

The Four Faces

SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST

Class 5

The Face of God

We Shall be Like Him

Christ is God. He represents God in every way. We are called to the same calling. Our lives must be Godly. We must reflect the face of Christ in our life. To do so, we have to *see the face of Christ*.

• John 17:1-26

- 1) These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
- 2) As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
- 3) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- 4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- 5) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
- 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.
- 7) Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
- 8) For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
- 9) I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
- 10) And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
- 11) And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
- 12) While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
- 13) And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

- 14) I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 15) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
- 16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- 18) As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
- 19) And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.
- 20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
- 21) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 22) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
- 23) I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
- 24) Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
- 25) O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.
- 26) And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

- Our goal has been to learn how to better reflect the Face of Christ in our lives, by looking closer at the Four Faces of Christ found in the Cherubim...
- From the Face of a Man we learned to accept what our true position is before God, and to acknowledge that we all need the salvation that comes through Christ...
- We looked upon the Face of a King and were filled with the hope of reigning with our Lord and Savior Jesus...
- Yesterday, we should have seen the Face of a Servant in ourselves also...
- Because Jesus was a Servant who lead by example...
 - A Servant who called us to follow him, and said:
 - Who told us:
 - *“He who would be great among you must be a Servant.”*
- Today we will consider the last of the Faces of the Cherubim
 - The hardest of the Animals to connect a lesson to...
 - And the most difficult for us to accept...

- Ezekiel 1:10

- 10) As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

- *“They Four also had the Face of an Eagle...”*

- I feel that the Eagle is the hardest of the Faces to connect...
- A Lion was easy...
 - “The King of the Beasts”
- An Ox was fairly easy also...
 - “A Beast of Servitude”
- But, besides using the process of elimination, it is fairly hard to provide Biblical support to the idea of an Eagle representing The Face of God
- Deuteronomy provides us a few references to God bearing Israel on “Eagles Wings”
- Deuteronomy 32:11-12
 - 11) As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:
 - 12) So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.
- Naturally, the Eagle relates to the powers above...
- The First Three – Man, Lion and Ox - All belong to the Earth
 - But the Eagle lifts up above the Earth and soars in the Heavens...
 - In flight an Eagle draws our attention upwards to God...
- So, when we consider the Face of the Eagle we will be looking at the Face of God
- It is sometimes hard for us to look at the Face of Jesus and see the Face of God
 - But, that will be our goal today...
 - And, of course, the hardest thing that I’m going to ask you to do this week...
 - Is to see the Face of God in yourselves also...
- As hard as it is to place which Face corresponds with the Eagle, it is EXTREMELY easy to place which Gospel corresponds with seeing The Face of God
- For no other writer in the entire Bible saw our Lord as clearly as the “Apostle that Jesus loved..”

- No other man saw Jesus for what he really is as well as John...
 - And in the Book of John we clearly see in Jesus the Face of God
 - Because in the Book of John, Jesus is... God.
- Now, let me state what I believe very clearly and slowly...
 - The False Doctrine of the Trinity is what I believe to be the Hallmark of the Apostasy...
 - Our differentiation on this fundamental issue is one of the major factors that has established us as a community...
 - More than any other issue, this single doctrine is what defines us and separates us from the majority of Christians... and rightly so!
 - God commands us to worship Him in Spirit AND in Truth...
 - We must know TRULY who He is before we can even begin to worship Him...
 - *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD”*
 - There is no Trinity...
- Now, having said that...
 - I’d like to explain a problem that I think we sometimes have...
 - To help explain the problem, let me present for discussion the word,
 - *“Communion”*
- I think that there could hardly be a better word to describe the Memorial Service...
 - By definition Communion means Fellowship...
 - The act of sharing or holding in common...
 - Association or Participation
 - *“An Interchange or sharing of thoughts or emotions of an intimate nature”*
- Biblically, it carries a very clear understanding...
- 1st Corinthians 10:16
 - 16) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

