

Correspondence Course Lesson 3

The Family of YHWH

Most churches today teach that our Heavenly Father Yahweh is a trinity without ever questioning if it is actually true or not. What this teaching states, according to the Catholic encyclopedia where it came from, is that “God” is one being made up of three hypostasis or aspects to His being. But is this the scriptural teaching of the nature of our Creator?

If we go back to the very beginning of creation, we will see how our Heavenly Father describes Himself.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth;

We see that the word that our Heavenly Father used to describe Himself was “Elohim”. Elohim is the Hebrew word for deity and is plural. El would be singular and Elohim is plural and it denotes more than one, and has a plural connotation such as family.

Most times in Hebrew when you add “im” to the ending of a word it makes that word plural, but Elohim can also be used in the plural state to denote greatness to the one true deity mentioned.

How can we know for sure that Elohim is referring to two beings and not just to show the greatness of one being?

Gen 1:26 And Elohim said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

Gen 1:27 And Elohim created the man in His own image; in the image of Elohim He created him. He created them male and female.

Clearly from verse 26 we see that the pronoun “us” is used and definitely denotes more than one being. Some who blindly want to deny this plain teaching of scripture have tried to say that the “us” is referring to angels, but very clearly Elohim is saying that man is being made in His own image and likeness, not the image or likeness of angels.

Yahweh is a family name consisting of two members, and He has created mankind to also become members of that very family of Yahweh that He is creating. Did He create angels to become part of His family and literally sons of His?

Heb 1:5 For to which of the cherubs did He ever say, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You?" And again, "I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me."

Heb 1:8 But to the Son He said, "Your throne, O Elohim, is forever and ever, a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom;

Heb 1:13 But to which of the cherubs did He ever say, "Sit at My right hand until I place Your enemies as a footstool under Your feet?"

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits for service, being sent out because of the ones being about to inherit salvation?

Angels were not created to become Sons of Yahweh, but were created as servants of Yahweh to help Him in His creation of bringing more sons from mankind into His very family.

Are there any other bible references to show more than one creator?

Ecc 12:1a Remember now your Creators in the days of your youth,

Ecclesiastes clearly shows in the original Hebrew that there were multiple creators. Also look at;

Gen 3:22 And YAHWEH Elohim said, Behold! The man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and also take from the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever,

Gen 11:5 And YAHWEH came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of man had built.

Gen 11:6 And YAHWEH said, Behold, the people is one, and the lip one to all of them, and this they are beginning to do, and now all which they have determined to do will not be restrained from them.

Gen 11:7 Come, let Us go down and mix up their language so that they cannot understand man's evil speech.

Clearly, not only is Elohim here definitely referring to two beings, but the name Yahweh, which is the family name of our Heavenly Father is referred to both beings.

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel, YAHWEH our Elohim is YAHWEH echad.

The word for one here is not the numeral one in the original Hebrew Scriptures, that word would have been yachid. This Hebrew word is echad and is a unity word denoting one group such as the word family. Family is a single unit but with more than one member. The word echad is used in **Genesis 2:24** where it states that a man will leave his mother and father and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one (echad) flesh.

What is the relationship of these two creators?

Pro 30:4 Who has gone up to Heaven, and come down? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in His garments? Who has made all the ends of the earth to rise? What is His name, and what is His Son's name? Surely you know.

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth have placed themselves; yea, the rulers have plotted together against YAHWEH and His Messiah,

Psa 2:6 Yea, I have set My king on My holy mount on Zion.

Psa 2:7 I will declare concerning the statute of YAHWEH: He said to Me, You are My Son. Today I have begotten You

Clearly the other creator besides the Heavenly Father is not just another family member and His Messenger and Messiah, but the very Son of Yahweh the Father.

Mat 3:17 And behold! A voice out of the heaven saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.

Mat 1:20 And as he was thinking about these things, behold, a Cherub of YAHWEH was seen by him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mariam as your wife. For that in her is generated by the Holy Spirit.

Mat 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Yahshua, for He shall save His people from their sins.

Mat 1:22 And all this happened so that might be fulfilled that which was spoken by YAHWEH through the prophet, saying,

Mat 1:23 "Behold! The virgin will conceive in her womb and will bear a son, and they will call His name Emmanuel," which is interpreted, our Elohim with us.

Joh 10:34 Yahshua answered them, Has it not been written in your Law, "I have told you, you

are Elohim?" (Psa. 82:6)

Joh 10:35 *If those people He called Elohim because the Word of Elohim was with them and scripture is not able to be broken.*

Joh 10:36 *To Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world you say, You blaspheme! concerning that I had told you that I am the Son of Elohim.*

We are made in His image, like Yahshua His Son, to become His literal children.

