

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 (as the Son)
- Tool 3: The Wisdom of the LORD (as the Spirit)

TOOL 4: THE ANGEL 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, the role of Creator marks one within the “divine identity.”
2. According to Revelation 19:9-10, worship marks one within the “divine identity” (monolatry—worship of the one God).

The Term Angel

3. What does this term mean, in both the OT & the NT?

The Angel of the LORD

4. Considering Genesis 16, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity?
5. Considering Genesis 22:9-14, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity?
6. Considering Genesis 32:3, is the angel within or outside the divine identity?
7. Considering Exodus 3:1-6, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity?
8. Considering Exodus 14:19-20; 23:20-21; & 33:1, 14, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity?
9. Considering Psalm 104:1-4 (v. 4), is the angel within or outside the divine identity?