

A large waterfall cascading over a rocky ledge under a blue sky with white clouds. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and dynamic.

# The Great Source Of all

# You shall make them drink of the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life

Psalm 36:8,9

**T**he Great Source of all is a Father to all. “For there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things.” 1Cor 8:6. “Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?” Malachi 2:10.

All Christians believe that the God of creation is a Father “from Whom all blessings flow.” “For in Him we live and move and have our being” Acts 17:28. “He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things” verse 25. He is indeed “the fountain of living waters” Jeremiah 2:13.

## **The Living God**

“The LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king.” Jeremiah 10:10. And we are “the temple of the living God, as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and

they shall be my people.” 2Cor 6:16. So we trust “in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy” 1 Timothy 6:17. And one day come to “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.” Hebrews 12:22 after we are sealed with “the seal of the living God” Rev 7:2. It is therefore our privilege now “to serve the living God” Hebrews 9:14,

## **The Ancient of Days**

He is “the Ancient of Days...whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool” Daniel 7:9. He sits on “a great white throne” Rev 20:11 “high and lifted up” Isaiah 6:1. “Under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone” Exodus 24:10. And “a rainbow round about the throne...like unto an emerald.” Rev 4:3. “His throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him:



thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him” Daniel 7:9,10.

He is “the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come” Revelation 1:4,8. “From everlasting to everlasting” He is God. Psalm 90:2. He is “the Lord God Almighty” Rev 4:8; 11:17 whose appearance is “like jasper and the sardine stone” Rev 4:3, the last and first stones in the high priest’s breast plate. Exodus 28:17-20. He is “Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end” Revelation 21:6. “I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God” Isaiah 44:6. He is “the only true God” John 17:3.

He is the “only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see” 1Timothy 6:15, 16. “No man has seen God at any time” John 1:18. We “have

neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.” John 5:37. He is “the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God” 1Timothy 1:17. “a thousand years in [His] sight are but as yesterday” Psalm 90:4.

### **The Infinite One**

We cannot “by searching find out God...the Almighty” Job 11:7. He tells us, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your way my ways...for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:9.

He knows our sitting down and our rising up; He understands our thoughts “from afar off” Psalm 139:2. Yes, “we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world” 1Cor 2:7, “the mystery that was “hid from all ages” Colossians 1:26. This is the Wisdom that “the LORD possessed ...the beginning of His way, before His works of old” that “was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was” Proverbs 8:22,23.

The apostle Paul wrote, “God made foolish the wisdom of this world. For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God” 1Cor 1:20,21. “But we preach Christ... the power of God, and the wisdom of God” verse 24. “Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom” verse 30.



“Does not wisdom cry?” Yes. “I wisdom find out knowledge” verse 1, 12. “When there were no depths, I was brought forth...Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth” verses 24,25. “When He appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him” verses 29,30. “Who has established all the ends of the earth? what is His name, and what is His son’s name?” Proverbs 30:4.

The one who established all the ends of the earth has a Son. Paul rejoiced that those in Thessalonica had turned from their idols to worship “the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven” 1Thess 1:9, 10. Ah, the living and true God has a Son. God is therefore a Father.

### **The Everlasting Father**

God is the eternal Father of His eternal Son “whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” Micah 5:2, or “from the days of eternity” as the actual Hebrew reads. God’s Son was “the firstbegotten” who later came “into the world” Hebrews 1:6. He is “the firstborn”, “the image of the invisible God” Colossians 1:15.

He is the brightness of His Father’s glory, the express image of His Father’s person, upholding all things by His Father’s power. Hebrews 1:3. God has appointed His Son “heir of all things, by

whom also He made the worlds” verse 2.

“There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things...and one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things” 1Cor 8:6. God is the great Source of all things; “all power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing” is given to the Son. Rev 5:12. “All power is given unto me in heaven and earth,” Jesus said. Matthew 28:18. He received it from his Father, “the Lord God omnipotent” Rev. 19:6. “All things are delivered unto me of my Father,” Jesus said. Matthew 11:27. “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hands.” John 3:35. “God, even the Father..has put all things under his feet.” 1Cor 15:24,27. “God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11.



The Son of God had “by inheritance received a more excellent

name” than the angels. “For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I beotten thee?” Heb 1:5. The answer, of course, is none!

“God was his Father, making himself equal with God” John 5:18. “Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God...[was] equal with God” Philippians 2:5,6. Jesus said, “I came out from God. I came forth from the Father” John 16:27,28. “If God were your Father, you would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God” John 8:42.

