

THE MEDIATOR

Christ through The Old Testament - He was there all along

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THE ONE MEDIATOR

1 Timothy 2:5 “There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

When Adam and Eve sinned a great gulf arose between God and man. Mankind along with this entire dimension was put into quarantine. In the Torah, it is called banishment from “the camp.” Unless the person was restored to the camp, he would die in the wilderness. Banishment is illustrated in the story of Miriam, who arrogantly spoke against Moses. She was shut out of the camp for seven days (*Numbers 12:15*).

The Father did not leave the human race “outside the camp” with no hope of return. He sent His own son, to bring us back. The Bible calls it reconciliation or “atonement.” As soon as mankind was separated from the Father because of sin, **the Mediator** stepped in to bring them back. **Who was this Mediator?** The Bible says it was, and is, the Son of God. He is the “one mediator between God and man.”

Moses was a TYPE of Christ. He stood between God and Israel. He spoke for God to Israel, and he prayed to God for Israel. The story is illustrated in Exodus Chapter 33. The LORD said to Moses, “I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people” (v.3). “I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you” (v.5). We humans are so full of sin that direct contact with God would “consume” us. We need a buffer - a “tent of meeting” - a place of safe interaction, and a Mediator. Moses was a TYPE - a living symbol - of Jesus Christ. In Moses we see a prophecy of the True Shepherd of the people.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO THE FATHER, THROUGH THE SON

Colossians 1:19-20 “For it pleased the Father that in Him [in Christ] all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself.” (*See also 2 Corinthians 5:18.*)

NO MAN HAS SEEN THE FATHER

John 6:46 [Yeshua speaking] "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father."

John 1:18 [Yeshua speaking] "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

If no human being has ever seen God the Father, then how do we understand those Old Testament passages which say that God "appeared" to patriarchs and prophets, and spoke with them.

Exodus 6:3 "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

If He appeared - if they saw Him, then this must be the Son, because "no one has seen the Father."

As the mediator or representative for His Father, the Son of God would take the NAME of His Father. In our Western culture, we don't understand this. We think that each person should have a unique name. But the ancients understood this practice very well. They understood that the emissary of the King comes in the name of the King. Yehovah would then be the name used by the pre-incarnate Son of God, when He spoke to Moses, or to Joshua, or to later prophets. He spoke AS Yehovah - the LORD. When He later incarnated as a human being, He was called Jesus, but He still spoke "in the name of" His Father. "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me;" (John 5:43 NKJ).

THE LORD APPEARED TO ABRAHAM

Genesis 17:1-22 "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD [ADONAI] appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God [El Shaddai]; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.'" ... "Then He finished talking with him, and God [‘elohiym] went up from Abraham."

NOTE: Remember that Messiah is called "Mighty God" in Isaiah 9:6.

Genesis 18:1-33 "Then the Lord [Yehovah] appeared to him [Abraham] by the terebinth trees of Mamre" . . . "three men were standing by him."

[One of the men said to Abraham] "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son" (v.10).

[As the "men" are ready to depart] "And the Lord [ADONAI] said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing . . . ?'" (v.17). 'I will go down now [to Sodom] and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know. . .

Genesis 18:1-33 cont. “If I find fifty righteous . . . then I will spare all . . .’ Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord [ADONAI] . . .”
“So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.”

“Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening . . .” (19:1).

NOTE: The three “men” who visited with Abraham were actually the pre-incarnate Son of God and two of the heavenly angels under His command. They appeared in the human form. They did not become human. They took on the appearance of human beings. The two angels went on to Sodom, while “the Lord” continued speaking with Abraham.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - SPEAKS AS GOD

Genesis 22:1-18 “But the Angel of the LORD [Yehovah] called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son your only son, from Me.”

NOTE: The Angel of the LORD speaks as Yehovah, saying, “You have not withheld your son . . . from Me.” The word “angel” means “messenger” or “one sent.” Christ clearly stated that He had been “sent” by - and from, His Father. He was “the Word” from God, even before He became flesh (John 1:14).

THE ANGEL - WHO WRESTLED WITH JACOB - SPEAKS AS GOD

Genesis 32:24-30 Jacob wrestled with “a Man” who blessed him and changed his name to Israel. Jacob said “I have seen God [‘elohiym] face to face and my life has been preserved.”

