

Lesson 61: The Godhead, Part 2

Memory Verse: The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

1. When Jesus was about to go back to heaven, He gave an assignment to His followers.

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All _____ is given unto me in heaven and in earth. _____ ye therefore, and _____ all nations, _____ them in the _____ of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____: Teaching them to _____ things whatsoever I have _____ you: and, lo, I am _____ you always, even unto the _____ of the world. Amen.”

What was the assignment? It was to _____ and _____ all _____.

What should they teach them? They should teach them to _____ all things which He had _____ them.

What would they do with those who accepted Christ and His teachings?

They would _____ them.

In whose name would they be baptized? They would baptize them in the name of the _____ and of the _____ and of the _____.

Note: “The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are two monumental pillars, one without and one within the church. Upon these ordinances **Christ has inscribed the name of the true God.**”

“Christ has made baptism the sign of entrance to His spiritual kingdom. **He has made this a positive condition with which all must comply who wish to be acknowledged as under the authority of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.** Before man can find a home in the church, before passing the threshold of God's spiritual kingdom, he is to receive **the impress of the divine name**, 'The Lord our Righteousness.' Jeremiah 23:6.” 6T 91.1,2

“Baptism is a most solemn renunciation of the world. **Those who are baptized in the threefold name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, at the very entrance of their Christian life declare publicly that they have forsaken the service of Satan and have become members of the royal family**, children of the heavenly King. They have obeyed the command: 'Come out from among them, and be ye separate, ... and touch not the unclean thing.' And to them is fulfilled the promise: 'I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.' 2 Corinthians 6:17,18.” 6T 91.3

2. Jesus talked with his disciples just before He went back to heaven “speaking of the things pertaining to the _____ of God And, being assembled together with them, _____ them that they should _____ depart from Jerusalem, but _____ for the _____ of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of _____. For John truly baptized with _____; but ye shall be _____ with the _____ not many days hence.” **Acts 1:3-5**

3. What question was on their minds? **Acts 1:6** “When they therefore were come together, they _____ of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this _____ again the _____ to _____?”

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4. What was His answer? **Acts 1:7,8** “It is _____ for you to _____ the times or the seasons, which the _____ hath put in his _____ power. But ye shall receive _____, after that the _____ is come upon you: and ye shall be _____ unto me both in _____, and in all _____, and in _____, and unto the uttermost part of the _____.”
5. Then what happened? **Acts 1:9** “And when he had spoken these things, while they _____, he was _____ up; and a _____ received him out of their _____.”
6. Jesus had told them to wait. Look again in **Acts 1:3-5**.
For what were they to wait? They were to wait for the _____ of the Father.
What would happen in a few days? They would be baptized with the _____.
7. Look in **Acts 1:8**. What would be the result when the Holy Ghost comes upon them?
They would receive _____. This power was given to them so that they would be effective _____ for J_____.
Where were they to be witnesses? First in _____ (where they were).
Then in all _____ (in their own state or country).
Then they were to go to _____ (those in the neighboring country).
Their witness should go to the _____ part of the _____.
This they could only do through the _____ they would receive from the _____.
8. What did they do while they were waiting? **Acts 1:14** “These all continued with _____ in _____ and _____, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”
9. How was Jesus' promise fulfilled to them? **Acts 2:1-4** “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with _____ accord in _____ place. And suddenly there came a _____ from heaven as of a rushing mighty _____, and it _____ all the house where they were sitting. And there _____ unto them cloven _____ like as of _____, and it sat upon _____ of them. And they were all _____ with the _____, and began to _____ with _____ tongues, as the _____ gave them utterance.”
10. Read **Acts 2: 5-13**.
There were _____ Jews at Jerusalem from _____ nation. (verse 5)
They each heard them _____ in their own _____. (verse 6)
How many languages does it list that these people heard? _____ (verses 9-11)
The people were all _____ and _____. (verse 7)

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Why? These languages were all spoken by _____. (verse 7)

The people all heard in their own _____, in which they were _____. (verse 8)

What is it that they heard in their own language? They heard the _____
_____ of _____.

Some wondered what this all _____. (verse 12)

But others said they were full of _____, or drunk. (verse 13)

Have you ever heard a drunk man speak of the wonderful works of God in an intelligent way in a language which he did not know before? YES NO

Is this what usually happens when a man is drunk? YES NO

11. Who stood up and explained the cause of this to them? **Acts 2:14.** _____

What did he say was the cause? **Acts 2:16,17.** He told them that the prophecy of _____ was being fulfilled which said that God's _____ would be poured out.

