

The Most High and his Son

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Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: Phi 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;(KJV)

I want to clear up some issues that some seem to mix together. On the surface it may seem a bit confusing but digging deeper the truth is revealed. Some people claim the Son is God from the above verses. They say that since the Son is given a name above every name and receives such high veneration this makes him God. They then say that the name "Jesus" is the personal name written in the Old Testament for the God of Israel where "LORD" appears. Such a conclusion is incorrect due to misapplication and incomplete research. The personal name written in the Old Testament for "LORD" is not Jesus(Yahshua). It is Yahweh. Yahweh is the personal name of God in the Old Testament. When looking at verses that use the words "every" or "all" one must look closely at the context. Sometimes these words do not mean absolution in the highest sense. Look at these verses for examples. Luk 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. Act 11:28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. In these verses "all the world" does not mean literally "all the world". It means all within the Roman empire. With this in mind let's take a look at the next two verses. Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: Every creature in the first verse does not include: lions, birds, goats, horses, and other animals. I don't think they would understand the gospel. "Far above all" in the second verse does not mean the Son has authority and power over the Father. In 1 Cor 15:24-28 the Father puts all things under the Son but himself. Christ will reign on earth for a thousand years over the kingdom. He then will relinquish his rule and authority to the Father. Presently in some ways the Son has a functional level of equality with the Father. But the authority and power of God the Father is innate. The authority and power of the Son is given. Now, I'm going to lay some groundwork on Yahweh, the God of Israel being one person.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God is one Yahweh:

Zec 14:9 And Yahweh shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Yahweh, and his name one.

Neh 9:6 You alone are Yahweh
 You created the heavens,
 the highest heavens with all their host,

the earth and all that is on it,
the seas and all that is in them.
You give life to all of them,
and the heavenly host worships You.(HCSB)

Isa 45:18 For thus said Yahweh,
The Creator of heaven who alone is God,
Who formed the earth and made it,
Who alone established it-
He did not create it a waste,
But formed it for habitation:
I am Yahweh, and there is none else.(Jewish Study Bible-Tanakh)

These verses are consistent with showing that Yahweh is one person. They show that he is the only person who is God. Now, I'm going to show some verses that show the name "Yahweh" means "Most High".

Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand in an oath to Yahweh, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,(HCSB)

Ps 7:17 I will thank Yahweh for His righteousness;
I will sing about the name of Yahweh, the Most High.

Ps 92:1 It is good to praise Yahweh,
to sing praise to Your name, Most High,

Ps 83:18 Let them know that you alone bear the name of Yahweh, Most High over all the earth.(NJB)

These verses show the name "Yahweh" means "Most High". They also show that one person being the Father has these names. Jesus is never called: Yahweh, Most High, El Shaddai, Adonai, Lord God, Almighty, or Ancient of Days. "Hallelujah" and "Alleluia" which mean "Praise Yahweh" is only spoken to God the Father. If Jesus is not the "Most High". Then who is he?

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.(HCSB)

He's the Son of the Most High. Just like if one man is the President of the United States. If this man had a son. Would the son be the President of the United States also at the same time the Father is? No! He would be the son of the President of the United States. Is it that hard to believe for modalists and trinitarians that God actually has a Son? Both of these groups claim the Son is from eternity. Yet the word "Son" shows derived existence. A son cannot be as old as his mother or father. Therefore the title "Son" for modalists and trinitarians has no meaning and is completely empty. It is just a title he carries with no significance. He's not really the Son of God to them. He's God pretending to be the Son of God. He's not really a man. He's God disguised as a man. Why not just accept what the scriptures say? He's the Son of God. He's a man. I'd like to show one of my favorite verses in the Bible. This verse also deals with this issue at hand.

Micah 5:4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.(KJV)

This is concerning a prophecy that hasn't been fulfilled yet. If Jesus was God he'd be feeding in his own strength and the majesty of his own name. But this verse states that Jesus is feeding in the strength of Yahweh and the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God. This doesn't make any sense if Jesus has been given a name above every name. All this shows me that Jesus has a name above every name but not his Father's name. The name "Yahweh" is absolutely in the highest sense over every other name including that of the Son.

Hallelujah! Yahweh, you are awesome! You are the Most High! From eternity to eternity you alone are God! Praise be to Master Yahshua Messiah your glorious Son!