

God Bonds With Humans

“And God said, ‘Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.’”⁽¹⁾

“God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.”⁽²⁾

God did a great job of creating an endless variety of animals, birds and fish. But he could not bond with them because they were merely physical. He yearned for a spirit with which he could interact, fellowship and share thoughts and feelings, desires and ideas.

“The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground.”⁽³⁾ Adam’s body was perfect. Death and decay did not exist, so all the atoms, molecules and cells of this body were in place, but, also, inert. Then God did something that had never happened. *“The Lord God...breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”*⁽⁴⁾ God’s Spirit bonded with the first human and this union between the physical body and the Spirit of God created the first human spirit! This first human was truly physical, but, also, spiritual. Therefore, God’s Spirit could dwell in Adam’s spirit and the two spirits experienced one another. Adam’s spirit was not God and God was not Adam. They were two totally different beings who shared the same loves, goals and purity of character. No wonder Scripture declares that God’s children, *“are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in...”* us!⁽⁵⁾ Subsequently, God completed his plan for bringing into being human spirits with whom he bonds by making the first woman.⁽⁶⁾ From these two humans, God intended to raise up a race of human spirits with which his Spirit could unite in incredible loving fellowship.

Humans Reject Union With The God Who Loves Them

The Spirit of God freely associated with the first human couple. We only imagine the depth of their friendship and fellowship. Adam’s and Eve’s spirits felt God’s delight in them as he rejoiced over them with singing!⁽⁷⁾ The Lord’s presence thrilled their human spirits as Adam and Eve reveled in God’s presence!

Regrettably, these two humans rejected union with the God who loved them. All the humans of all history cannot imagine the pain God experienced when Adam and Eve turned away from him and his Word. I suppose God’s pain was like his person—infinite. Nevertheless, God refused to abandon his dream of bonding with human beings. He didn’t leave us to our own devices or burn with anger against us. He implemented a plan to reunite his Spirit with human spirits.

The Man Christ Jesus

All of Adam's and Eve's descendants inherited their parents lifeless spirit and, therefore, could not resist sin. All rebelled against God because *"there is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; no one who seeks God. All have turned away....there is no one who does good, not even one."* ⁽⁸⁾ As usual, our omniscient Maker of all things and Savior of everything, designed a plan to achieve his purposes. God cannot be thwarted and, consequently, comes up with absolutely unique and marvelous plans for accomplishing all he has in mind! His insatiable desire to bond with us would not allow him to rest content without an intimate union with us. He *"long(s) for the creature [his] hands have made."* ⁽⁹⁾

Since the failure of the first humans infected everyone with a rebellious heart, God started over. But this required the eternally anointed One, Christ, to put away his infinitude, his omnipotence, his omniscience and become a two-celled human in a young Jewish lady named Mary. Sounds incredible? Yes, but with our God all things are possible. Impossibility is not an issue when God acts in our behalf.

The eternal person called Christ abandoned all his powers and privileges as a member of the Trinity and became a genuine human zygote in Mary. These two cells began the ordinary process every human experiences during gestation. For nine months Jesus was a helpless baby, 100% dependent on his mother's life. During this time of development he was a human spirit that did not descend from Adam, but from heavenly Father. Christ Jesus was truly the perfect bond between the human and the divine!

After his birth in Bethlehem, this baby faced a life of maturation which entailed the dangers of spiritual and physical survival. Satan planned to destroy the bond between Jesus and heavenly Father. Why not? Didn't Satan succeed in severing the friendship between Adam and his Maker?

The Greatest Battle of Human History

Satan's insidious plan to annihilate Jesus began very early in Christ's human life. Matthew chapter two recounts the awesome story of how King Herod devised a plan to destroy the Savior of the World. Of course, Herod's plan failed, but it began the war waged against Jesus during his 33 ½ years on earth. But the infant Jesus, the child Jesus, the adolescent Jesus and the young man Jesus never acted independently of his heavenly Father's will. True, at age 12 Jesus came close to destroying the bond between himself and heavenly Father.

The boy Christ Jesus understood God as his heavenly Father. But this knowledge did not exempt him from being truly human. Therefore, when Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem, their 12 year old son felt a strong tug to stay at the Jewish Temple and interact with the religious leaders. *"Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers."* ⁽¹⁰⁾ Thankfully, this boy

denied his yearning to be in his heavenly Father's house and "*went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.*"⁽¹¹⁾

The four biographies of Jesus describe the continual satanic attacks designed to dissolve the bond between the man Christ Jesus and his heavenly Father. More than that, these battles illustrate how deeply God desires to be bonded with you and me. The price heavenly Father paid to bring us back into his fellowship staggers imagination. Neither heavenly Father, nor eternal Christ or Holy Spirit asked themselves how much they were willing to suffer to rescue us from our rebellion against them. They never quibbled over the price they had to pay to bring us into their loving embrace.

Our Response to God's Evaluation of Us

Let us bow our knees to heavenly Father, Christ Jesus and Holy Spirit! Let us lift our hands and our voices in praise, adoration and appreciation of the Lord. He unhesitatingly paid the highest possible price to retrieve our love for his person and our dedication to his ways and methods.

Footnotes:

1. Genesis 1:20
2. Genesis 1:25
3. Genesis 2:7
4. Ibid
5. 1 Corinthians 3:16
6. Genesis 2:22
7. Zephaniah 3:17
8. Romans 3:10-12
9. Job 14:15
10. Luke 2:47
11. Luke 2:49-51