This prophecy is quoted in **Acts 2:17-21.** Which verse in Joel 2 does he quote? ____-____

Acts 2:17 "And it shall come to pass in the _____, saith God, I will pour out of my _____ upon all flesh: and your _____ and your _____ shall prophesy, and your young men shall see _____, and your old men shall dream _____." This prophecy was given for that time but also for the L_____ D_____.

Note: "The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the **opening** of the gospel, to cause the **upspringing** of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its **close** for the **ripening** of the harvest. ... 'In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.' 'And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Acts 2:17, 21." GC 611.2

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close." GC 611.3

12. Then he immediately preached Jesus to them: **Acts 2:22-24** "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; _____ of Nazareth, a man _____ of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which _____ did by _____ in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also _____: **Him**, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of _____, ye have _____, and by wicked hands have _____ and slain: Whom _____ hath _____ up, having loosed the pains of _____: because it was not _____ that he should be _____ of it."

Acts 2:32,33 "This _____ hath God _____ up, whereof we all are _____. Therefore being by the _____ hand of God _____, and having received of the _____ the promise of the _____, he hath shed forth _____, which ye now _____ and _____."

Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of his _____, and the express _____ of his _____, and upholding _____ things by the _____ of his power, when he had by himself _____ our _____, sat down on the _____ hand of the _____ on high."

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The outpouring of the **Holy Spirit** which occurred that day was the token that **Jesus** was at the right hand of **God**. The Holy Spirit gave them this power to speak to every man in his native tongue of the wonderful works of God.

Note: “Christ determined that when He ascended from this earth He would bestow a **gift** on those who had believed on Him and those who should believe on Him. **What gift could He bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne?** It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. **He determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. This gift could not be excelled.** He would give all gifts in one, and therefore the divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation.” ST, December 1, 1898 par. 2

13. We can see that all three members of the Godhead work together for our salvation. They are one in **purpose** and in their **love** for us. They are **united** in the plan of salvation. They may perform **different functions**, but they are all for the **same purpose**. In the same way, Paul is telling us in 1 Cor. 12, in the church there are people with different gifts and **different functions**, but these gifts all come from the **same Source**. They are given that the church will work together with the **same purpose** and the **same love** for humanity.

1 Corinthians 12:4 Now there are diversities of _____, but the same _____.

1 Corinthians 12:5 And there are differences of _____, but the same _____.

1 Corinthians 12:6 And there are diversities of _____, but it is the same _____ which worketh _____ in all.

Note: “The eternal heavenly dignitaries – **God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit** – arming them [the disciples] with more than mortal energy, ... would advance with them to the work and convince the world of sin.” Ev 616.4

14. All three members of the Godhead work together to give us the strength and the power that we need to resist and overcome the attacks of Satan.

Ephesians 3:14-16 “For this cause I _____ my knees unto the _____ of our Lord _____, Of whom the whole _____ in heaven and earth is _____, That he would grant you, according to the _____ of his _____, to be _____ with _____ by his _____ in the _____ man.”

Note: “Those who proclaim the third angel's message must put on the whole armor of God, that they may **stand boldly at their post**, in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the enemy with the word, 'It is written.' **Keep yourselves where the three great powers of heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, can be your efficiency.** These powers work with the one who gives himself **unreservedly** to God. The **strength of heaven** is at the command of God's believing ones. **The man who takes God as his trust is barricaded by an impregnable wall.**”

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15. Paul warns us to beware of false teachers who would take us away from Christ.

Colossians 2:8,9 “B _____ lest any man _____ you through _____ and vain _____, after the _____ of men, after the rudiments of the _____, and _____ after _____. For in _____ dwelleth _____ the _____ of the _____ bodily.”