As “the only begotten of the Father” John 1:18, he has inherited everything from His Father: His name, His glory, His image, His power, His wisdom, and His life. “For as the Father has life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have life in himself” John 5:26. “God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son” 1John 5:11. “In him is life” John 1:4, the everlasting, immortal, self-existing life of His Father.

Because of this, Jesus could say, “I am the resurrection and the life” John 11:25. “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me.” John 14:6. All things are **by** him. “God, who created all things **by** Jesus Christ” Ephesians 3:9. “For **by** him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created **by** him, and for him: And he is before

all things, and **by** him all things consist.” Colossians 1:16,17.

### **The Word of God**

Even the words that the Father wishes to speak, He gives to His Son to say to all created beings. “The words that I speak are not my words,” Jesus said, “but the Father who dwells in me.” John 14:10. “I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak” John 12:49.

The Son of God is also the Word of God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” John 1:1, or as the Greek actually expresses this, “the Word was with the God, and God was the Word.” The Word, the Son, was with the only true God, and because he proceeded forth and was brought forth out of God, he was in the form of God, equal with God in form and divine nature—but the Son was not the God that he was with.

### **In Our Image**

His Father is the only true God because the Father was never begotten—He always existed. When God and His Son created mankind in Their image, they made two: male and female. “Adam was formed first, then Eve” 1Timothy 2:13. “And God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden” Genesis 2:15. “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helper fit for him.” Verse 18.



Now, “God formed man from the dust of the ground” verse 7. So, in making a helper fit for him, “out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them” Genesis 2:19. “But for Adam there was not found an helper fit for him.” Verse 20.

Why did God do this? “We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels” 1Cor 4:9. The angels did not see the Son proceed forth from the Father. They had not witnessed how the Son was begotten. They had to accept by faith that the one who sat with the Father on His throne was actually His Son. Now the time had come to demonstrate for the angels how the Son was made “in the image of the invisible God.”

So, God said to His Son, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” Genesis 1:26. “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed

up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman” Genesis 2:21,22.

And when Adam saw her, he said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Gen. 2:23. Eve was taken out of Adam; she was brought forth, proceeded forth from the man. “For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.” 1Cor 11:8. Adam did not come out of Eve; Eve came out of Adam. “For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.” Verse 10.

The parallel between Adam and Eve with the Father and His Son was now crystal clear. Now at last the angels understood. “The head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” 1Cor 11:3. As the head waters of a river are its source, so the head of the woman, Eve, was the man, Adam, and the Head and Source of the Son, Christ, is God his Father, the God head.

The Son of God, as the Word of God, was “even the Messenger of the covenant” Malachi 3:1. He was the one who spoke to Cain, who instructed Noah, who called Abram out of Ur, who appeared to him at Mamre as “the Judge of all the earth” Genesis 18:25 and changed his name to Abraham.



It was the Son of God who called out, “Abraham, Abraham” and spared Isaac. Genesis 22:11.



It was the Son of God who descended from heaven as a ladder to earth in Jacob’s vision at Bethel (Gen 28:12; John 1:51).



It was the Son who wrestled with Jacob and changed his name to Israel (Gen 32:27-30).



It was the Son who “was with Joseph” Gen 39:2, exalted to be “over [Pharaoh’s] house.” “Only in the throne” was Pharaoh greater. Genesis 41:40. So also “the LORD

said unto my Lord, Sit thou at My right hand” Psalm 110:1. It was the Son who spoke to Moses out of the burning bush saying, “Moses, Moses...put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground..I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” Exodus 3:3-6.



It was the Son who stood before Joshua “as Captain of the Lord’s hosts” and told him to remove his shoes for the ground on which he stood was holy. Joshua 5:13-15. It was the Son who appeared to Manoah’s wife and said his name was secret—*pele* in Hebrew, or “wonderful” Judges 13:18; Isaiah 9:6. It was the Son who spoke at night to Hannah’s son, calling out, “Samuel, Samuel” 1Samuel 3:10.

It was the Son of God who Nebuchadnezzar saw walking in the midst of the fiery furnace with Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael. Daniel 3:25. The Babylonian king had learned of the Son from them.

Then in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son. Galatians 4:4. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. John 3:16. “In this was manifested the love of God toward us in that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him” 1John 4:9, “that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us” 1 John 1:2.



When he left the courts of heaven, he was “the Son of God which should come into the world.” John 11:27

**Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** 1 John 1:3