Hosea 12:3 Writing of Jacob and the Angel, Hosea says of Jacob, “He struggled with God.”

Hosea 12:4 “He [Jacob] had power over the Angel and prevailed.”

Genesis 31:10-13 Jacob said, “The Angel of God spoke to me in a dream saying, ‘I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me.”

Genesis 48:16 Jacob speaking: “the Angel which redeemed me from all evil bless the lads:”

The word “angel” simply means “messenger.” The Messenger of the LORD during the period of the Old Testament, was the Son of God - the “One Mediator” between God and man.

The Greek “arch” means first or chief. (Example: The Greek archiereus, #749 - meaning “high priest” or “chief priest.”) Archangel therefore means “chief messenger” or “high messenger.” The Son of God is definitely the Chief Messenger, for the Father to men.

THE ANGEL - IN THE BURNING BUSH - SPEAKS AS GOD

Exodus 3:2-6 “And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of the burning bush.” (v.4). “God [‘elohiym] called to him out of the midst of the bush,” (v.5). “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” (v.6). “I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Exodus 3:16 [Yehovah - speaking with Moses at the burning bush] “Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God [Yehovah ‘elohiym] of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt.” (Same wording in Exodus 4:5.)

Exodus 3:13-14 [From the burning bush] “And God [‘elohiym] said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM,’ [Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh]. And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.’”

John 8:58-59 “Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you before Abraham was I AM.’ Then they took up stones to throw at him . . .”

They understood Yeshua to say that He was “I AM.”

THE ANGEL - WHO LEAD ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 14:19 “And the Angel of God [‘elohiym], which went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.”

From this verse, we would understand that the presence of “the Angel of God” was manifest as the cloudy/fire pillar.

Exodus 33:9-11 “. . . the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.” “So the LORD [Yehovah] spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”

From Exodus 33:18-23, we understand that Moses did NOT “see” the face of Yehovah. My point here, is that the Angel of the LORD speaks the words of the LORD. He speaks AS the LORD, and is called Yehovah.

Exodus 23:20-21 “And God [‘elohiym] spoke all these words, saying . . .” (Exo 20:1). “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice: do not provoke Him for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.”

NOTE: To an ancient Israelite - to Moses, the phrase “My name is in Him” meant, “He is My Son.” Moses understood that the “messenger” in the pillar of cloud who went before the camp of Israel, who spoke with him “face to face,” was the Son of God.

Exodus 6:3 “I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, [El Shaddai] but by My name LORD [Yehovah] I was not known to them.

*NOTE: In Exodus 6:3, the Being who **appeared** to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by the name “God Almighty,” now takes the name Yehovah. We recognize this as the name of the Father in Psalm 110:1 - “The LORD said to my Lord.” When Christ came to earth as a man, He said, “I have come in my Father’s name” (John 5:43). When the Son acted as the agent of His Father, He took His Father’s name. The **same applied**, when He acted on behalf of His Father as “the Angel of the LORD” during the period covered by the Old Testament Scriptures.*

Judges 2:1-2 [The Lord spoke to Israel through Phinehas, the High Priest] “And the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto Your fathers, and I said, I will never break My covenant with you.” . . . but you have not obeyed My voice” (v.2).

Isaiah 63:9 “In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them.”

Christ is The Messenger of the LORD’s presence, the mediator between God and men (1Cor. 10:1-4).

THE ANGEL - WHO SPOKE TO BALAAM

Balaam was a false prophet, a seer who was hired by the Moabites and Midianites, to pronounce a curse over Israel. The story is found in Numbers 22:1-40. God [‘elohiym] speaks to Balaam several times, telling him NOT to go with the men who wished to hire him. But Balaam keeps asking for permission to go. Finally the LORD tells Balaam that he may go, but will only be able to speak the words which God puts in his mouth to speak. On the journey, “the Angel of the LORD” stands in the way three times. The donkey falters, because the donkey can “see” the Angel, but Balaam beats the donkey and he keeps on going. The Angel even speaks to Balaam through the donkey. Balaam seems not to notice. Finally Balaam’s eyes are opened to “see” “the Angel of the LORD” and Balaam falls down flat in terror.

