

ANGELOLOGY AND OMNI PRESENCE, POWER, AND KNOWLEDGE

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3. Holy Ground

Certain people among this new angelology group within the One True God movement are stating that God's Spirit cannot leave his body. When it comes to pure speculation on the nature of God or any conversation about the nature of God, silence is golden (Ministry of Healing, 429.3). I have asked a few people who made these statements what made them an authority on God's nature. If they can tell people what God can and cannot do, then they must know what material God is made of and what makes God divine with all understanding of God's substance as well. Of course, that would be absurd, and these presumptuous propositions are subjective truths. If the premise is wrong, the conclusion is also certainly wrong. No one has lifted the veil in the secret things concerning God and lived. Better yet, no one has lifted the veil on the secret things of God. A person can no more know what God can and cannot do than he can know God's limitations, strengths, abilities, power, might, or God's knowledge as far beyond what a finite mortal mind could even handle. people can only know what God has revealed to them, and that's as much as this paper can examine and its limitations. There is a beautiful quote by E. G. White that states,

*Man cannot by searching find out God. Let none seek with presumptuous hand to lift the veil that conceals His glory. "Unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out." Romans 11:33 (/en/book/1965.57589#57589). It is a proof of His mercy that there is the hiding of His power; for to lift the veil that conceals the divine presence is death. No mortal mind can penetrate the secrecy in which the Mighty One dwells and works. Only that which He sees fit to reveal can we comprehend of Him. Reason must acknowledge an authority superior to itself. Heart and intellect must bow to the great I AM. {MH 438.5}*¹

Some things God has not revealed about himself to humanity, and man should not speculate on God's nature. God has revealed much to man through his word, and staying within his word is a safety net for the believer. People who try to claim that God can not separate His Spirit from His form could be comparing God to their own humanistic beliefs and views God from an intrinsically humanistic confine. One example of comparing God to the creature can be seen in this quote from Isaiah,

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,

¹ The ministry of healing, e. g. white, 438.5.

and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? 13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? 19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. 20 He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved. 21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: 23 That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. 24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. 25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding (Isa.40:12-28).²

In verse 25, the passage asks a question, “Whom shall you liken me?” when people suggest or state what God can and cannot do in regards to his spirit and form, what do they base their findings on? It is a terrible mistake to suggest that God’s spirit cannot depart from God’s form. This statement is made by an individual who is comparing God to finite man. Man’s spirit leaves man’s body man dies. However, the Bible was very clear that God is a spirit where man is

² Unless otherwise noted, all biblical citations are from KJV, Isa.40:12-28.

human in nature and receives the spirit, which quickens his mortal body to make the person alive. God has a form, and he is also a spirit. There cannot be much more known about the nature of God beyond what the Bible teaches, which will be covered more in this book. God also makes his angels ministering spirits; these angelic beings are celestial but not terrestrial as man. Even this is beyond humanity's knowledge other than what the Bible clearly provides for the edification of the saints. In the state of the dead doctrine, it's very clear that the spirit which came from God returns to God. Man's body returns to the earth, and their precious soul is considered resting until the resurrection. Again, as a reminder, God cannot die. This book will go into greater detail on these topics and more.

Much More to Come!