- Communion is a simple, wonderful, elegant word to describe something that is very dear to us...
- *Then, why do we hardly ever use it?*
 - The answer, of course, is simple...
 - Unfortunately, it is a word that has been corrupted by its direct association to a system of False Belief and Ecclesiastical Whoredom
- We don't want to associate ourselves with False Belief one tiny bit!
 - We don't even want others to incorrectly assume that about us!
- Therefore, we don't share Communion...
 - We Break Bread
- We don't go to Church...
 - We go to Meeting
- We even sometimes find it a little uncomfortable to refer to ourselves as Christians...
- And that is why it is hard for us to see The Face of God in Christ
 - The false beliefs of Trinitarians have caused us to shy away from this very important aspect of our Lord and Savior...
- I had a funny experience a few years ago...
- Through our Christian Homeschool Support Group we had the opportunity to attend a lecture at a large, mainstream Christian Church near our house...
 - The Topic was, "The Humanity of Christ"
- The Speaker tried to explain to the group that because as Trinitarians they have to be diligent to ward off non-Trinitarian sects, that they may have missed an important aspect of the Lord's character...
 - Maybe, he proposed, there were some valuable lessons to be learned by considering the Humanity of Christ
 - The trials and issues that he faced as a Man
- Well, they didn't actually "Boo", and throw rotten vegetables at him...
 - But, several people got visibly upset, many raised their voice in opposition, and eventually he sat down...
- Then, I had to squirm in my seat, as they closed with prayer, saying:

- “God, we just want to thank you for coming to Earth and dying for us...”
- Shortly after, of course, we were kicked out of the Group for being Non-Trinitarians...
- But...
- I found the experience odd, because of the fact that even though it was a complete opposite lesson, a doctrinally reversed teaching...
 - I felt that I could relate to what he was trying to say
- There are so many Trinitarians in the world...
 - And I am so careful to be sure to communicate to people the basis of my beliefs that set me apart from falsehood...
- That I feel that I hardly ever consider the alternative...
- I was afraid that you might have some old vegetables sitting around, so I decided not to title this class,
 - *The Deity of Christ*
- But, I would like to consider in what ways Christ IS God...
- When Jesus says, “I and my Father are one.”
 - He isn’t trying to plant some “Wrested Scriptures” for us to have to explain away later...
- He is trying to deliver to us an important message that is essential for us to understand
- Let’s not let the fact that these Scriptures are often “Wrested” scare us away from trying to understand that message
- Let’s begin by trying to grasp an important aspect of the Book of John...
- Brother John Pople, of the San Francisco Ecclesia, has done extensive research on the Book of John
- Those of you who have been following his series of articles in *The Tidings*, will know what I am referring to...
 - Those who haven’t been, will have to wait for the book to come out next year...
- I don’t have the time, or the capacity, to explain what Brother Pople has been sharing in these articles...
- But, in summary, the point is that the Book of John is constructed entirely along the pattern of the Creation in Genesis...

- *"In the Beginning..."* God created the Heavens and the Earth...
- *"In the Beginning..."* was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God...
- Genesis provides the Record of the Natural Creation
 - John supplies the Record of a Spiritual Creation
- A Spiritual Creation of New Heavens and New Earth
 - New Men who have put off the Old Man
- And, the Creator of this New Creation?
 - Obviously, Our Lord Jesus!
- Read in this context, John is a little easier to understand
- John has progressed so far spiritually beyond us that he no longer even bothers with seeing the temporal, physical, natural things that soon will be done away with
- John concerns himself solely with the Spiritual...
 - The perfected, eternal things that will last forever
- John's world is a Spiritual World...
 - John's Creation a Spiritual Creation...
- The Creator, the source, the Author of this Spiritual Creation...
 - Is Jesus...
- Jesus IS God in John's eyes...
- GOD, is perfectly embodied in the Lord Jesus Christ
- The confusion comes in that John is not trying to talk about the Pre-Existence of Christ
 - He is talking about the Pre-Eminence of Christ!
- Christ represents God in his entire character, personality and person...
- In John we see Christ using the Divine Name of God seven times...
 - "I AM the bread of life" - John 6:35 & John 6:48
 - "I AM the light of the world" – John 8:12 & John 9:5
 - "I AM the door" – John 10:9