Numbers 22:32 “The Angel of the Lord [Yehovah] said to him . . . ‘your way is perverse before Me.’”

The Angel did NOT say, “Your way is perverse before the LORD.”

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COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD

Joshua 5:13-15 "And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, 'Are You for us or for our adversaries?' So He said, 'No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD [Yehovah] I have now come.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, 'What does my Lord say to His servant?' Then the Commander of the LORD'S [ADONAI's] army said to Joshua, 'Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.' And Joshua did so."

NOTE: Joshua "worshiped" the "Man" who appeared to him. Only the divine presence could make the ground "holy." (See Exodus Chapter 3.) This "Man" claimed to be the "Commander of the army of the LORD." In Revelation 12:7, "Michael and His angels fought against the Devil and his angels." It certainly appears that the name of God's Son is Michael - which means "Like unto God." Honestly, what created angel would dare to take that name.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - WHO APPEARED TO GIDEON

Judges 6:11-40 "Now the Angel of the LORD [ADONAI] came and sat under the terebinth tree ..."
(v.14) "then the LORD [ADONAI] turned to him and said . . . 'Have I not sent you?'"
(v.17) [Gideon] "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me." (v.21) the sign;
(v.22) "Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD [ADONAI] ."
"So Gideon said, 'Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD [ADONAI] face to face.'"

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - WHOSE NAME IS WONDERFUL

In this account, the Angel of the LORD announces the birth of Sampson, to Manoah and his wife.

Judges 13:1-25 (v.18) "And the Angel of the LORD [Yahovah] said to him, 'Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful'" (v.20) "the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar." (v.22) "We will surely die, because we have seen ['elohiym] God!"

NOTE: "And His name shall be called, Wonderful . . ." (Isaiah 9:6).

THE ANGEL IN THE FIERY FURNACE

Daniel 3:25-28 "Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" [or a son of the gods] (v.28). "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His Angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in Him."

Daniel 6:22 “My God has sent His Angel, and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me ...”

*PRIOR TO HIS INCARNATION,
THE SON OF GOD WAS
THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - THE ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE -
THE ANGEL OF THE COVENANT.*

He was the Mediator between the God the Father and mankind.

MICHAEL - THE ARCHANGEL

The name Michael means “Like unto God.”

*For a created being to take such a name seems blasphemous.
For the only begotten Son of God to be given that name, was absolutely appropriate.*

Philippians 2:5 Prior to His incarnation, the Son of God existed “in the form of God” but did not “consider it robbery [something to be grasped] to be equal with God.”

NOTE: Satan did grasp at the throne of God. He wanted to make himself equal with God.

Hebrews 1:3 Prior to His incarnation, the Son of God was “the brightness” of His Father’s glory” and “the express image of His person.” He upheld “all things by the word of His power.”

Hebrews 1:2 Prior to His incarnation, the Son of God was the agent “through whom” the Father “made the worlds.” (See also I Cor 8:6, Jn 1:3, Eph 3:9, Col 1:19.)

ARCHANGEL = CHIEF MESSENGER

*The word “angel” means “messenger” or “one sent.”
Arch-angel would mean “chief messenger.”*

***Who is the Father’s “chief messenger” to His creation?
Answer: His Son!***

John 1:14 Christ was the “Word” of God before He “became flesh.”

MICHAEL - THE ARCHANGEL

*Michael is the only being in Scripture who is called “archangel.”
Gabriel, although certainly a high created being is never designated “archangel.”*

Jude 9 “Michael, the archangel” disputed with the Devil contending for the body of Moses.

Christ wanted to resurrect Moses, but Satan pointed to Moses' sin as a reason to refuse it. Because Satan does not obey the Son of God, Christ referred him to God the Father for rebuke. Romans 5:14 says, "death reigned from Adam to Moses," so we know that Moses was the first person ever to be set free from death.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 "For **the Lord himself** will descend from heaven with a cry of command, **with the Archangel's call**, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first;" RSV

John 5:25 Yeshua said, "The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God."