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Note: “Christ had foretold that **deceivers** would arise, through whose **influence** 'iniquity' should 'abound,' and 'the love of many' should 'wax cold.' Matthew 24:12. **He had warned the disciples that the church would be in more danger from this evil than from the persecution of her enemies.** Again and again Paul warned the believers against these **false teachers**. This peril, above all others, they must guard against; for by receiving false teachers, they would open the door to errors by which the enemy would dim the spiritual perceptions and shake the confidence of those newly come to the faith of the gospel. Christ was the standard by which they were to test the doctrines presented. All that was not in harmony with His teachings they were to reject. Christ crucified for sin, Christ risen from the dead, Christ ascended on high – this was the science of salvation that they were to learn and teach.” AA 473.3

“The **warnings** of the word of God regarding the perils surrounding the Christian church **belong to us today**. As in the days of the apostles men tried by **tradition** and **philosophy** to destroy faith in the Scriptures, so today, by the pleasing sentiments of **higher criticism**, **evolution**, **spiritualism**, **theosophy**, and **pantheism**, the enemy of righteousness is seeking to lead souls into forbidden paths. To many the Bible is as a lamp without oil, because they have turned their minds into channels of **speculative belief** that bring misunderstanding and confusion.

The work of **higher criticism**, in dissecting, conjecturing, reconstructing, is **destroying faith in the Bible** as a divine revelation.

It is robbing God's word of power to control, uplift, and inspire human lives.

By **spiritualism**, multitudes are taught to believe

that desire is the highest law,

that license is liberty,

and that man is accountable only to himself.” AA 474.1

“The follower of Christ will meet with the 'enticing words' against which the apostle warned the Colossian believers. He will meet with **spiritualistic interpretations** of the Scriptures, but he is not to accept them. **His voice is to be heard in clear affirmation of the eternal truths of the Scriptures.** Keeping his eyes fixed on Christ, he is to move steadily forward in the path marked out, **discarding all ideas that are not in harmony with His teaching.** The truth of God is to be the subject for his contemplation and meditation. **He is to regard the Bible as the voice of God speaking directly to him.** Thus he will find the wisdom which is divine.” AA 474.2

“I am instructed to say, **The sentiments of those who are searching for advanced scientific ideas are not to be trusted.** Such representations as the following are made: 'The Father is as the light invisible: the Son is as the light embodied; the Spirit is the light shed abroad.' 'The Father is like the dew, invisible vapor; the Son is like the dew gathered in beauteous form; the Spirit is like the dew fallen to the seat of life.' Another representation: 'The Father is like the invisible vapor; the Son is like the leaden cloud; the Spirit is rain fallen and working in refreshing power.'” Ev 614.1

“**All these spiritualistic representations are simply nothingness. They are imperfect, untrue.** They **weaken** and **diminish** the **Majesty** which no earthly likeness can be compared to. **God cannot be compared with the things His hands have made.** These are **mere earthly things**, suffering under the curse of God because of the sins of man. The Father cannot be described by the things of earth. **The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight.**” Ev 614.2

The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be 'the express image of His person.' 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' **Here is shown the personality of the Father.**” Ev 614.3

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The **Comforter** that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the **Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead**, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. **There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized**, and these powers will co-operate with the **obedient** subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the **new life** in Christ.” Ev 615.1

16. Has God revealed **everything** about Himself to us? **Deuteronomy 29:29**

“The _____ things belong unto the _____ our God: but those things which are _____ belong unto _____ and to our children for ever, that we may _____ all the _____ of this _____.”

Note: “Letters have come to us in regard to matters upon which God has given us no light, and we are pleased to say to these inquirers, We do not know. **The great anxiety in every mind should be to know God and do His requirements**. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it. ...” Ev 626.3

“Those who are so curious to find out things that have not been made known in the Scriptures are generally **surface students** in regard to those things which have a bearing on the daily life and practice. ... **We are to reveal to the world that which God has seen necessary to reveal to us**. We are not doing the will of our heavenly Father when we speculate upon things which He has seen fit to withhold from us. It is the **privilege** of everyone to reveal to others that he **appreciates** the worth of divine truths, that he **appreciates** the treasures of eternal life, **by making every sacrifice to obtain the reward**.” Ev 627.1

17. Did the prophets understand everything that was revealed to them? **1 Peter 1:10,11**

“Of which salvation the _____ have _____ and _____ diligently, who _____ of the grace that should come unto _____: Searching _____, or what manner of _____ the Spirit of Christ which was in them did _____, when it _____ beforehand the _____ of Christ, and the _____ that should follow.”

Why not? **1 Peter 1:12** Unto whom it was _____, that _____ unto _____, but unto _____ they did minister the things, which are _____ reported unto _____ by them that have preached the _____ unto you with the _____ sent down from _____; which things the _____ desire to look into.”