- "I AM the good shepherd" – John 10:11
- "I AM the resurrection and the life" – John 11:25
- "I AM the way, and the truth, and the life" – John 14:6
- "I AM the true vine" – John 15:1
- What's the significance of God's Divine Name?
- The Name of God contains His Promise to us, and His entire plan for the World
- The plan of God is to fill the Earth with His glory
- Numbers 14:21
 - 21) But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.
- To "fill the Earth with the Glory of the Lord" is not just the Shekinah Glory
 - We are not just talking about some great shining "GLORY"
- We know from God's Word that his plan is to call out a "people" and to "fill the Earth with His Glory" through THEM
- To fill the Earth with a People who are righteous and holy and who reflect the Glory of God
 - A world full of people praising and giving glory to God through their works and actions
- God called us to "Seek His Face"
 - He wants us to see what He is like
 - To change ourselves
 - To improve ourselves
 - To raise ourselves up from what we are
 - To what we could be...
 - To try to manifest his character in our lives...
- He wants to be manifested in us
 - He wants to DWELL in us
- God hinted at this in his Memorial Name

- God's Name is introduced to Moses

- Exodus 3:13-14

- 13) And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?
- 14) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

- I AM THAT I AM is a Hebrewism, and is best translated in the future tense...

- I WILL BE WHOM I WILL BE

- This is the attitude of God...

- This is how God describes Himself to Moses and to us...

- I WILL BE WHOM I WILL BE

- I am going to be represented on this Earth by a People who are righteous and holy, and I am going to decide who that people is going to be...

- I WILL BE MANIFESTED IN WHOM I WILL BE MANIFESTED

- I didn't chose to create something whose soul purpose is to give me Glory

- I didn't even chose the strong of this World to Manifest me...

- I decided that I would be Manifested in weak, mortal, frail humans

- Humans with "Free Will" to do whatever their carnal, sinful minds want

- So that when they actually do chose to follow me...

- It will really mean something

- Remember when we talked about the "Jars of Clay?"

- Why did God put the promise of filling the Earth with His Glory into Jars of Clay?

- 2nd Corinthians 4:6-10

- 6) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 7) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

- NIV 7)** *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

- God is working through us, Brothers and Sisters...
 - Not because of how great we are
 - But because of how great He can show Himself to be by making something wonderful out of us
- God wants us to remember...
 - He is in control...
 - He is God...
 - He can chose whoever He wants to serve Him...
- That is what He was getting at in Malachi...
- Let's take a look at Malachi 1...
- Understanding the Name of God, helps to explain verse 2...
- Malachi 1:1-2
 - 1) The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.
 - 2) I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob
- *"How have you loved us?"*
 - Sounds just like us doesn't it?
 - *"How have you loved me... LATELY?"*
 - I'm having a bad day
 - I don't have enough money
 - I'm unhappy in my current situation
 - My life is a wreck...
 - *"How can you say that you love me, God?"*
- How does God respond?
 - I brought you up out of Egypt, and rescued you from Pharaoh?
 - I gave you a fertile land to live in, and delivered you from your enemies?
 - I make it rain so the plants grow, and give you sunlight to warm yourselves?
- No...

- He says... “Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob”
- ***What? What kind of an answer is that?***
- Think about who is saying this... “saith the LORD”... Jehovah... Here’s the key...
 - I WILL BE MANIFESTED IN WHOM I WILL BE MANIFESTED
- Wasn’t Esau the oldest?
 - Isn’t the inheritance, and heritage, and all the blessings supposed to go to the oldest?
 - *“yet I loved Jacob”...*
- That’s how I loved you...
 - I chose you...
 - You are my chosen people...
 - You are the people of promise...
- In all justness and fairness it should have gone to the oldest...
 - But, I WILL BE MANIFESTED IN WHOM I WILL BE MANIFESTED
 - I make up the rules here, and I chose Jacob
- Because of that you are in a very privileged position....
 - That is how I loved you...
- Same thing for us...
 - By all of the rules and plans...
 - The promise should have remained with the Jews...
 - But God will be manifested in whom he will be manifested
- He chose us as his people...
 - We are in a very privileged position...
- Don’t think of God’s Love as what he gives you...
 - Because one day the rain will dry up...
 - The crops will die...
 - The spouse will leave...

