman Empire (Zeus, Jupiter, Hermes, Venus, Mercury, etc) and was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church, and by most of the Protestant churches today.

Yet **God** is not **ONE** like your finger one, as the **ONENESS** GROUP of people teaches it. The **ONENESS** denomination makes **Jesus** the MAN as the **Father** also. Brother Branham said it could not be. **JESUS** was the BODY-FLESH of GOD called the SON, while the **FATHER** was the indwelling SPIRIT dwelling inside that Body. God could not die in the **Spirit**, so he created a **BODY** for Himself in order to redeem us from our sins. “For without the shedding of BLOOD, there is no remission of sins.” A Spirit could not die, so God made Himself a human body and wrapped Himself into it. That's the mystery of the Godhead. Yet that does not mean that Jesus the flesh is NOT God just because He died. Jesus was both God and man. He was the first of His kind. But we will be like Him after this corruptible body has put on incorruption and this mortality has put on immortality, for Jesus is the firstborn amongst many brethren. The mystery of Godliness is this, “*For without controversy, God was manifested in FLESH*” (1 Tim 3:16).

Man needs to get the exact revelation about the Godhead or else he will fall into serving a God he personally does not know.