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.

- <u>Tool 1</u>: Overhearing God's Self-Talk

Not a Tool: The Names of God in the OT

In the New Testament (especially the epistles), this is the general pattern:

- God = The Father
- Lord = The Son

See especially 1 Corinthians 8:6 for this.

BUT...

This pattern does NOT work for the Old Testament. Old Testament Names:

- The LORD = Yahweh (The name of God)
- Lord = Adonay (A human and divine title for Master)
- God = Elohim (A generic term that we will explore in coming weeks)

<u>Exercise:</u> Who is being addressed or mentioned as **the LORD** in the following verses?

1. Deuteronomy 6:4 (see 1 Corinthians 8:6)

2. Psalm 2:7 (see Hebrews 1:5)

3. Psalm 110:1 (see Hebrews 1:13)

4. Isaiah 40:3 (see Mark 1:3)

5. Isaiah 61:1 (see Luke 4:18)

6. Joel 2:32 (se Romans 10:13)

Mary: An Interesting Tangent

Last week our study of Psalm 116:16 took us to Mariology, the theological study of Mary. As I stated, this is a branch of theology that I have long avoided, mainly out of my Protestant protestations! Yet the Scriptures do give importance to Mary's role in God's eternal purposes, so this is a study that I need to go deeper into.

The Basic Pattern

      In <u>eternity</u>, Jesus Christ was the Son of the Father without a mother.

      In <u>the incarnation</u>, Jesus Christ was the son of a mother without a father.

The Theological Meaning

      <u>Galatians 4:4-6</u>: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

      The apostle Paul likens Mary to a symbol of humanity—a people held bondage under Sin, needing redemption as sons. This serves as the basis for the rest of Galatians 4, especially the contrast between Hagar and Sarah in 4:21-31. Jesus Christ was born of humanity, that we may be born of God. Interchange!