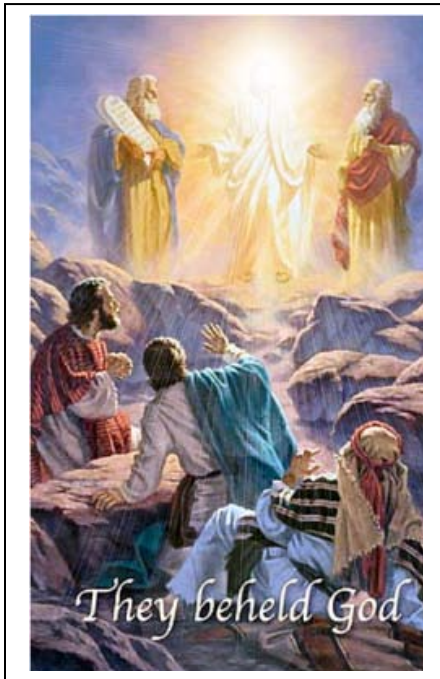


THE SONS OF GOD PART 1



Sometimes a deep truth is hidden in plain view!

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2 is such a scripture. We have read or heard this scripture to the point where we no longer attach any real, significant meaning. But examine this scripture with fresh eyes. It is really an astounding verse taken at face value. Let us take the time to study this verse and absorb the full import of what it is telling us.

The amazing part of this verse tells us that, mortal human beings, are going to be made like Jesus. What does this mean? How much like Jesus? The bible tells us that Jesus is the son of God. What is a son of God?. The bible gives us the definition indirectly. By calling any directly created being, a son of God. In essence, any being not born of another in a

reproduction process, but created by God himself. So any directly created being is a son of God. We see that angels in the Old Testament are called sons of God.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.(the "sons of God" referred to here are not just "godly humans", because later we are told that scene is happening in Gods throne room)

Adam was a directly created being and therefore he also was a son of God.

Luke 3:38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, **which was the son of God.**

The Greek word translated "Like" in 1 John 3:2, from the phrase "we shall be like him", is Homoios. It's from the same Greek word origin as homogenous. Meaning "of one substance" or kind. The apostle John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit says that we are going to be same as the glorified son of God!

If the full knowledge of what God's intention for his human creation was understood, this scripture would not be surprising. Most people do not understand the deep and amazing story that is relayed in the book of Genesis. Because of Satan's deception, the true nature of what God created has been lost.

In fact the word "appear" in the same verse is from the Greek word "faneroo", which means to "make manifest or visible what has been hidden". We shall therefore in this first study go back to the beginning and examine the scriptures starting in Genesis to reveal the true nature of Gods plan.

Genesis 1:26 ¶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

IN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS

We read in Genesis that in the beginning, Adam and Eve were originally created in God's image. In other words 1 John 3:2, is a return to a form and an existence, that mankind was originally created with! Again the full meaning of this verse has been obscured by pride and a false sense of humility. Many bible scholars and commentators wrestle a new meaning from this verse other than what it plainly says. The reason is that Satan has convinced humanity and most bible scholars of "his" superiority.

While it is true that present humanity is a far inferior creature to Satan and any angelic being, that was not the case at the beginning.

We have been commonly taught that when the scripture in Genesis says he "created man in his image", it means we are similar to God in that we share some attributes in common. By this they mean, God is perfect in love, man has the capability to love. God is perfectly just; man has the capability for justice. God is perfect in his mercy. Man has the capability for mercy. These and many other shared attributes are one of the many interpretations of the meaning of "in his image".

They refuse to think about the implication of what the simple straightforward Hebrew states. We were made in his image. In his likeness. The same identical truth that the Apostle John conveyed in 1 John 3:2.

This study will show that man as originally created, was in fact God's highest creation! the fact that we are the only creature explicitly said to be made in his image is only the beginning.

Let's start by examining what "made in his image" really means. We don't have to strain at understanding what this is, because we know exactly what it means in all other references. When the scripture speaks about Adam having a son in "his image and likeness", there is no mystery, his son was going to be like him!

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

When Seth was born, He had human attributes, because he was in Adam's likeness and image. In time he would grow to have the same abilities in general as his father. In time he became a fully grown son of man.

