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**“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”
Psalm 42:10**

“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.” Psalm 118:8

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**GOD’S HOLY DAYS
2010**

March 29th
Lord’s Supper
(observed evening before at Sundown)

March 30th –April 5th
Feast of Unleavened Bread*

May 23rd
Pentecost*

September 9th
Feast of Trumpets*

September 18th
Day of Atonement*

September 23rd-29th
Feast of Tabernacles*

September 30th
Last Great Day*
*begins evening before

“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”

MINISTRIES

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work.*

But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.

Exodus 20:3-17

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

PRAISES TO GOD & PRAYERS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE

PRAISES TO GOD

If God has answered your prayers, let us know so we can give Him the praise that He deserves.

Megan 15 yrs. old & granddaughter of Earl Middleton: She was having some health issues which were causing concern. Earl asked for prayers and she is doing much better. They believe it was the medications that were causing her problems.

Prayers have been made recently for these people. Give God thanks for hearing our prayers.

Georgia Powell: Her leukemia has come back into her spine and the doctors say it is aggressive this time.

Collette Sinclair: She had to be taken to the hospital during the Feast due to kidney failure.

Nancy Miles: She has fluid on both knees and is having difficulty walking.

Drew Downard, Barrett Aschenbrenner Sr., Brad Lovelace & Randy Aschenbrenner: They are all of work at these time.

Jim Magraw: Someone ran over him with a truck twice.

Larry Strong: He had cancer surgery on his arm & now has MRSA.

Philip Withuhn: He is looking for work & needs medical insurance for he and his wife that he can afford.

Entered into Rest

(Please pray for Charlene and his family)



Donald W. Mayfield
April 13th, 1936 -
September 23rd, 2010



Don & Charlene had been together for 40 years and were living in Arkansas.

CONTINUED PRAYERS NEEDED

The following list is for those who need continued prayer for one or all of the following: healing, guidance, strength, protection.

If you have updates on any of these people, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can let everyone know.

Kaylene Orbals: She had to have her gall bladder removed recently.

Evelyn Troutman: She has two types of cancer in other areas of her body.

Lorraine Michaels: Has cancer.

Steve Zoldey: Has kidney failure and was going to have a transplant on July 28th, but doctors decided against it because of a foot infection he developed. Pray for he and his wife since she is donating the kidney.

Ron Tompkins: Has prostate cancer and is getting treatment.

Shirley Moldovan: She is fighting several health problems at this time.

Jeremy Yeary: Suffering from depression and needs strength and guidance.

Barrett Aschenbrenner, Jr: He is still incarcerated and is awaiting a trial in November.

Karen Hamilton: cancer on her breast.

Mike Koester: Cancer on his lungs is at stage 4.

Philippines. Nestor Janier is in need of a motorcycle to get around to all of the Churches he helps with in the region.

Brandi Jo & Jasmine Johnson: guidance, strength and comfort through difficult times.

Austin Marlin: He is getting deployed to Iraq in December.

Lisa Oakes: Is fighting with fibromyalgia, bone degeneration & fowlers syndrome.

Patrick Monahan: He needs God's strength and guidance at this time.

Jeremy Herzberg: He wants prayer that his fiancé will learn the truth and that he will have the wisdom and confidence to help teach her.

Sherman Robertson: Please pray for him and his wife Lisa as they are having difficulties at this time.

Howard Naaze: He had prostate surgery & is now having problems with his bladder.



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WELCOME BACK BRETHREN!

I thought that this would be a good way to begin writing by welcoming everyone back from the Feast. Every year I say the same thing, "This was the best Feast ever." Well, it was again. It is always so hard to leave our brethren and head back home to return to dealing with the everyday problems that each of us have to face.

I've had people ask me in the past, "Why doesn't God just let His people feast all year round?" First of all, God set things up according to His Will and as most of us know God's Holy Days show us a picture of His great mystery, a picture of the future, a picture of His Kingdom.

Secondly, I know for a fact, that if we had one long Feast that lasted the whole year, that most of God's people wouldn't appreciate it. Sadly, many don't appreciate them now with them being spread out through the year.