John 3:16 *For YAHWEH so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Heb 2:11 *For both the One sanctifying and the ones being sanctified are all of one nature; for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

Heb 2:12 *saying, "I will announce Your name to My brethren; I will praise You in the midst of the congregation." (Psa. 22:22)*

Heb 2:13 *And again, "I will be trusting on Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom YAHWEH gave to Me." (Isa. 8:18)*

Heb 2:14 *Since, then, the children have partaken of flesh and blood, in like manner He Himself also shared the same things, that through death He might cause to cease the one having the power of death, that is, the devil;*

Heb 2:15 *and might release them, who, through fear of death, are all their lives subject to bondage.*

Heb 2:16 *For He did not take on the likeness of cherubs, "but He takes on Him the seed of Abraham." (Isa. 41:8, 9, Gen. 12:1-2)*

Heb 2:17 *Wherefore it was right, that he should in every manner resemble his brethren; that he might be merciful, and a high priest faithful in the things of Elohim, and might make reconciliation for the sins of the people*

We are Yahshua's brothers, He is a son to Yahweh as we are also sons and daughters to Him. The Father and the Son are two separate beings but made up of the same spirit. That is how they are united or echad in Hebrew. They both have the same character by the same spirit of love and cooperation.

Some have wrongly taken the ancient pagan Gnostic belief that the Father and the Son are the same being, but this is totally unscriptural for if they are the same being who raised Yahshua the Son from the grave after he died? Who did Yahshua cry out to on the tree of crucifixion when he said "My El my El why did you forsake me"? Did He forsake himself?

Let's look at a few more scriptures to clearly show the Father and the Son are not the same being.

Heb 8:1 *Now the sum of the whole thing is this: We have a High Priest, who is seated on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven:*

John 5:19 *Then Yahshua answered and said to them, Truly, truly I say to you that the Son is not able to do anything by his desire, but what he sees that the Father does. For these things that the Father does, the Son also likewise does.*

John 8:17 *And in the Torah it has been written that the witness of two men is true.*

John 8:18 *I am the One witnessing concerning Myself, and He who sent Me, the Father, witnesses concerning Me.*

John 1:18 *No one has seen YAHWEH at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, that One declares Him.*

1st Cor 15:24 *Then is the end, when He delivers the kingdom to YAHWEH, even the Father, when He makes to cease all rule and all authority and power.*

1st Cor 15:25 For it is right for Him to reign until He puts all enemies under His feet;

1st Cor 15:26 the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1st Cor 15:27 For "He subjected all things under His feet;" but when He says that "all things have been subjected, it is plain that it excepts Him" (The Father) who has subjected all things to Him.

1st Cor 15:28 But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One (The Father) who has subjected all things to Him, that YAHWEH may be all things in all.

It is clear from Scripture that the Father and the Son are NOT the same being, but both are made of the same spirit. Does scripture even tell us that not only are the Father and the Son separate beings, but each even has His own will?

Mat 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face, praying, and saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.

Yahshua never claimed that He was the Father, only that He came to do the will of the Father in Heaven that sent Him. As a matter of fact, there are things that not even the Son knows, but only the Father.

Mark 13:32 But concerning that day and the hour, no one knows, not the angels, those in Heaven, nor the Son, except the Father.

It was prophesied by the Apostle Paul that terrible heresies would abound in the last days. One of these heresies is that Yahshua the Son of Yahweh is not Elohim and did not pre-exist. We have already shown conclusively that Yahshua did pre-exist, and also is Elohim and was co-creator with the Father. Let us look at some more scriptures showing the deity of Yahshua the Son.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

John 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim.

John 1:3 Everything existed through His hands, and without Him, not even one thing existed of the things, which have existed.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, glory as of an only begotten one from the Father, full of grace and of truth.

John 17:5 And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the existence of the world.

These scriptures could not be clearer that Yahshua is Elohim, but is not the Father and that He pre-existed with the Father as co-creator of all the world.

Yahweh is a family name. My name is Esposito. I am Don Esposito the Son of my father Alfred Esposito. There is one family named Esposito consisting of a father Esposito and a son Esposito.

This is the same with Yahweh. He is a family consisting of Yah Yahweh the Father and His Son Yahshua Yahweh our Savior.

Psa 68:4 Sing to Elohim, sing praise to His name; lift up a song for Him who rides in the deserts, by His name Yah; yea, exult in His presence.

Psa 68:5 In His holy dwelling Elohim is a father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows.