Adam and Eve were created to be "like God". No created being can **actually be creator God**, but man was created to be as close to God as was possible. The father will always be greater than the son

John 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

Adam and Eve were not created complete, mature, but were created with the ability to grow. In other words they were babies. They may well have been created physically fully grown, but they were not yet the mature end result, that God had determined for his highest creation.

How can we know that they were not a finished product?. Because one of the first commands God gave was to be "fruitful, and multiply". In other words grow! The bible gives us a definition of who is a child and who is mature. The test is quite revealing. But it hinges on whether the person can discern between good and evil.

Deuteronomy 1:39 Moreover **your little ones**, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day **had no knowledge between good and evil**, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

Further proof that man as created was not yet complete is shown in what Paul says of Christ. It is clear that Gods intent was that we become a quickening spirit (to be like Jesus).

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was **made a living soul**; the last Adam was made a **quickenning spirit**.

Moses showed that those who do not have the knowledge of good and evil are "little ones".

The Apostle Paul also sheds light on this.

Hebrews 5:14 But **strong meat** belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses **exercised to discern both good and evil**.

Again we start to see the connection between Knowing good and evil, maturity and age. Adam and Eve as created, did not have an understanding of good and evil. That's why they were in fact little ones!

Many people have asked the question "why was this tree there?" This question presupposes that God placed the tree there. But a careful examination of scripture does not explicitly say that God planted or placed the tree there. It may have been Gods intent that they eventually know the difference between good and evil. Knowing the difference between good and evil cannot by itself be an evil thing because God himself has that attribute. But God may have wanted that knowledge to come from himself other than by a tree which likely he did not plant (see the studies on the laws of perfection) when they were mature enough to handle it

Genesis 3:22 ¶And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become **as one of us**, to know good and evil:

God says "behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil". So knowing the difference between good and evil was not a sin or a bad thing since it is an attribute that God possesses. The sin was in who they listened to, and eventually obeyed!

Genesis 3:11 ¶And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked?

"Who told you". To be told, they would have had to listen. They listened to the serpent, the creature, not the creator. But even without Satan enticing them there would still have been a problem had they eaten of the fruit of their own choosing.

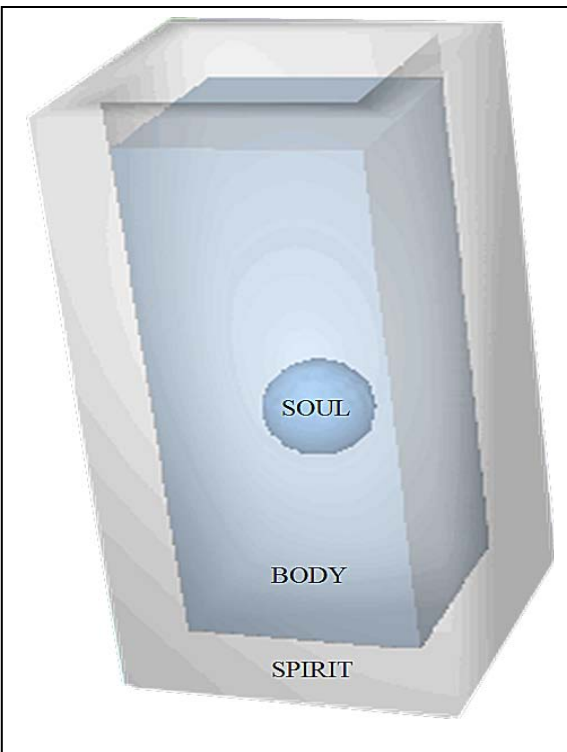
The problem was that as "children" they did not have the "powers" a mature Son of God needed to carry out the moral choices that this knowledge now granted. This brings guilt. Whenever we act contrary to truth/knowledge, guilt is the product.

This is why God told them not to eat of it. In simple terms because they were "babies" This "meat" as the apostle Paul might have termed it would kill them. That is why God said "thou shalt not eat of it". He could not yet allow them meat because as the prophet Isaiah explains....