- The house will burn down...
- The baby will get sick...
- The faith will get weak...
- Does that mean that God doesn't love you, because he's not giving you things, and making everything nice for you?
- NO!
 - He chose you didn't he?
 - That's how he loves you...
 - You have a promise and a hope...
 - A chance in something that you had no right to...
- But, He gave it to you because he loves you...
- God looks at the big picture, not the little "material" things...
- Malachi 3:6
 - 6) For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.
- I am the LORD...
 - I AM THAT I AM...
 - And I never change...
- Therefore you are not consumed...
 - God wants us to be in His kingdom...
 - He wants us to fill the Earth with His Glory...
- Luke 12:32
 - 32) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- That is His plan...
 - And He NEVER changes...
 - He will realize his plan...
- When Christ used the Memorial Name of God

- He wanted to send a clear message...
 - He is the I AM
 - He is the means by which God will be manifested in whom He will be manifested
- One of the most powerful things that John Thomas ever said was...
 - *“Men were not ushered into being for the purpose of being saved or lost! God Manifestation NOT Human Salvation was the great purpose of the Eternal Spirit. The salvation of a multitude is incidental to the manifestation, but was not the end proposed. The Eternal Spirit intended to enthrone Himself on the earth, and in so doing, to develop a Divine family from among men, every one of whom shall be Spirit, because born of the Spirit, and that this family shall be large enough to fill the earth, when perfected, to the entire exclusion of flesh and blood”.*

Phanerosis, Foreword

- God intended from the very beginning for His son to be like Him
 - From the beginning of the World, Christ was with God in Spirit
- That is the message that we need to understand...
 - Christ is God...
- This is a message that was prophesied years ago...
- Isaiah 9:6
 - 6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- Christ reflects God's Face perfectly...
 - He wanted us to see that
- That is why he said... *“I and my Father are one”*
- John 10:30-34
 - 30) I and my Father are one.
 - 31) Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.
 - 32) Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?
 - 33) The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
 - 34) Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

- Here Jesus introduces an idea that is hard for us to imagine...
 - Ye are Gods...
 - He is helping us to see the Face of God in himself...
 - But, we know what the next step is...
- WE must be like our Lord Jesus and Our God also...
- This promise of being IN GOD and IN CHRIST, is developed further in John 17...
- John 17:20-26
 - 20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
 - The promise is for those who believe on him through the Word
 - 21) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, **that they also may be one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
 - You see...
 - It really isn't a Trinity after all...
 - It's something MUCH BIGGER than that...
 - It's not Three that are One
 - It's a multitude that is ONE with God and ONE with Jesus
 - We are to be like our God and our Saviour Jesus...
 - We are all to be ONE
 - 22) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
 - Jesus did his best to pass on to us this understanding and desire
 - 23) I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
 - We are only made perfect when we are made One with God...
 - We are incomplete without the Face of God

24) Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

- Beholding the Face of Jesus helps us to be One with God

25) O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26) And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

- God promises a day when He will fill the earth with His Glory

- We will no longer be our sinful, carnal, mortal selves

- But, God will be IN us, even as he was IN Jesus...

- And we, shall be God

- 1st Corinthians 15:25-28

25) For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26) The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27) For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28) And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be **ALL IN ALL**.

- I know that what I am asking is hard to do...

- it's hard enough alone for us to think of Jesus in terms of God

- It's even harder to see the Face of God in yourselves also...

- But, that is our hope

- That is the promise

- Remember what Brother Thomas said...

- *"The Eternal Spirit intended to enthrone Himself on the earth, and in so doing, to develop a Divine family from among men, every one of whom shall be Spirit"*

- That is God's Plan

- That is His intention for us

- We will share in His nature

• 2nd Peter 1:2-4

- 2) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- 3) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- 4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

• What a wonderful gift we are given!

- To be like God

• To be changed from who we are into something so much better...

• Remember where we started?

- Remember the Face of the Man?
- We had two examples of Men who were tempted with the same temptation...

• What was the temptation?

- Eternal Life?
- Happiness?
- Peace?
- **NIV (Verse 5) - “You will be like God!”**

• Adam and Eve thought that “equality with God (was) something to be **grasped**”

• They thought that they could be equal with God... Be like God

• They thought that they could reach out and take what they wanted...