We have conclusively shown that scripture states there are two creators; one is The Father Yah and one

is His Son Yahshua (*Proverbs 30:4*), but does scripture show that there are two Yahweh's?

Gen 18:1 And YAHWEH visually appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. And he was sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day.

Gen 18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked; and, behold, three men were standing by him. And he saw, and he ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent. And he bowed to the ground.

We have already shown in *John 1:18* that no one has seen Yah Yahweh the Father at any time. Therefore, we know with absolute certainty that this Yahweh that Abraham saw was Yahshua Yahweh the Son. Also look at the next verse to conclusively prove that this was Yahshua Yahweh the Son and not Yah Yahweh the Father.

Gen 19:24 And YAHWEH (on earth) rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah, from YAHWEH out of the heavens.

Yahshua Yahweh was the one who met Abraham in Genesis 18 and told him of the destruction coming on Sodom & Gomorrah. Then in chapter 19 clearly Yahshua Yahweh on earth rained down fire and brimstone from Yah Yahweh in heaven. There is no doubt scripture shows Yahweh is a family name with Yah Yahweh the Father and Yahshua Yahweh the Son. Let's look at more proof.

Isa 44:6 So says YAHWEH, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, YAHWEH of Hosts: I am the First, and I am the Last; and there is no Elohim except Me.

Again, very clearly there is one Elohim family made up of Yahshua Yahweh, the King of Israel and His redeemer Yah Yahweh of hosts. Let's look at one more proof that the Son is also called Yahweh in scripture.

We have shown from *1st Corinthians 15:24-28* that Yahweh the Father does not come to earth till after the thousand-year millennial reign of Yahshua His Son. Here is another scripture to prove this point.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea no longer is.

Rev 21:2 And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from Elohim, having been prepared as a bride, having been adorned for her Husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of YAHWEH is with men! And He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His people, and YAHWEH Himself will be with them as their Elohim.

Let us also look at where Yahshua ascended to heaven from and where He will return.

Acts 1:1 Indeed, O Theophilus, I made the first report concerning all things which Yahshua began both to do and to teach,

Acts 1:2 until the day He was taken up, having given directions to the apostles whom He elected, through the Holy Spirit,

Acts 1:9 And saying these things, as they looked on, He was taken up in a cloud and He was hidden from their sight.

Acts 1:10 And as they were intently looking into the heaven, He having gone, even behold, two men in white clothing stood by them,

Acts 1:11 who also said, Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking up to the heaven? This Yahshua who was taken up from you to heaven, likewise He will come just as you have seen Him who ascended into heaven.

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount being called Of Olive Grove, which is near Jerusalem, a distance of seven furlongs away.

Now let us read about the prophecy of Yahshua's return to the Mount of Olives from the Tanach (Old Testament).

Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of YAHWEH comes, and your spoil shall be divided among you.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem. And the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half the city shall go into exile and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 And YAHWEH shall go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall divide from its middle, from the east even to the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:9 And YAHWEH shall be King over all the earth. In that day YAHWEH shall be united (echad), and His name united (echad).

Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the donkey, and all the beasts which shall be in those camps, like this plague.

Zec 14:16 And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, YAHWEH of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of The Sukkot.

This happens right at the end of the tribulation period coming on the earth and the start of the 1,000-year millennial reign of Yahshua Messiah. And very clearly Yahshua when He returns to the Mount of Olives is called Yahweh. Yahshua Yahweh the Son will sit on His throne and be given full authority over all the earth to reign for Yahweh the Father until after the 1,000 years are over (*1st Corinthians 15:24-28*). Whoever does not come to worship Yahshua Yahweh the Son will get no rain from Yah Yahweh in heaven.

What does it say about the reward of all those that have been baptized in the name of Yahshua Messiah and are in covenant relationship with Him?

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the ones having been beheaded because of the witness of Yahshua, and because of the Word of YAHWEH, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one having part in the first resurrection. The second death has no authority over these, but they will be priests of YAHWEH and of His Messiah, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim.

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! Father!

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of YAHWEH.

Rom 8:17 And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of YAHWEH, and joint-heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.

Rom 8:18 For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to compare to the coming glory to be revealed in us.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of Elohim.

When we are baptized in Yahshua's name for the forgiveness of our sins, we literally through the laying on of hands of a true Elder of Yahweh receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit from Yahweh and are begotten as true children to Him. Then, as long as we are faithful to the covenant we are under, at Yahshua's return we will

reign with Him as our fellow brother and Captain of our salvation during the 1,000-year millennial rule. Not only will we reign with Him, but He is actually offering us as fellow brothers and true children of Yahweh, to be co-heirs of the universe. How mind blowing is that!

