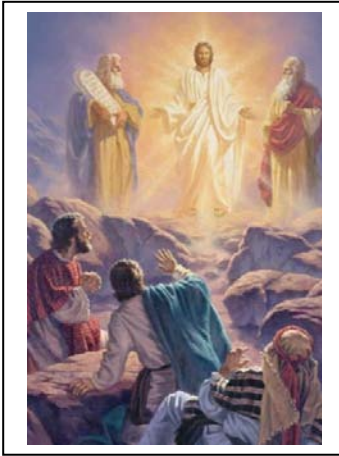


## The Sons of God part 4: Sons of Light




*Matthew 17:1 ¶And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,  
2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

This event about a week before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on palm Sunday, was a fulfillment of what Jesus said In John 17 verse 6;

*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.*

Jesus here temporarily unveiled the flesh to reveal the true representation of a Son of God. Clothed with the spirit, he radiated the glory of God. Being made in his image Adam too, the first son of God, radiated and was clothed with light.



**Adam was made, a son of God !  
But now, we enter the world as sons of men**

- “Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:” Psalms 8:5

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Than the angels A little lower You made/Created him

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As outlined previously in the prior study, Paul the Apostle applied Psalms 8:5 to Jesus. Because it no longer applied to any other living man. The begotten son, Jesus was not lower than angels, but just like Adam was made lower for the purpose of suffering death. This is the revelation that Paul reveals to us because Psalms 8 does not explicitly give us the reason why man was made lower.

## The Nature and attributes of a Son of God

Since we believe that the ultimate nature and destiny for those that are Christ's are to be returned to the state that Adam was created in, namely a "Son of God". We can by examining the nature of and attributes of the second Son of God Jesus Christ, understand what Gods intent is for us his children.

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One of the main purposes for the incarnation was as Jesus said "to the manifest the name". The manifested name is not just J.E.S.U.S, means a lot more than that, It means all that Jesus is and manifested. His fully manifested name is "Jesus, the Christ, the son of the Living God".

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

Jesus during his earthly ministry demonstrated what a "Son of God" was. Lets also look at some of the attributes and manifestations that Jesus showed.

### Power over nature:

Jesus showed many times that a son of God has dominion over all animals.

*And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. John 21:6*

Adam the first son had dominion over all creatures upon the earth. Jesus the "second Adam" also had power, He commanded the fish to swim into the net. A sonship attribute.

### Power of Dimensionality; Time & Space

*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. John 20:19*

Jesus, as a Son of God had the power over our present limited physical dimensions. Because he was also spirit. He appeared in a locked room.

Now the two foregoing examples of Sonship power both happened after the resurrection. So some argue that these attributes were reserved for the Glorified Christ. But the truth is that Jesus demonstrated the same Sonship attributes before and after the Cross.



We see this in the calming of the sea in Luke 8:24

*And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.*

The disciples took quite a while before they understood the nature of Sonship.

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Jesus also disappeared and dematerialized before the resurrection !

*Luke 4:29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way, (Disappeared !)*

*John 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.*

*John 10:39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand.*

These demonstrations of sonship before and after the resurrection simply confirm what the scripture says about Jesus.

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8*

The Point: There was **no difference in the nature of the son** before the crucifixion, or after the crucifixion, we just did not notice that he had exactly the same Sonship attributes.

### Seeing the Son

Paul in his chapter about the Heroes of faith in Hebrews says something curious about Moses, that many people altogether miss.

*Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*

*25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

*26 **Esteeming the reproach of Christ** greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

This is on the face of it a strange thing to say about Moses “Esteeming the reproach of Christ”. The question is when did Moses meet Christ?