Isaiah 28:9 **Whom shall he teach knowledge?** and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

Adam and Eve were figuratively not yet "weaned from milk or drawn from the breast". That is the first part of the answer to why the tree was there and yet forbidden to them.

A THREE PART BEING:



And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

It is clear from scripture that God is a spirit. It is also clear that although he is one God, he has manifested himself to mankind as the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit. It should not be a surprise that since we were created in his image, that we too as originally created, should also be a three part being.

The bible says we were created in his likeness, since God is a spirit, we must have been created first with a spirit body! What does that mean? In the Old testament the Hebrew word translated commonly as spirit is "ruach" or breath/wind something that can produce physical effects but is unseen and in some ways intangible to the physical world. The spirit or soul is a construct from a higher dimension. The word spirit is sometimes

used interchangeably in meaning with the word soul. But it does have a distinct meaning different from soul.

There is a spirit body or covering. Angels were created with spirit bodies/spirit coverings. But they are still distinct and individual angels in personality and purpose.

To operate in the higher dimension of the spirit realm, beings have spirit bodies or coverings.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The word translated "habitation" really refers to the Angelic disrobing of their spirit bodies. The word is from the Greek "Oiketerion" which refers to a dwelling place in the sense of a kind of body (spiritual in this case) which these rebellious angels left for purposes of entering the human realm.

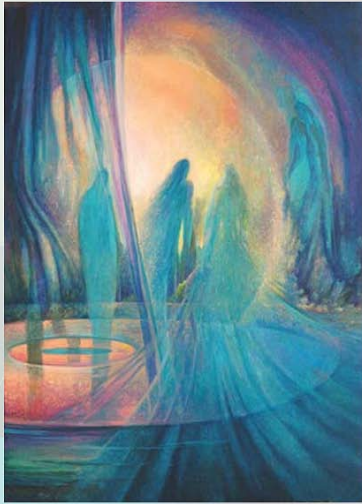
So what God originally created, when he created mankind, was a distinct, unique, individual consciousness that he then covered with a spirit covering and placed into a body becoming a living soul. The phrase "living soul", is describing the kind of consciousness provided by the placement in a fleshly body, a material or physical life. ("living", Hebrew, "chay" referring to material life, physical life. As opposed to just a spiritual existence.

When Adam had a son, in his image and likeness, his son Seth had human tissue, arms legs, Adam did not bring forth a dog or a cow. Since God in his ultimate nature is described as a "spirit", what was first created was the spirit. That's why Paul gives the correct creation order of man's three part nature, spirit, soul, and body. This spirit covering/body was what enabled Adam and Eve into God's presence.

Exodus 33:20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man (Adam: Naked flesh) see me, and live.

That is why after they sinned God had to make a suitable covering because the first thing to die that very day, was their Spirit covering. It is also why they hid, they clearly saw their nakedness, now that the spirit glory had gone (the Hebrew word for Skin is pronounced "ore", the word for Light is also pronounced "ore"). They lost a spirit covering of light to be replaced by a skin covering that was pronounced light, but was not the same. It was the first substitution for what man had lost.

The Ultimate Nature !



- 1Corr 15:40
- There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.
- 1Corinthians 15:44
- “..... There is a **natural body**, and there is a **spiritual body**”

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

What John 4:24 is telling us is that only with a spirit covering (“in spirit”) can God be approached for worship. In creating man, God breathed into the dust body that he had formed, the soul covered spirit which he had created and “man became a LIVING” soul.

That is why there is a great

difference between chapter one of Genesis and chapter two. Biblical skeptics have claimed that chapter two begins a retelling of the creation of man that is significantly different than chapter one. And claim that here again the Bible is proved false because it contradicts itself. (Gen 1:27)

Nothing could be further from the truth. God is in fact revealing a deep mystery about the nature of his highest creation.

The simple truth is chapter one is about the creation of the soul and spirit body out of nothing, while chapter two is about the forming of the clay body out of preexisting material (dust) !. That is why chapter one uses the word “create” and chapter two uses the word “formed”. Not two contradictory creations, but the true sequence of Gods making man. A spirit body, covering a soul, housed in a flesh body. Let’s look at the differences.