*Put these two verses together.
The "voice is the Son of God" IS the "Archangel's call."
He IS the Archangel - the Chief Messenger.
Certainly no one thinks that a created angel can raise the dead.*

MICHAEL - YOUR PRINCE

Daniel 10:21 "Michael" was called "Your Prince," by the angel Gabriel, speaking to Daniel.

Daniel 10:13, 20-21 The angel told Daniel, "no one upholds me against these (evil angels), except Michael, your prince."

NOTE: The "prince of the kingdom of Persia," and "the prince of Greece" were evil angels who fought against God's angels for control of those earthly kings. The only One who could help this angel in the fight against these demons, was Michael - the Son of God.

Daniel 10:13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia (an evil angel) withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one (first) of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Here certainly, it is clear that the "prince of Persia" must be a supernatural being. No human being could withstand an angel of God, for twenty-one days.

*It is my understanding that the Hebrew word "'echad," (Strong's #1520) here translated "one," can also mean "first." **Michael is first of the chief princes. He is first of the angels. He is the archangel, or chief messenger.***

Daniel 12:1 "Michael" is called "the Great Prince who stands for the children of your people."

Acts 5:31 Paul said, "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince."

Daniel 8:25 The Messiah is called the "Prince of princes," and the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY

Revelation 12:7 "Michael and His angels fought against the dragon and his angels."

In Revelation 12, Michael leads the LORD's army against Satan - the dragon. In Joshua 5:13-15, "the Commander of the Lord's army" told Joshua to take off his sandals "for the place where you stand is holy" (the same command heard by Moses at the burning bush, Exo. 3:2-6). Christ was, and is "the Commander of the Lord's army." His name prior to His incarnation was Michael - "One like unto God."

MICHAEL SHALL STAND UP

Daniel 12:1 [At the end of this age] "At that time Michael shall stand up, the Great Prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time, and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book."

Yeshua - Michael, the Son of God, currently sits at the right hand of God the Father (Colossians 3:1, Hebrews 10:9). In the English coronation ceremony, the one to be crowned sits to receive the crown, then stands to begin his reign.

THE ANGEL WITH THE GOLDEN CENSER

Revelation 8:1-5 "When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then **another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar**. And he was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth."

*In the ancient Sanctuary (later the Temple) **only the High Priest carried the golden censer**, and then only on the Day of Atonement. John is looking into Heaven, into "the true Tabernacle." He sees an angel with "a golden censer." This angel must be Christ, our great High Priest, the Mediator who presents our prayers before God (Heb. 9:1, Heb. 9:23, Heb. 4:14, Heb. 6:20).*

The censer filled with fire and thrown to the earth, is a symbol of judgment and impending destruction. The smoke symbolized prayer ascending to God. After the censer is thrown down, no other prayers for forgiveness or blessing can ascend to God.

THE ANGEL WHO SWORE BY GOD HIMSELF

Revelation 10:1-6 "I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ... The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer ..."

Compare the description of the Son of God in Revelation 1:10-18, and the description of the "Man clothed in linen" in Daniel Chapters 10 and 12.

Daniel 12:7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever.

REVELATION Chapt. 1:10-18	REVELATION Chapt. 10	DANIEL Chapter 12
I am the Alpha and Omega. (1:11) I am the First and the Last. (1:17) I am He who lives, and was dead. (1:18)		
Clothed with garment to feet. (1:13) Golden band around chest. (1:13)	Clothed with a cloud (10:1)	Man clothed in linen. (10:5, 12:6-7) Waist girded with gold. (10:5)
	Rainbow was on his head (10:1)	Body was like beryl (10:6)
Eyes like a flame of fire. (1:14)		Eyes like torches of fire (10:6)
Countenance like the sun. (1:16)	Face was like the sun. (10:1)	Face like lightning. (10:6)
Feet like fine brass (1:15)	Feet like pillars of fire. (10:1)	Arms and feet like burnished bronze in color. (10:6)
Standing/walking - in the midst of seven lampstands. (1:13, 2:2)	Set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. (10:2)	Who was above the waters of the river - (12:6)
Loud voice as of a trumpet. (1:10) Voice as sound of many waters. (1:15)	Cried with a loud voice as when a lion roars. (10:3)	Sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. (10:6)
	Swore by Him who lives forever and ever. (10:6)	swore by Him who lives forever. (12:7)

"BEFORE THE WORLD WAS" : THE FATHER AND THE SON

Hebrews 1:8-10 "But to the son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than your companions.' And: 'You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.'