Scripture indicates that Moses had an encounter on the mountain with God

*Exodus 34:28 ¶And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.*

*29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*

Now if we put this scripture together with the new testament scriptures found in Mark 9:2-3 and Mathew 17:2

*A Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. 4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.*

*And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. Matthew 17:2*

Exodus 34:29 ends with “the skin of his face shone while he talked with him” . Mark 9:4 ends with “Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. What we see here is God revealing more about the attributes of Sonship. We see in the old testament that Moses had to place a veil over his face after coming away from the presence of God(Jesus). The veil stopped the people from being frightened by just the reflected light from the son, and made it possible for them to stand in his presence. Jesus the son of God did the same thing. But he was not the reflected Light, He was the light.

*John 8:12 ¶Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

*John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

Jesus too, had to veil himself , not in the Glorified flesh of Sonship, immortal, Supernatural, but in mortal, flesh. Just like Moses this was to allow us to draw near.

*Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took **not on him the nature of angels**; but he took on him **the seed of Abraham**.*

But for a moment on the mount he showed the glory and true form of a son of God. What Jesus revealed, was what Adam was created as, a son of light!

*Hebrews 10:19 ¶Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

*Hebrews 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

Jesus came or manifested as a son of God after the Adamic Type(flesh Body). That's why Paul in Romans 5 speaks about Adam as a "figure" of him(Jesus) that was to come.

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.( Jesus Christ) Romans 5:14*

As was pointed out in the previous lessons in this series Jesus, the only begotten son was made a little lower than the angels for the purpose of suffering death. That's what The apostle Paul tells us.

*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.*



When did this occur, when was he made lower? It was not at his birth. It was when he who knew no sin became sin. He was made lower so that the flesh could die!. Adam was also made lower so that his flesh too could die!

### The Sin Offering

*Leviticus 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:  
22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.*

Which means that before he became the sin offering, he was not lower than the angels, He was superior. Now this may seem obvious but there is a profound point to be made here. Jesus as God was above all other created

Beings. But as the incarnated Son of God he was also superior to all other created beings.

*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?*

*6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, **And let all the angels of God worship him.***

Jesus manifested The FULL SONSHIP that God had intended that Adam attain !

He had the full dominion over the flesh.

*Matthew 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

He had the full dominion over nature

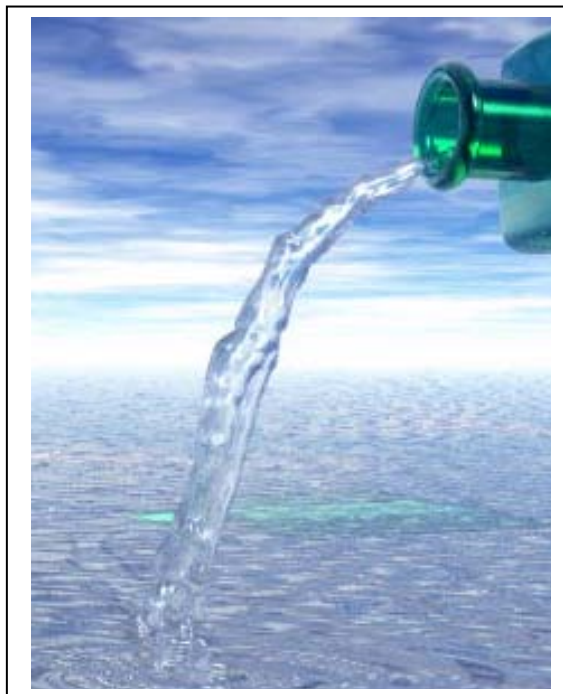
*Matthew 14:24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.*

He had the full dominion over death (was immortal)

*John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 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.*

He emptied himself So that the flesh could die ! (made lower !)

*Philippians 2:6 who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, **but emptied himself**, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; 7: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*



After Adam disobeyed. He lost the spirit covering, the glory, the light was gone, they saw themselves as naked. But God even then was merciful and provided a temporary covering.

*Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.  
Genesis 3:21*

I believe that Adam was covered with a spirit covering that radiated Light. It is possible that Man when first created did not have “skin as we know it today”, he did not need to, he had a spirit covering that gave him immortality. We see a possible example of this in Moses when he was in the presence of God his skin shone with radiated glory.