Creating of the spirit, Genesis chapter one and chapter five

- Gen 1.1 In the beginning God **created**...
- Gen 1:21 And God **created** great whales..
- Gen 1:27 So God **created** man in his **own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- Gen 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God **created man, in the likeness of God made he him**;
- Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

The Soul (the spark of life) the intellect The essence, the unique, persona



- And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- Genesis 2:7
- And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- Matthew 10:28

Forming of the body: Genesis chapter two

- Gen 2:7 And the LORD God **formed** man of the dust of the ground...
- Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had **formed**.
- Job 33:6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am **formed out of the clay**.

The Prophet Isaiah gives the full summary of what, and how, a Son of God is natured (those called by his name)

- Even every one that is called by my name: for I have **created him** for my glory, I have **formed him**; yea, **I have made him**. Isaiah 43:7
- Created.....Bara... בראThe Spirit !
- Formed..... Yatsar... יצרThe Body !
- Made..... `asah..... עשהThe Soul !

The separate creative acts are outlined by the use of three separate words in the Hebrew!

The Three Part Being : Spirit, Soul, and Body

- And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- *Spirit* *Pneuma* (new testament Greek)
- *Soul* *Psuche*
- *Body* *Soma*

There are many scriptures that show that mans nature is composed of three parts. The flesh or body in scripture is often referred to as "clay", since we were formed from dust.

And the LORD God formed man of the **dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7

How much less in them that dwell in **houses of clay**, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? Job 4:19

Similarly there are many scriptures that speak about the soul or as its often translated in the old testament the "spirit", or the "spirit of man".

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit[Soul] shall return unto God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.
Psalms 31:5

Gods highest creation !



Man : ADAM
Created a Son of God In
His Image !

**Psalms 8:5 For thou hast
made him a little lower
than the angels, and hast
crowned him with glory
and honour.**

THE HIGHEST CREATION

Man is God's highest creation!
That may come as a shock and
is contrary to what many have
been taught, how can that
possibly be?

Our place in Gods kingdom,
and Gods original design and
plan, have been hidden by
Satan. Let's start with the
highlights!

1. Mankind was the only creature explicitly made in his image. Gen 1:27
2. Mankind was the last of his creation, the next day he rested. Gen 2:2
3. Only mankind was explicitly given dominion over all the earth and everything that moves upon it! Gen 1:28
4. Mankind was the only creation to mirror God, in having a three part nature
5. Adam was created a Son of God Luke 3:38
6. God's plan is to eventual make his dwelling place on earth, with men, not in heaven with angels! Rev 21:3
7. God incarnate came to save mankind, not angels! John 3:16
8. Although the angels in the Old testament are called "sons of God" in the sense that they were all special creations, They were not given the explicit ability to call God "abba" father
9. The bible says that we(mankind) shall judge angels. 1 Corinthians 6:3
10. The bible says that angels were created as ministering spirits for Gods sons. Hebrews 1:14

Hebrews 1:5 For unto **which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

In Hebrews 1 and verse 5 Paul is quoting from psalms 2:7. He is speaking about the second Son of God, Jesus Christ. The important fact is that the bible says that we are Joint heirs, and shall reign and rule with him.

Jesus is the example of what a mature "Son of God" is. In power, in dominion, in immortality. So before we prove in detail that man was Gods highest creation we must first look at what it was that God originally

created. Namely a "Son of God". Indeed one of the major purposes of Jesus Christ's incarnation was to show us what a Son of God is. How he acts, how he lives, his supernatural power and his dominion over the earth as given by God.

Jesus in John 17:6 said the following;

John 17:6 **I have manifested thy name** unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

What did Jesus mean that he has manifested thy name? What is the manifested name? The word used in the greek is "phaneroo", which is the same word translated "appear" in the scripture concerning us being like him when he shall "appear". The manifested name is speaking to us about something deeper than J.E.S.U.S. It is speaking of a type. Jesus was a "Son of God" type. That is what he came to reveal, make manifest. Until Jesus came no one had seen an undefiled "Son of God" type.

