



## The Divine Dance

Jn. 5:19-30

- 1. Yes, I am claiming to be equal to God, but not in the way you are thinking.
  - a. I am not equal to God in the sense of an antagonistic relationship that competes with the God of Israel, having my own agenda.
  - b. I am equal to God in the sense of a mutually loving Father/Son relationship, and I only do what I see and hear Him do.
  - c. I am the eternal Word of God incarnate, the visible manifestation of the invisible God, the conduit of His blessings and judgment to Israel and thru Israel, the world (Jn. 1:14-18).
  - d. I AM the One who can fulfill all God's promises to Israel thereby saving and restoring her to be His Own holy and great nation, the greatest Nation on earth, through whom He will radiate His Light and Glory to the rest of the world.

- 2. Believing Israelites have/possess/enter into the life of the Father by receiving and believing in the manifesting and mediating ministry of the Son—the Father is in the Son, the Son is in the Father (Jn. 14:11), and the Son is in them, and they are in the Son and through the Son the Father (Jn. 17:21, 23).
  - --This is everlasting life in the age to come, the Life of God lived out in the Millennial and Everlasting Kingdoms (17:3).

- 3. The Kingdom: Israel's National everlasting Salvation and Life:
  - --Everlasting Covenants (Gen. 17:6-7; Is. 55:3; Jer, 32:40; Ezek. 16:60; 37:26)
  - --Everlasting Possession of the Land (Gen. 17:8; 48:4
  - --Everlasting Priesthood (Num. 25:13)
  - --Everlasting Mercy and Kindness (Ps. 100:5; Is. 54:8)
  - --Everlasting Righteousness (Ps. 119:142; Dan. 9:24)
  - --Everlasting Way (Ps. 139:24; Hab. 3:6)

- --Everlasting King and Kingdom and Dominion (Ps. 145:13; Jer. 10:10; Dan. 4:3; 7:27)
- --Everlasting Strength (Is. 26:4)
- --Everlasting Joy (ls. 35:10; 51:11; 61:7)
- --Everlasting Fertility of Earth (Is. 55:13)
- --Everlasting Name (Is. which even the Gentiles who come to God through Israel will receive (Is. 56:5).
- --Everlasting Light (Is. 60:19-20)
- --Everlasting Love (Jer. 31:3)
- --Everlasting Life (Dan. 12:2)

- 4. This passage presents the divine dance of love and life that exists between the members of the Triune Godhead, and that Israel and through Israel the whole world is being invited to join in accord with the Abrahamic Covenant.
  - a. The Father leads with a step and the Son follows.
  - b. Now, at Christ's 1st Coming, the Father has sent the Son to lead others into the divine dance of love and life to follow His lead, which is the lead of the Father, by hearing His Word (which is really the Word of the Father) and believing in the One who sent Him.
  - c. This is how each Israelite (and the Gentiles associated with them) could participate in Israel's NATIONAL salvation through which they would enjoy the everlasting life of God in Christ's everlasting Kingdom.

- 5. 5:19: The Son is not a competing God with His own agenda. Rather, He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Triune Godhead, who is related to the Father as His one and only Son.
  - a. He is not an a competing God with own agenda or will because He only does what He sees and hears the Father do and operates according to His will (5:19, 30).
  - b. But He is equal in the Godhead because He does ALL that the Father does—only God could do that.

- 6. 5:20: And the Son isn't watching the Father jealously, sneakily—spying through a peep hole or from behind a tree, listening behind a closed door, thinking of stealing them away for His own use. Rather, He sees all that the Father does because:
  - a. The Father loves the Son and willingly and fully shows Him all that He does, inviting Him into everything that He does (Jn. 1:18).
  - b. And He will show Him far greater things that the Son will do now, beginning in Jn. 6 to the end of His earthly ministry, but especially at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming than now at His 1<sup>st</sup> coming.

- 7. 5:21-22: The Son has all the prerogatives of deity, like raising the dead, giving life and judging, and He executes them in complete harmony with the Father. Everything needed for the Son to fulfill all God's promises to the Nation of Israel.
  - a. As the Father gives life so too the Son gives life and since His will is in complete agreement with the Father's, He gives life to whomever He pleases.
  - b. His will is so inline with the Father's that the Father, in fact, has entrusted Him with all judgment.

- 8. 5:23: Because of the unique relationship between the Father and the Son in the Triune Godhead, all should honor the Son as they honor the Father.
  - a. In fact, if you don't honor the Son, you dishonor the Father.
  - b. The Father and Son are distinct Persons in the Triune Godhead, having different roles, but equally God and, therefore, worthy of equal honor.
  - c. He is the one the Father is sending, the greater Prophet like unto Moses, who will lead Israel through a greater redemption, deliverance out of the Egypt of the world, and the One who will, like His namesake Joshua, lead them into the Promised Land of the Kingdom.