*Exodus 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.*

*Exodus 34:33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.*

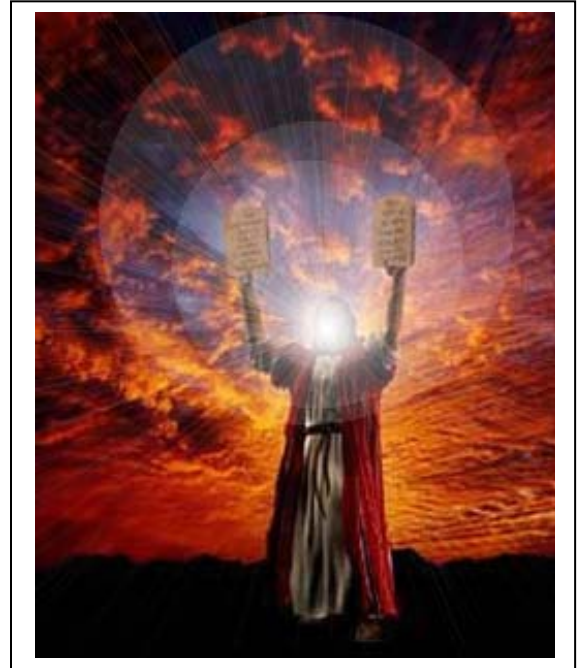
*Exodus 34:35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*

Now most scripture verses have more than one application. In this case we see the bible says that “LORD God make coats of skins and clothed them”. Although not explicit, most bible commentators assume this reflects the death of an animal in the first “substitutionary” sacrifice for sins. And they may be right that this is certainly one way to view this text. But such an interpretation, may be only a partial application of the text that God wanted to convey .

Because the scripture does not say explicitly that an animal died. I would like to give another application of this text. **The Hebrew word for Light is transliterated “OWR” ( אור ) and pronounced “ORE”. The Hebrew word for Skin is transliterated “OWR” ( עור ) and pronounced exactly the same way, “ORE”.** The skin is medically an organ and is in fact the largest organ in the body. It not only protects our internal features but it generates necessary vitamins, It is within our skin the sense of touch originates, it keeps us cool through sweat glands, it helps us to breathe. Without this covering we would die very quickly.

It is possible that the skin covering that we have now did not exist until God made it! To replace the spirit covering. A clue is given not only in the fact that they are phonetically the same(sound the same), but look at the subtle hint that Satan pokes at God.

**Job 2:4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin(ore) for skin(ore), yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.**



If the writer of Genesis(Moses) had wanted to unambiguously denote a cloth covering, there is another Hebrew word that means only cloth. “simlah” (שמלה) The full explanation is that man lost the Skin covering(Spirit emanating light) and was temporarily given a skin covering(Cutaneous or flesh dermis). When Satan said “Skin for skin”, he was alluding to what God did for Adam in Genesis.

Adam when he sinned, lost his Spirit covering(Skin), and his fleshly body should have died very shortly after that. But God “made’ another protective covering preventing the near immediate death of the body. “Skin for skin”.

Satan was in effect saying that God had done the same for Job. “You have stopped my power of death for Job, just as you delayed it for Adam by giving him a hedge(skin)”, just withdraw your hedge(skin) and let’s see what he is willing to do for me(Satan). Satan had the power of death, but for Gods “covering”

*Hebrews 2:14 ¶Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

The phrase “Skin for skin” in a strange way will be manifested again. The bible says we shall be changed

*1 Corinthians 15:51 ¶Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

*1 Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

### The Return of the Sons of God

There is coming a day very soon when the “whole creation that groaneth and travaileth in pain”, will be delivered by the change of “Skin to Skin” and the manifestation of the sons of God

*For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation of the sons of God.** Romans 8:19*

*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1 John 3:1*