Matthew 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the **Christ, the Son of the living God.**

THE MANIFESTED NAME: CHRIST THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

During his three and a half years of ministry, Jesus systematically revealed (manifested) by his actions what is a son of God.

A mature Son of God

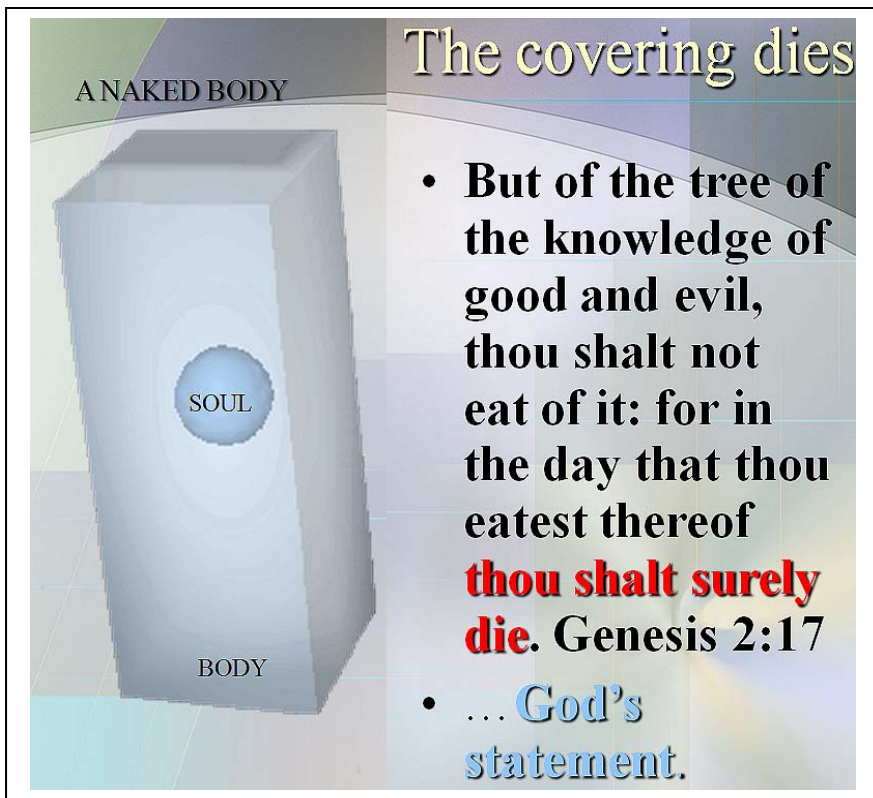
1. Has power of material things: Turned water into wine John 4:46
2. Has power over the natural forces: Stopped a raging storm Mark 4:39
3. Is immortal: Could not be killed by the crowd Luke 4:29-30
4. Has power over living creatures: made fish swim into a net John 21:11
5. Has power over the flesh: Did not sin Hebrews 4:15
6. Has supernatural powers: came through closed doors John 20:26
7. Has Glory emanating from the spirit: Transfigured revealing his glory Matthew 17:2
8. Loves the father: And does his will John 5:30

Jesus by manifesting his son ship, carried out what the first Son failed to complete

"Multiply, be fruitful, replenish, subdue, and have dominion! Gen 1:28.

This was what Adam and Eve, had been created to attain to.

But if man was created as Gods highest creation, then what has happened to us, When and how did mankind lose his powers? We can't fly like angels, we have no control of nature, we age, grow old, and eventually die!. How can we be Gods highest creation?



The explanation of this mystery begins with psalms 8:4

Psalms 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and **the son of man**, that thou visitest him?

5 **For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels**, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Again this is a set of verses that we assume we already understand. In the first verse there are two words translated man "enowsh" (what is man) which speaks of mortality, and "adam" (the son of man).

A literal translation of the Hebrew of verse 5

could be phrased as follows

"and you are making lack him, little from Elohim and glory and honor you are crowning him".

When David wrote this psalm, who was he speaking about? Well it has two subjects, man in general (enowsh) and Seth the first son of man (Adam being a son of God).

"made him a little lower than the angels". The revelation is that David here is not speaking of the original creation of man. But of a change. The explanation comes here in the use of the word "Enowsh", which means mortal man. But man was not originally created mortal! . It was only after he sinned. The word enowsh , is not used to describe man until well after the fall (gen 6:4).