18. What should we do? **1 Peter 1:13-16** Wherefore _____ up the loins of your _____, be _____, and _____ to the end for the _____ that is to be brought unto _____ at the _____ of Jesus Christ; As _____ children, _____ fashioning yourselves according to the _____ lusts in your ignorance: But _____ he which hath called you is _____, **so** be _____ holy in _____ manner of _____; Because it is written, Be ye _____; for _____ am holy.”

Note: “The very first thing that medical missionaries need to do is to gain **a right conception of God**, not a conception based on their own human judgment, but **a conception based on a constant study of God's word and of the character and life of Christ**.” MM 91.4

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“God's word and His works contain the knowledge of Himself that He has seen fit to reveal to us. We may understand the revelation that He has thus given of Himself. But it is with fear and trembling, and with a sense of our own sinfulness, that we are to take up this study, not with a desire to try to explain God, but **with a desire to gain that knowledge which will enable us to serve Him more acceptably.**” MM 91.5

“**Let no one venture to explain God.** Human beings cannot explain themselves, and how, then, dare they venture to explain the Omniscient One? **Satan stands ready to give such ones false conceptions of God.**” MM 92.1

“To the **curious** I bear the message that God has instructed me **not** to frame answers to the questions of those who inquire in regard to the things that have not been revealed. The things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children. **Beyond this, human beings are not to attempt to go.** We are not to attempt to explain that which God has not revealed. **We are to study the revelation that Christ, the Great Teacher, has given of the character of God, that in spirit and word and act we may represent Him to those who know Him not.**” MM 92.2

“In regard to the **personality** and **prerogatives** of God, **where He is**, and **what He is**, this is a subject which **we are not to dare to touch.** On this theme **silence** is eloquence. It is those who have no **experimental** knowledge of God who **venture to speculate in regard to Him.** Did they know more of Him, they would have less to say about what He is. The one who in the **daily life** holds closest communion with God, and who has the deepest knowledge of Him, realizes most keenly the **utter inability of human beings to explain the Creator.**” MM 92.3

19. “**God always has been.** He is the great I AM. The psalmist declares, [in] **Psalm 90:2**

“B_____ the _____ were brought forth, or ever thou hadst _____ the earth and the world, even from _____ to _____, thou art _____.”

He is the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. **Isaiah 57:15**

“For thus saith the _____ and _____ One that inhabiteth _____, whose name is _____; I dwell in the _____ and _____ place, _____ him also that is of a _____ and _____ spirit, to _____ the spirit of the _____, and to revive the _____ of the _____ ones.”

He declares [in] **Malachi 3:6**

“For I am the _____, I _____; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

With Him there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. **James 1:17**

“Every _____ gift and every _____ gift is from _____, and cometh down from the _____ of lights, with whom is no _____, neither shadow of _____.”

He is “_____ Christ the same _____, and _____, and for _____.” Hebrews 13:8

He is infinite and omnipresent. No words of ours can describe His greatness and majesty. MM 92.4

“The Bible teaching of God is the **only** teaching that it is safe for human beings to follow. **We are to regulate our faith by a plain "Thus saith the Lord."** The knowledge of Himself that God desires us to gain from His word will, if brought into the daily life, make men and women strong to resist evil and fit them to represent Him.” MM 93.1

“We need to study **the simplicity of Christ's teachings.** He urges the need of **prayer** and **humility.** These are our **safeguards** against the erroneous reasoning by which Satan seeks to lead us to turn aside to other gods, and to accept misleading theories, clothed by him in garments of light.” MM 93.2

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20. With what blessing does Paul end his letter to the Corinthians? **2 Corinthians 13:14**

The _____ of the Lord _____ Christ, and the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the _____, be with you all. Amen.

All three members of the Godhead are united in blessing the children of earth and constantly working for their salvation.

Note: "Our sanctification is the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

It is the fulfilment of the **covenant** that God has made with those who bind themselves up with Him,
to stand with **Him**,
with His **Son**,
and with His **Spirit** in holy fellowship.

Have you been born again?

Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus?

Then co-operate with the three great powers of heaven who are working in your behalf.

Doing this you will **reveal** to the world the **principles of righteousness**. ST, June 19, 1901 par. 4

"We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,

– the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, –

and these powers will work through us,

making us workers together with God." Ev 617.3