

Most readers recall the teaching of the former WCG that Jesus was the Creator, the God of Exodus, the Husband of Israel, and was the Word of God in both OT and in NT times.

So how does the ministry handle scriptures that deny this teaching such as Hebrews 1:1-2a, “¹ *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past (OT times) unto the fathers by the prophets, ^{2a} Hath in these last days (NT times) spoken unto us by his Son....*”.

To see Hebrews 1:1-2a denies this teaching, note that the God who spoke in OT times (Heb 1:1) has a Son (verse 2) and therefore was God the Father rather than Jesus. Therefore Jesus could not have been the Word of God in OT times!

Equally awkward would be Isaiah 44:6 where the LORD God of the OT says, “...beside me there is no God” because then Jesus would have denied his Father!

Yet the ministry always glossed over such difficulties by appealing to a handful of NT alleged “proof verses” but which are either mistranslations (e.g. John 1:3), misinterpretations (e.g. 1 Cor 10:4) or falsifications of the Greek text (Eph 3:9).

Consider John 1:3 in the KJV, “*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*” In the context of that chapter, this appears to state that Jesus created (made) all things.

Before we accept this, let us read Acts 4:24b and 27a, “^{24b} ...*Lord thou art God, which has made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:..... ^{27a} For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus...*”

Since here the Creator God has a “holy

child Jesus”, He must be God the Father! Does this mean that Acts 4:24b and 27a contradict John 1:3? No it does not: at least not in the Greek NT.

The point is that the English of John 1:3 is a gross mistranslation through rendering three times the Greek verb “ginomai” (Strong 1096) “made” when this Greek verb does not even remotely mean “to make”. It rather means “to become” or “to come into being”.

On the other hand the Greek verb translated “made” in Acts 4:24b is “poieō” (Strong 4160) and does mean “to make”.

In other words John 1:3 and Acts 4:24b-27a do not contradict each other but convey different messages.

Let us note that the message of Acts 4:24-27 is that God the Father was the Creator even though this denies the former WCG’s teaching that it was Jesus!

Next consider the former teaching that Jesus was the Husband of Israel. If that were true, then God the Father would be a single or unwed Father who begot his Son through his Son’s Wife Israel – in other words by adultery and incest! If this does not galvanize the reader into checking this message thoroughly, then I fear he may be already spiritually dead.

One of the most pivotal passages in all the Bible is Deuteronomy 18:15-22 and from there I quote, “¹⁷ *And the LORD said unto me (ie. Moses), They have well spoken that which they have spoken, ¹⁸ I will raise them up a Prophet, from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak*

unto them all that I shall command him.”

In Acts 3:18-23 Peter by referring to and quoting from Deut 18:15-22 identifies that Jesus was the Prophet the LORD God had promised Moses. For example in Acts 3:22 Peter taught, “*For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the LORD your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear, in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.*”

Although again contrary to the former WCG’s teaching it is clear that it was God the Father who had spoken to Moses.

This is also plain from Acts 3:13 where Peter said, “*The God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, glorified his Son Jesus*”, Now in Exodus 3:6 the God in the Burning Bush named Himself “*The God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob*” and so, according to Peter, must have been God the Father. This also contradicts the former WCG’s teaching that Jesus was the God of Exodus who spoke to Moses.

Who was the LORD God of Genesis chapters 1, 2 and 3? We find the answer in Genesis 3:15 where the LORD God says to the Serpent, “*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel.*”

Now had Jesus been speaking, He would have said, “...and thou shalt bruise my heel”. Clearly it was God the Father because only He would say, “...and thou shalt bruise his (i.e. Jesus’) heel”.

But didn’t Jesus declare that no one has

seen or heard his Father (John 5:37)? It depends on what He meant by hearing and seeing his Father.

For example, God the Father’s voice had been heard at Jesus’ baptism saying, “*This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*” (Matt 3:17) and yet they crucified his Son! Jesus meant that no one had listened to His Father’s message!

At Mt Sinai (Horeb) Israel demanded that the Father never speak to them again (Exod 20:19)! The Father reminded Moses of this in Deut 18:15-16 and added He would send his message through the Prophet, whom Peter declared was Jesus.

Although Moses had asked the Father to show his full glory, this was not granted (Exod 33:18-23). Indeed God the Father told Aaron and Miriam that Moses saw only His similitude (Num 12:8). So indeed no one has truly seen the Father.

Therefore let us not be too hasty in rejecting that the Father was the Creator and God of the OT but let us heed Paul’s words of Hebrews 1:1-2a and of Romans 1:1-3 that God the Father himself spoke to the OT fathers and OT prophets!

Paper P1, *Laodicea’s Lamp!* essays why this understanding was not granted to the former WCG. Also read the short articles A2, A3, Q6 and Q7 and the study paper P2 at www.rightly-dividing.net or write for these to: Henk Jens, P.O. Box 121, Belmore, NSW, 2192, Australia.

PS. Paper P5 shows that Jesus had been a Self-existent God until He agreed to become and die as mankind’s Passover Lamb.