I believe that the Son of God existed as a separate divine person, begotten from the Father (*John 1:14*) before the world was created. He was “the only begotten Son” of God. As the Son of God, He was and is, a divine being worthy of our worship. God the Father called His Son “God.” (*Psalm 45:6-8, John 1:3*) He said, “Let all the angels of God worship Him” (*Hebrews 1:6*).

The Father said to the Son, “You LORD in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth.” The author of Hebrews absolutely supports the existence of the Son of God prior to His incarnation in the womb of Mary. Jesus said of His Father, “A body have You prepared for me” (*Heb 10:5, Psa 40:6-8*).

John 17:5 [Jesus speaking] “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

John 17:24 [Jesus speaking] “Father ... You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

John 1:1-3 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. “ ”And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (*John 1:14*).”

John 16:27-28 [Jesus speaking] “For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

2 John 1:3 “Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

If you believe that God is one divine Being who simply manifests in three ways (as Father - as Son - as Holy Spirit), then you do NOT believe that Jesus Christ was/is the begotten Son of the Father. You do NOT believe that God “gave His only begotten Son” for us.

We cannot have it both ways. Is “God” three divine persons? Or is God the divine Father, who beget a divine Son, and then gave that Son to save His creation?

TWO DIVINE BEINGS : THE FATHER AND THE SON

John 14:31 Jesus said, “I love the Father.”

John 10:7, 15:9, 17:24, 17:26 Jesus said, “The Father loves me.”

John 10:30 (*John 17:21-22*) Jesus said, “I and My Father are one.”

John 15:23 Jesus said, “He who hates Me hates My Father also.”

John 16:3 Jesus said, "They have not known the Father nor Me."

Why is there no mention of His love for the Holy Spirit, or of the hatred of the world for the Holy Spirit? Why does Christ not say that He was also loved by the Holy Spirit, dwelt in by the Holy Spirit, or "one" with the Holy Spirit? He said, "The Father who dwells in Me does the works" (John 14:10).

1 John 1:3 "Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

1 John 2:24 "You also will abide in the Son and in the Father."

Revelation 5:13 "And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

NOTE: Only two divine beings are worshiped in the scene of Revelation 5:13.

WE ARE NOT TO WORSHIP CREATED BEINGS.

Revelation 19:10 "And I [John] fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the Testimony of Jesus. Worship God!'"

Revelation 22:8,9 [JOHN] "I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, 'See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.'"

When John fell down to worship a messenger other than Christ, he was corrected. But Christ is NOT a created being. He is the Son of God - begotten of the Father, worthy of worship (Hebrews 1:6, Revelation 5:12-13). He is called "the Angel of the Lord" and "the Archangel," because He is "the Word," the Chief Communicator, the Mediator between God and man.

SON OF GOD
MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND FALLEN MANKIND
WORD OF GOD, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY
ANGEL OF THE LORD, ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE
LAMB OF GOD
HIGH PRIEST
COMFORTER WITH US ALWAYS
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

God the Father could not become a helpless human baby, and then die on a cross, while at the same time upholding all things. Before He began His creation, God made provision for our rescue. He beget a Son in His express image. The Son of God became the agent of His Father for creation, mediation, redemption and judgment.

The Son of God took the form of the created being (first of an angel, then of a man) in order to represent the will of God to created beings. He was the Mediator - the Word of God.

The Son would be the means whereby God could be just, and yet the justifier. Through His Son, God created this world. Through His Son God will finally save this world from sin and from Satan. From the beginning, until the glorious end, we see the Son of God assuming another, and another, and yet another role - from "Angel of His Presence," to "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," to High Priest before the throne of God, to "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." All to effect the goal of reconciliation and reunion with the Father. We are reconciled to the Father, through the Son. The Father is NOT reconciled to us. He has always loved us. We are reconciled to Him.

Colossians 1:19-20 "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself."

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