Heb 1:2 *in these last days He has spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed heir of all; and by whom he made the worlds;*

Heb 1:4 *and He is altogether superior to the cherubs, just as the name He has inherited is a more excellent name than theirs .*

Heb 1:5 *For to which of the cherubs did He ever say, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You?" And again, "I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me." (Psa. 2:7)*

Heb 1:6 *And again, when He brought the First-born into the world, He said, "And let all the cherubs of Elohim worship Him."(Ex. 32:43)*

Heb 1:7 *And as to the cherubs, He said, "Who makes His cherubs spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire;" (Psa. 104:4)*

Heb 1:8 *But to the Son He said, "Your throne, O Elohim, is forever and ever, a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom;*

Col 1:12 *So that you may joyfully give thanks to Elohim the Father, who has enlightened and made us a worthy inheritance of the saints,*

Col 1:13 *and has delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,*

Col 1:14 *in whom we have obtained salvation, and the forgiveness of sins;*

Col 1:15 *who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the right of the First-born of all creation.*

Col 1:16 *For all things were created through Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible; whether imperial thrones, or dominions, or angelic orders, or authorities, all things were in His hand and have been created by Him.*

Col 1:17 *And He is before all things, and by Him all things are sustained.*

Col 1:18 *And He is the Head of the body, the Congregation, who is the Beginning, the First-born of the resurrection of the dead, that He be preeminent in all things;*

Yahshua as the true High Priest out of heaven did for us what the first covenant could not do. He died and as co-creator of all things, His death was worth more than all of His creation.

Then accepting the responsibility for our sins and repenting from them and coming into covenant relationship with Yahweh the Father we have literally become His true children, Yahshua being the firstborn in the family of Yahweh and if faithful, we will also be born again from the flesh to spirit at His return. We will not be adopted, but literally children of Yahweh, born of the same spirit that He and Yahshua are made from.

Did the Father leave us a sign to know that He is our Father and we are His children?

Exo 31:12 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,*

Exo 31:13 *And you speak to the sons of Israel, charging them, only My Sabbaths you shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you for your generation; to know that I am YAHWEH your sanctifier.*

Exo 31:14 *And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy for you; the profaners of it shall sure be executed; for everyone doing work in it, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of his people.*

Exo 31:15 *Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to YAHWEH; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day surely shall be put to death.*

Exo 31:16 *And the sons of Israel shall guard the Sabbath, to observe and do the Sabbath for their generations; it is a never ending covenant.*

Exo 31:17 *It is a sign forever between Me and the sons of Israel; for in six days YAHWEH made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.*

Yahweh left His children a never ending sign of the covenant relationship that He has with them through the Sabbath day observance. Should Yahweh's children also strive to be obedient to His commandments?

Rev 22:14 Blessed are the ones doing His commandments, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and that they may enter by the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 But the ones not there are the dogs and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone loving a lie, and doing falsehood.

Rev 22:16 I, Yahshua, sent My cherub to testify these things to you over the congregations. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright and Morning Star.

Although we are saved by the grace of our Heavenly Father and the shed blood of His Son Yahshua, because of our covenant of faith in Him that everything He said is perfect we should strive in all things to be obedient children to our Heavenly Father in all things.

Mat 4:4 But answering, He said, It has been written "Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of YAHWEH."

This is the beautiful plan of Yahweh. Not that He is some kind of closed end trinity, but that He is a family consisting of Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the Son, and that He is working in us to bring many more Sons and Daughters into His eternal family and Kingdom. And as true begotten spirit led children of His, that we will be co-heirs under Yahshua our Savior of the entire universe.

Eph 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, Eph 3:15 of whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named,

Isn't it just amazing when you understand that after baptism and the imparting of the Holy Spirit that we have joined the literal family of Yahweh? It is so awesome it is almost unbelievable, but Yahweh's Word is true. What an awesome future to those that love Yahweh and are called according to His purpose!

Points to Remember

- 1) Yahweh is a family name consisting of Yah Yahweh the Father & Yahshua Yahweh His Son.
- 2) Yahweh the Father and Yahshua His Son are two separate beings but one spirit.
- 3) Yahshua is co-creator of the universe and always existed with the Father.
- 4) When we are baptized and receive Yahweh's spirit we become literal children of His.
- 5) If faithful to our covenant promise we will rule the earth under Yahshua Messiah during the 1,000 millennial reign and be co-heirs with Him over the universe for eternity.

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