

The community of *Elohim*

It is quite clear that there are three distinct persons in the Godhead. This is the community of *Elohim*. And these Three have made covenant together to give us an eternal inheritance in Their one life and fellowship. All of this is revealed in Their counsel. The psalmist declared, 'The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation'. The wise man proclaimed, 'Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord will stand'. Within the council of *Elohim*, God the Father laid down the fullness of His fatherhood life to God the Son. And the Son received the Spirit without measure. The Son 'through Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God'. This is the offering of *Elohim* and the blood 'as of a lamb' is the life of this offering.

When God the Son emptied Himself to enact the Eternal Covenant, this life-blood was poured out as an everlasting fountain of life. The life of new creation immediately multiplied to fullness. This is Their inheritance of many sons. The blood was poured out for many as the seal of the Eternal Covenant. This blood 'as of a lamb' is the soul-life of new creation. It is the life of a multitude of foreknown and yet unformed sons. The covenant was not 'cut', ratified, and enacted until God the Son emptied Himself to an endpoint, to the death, and came again in resurrection life as the Heir of all things. When God the Son emptied Himself to the bosom of the Father, He was begotten as the Son of God, the Firstborn.

References:

Psa 33:11

Prov 19:21

Heb 9:14

Heb 13:20

Isa 53:11

Further Study

Gen 17:1-11

Rev 7:9-17

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 19

Knowing Him as One and Three

When King David commended his son, he said to him, 'As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts'. Whether we are children or parents, young or old, we must give ourselves to knowing Him. With this in mind, King David admonished his son Solomon to know *Elohim*, the God of his fathers, and to know Yahweh, the Lord who searches all hearts. It is our particular goal to know Him as Yahweh who is One and *Elohim* who is Three. We hear and understand the voice of Yahweh who is One. *Zoe* life and godliness proceed from Yahweh. All of our sonship comes forth from the fellowship of Yahweh. Equally, we understand the community of *Elohim*, and we do so by participation in offering.

I AM is absolutely One and absolutely Three. This is a great mystery, hidden 'from ages past'. This is the testimony of our Lord. So what can we know about Him who is One and Three? Let's consider that Spirit, life and name are the substance of the fellowship of Yahweh and the community of *Elohim*. Spirit, life and name reveal who He is. These things describe the divine nature of Yahweh who is One. We know that God is Spirit, in the same way that God is love and God is light. When the apostles speak of being 'joined to the Lord in one spirit', they are referring to the fellowship of Yahweh. Equally, the Scriptures identify the Spirit of the Father, the Spirit of the Son and, of course, the Holy Spirit. Each person in the Godhead has Their own spiritual identity which cannot be given to another.

References:

1 Chron 28:9
Gen 9:26
Eph 4:5

Gen 3:13
Ex 3:16
1 Cor 6:17

Further Study

1 Chron 28:1-12

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 20

The fellowship of one life

We know that Yahweh is the fellowship of one life. As Paul said, there is one Lord. There are certainly not three different lives in the fellowship of Yahweh. There are not three gods or three lords who can live independently of one another. *Zoe* life is the common possession of all Three. Nevertheless, in the community of *Elohim*, each of the three persons has this life as a personal possession. Each is able to express life in a unique spiritual identity. The *zoe* of the Father is fatherhood life. The *zoe* of the Son is sonship life and the *zoe* of the Holy Spirit is Spirit life. It is the same life in Yahweh and in *Elohim*, because this is the one and the same fellowship.

These diverse expressions of the one life are only known when they are in the relationship of one Spirit together. We cannot know sonship without fatherhood. Nor can we know fatherhood without sonship. God the Father laid down the fullness of fatherhood life to the Son, but this does not mean that the Son received the identity of the Father. Fatherhood life is the capacity to multiply sonship, and God the Son received this fullness as the life of new creation.

Further to this, we know that there is one name of Yahweh. The prophet Zechariah tells us that 'the Lord will be one, and His name one'. This is the name above every other name, and it is by this name alone that all men may be saved. Equally, in the community of *Elohim*, the Father has a name, the Son has a name, and the Holy Spirit has a name. We can know each of Them by name and our fellowship is with the Father, with the Son, and with the Holy Spirit.

References:

Zech 14:9 2 Cor 13:14
Matt 28:19 John 10:25
John 12:28 John 15:16
Eph 5:20

Further Study

Acts 3

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 21

Spirit, life and name

We have been foreknown and predestined to be 'of God'. We can be joined to the Lord in one spirit; partakers of His one life, and included in the fellowship of His one name. This is what it means to be 'in the name'. We are included in the fellowship of Yahweh. Each one of us receives a life, a name, and a spiritual identity from Yahweh. This is the work of Father, Son and Holy Spirit within the council of *Elohim*. However, we never become part of the community of *Elohim* as a member of the Godhead. We cannot touch Their individual spiritual identities.

God the Father is 'the Father of spirits' and 'the Father of lights'. The seed of an incorruptible new-born identity is given to us by the Father. The Father laid down the fullness of fatherhood life to the Son. Having received this from the Father, God the Son multiplied this in Himself as the expression of all the sonship of Yahweh. He emptied Himself to the Father's bosom. In that place of the Father's desire and will, He was begotten as the Father's Firstborn. He laid aside His own sovereign right as God the Son to become the 'one Seed' of new creation life. We can partake of His life. Each new individual spiritual identity comes forth from the Father of lights. All this has been foreknown in the heart of the Father of spirits. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and stands guard over all distinctions within the one Spirit, one life, and one name of Yahweh. This is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. In this way, each son is altogether new, possessing eternal life, an everlasting name, and definable identity as a spiritual man.

References:

Heb 12:9
Gal 3:16
1 Pet 1:2
2 Pet 1:17

James 1:17
Acts 2:23
Rom 8:29

Further Study

1 Pet 1

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 22

The fullness of Yahweh

When Paul speaks of 'all the fullness of God', he is referring to the fellowship of Yahweh. In this fellowship of Yahweh is the fullness of all fatherhood, sonship, and sanctification. God the Father laid down the fatherhood life of Yahweh to God the Son, to be revealed as a multitude of sons through Him. This is the true meaning of fatherhood. When fatherhood life is laid down, it produces sons. The Father has not laid down His *identity* as the Father. He has laid down His capacity to foreknow and name many sons. Within the one life of Yahweh is the potential for a multitude of sons. The Son is the express image of this life, so that when offering is made, there is multiplication. We are sons of the Father, co-heirs of the life of new creation because He has multiplied this life to us by offering.

In the council of *Elohim*, the fullness of the fatherhood of Yahweh is revealed in God the Father. It is sanctified to Him in the covenant so that He can be the expression all fatherhood. The fullness of the sonship of Yahweh has been revealed in God the Son. It was the Father's good pleasure, or desire, 'for all the fullness to dwell in Him'. And likewise, the fullness of sanctification has been revealed in the Holy Spirit. He is the Helper custodian of all sanctification. In this way, the fullness of Yahweh is brought forward and expressed in the council of *Elohim*. This is the meaning of offering 'through Eternal Spirit'. Eternal Spirit is the capacity of Yahweh, by which each person of the Godhead makes offering to bring forth new creation. The Holy Spirit has taken up the capacity of Eternal Spirit as the Helper of the life and offering of Each.

References:

Eph 3:19 Isa 9:6
Heb 9:14 Col 1:19
Eph 4:13 Eph 1:23
Rom 15:29

Further Study

Eph 1

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 23