- They failed...

• But, Jesus achieved that same goal, but in a different manner...

- By being obedient, and humbling himself, and recognizing his position before God...

- Becoming a Servant...

- Jesus did get the reward

- Jesus is like God

- We are able to receive that same blessing...

- We shall be like Him also...

- 1st John 3:1-3

- 1) 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.

- What a great and tremendous gift we have been given!

- Nothing we have done (or could do) would warrant this blessing

- 2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

- We are now the Sons of God by adoption...

- Not by birth or because of our lineage...

- A gift given to us because of our Faith

- We don't know what it will be like when he returns...

- Who could know it? No man has ever experienced it before...

- But we shall be like him...

- 3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

- Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself...

- That is the goal of all this...

- If seeing The Face of Christ more clearly doesn't change us...

- If it doesn't improve us...

- If it doesn't cause us to purify ourselves

- Then we are not seeing his Face at all

- When we see the Face of the Eagle

- We should be able to see the Face of Christ

- The Face of God

- Not the face of a Trinity

- But, not the face of a solitary, separate being either...
 - The Face of a God who wants to be ALL IN ALL, who wants to be expressed in a multitude of people who serve Him
 - Whose sole intention from the very beginning was to fill the Earth will glorified, immortalized, purified beings like Himself
- If we are going to share in the Unity with Christ and God...
 - We must see the Face of God in ourselves also...
- Earlier this week, I presented you with a conundrum...
- Psalm 105:4
 - 4) Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.
- Vs.
- Exodus 33:20
 - 20) And he said, *Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.*
 - “*Seek my Face*”
 - “*No man can see me and live*”
- Have we figured out how God planned to reconcile this apparent contradiction?
- We must see God in the Face of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is a perfect representation of Him
- Hebrews 1:3
 - 3) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:
- If you were hoping to come here this week, and learn more about the Cherubim...
 - If you were hoping to try to figure out what the “wheels within wheels” are...
 - If you were looking forward to understanding better the meaning of the Firmament
 - If you wanted to ponder the purpose of the appearance of a Rainbow above
 - If you wanted to know why the wheels are entirely covered with eyes...

- Then I tricked you...
 - A classic case of Bait and Switch...
- I realize that we have not really talked about the Cherubim much at all this week...
 - *Or, have we?*
- When you read of the accounts of the appearance of the Cherubim, one thing seems to stand out...
 - The Cherubim seems like a very hard thing to describe...
 - Everyone's attempt seems different...
- God didn't intend the Cherubim to be described...
 - The purpose of the Cherubim isn't hidden in how many wings it has...
- The Cherubim was meant to be felt...
 - The Cherubim was meant to have a forceful impact upon the soul of the person who saw it...
- Let's consider once more that first appearance of the Cherubim...
- Turn with me again to Genesis 3...
- Genesis 3:28
 - 28) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.
- Why did God place a Cherubim at the gate of the Garden of Eden?
 - *To keep the way of the tree of life...*
- What does that mean?
 - Keep the way
- With the mention of the Flaming Sword there, the first inclination is to think of the Cherubim as KEEPING ADAM AND EVE OUT of the Garden
 - To Guard the Way
 - To Protect it...
 - To Keep it Safe from Intruders
 - To Prevent them access...

- But, what if it was intended to Keep it OPEN for them?
 - What if it meant to Guard the way back to the Tree of Life?
 - To Show the way of Salvation...
- I think that God was trying to tell Adam and Eve something by placing the Cherubim there...
- Not necessarily the message that you might suppose...
 - It wasn't Earthquake, Wind and Fire
 - It wasn't an imposing, frightening monster to scare them off
- It was a "still small voice"...
- I believe that the reason that the Cherubim isn't described here...
 - Is because you can't...
- It doesn't matter what the Cherubim looks like
- The Cherubim was meant to be felt...
 - The Cherubim was meant to have a forceful impact upon the soul of the person who saw it...
- And THAT is what it did to Adam and Eve
 - That is why God put it there...
- God was trying to show Adam and Eve,
 - "This is what you must be like"
- If you want to get back to the Tree of Life
 - If you want to dwell in the Garden and have full and open fellowship with me again...
- If you want me to dwell within you, and be All in All...
 - You must be like this...
 - You must be able to see my Face in the Cherubim
 - You must be able to see my Son's Face in the Cherubim
 - And you must be able to see your own Face in the Cherubim also...
- Seeing the Face of Christ is the source of all that is good in our lives

