

The Lord of Heaven and Earth

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In Luke 10:21, Jesus Christ made it clear that he was not “the Lord of heaven and earth”. Instead, he confirmed that his heavenly Father is “Lord of heaven and earth”.

*In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “**I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth....**” (Lk. 10:21; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).*

However, prior to Christ becoming the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world (1Jn. 2:2), he had authority over everything “under heaven”. This authority was granted to Christ by his Father because Christ agreed to give up his life, as a substitute, to cover the sins of anyone who might transgress his Father’s law.

*And all who dwell on the earth will worship (bow the knee; show respect toward) him (Christ).....**the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** (Rev. 13:8; cf. Jn. 1:29; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*Who has preceded me (Christ), that I should pay him (the ransom money associated with Christ’s sacrifice; cf. Job 33:24, Ps. 49:7; Mt. 20:28; 1Tim. 2:5-6)? **Everything under heaven is mine** (Job 41:11; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

In other words, because Christ already agreed to pay the death penalty, according to God’s law (Eze. 18:4b cf. Rom. 6:23), why would he have to pay anyone else to fulfill this extremely difficult responsibility. Instead, every sinful person will pay for their deeds by forfeiting their lives, and they were reminded of this throughout the First

Covenant when they paid “ransom money” on the Day of Atonement.

The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when you give an offering to the Lord, to make atonement (a covering that represented forgiveness of sin) (Ex. 30:15; Ed. note in parenthesis)

“The Lord” that Moses saw, and spoke with, stated that all the earth was under his authority. And, because Christ said that no human being has heard the voice of God the Father or seen his form (Jn 5:37), the Lord that Moses spoke with, and saw face to face (Ex. 33:11; Dt. 34:10), must be the same “spirit being” we know as Jesus Christ.

*Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for **all the earth in Mine** (Ex. 19:5; cf. Ps. 24:1; 50:12; emphasis added).*

Even the ark of the covenant belonged to Christ and, therefore, he was responsible for how it was managed.

*Behold, **the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth** is crossing over before you into the Jordan (Jos. 3:11; cf. 3:13; emphasis added).*

Therefore, when Uzza did not show respect toward this ark of the covenant, as commanded in God’s law (cf. Nu. 4:15; 18:3-7), Christ had him killed. Even the Kohathites, who were designated to carry the ark on poles, were not allowed to touch the ark of the covenant, and Uzza was a descendant of Benjamin (Nu. 3:29-31; cf. 1Chron. 8:7). Consequently, Christ’s action was a reminder to the rest of the nation that God’s law is to be taken seriously. And anyone treating it lightly, or attempting to break it, will pay a price sooner or later.

And when they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God (1Chron. 13:9-10).

Although the terms "Lord", "Lord God", and "God" are often applied to Christ as he interacted with people throughout the period of the Old Testament, he was a "spirit being" who his heavenly Father had created, and often referred to as "His Angel". This is important because the nation of Israel was warned that this "Angel" would exact punishment for crimes they committed against the law and commandments of God the Father. And this warning was issued long before Uzza's actions.

*Behold, I (Almighty God) send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. ²¹**Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for he will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him** (cf. Isa. 9:6). ²²*But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak (through him), then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries (Ex. 23:20-22; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).**

It is no coincidence that God the Father gave similar instructions in the New Testament with regard to paying attention to His "anointed" representative (cf. Lk. 4:18; Heb. 1:9).

*And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud (from an angelic messenger), saying, "This is My beloved Son. **Hear Him!**" (Mk. 9:7; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Because Christ has authority over affairs on earth, other angels, who are loyal and obedient to God

the Father, serve Christ as confirmed by many scriptures.

*Bless the Lord, you **His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.** ²¹*Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers (servants) of His who do His pleasure (Ps. 103:20-21; Ed. note in parenthesis).**

*And the angel answered and said to me (Zechariah), "These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station **before the Lord of all the earth** (Christ) (Zech. 6:5; cf. 4:14; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Examples of angels serving Christ, as well as those the Father has led to repentance, are not limited to the Old Testament. Consequently, this dynamic is ongoing today.

*Then the devil left him (Christ), and behold, **angels came and ministered to him** (Christ) (Mt. 4:11; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*But to which of the angels has He (God the Father) ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make your (Christ's) enemies your footstool"? ¹⁴**Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister (serve) for those who will inherit salvation?** (Heb. 1:13-14; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

As mentioned previously, Christ acknowledged that his heavenly Father was "Lord of heaven and earth". God the Father then delegated authority over the earth to Jesus Christ. However, following Christ's death and resurrection, more of the Father's authority was delegated to Christ.

*Then Jesus came and spoke to them (his disciples), saying, "All authority has been given to me **in heaven and on earth** (Mt.*

28:18; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Prior to his death, Christ predicted that his Father would delegate this authority to him.

All things have been delivered to me (Christ) *by my Father...* (Lk. 10:22a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

*The Father loves the Son, and has given **all things into his hand*** (Jn. 3:35).

However, had Christ not completed his mission, which included being resurrected by his Father, he could not have inherited this authority. In the future, part of this authority will involve Christ judging the conduct of those who live during his millennial reign on earth, followed by those who are brought back to life during the second resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6; cf. Jn. 5:28-29).

*For as the Father has life (everlasting) in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life (everlasting) in himself,²⁷ **and has given him** (Christ) **authority to execute judgment** also, because he is the Son of Man* (Jn. 5:26-27; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

As You (God the Father) have given him (Christ) authority over all flesh, that he (Christ) shall give eternal life to as many as You (God the Father) have given him (Jn. 17:2; cf. Jn. 6:44; 65; Ed. notes in parentheses).

As mentioned previously, the spirit being now known as Jesus Christ was created by his Father before the world existed.

*And now, O Father, glorify me (Christ) together with (alongside) Yourself, with **the glory which I had with You before the world was*** (created) (Jn. 17:5; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

This information is very important because it confirms a number of truths that seem to elude many people, including those who claim to know God. Without a clear understanding of who God the Father is and who Jesus Christ was, and now is, no one can inherit eternal life (cf. Heb. 13:8).

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent (Jn. 17:3).

Yet for us there is only one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom (the Father created) all things (cf. Col. 1:12-20), and through whom we live (because of Christ's sacrifice) (1Cor. 8:6; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Jesus Christ is the epitome of his Father's wisdom.

*But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God (the Father) and **the wisdom of God** (the Father)* (1Cor. 1:24; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

God the Father began teaching Jesus Christ from the beginning of his creation.

*The Lord (Almighty) possessed (SHD 7069; acquired, formed, created) me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. ²³I have been established (SHD 5258; installed, anointed, poured out; cf. Rev. 13:8b) from everlasting, **from the beginning before there was ever an earth*** (Prov. 8:22-23; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

When God the Father was planning and designing His creation, Jesus Christ was beside Him as an apprentice learning what would be required to create a physical and spiritual universe.

When He (God the Father) marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰Then I (Christ) was beside Him, as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men (Prov. 8:29b-31; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Having "mastered" what his Father taught him, Jesus Christ was well qualified to teach others about His Father's ways.

Blessed is the man who listens to me (Christ), *watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors* (Prov. 8:34, cf. Lk. 9:35; emphasis added).

It is no coincidence that Christ mentioned "doors" in Proverbs 8:34, because he is the only door through which anyone can accurately understand who God the Father is.

*Jesus said to him (Thomas), "I am the way, the truth, and the life (everlasting). **No one comes to the Father except through me*** (Jn. 14:6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

I (Christ) ***am the door***. *If anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture* (Jn. 10:9; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

It is God the Father who leads people to repentance, and upon baptism gives them to His Son (Jn. 6:44; 65; Rom. 2:4b). At this point in the process of conversion, Christ begins to teach these repentant individuals about his Father, who is the ultimate source of everlasting life.

For whoever finds me (Christ) finds life (everlasting), and obtains favor from the Lord (Almighty) (Prov. 8:35; Ed. notes in parentheses).

And, as God the Father said in Exodus 23:21, Christ will not pardon those who continue to sin, and refuse to repent. Instead, as the following scripture confirms, these people obviously love everlasting death.

But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death (Prov. 8:36; emphasis added).

*And having been perfected he (Christ) became the author of eternal salvation to **all who obey him*** (Heb. 5:9; cf. Ac. 5:32; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Therefore, refusing to obey the word of "the Lord of heaven and earth", leads to everlasting death. Conversely, by seeking to obey the word of "the Lord of heaven and earth", repentant individuals can inherit everlasting life. This is not a new concept, nor is it complicated. It was known throughout the Old Testament.

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰that you may love the Lord your God, **that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days...*** (Dt. 30:19-20a; emphasis added).

So everlasting life is available but, contrary to what some religious authorities teach, it will not be granted to those who believe they can continue breaking God's law and commandments (cf. Rom. 6:1-6).

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city (of New Jerusalem; cf. Rev. 21:1-4). ¹⁵*But outside are dogs* (symbolic of unclean people; sinners) *and*

sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie (Rev. 22:14-15; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Christ answered a key question about who can inherit everlasting life, and here is the answer.

But if you want to enter life (everlasting), **keep the commandments** (Mt. 19:17b; Ed. note in parenthesis).

The wisest man who ever lived, other than Jesus Christ, echoed these same words.

*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God and keep His commandments**, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether it is good or whether it is evil* (Eccl. 12:13-14; cf. Mic. 6:8; emphasis added).

So Jesus Christ now carries the title, "Lord of Heaven and Earth" among many other titles and responsibilities delegated to him by his Father (cf. Isa. 9:6). However, there is only One True God who is the Father of everyone, including Jesus Christ (cf. Mal. 2:10a). And it is the One True God alone who is to be worshiped.

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God (the Father), and Him only you shall serve.'" (Mt. 4:10; Ed. note in parenthesis).

The title "Lord of Heaven and Earth" will return to God the Father once Christ has finished every aspect of the commission given to him by his Father.

Then comes the end when he (Christ) delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when he (Christ) puts an end to all rule and all authority and power (that is against God's law). ²⁵For

he (Christ) must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet (1Cor. 15:24-25; Ed. notes in parentheses).

But when He (God the Father) says "all things are put under him (Christ)," it is evident that He (God the Father) who put all things under him (Christ) is excepted. ²⁸*Now when all things are made subject to him (Christ), **then the Son himself will also be subject to Him (God the Father) who put all things under him (Christ), that God may be all in all*** (1Cor. 15:27b-28; cf. Eph. 1:17-23; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

So while it is still possible, we need to listen to what the "Lord of Heaven and Earth" is teaching, examine it closely, and do our level best to obey what he says because our "eternal" lives depend on it (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 11:28b). If we refuse to willingly repent of our sins in this life, they will follow us into the second resurrection. Therefore, as the saying goes, "we can run, but we cannot hide (from our sins)."

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