

## Our Incorporeal God

1 John 4:9-10

In response to a request I have following our Bible study on August 12, 2020, I thought it might be a good idea to provide you a few Scripture references in relation to what we studied last week. These Scripture are by no means an exhaustive list, but I hope they are enough to help you as you as you continue your study on our incorporeal God.

Christ our “propitiation” **1 John 4:4, 2:2. Romans 3:24**

Propitiation means “mercy seat” which is what the Publican in **Luke 18:13** was asking God for in the prayer he was praying.

It refers to a place where the holiness of God is satisfied and the needs of sinful man are met, in Christ who is both our propitiation (the offering) and our propitiator (the person who offers)

Christ is both God and man: Divine and human. He was both our Great High Priest and the “Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.” **John 1:29**

As Job cried for a “daysman” in **Job 9:33** he was asking for a “mediator” or one who could take hold of both God and man and bring them together.

Since Jesus was both God and man He was able to do just that **1 Timothy 2:5**

In order for Christ to become the mediator lost mankind needed, it meant He had to become man.

**Philippians 2:5-8; Isaiah 7:9:6-7:13-16; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-28, Luke 2:1-12**

Before Christ took on Himself a body by becoming a man by a virgin’s birth, He was spirit: meaning, again, He was incorporeal. Incorporeal means He had no body. He was immaterial. He was not composed with matter as man is and all other things we see in this world He created.

**John 4:24** says: “God is a spirit.” To say this in a very simple way, a spirit is not a man with a body.

**Luke 24:39** Records the words Jesus spoke in the upper room with His Apostles on the day of His resurrection. He said clearly a spirit does not have flesh and bones, hands, feet, eyes, nose, ears, ect...

But, since Christ has become a man, there will never be in a time eternity to come when Jesus will cease to live in a body. It is the body He ascended back to Heaven with. It was the same body He lived in while He was on planet Earth and the same body He had after His death, burial, and resurrection. It is good news knowing we have a man in Heaven!

In **Acts 1:11** the angels testify to the Apostles and others present that the “same Jesus” they were watching ascend into Heaven was sure descend again in like manner...the same Jesus. It was a “glorified” body which was different and yet, although changed, it was the same:

See: **Revelation 19-17**

**Zechariah 12:10, 13:6; 14:4**

**NOTE:** there was a time, before there was time, when God the Son had no body as He does now. The body Jesus was birthed with He lived in for 33 ½ years while on planet Earth. It was the same one which was crucified, buried. It was the same one resurrected on the third day following His burial. It is the same one He will have for all eternity. It is a fact, that at this present time, in the “heavenlies” (which is a reference to Heaven according to **Ephesians 1:20, 2:6**) we have “the man” Jesus Christ seated at the right of the majesty on high, sitting as our mediator making continual intercession for you and me: **Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25, 9:24**

In the Old Testament when you read about “the angel of the Lord” it is a reference to a “pre-incarnate” appearance of Christ. This means He appeared on planet Earth before He was born of the virgin Mary. You see, the birth of Jesus was not His beginning. He was and always will be the eternal God.

We find the Bible referring to God as having features similar to those we have such as hand, feet, heart, eyes, ears, etc. That is what is known as “anthropomorphic” (an-thro-po-mor-phic) which is giving the characteristics of man to things which are not human in order to explain or relate something un-relatable to man, such as God.

There is no way for man to without help from God to conceive God or understand Him as He is. So, God in His wisdom found a way to convey Himself to man in a way man can understand and comprehend God in a way man can understand.

Remember, these Scripture references and the few remarks given above are not exhaustive attempt to explain something that demands a great deal more time and space than what I have given it for deeper consideration.

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