

5-5-2024 Sunday Sermon Message

Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: 1 Timothy 3:16

Title: **No One Can Argue With: "The Mystery of Godliness Manifested in the Flesh of Jehovah God**

Neither the mysteries of godliness, nor the words of God, can be judged or disputed by the reason of a man who is already corrupted by sin.

Why did the Holy Spirit say through the Apostle Paul that there could be no dispute when he testified of the mystery of godliness, we see that people today are speaking with their own ideas about what Jesus is like. We see that even many who profess to believe in Jesus do not realize who he is.

The Bible says that no one can say that Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3). In other words, unless you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and are born again of the Holy Spirit indwelt by the Holy Spirit, you are not able to know Jesus and say that Jesus is the Lord God.

A mystery is a fact that cannot be understood by the human mind, and this mystery is different from secret. Secret is something that is hidden so that no one can see it, but mystery means that it looks like secret, but it can be known by the enlightened.

In order to understand the "**mystery of godliness**," the truth that no one can dispute the mystery of Jehovah God's incarnation, that is, the mystery of God becoming man, it is impossible to know anything other than the Word of God.

The prophet Isaiah foretold the mystery of godliness more than 700 years before Jesus appeared in the world:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken." (Isaiah 53:1-8).

An Ethiopian eunuch who had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning from his worship, a man with great authority over all finances under the Ethiopian queen Kandake, was reading the prophet Isaiah in a chariot when the Holy Spirit told Philip to ride with him in the chariot. At the time, he was reading Isaiah chapter 53. Then the eunuch answered Philip, 'I **beg of you, of whom are these words concerned? Is it he? Or someone else?**' And when Philip opened his mouth and testified to him, beginning in Isaiah 53, that Jesus, that is, the Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh when the arm of the Lord appeared to him, the eunuch believed in the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart, received Him, and was baptized. He believed that Jesus was the Lord God, the arm of Jehovah God who became flesh.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied about Jesus before He was born into the world:

"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."⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to

order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”(Isaiah 9:6-7)

When Moses met Jehovah God in the flames of the bush and asked him by name, he replied, **"I AM THAT I AM.** The name of Jehovah God was "I" (I AM). When Jehovah God appeared in the flesh in the name of Jesus, He revealed that He was Jehovah God. He also said that no one would come to Jehovah God unless he believed that he was Jehovah God:

" I AM the way, AM the truth, and AM the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. "(John 14:6)

Jesus said to the Jews, **"Verily, verily, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM,** he testified once again that He was the Lord God who appeared to Moses.

The Apostle John testified that Jesus is the Creator God who existed from the beginning:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² The same was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men."(John 1:1-4)

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

² (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)"(1 John 1:1-2)

The Apostle Paul also testified of the mystery of godliness:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the

form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"(Philippians 2:5-11)

On the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, turned to the Jews and proclaimed that God had made the Lord and Christ the Jesus they had killed. In other words, from that moment they proclaimed that Jesus was their Lord God and their Messiah:

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."(Acts 2:36)

Sadly, we see religious people who do not have the Holy Spirit know God like a three-headed monster. Because they do not know the God the Trinity. WHEN GOD MADE MAN, HE MADE HIM IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND LIKENESS:

"God said, 'Let us make man in our image and likeness.'(Genesis 1:27a)

Yes! Just as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one, so man has made soul, spirit, and body one. Therefore, man is said to be my spirit, my soul, and my body, and he lives as a Trinity like God.

There is a passage in the Bible that testifies to the Trinity of God:

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."(1 John 5:7)

Amen! Hallelujah!