The situation that David is describing is that man went from being Adam(son of God, immortal) to being made lower than the Angels(mortal man , enowsh) when he sinned!. David was amazed at Gods love that God still considers him(man).

It was at the time of Adam and Eves sin that man began to lose his sonship attributes. He became subject to death! He lost the spirit covering, He lost the dominion over nature

Genesis 3:17 ¶And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

- 18 **Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;** and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19 **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,**.....

He was in fact made a little lower FOR THE VERY PURPOSE OF SUFFERING DEATH. What this means is that before he sinned, Adam was higher than the Angels!. The proof of this is that the Apostle Paul applies this verse to the second son of God, Jesus Christ. He gives the revelation that he too(Jesus) was made a "little lower" than the angels so that he too, could suffer death.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

As the Son of God, Jesus could not be killed, He lay down his life, in other words made the flesh mortal for the purpose of suffering death in our place!

John 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

In summation the Son of God that God created when he created Adam, had the potential to be just like Christ. Much more so than mankind is now. It would not have required a substitutional death to make us sons, All Adam had to do was to be fruitful, replenish, subdue, and have dominion you see he was born a son. We have to be born again of the water and of the spirit! John 3:5. The difference between Adam and Jesus Christ as regards Sonship, is that Christ had dominion over the flesh. Adam lost it. Christ obeyed the will of the father. Adam did not.

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

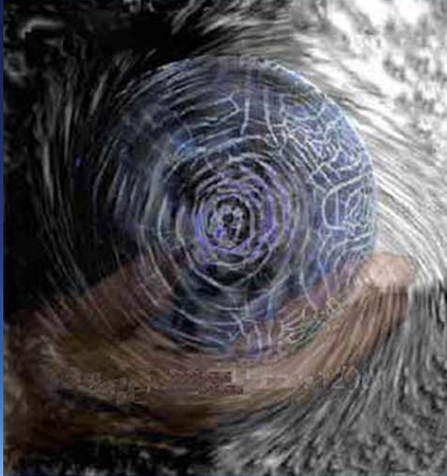
Christ was a mature son of God, knowing good and evil. Adam was a "little one" (Deuteronomy 1:39) The humanity of Christ(the flesh), achieved this by doing the father's will and growing. Until the flesh, understood and could discern "good from evil" but more importantly had dominion over it since he was of a heavenly origin.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Gods Original Intent



*Earth Given
To Men !*

- *Gods purpose is that his sons should rule !*
- *Psalm 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*

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Psalms 115:16 states Gods plan for mankind. And when we turn to the book of revelation, we see the fulfillment of this when we reign with Christ. Just like a newborn baby God had provided for the nurturing, teaching, and protection of his newly created children Adam and Eve.

This then was the purpose of Angels. They were created as "ministering spirits" to look after Gods children.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all

ministering spirits, sent forth to minister **for them who shall be heirs of salvation?**

Psalms 91:11 For he shall **give his angels charge over thee**, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

That was why Eve was not surprised to be talking to a being (Lucifer) He was placed there by God. Paul explains.

Galatians 4:1 ¶Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2 **But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.**

God had placed Lucifer there in the garden. We see this from Ezekiel 28;

Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God;** every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald,

and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so:** thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Although these verses are nominally addressed to the "king of Tyrus" or tyre. It is clear that God is addressing a supernatural being. In fact we are told what kind of being, a Cherubim. In the NIV footnotes it says that one of the meanings of Cherubim is "mighty guardian". This being was in the garden of Eden and it was God that "set him so".

Many have been confused as to when Satan fell. But the scripture is clear on this. At the end of the sixth day God pronounced "ALL" of his creative works not just good, but very good! Genesis 1:31 this makes no exception for Satan "he was perfect until, iniquity was found in him. In fact Lucifer did not have a curse placed upon him until after he caused Adam and Eve to sin! The scene is now set. The guardian, regent, and tutor is jealous. He knows that heir "at the appointed time"(Gal 4:2), will inherit. He devises a plan.

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

See part two