

## Wordless Bible Study #3

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This study is a continuation of Wordless Bible Study #2. This lesson will demonstrate that Michael the archangel is Jesus. Prior to His life on Earth, Jesus lived among the angels as one of them. Michael is God "in the feathers" in the same way that Jesus is God "in human flesh." Even after He was born of Mary, the angels still refer to their leader as Michael . (See Revelation12:7-9.)

A surprising number of Christians do not realize that Michael is Jesus. What Michael is to the angelic order of Creation, Jesus is to the human order of Creation. This information is helpful because it shows that one member of the Godhead lives among us as one of us. We have God above all (the Father), God within all (the Holy Spirit) and God beside all (Michael/Jesus). In other words, a co-eternal member of the Godhead demonstrates how God would live if He were a created being.

As the archangel, Jesus is a covering cherub. This is why Michael is called "one of the chief princes." (Daniel 10:13, 21, See also Exodus 25:17-22 and 1 Kings 6:23-28.) For a while, Lucifer was the other covering cherub. (Ezekiel 28:13-16). After Lucifer was cast out of Heaven, Gabriel took His place as the other covering cherub. (Luke 1:19)

It is a fact that one angel in Heaven is called God. The title, "the angel of the Lord" is used at times to describe Michael, the archangel. Pay close attention to this angel's comments to Abraham, Moses and Zechariah. Also notice that a time is coming when Michael/Jesus, our High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, will terminate his intercession and stand up. The result will be the outpouring of God's wrath (the seven bowls). (See Revelation 15 and 16 for info on the seven bowls).

Finally, at the Second Coming, Jesus will descend from the sky. Leading the angels, Michael will issue a loud command and the dead in Christ will arise. For the first time, the angelic family and the human family will unite and the only One who can make this possible is Michael/Jesus. He is God. He alone has the keys to death and the grave. He is the leader of unfallen angels and man's Savior!

Jude 1:9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Zechariah 3:1,2 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick plucked from the fire?"

Zechariah 3:6,7 The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.'

Exodus 3:2-6 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Gen 22:11-17 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. . . ."

Rev 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

Dan 10:20,21 So he [Gabriel] said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered.

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Heb 8:1,2 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

1 Th 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

John 5:28,29 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his [the Son of Man's] voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Rev 1:18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades [the grave].

Rev 15:1 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues--last, because with them God's wrath is completed.

Judg 2:1-5 The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you." When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud, and they called that place Bokim. There they offered sacrifices to the LORD.