

# 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—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).

### *Triune Principles*

3. The Son is the Word, both message and medium (see Review, p. 3).
4. The Father sends the Son (see Review, p. 10-11).

### *Review*

5. An angel is a messenger.
6. In Genesis 16, the angel of the LORD appeared, speaking on God's behalf.
7. In Genesis 22, the angel of the LORD spared the firstborn.
8. In Exodus 3, the angel of the LORD received worship and was within the divine identity.
9. In Exodus Exodus 14:19-20; 23:20-21; & 33:1, 14, the angel of the LORD led Israel from Egyptian bondage.

*“Yahweh & His Angel” by Ralph Allan Smith*

In other words, revelation of the personal interactions of the Angel of Yahweh with Yahweh anticipate the fuller revelation of the wholly personal relationships of the Son to the Father and the Spirit that we see in the Gospels and that we find expounded in the epistles. Christophanies show us that the God revealed in the Gospels is the same God we have always known. In that sense, they enhance the incarnation. They suggest that God Himself was preparing and looking forward to truly becoming one with man. Like other Old Testament shadow revelation, they show what kind of God our God is and always has been.

Moreover and more importantly, Christophanies magnify the unique wonder of the incarnation by the overwhelming contrast between God temporarily assuming a human form to graciously reveal Himself, and God actually becoming man fully and forever. The incomparable greatness of the incarnation shines brighter by comparison, just as the reality of Christ transcends the shadows, but it also glorified by them.

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*The Angel of the LORD*

10. In Numbers 22:22-35, is the angel of the LORD within the divine identity?

11. In Judges 2:1-5 & 13:1-25, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity? [See also Judges 5:23; 6:12 & 21-22]. Compare Jude 5.

12. In 1 Chronicles 21:14-30, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity? [See also 2 Sam. 24:16; 1 Kings 19:7; 2 Kings 1:3, 15; & 19:35].

13. In Zechariah 3:1-6, is the angel of the LORD within or outside the divine identity? [See also Ps. 34:7; 35:5-6; Isa. 37:36; Zech. 1:11-12; & 12:8.]