- Above all else, Jesus must be known by us...
 - Known thoroughly...
 - There must be intimacy, as a friend, with his perfect character...
- There must be familiarity with his gracious works...
- There must be understanding of the wisdom of his sayings...
- Clearly, it only those who continually see the Glory of God in the Face of Christ now...
 - Who will see him in the days when that glory is literally, physically manifested

- Matthew 24:30-31

30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31) And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- One thing we all need to remember...
 - There were four faces...
- Christ is not one-sided...
- The faces of the Cherubim have an amazing ability to turn every direction and go every way...
 - They were ALL visible from EVERY angle...
- Our Lord and Savior is the same way...
- We see a Face of Jesus...
 - Take care not to miss the ones that we don't see
 - Take care to represent all Four Faces in your life
- Remembering...
- Servants will be Kings
 - Men will be Gods
- They are all Four connected, and they all Four must be within us
- We can't become depressed with our recognition of our position as Men

- Without remembering that “we shall be like Him”
- We shouldn’t become so pre-occupied with being the Servant of everyone
 - That we forget that we will judge Angels and sit on thrones of greatness
- Ezekiel 1:10
 - 10) As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.
- A Man to represent The Face of A Man
- An Lion to represent The Face of A King
- An Ox to represent The Face of A Servant
- And an Eagle to represent The Face of God
- Luke, the physician, was best acquainted with the nature of a Man and he saw most clearly the Face of A Man in Christ
 - Luke’s Genealogy goes all the way back to Adam, the first Man
- Matthew, the only appointed Politician in the group, was able to see clearly the Face of a King in Christ
 - Matthew’s Genealogy goes to Abraham, the Father of the Nation
- Mark, who would become the Servant of Paul, understood what it meant to be a Servant, and when he looked upon the Master he saw the Face of a Servant
 - Did you notice that Mark’s Gospel doesn’t even have a Genealogy? What need is there for a Genealogy of a Servant? Who cares about a Servant’s birth line?
- And John, who Jesus loved, because he was the most spiritual in the group, and able to see the World for what it is... Temporal and passing... John saw the Real World... The Spiritual World... In which Jesus is the Creator and the Author of salvation for all of Mankind... Most definitely, John saw the Face of God in Christ
 - The Genealogy that John records...
 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....
 - The Genealogy of God is one line...
 - *The Promise of Jesus was there In the very Beginning*

- Christ was a man like us...
 - He humbly accepted that
 - He didn't challenge God's Authority
 - He achieved victory through recognizing that God's Will, not His own, should be done...
- Christ is a King...
 - A King-Priest
 - One who possesses Supreme Power who intervenes between the People and God
 - He is a King-Priest after the order of Melchisedec...
- Christ is a Servant...
 - He led by example, trying to teach us that,
 - *"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."*
 - He dedicated his service to God for life... Becoming an Indentured Servant
- Christ is God
 - God's plan from the very beginning included Christ sharing the nature of God
 - Of course, it is understood, that *"when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."*
- We must see the Face of a Man in ourselves...
 - We cannot reach for equality with God
 - We must *"Humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift us up."*
- We must see the Face of a King in ourselves...
 - We must remember that we will reign with him, when we hear,
 - *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."*
- We must see the Face of a Servant in ourselves...
 - Everybody serves Somebody

- We must chose the Master that we serve wisely...
 - Knowing that the Good Master will reward us with Life Eternal
- We must see the Face of God in ourselves...
 - Because,
 - *“God Manifestation NOT Human Salvation is the great purpose of the Eternal Spirit.... God intends to enthrone Himself on the earth, and in so doing, to develop a Divine family from among men, every one of whom shall be Spirit, because born of the Spirit, and that this family shall be large enough to fill the earth”*
- 1st John 3:3
 - 3) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is...

We shall see His Face...

• Closing Hymn:

• WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM