

TRIUNE GOD

Forecast & Review

In our final major segment of our study, we are going to turn our attention to the Triune God in the Old Testament. I hope to offer us various tools to read the Old Testament skilfully toward this end.

- Tool 1: Overhearing God's Self-Talk
- Not a Tool: The name *LORD* can refer to Father, Son, and/or Spirit.

Tool 2: The Word of the LORD

Our next three tools concern intermediary agents between God and humanity, ones who are personifications of the LORD—namely His Word, His Wisdom, and the Angel of the LORD.

Basic Criteria for Determining Divinity

1. According to Isaiah 40:14 & 28, what question(s) can we ask to determine whether a biblical figure is within the “divine identity” (i.e., within God or outside of God).

Psalm 33

2. According to Psalm 33, does the Word of the LORD meet this criteria?

Visions of the Word of the LORD

3. Considering Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1; & 26:24, what strange characteristic does the Word of the LORD have?
4. Does this pattern carry into 1 Samuel 3:10 & 18?
5. What additional light does this give to John 8:55-59?