If we look deeply into God's Holy Days, we will begin to understand why we memorialize them for their past meanings, why we keep them today and what they mean to us in the future. There is a wonderful story hidden within God's Holy Days that the world cannot see because it takes the wisdom and understanding of Almighty God through His Holy Spirit to see the truth that is hidden within the pages of our Bibles and many will never find it or understand it because they don't want to take the time out of their busy schedules to look for the truth, to ask, to seek God or to knock on the door. They would rather sit back and continue hoping that all the answers will magically fall out of the sky and drop directly into their heads, so that way they won't have to set their own physical lusts and desires of the world aside, and get up and put forth some effort on their own.

I have listened to a lot of excuses in the last several years and it seems that they all begin with "but." I've been guilty of it myself. Some excuses I've heard are, "But, there was a sale on, so I had to leave right after Sabbath service." "But, I didn't want to miss the school football game Friday night." "But, I thought it was o.k. if I just attended on the first and last days of the Feasts or the High

Holy days. "But, we have family coming in this weekend, so we won't be at service." "But, we've heard all of this before."

(I'm sure that some are going to get offended by what I'm saying, but if what I'm trying to tell you can help just one person to understand how important it is that we don't take lightly the great opportunities that God provides for us, then that is a good thing.)

The one that stunned me at the Feast this year was this one. "But, the Last Great Day isn't part of the Feast of Tabernacles, so we can go back home and keep it there."

As God's children we have to get off our literal "BUT'S" and get busy.

Many of God's people are drifting into the "Once saved, always saved mode," that is taught in many Protestant churches.

I'm telling you the truth that this is a dangerous game that is being played by many. Yes, I called it a game, because this is how many are treating God's calling and their walk with Him in Christ.

When you called and chose to walk in His ways, you chose to take His name and agreed that everything He said, you would do.

One of God's commandments is, Exodus 20:7

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

Do you understand what it means?

There is a much deeper meaning then of just using the name of God while cussing. That is bad enough.

When we accept Jesus, the Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are saying that we will do everything that He says we make a commitment to God. If we are to be His disciples, what does He require us to do? I don't have room to list everything, but I'll give you a few that follow along with what I've been discussing in this article. Luke 14:26-27 **"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."**

Luke 14:33 **"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."**

When we are baptized and receive God's Holy Spirit, God, the Father and Jesus dwell within us through the Holy Spirit and God places His name upon us.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18 **"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the (Continued on Page 7)**

JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next month's newsletter.

1. An angel
(Acts 12:6-17)
2. Paul
(Acts 27:23-24)
3. Judas
(John 18:3,12)
4. Nicodemus
(John 3:1-2)
5. Jacob
(Gen. 32:22-31)
6. The angel of death
(Ex. 12:29-31)
7. Near Bethlehem (Luke 2:8-16)
8. David & Abishai
(1 Sam. 26:7-12)
9. Saul
(1 Sam. 28:8)
10. Gideon and his men (Jdg. 7:19)
11. The Lord
(1 Sam. 4:1-14)
12. Jesus
(Mark 6:48)
13. Adam
(Gen. 2:21)
14. Sisera
(Jdg. 4:21)
15. Jonah (1:5)
16. Elijah
(1 Kg. 18:27)
17. Jacob
(Gen. 28:11-15)
18. Uriah
(2 Sam. 11:9)
19. King Ahasuerus
(Esther 6:1)
20. Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 2:1)

1. Who was visited by an angel of the Lord while sleeping?
2. Who slept while Jesus prayed in Gethsemane?
3. Who sneaked into Saul's camp while he was asleep?
4. Who spoke to Abram while he was in a deep sleep?
5. Who did not sleep while Daniel was in the lions' den?
6. Who slept through a haircut?
7. Who slept during a storm on the sea of Galilee?
8. Who fell asleep during Paul's sermon and was later raised from the dead by Paul?
9. Who was sleeping between two soldiers when an angel came to release him?
10. Who was awakened from a deep sleep by an earthquake that toppled a prison?
11. According to Jesus, this person was not dead, but only sleeping. Who was it?
12. Who told Laban he had gone 20 years without a decent sleep?
13. According to Proverbs, what does it take for the wicked to sleep well?
14. Which epistle tells sleepers to rise from the dead?
15. Which epistle uses sleep as a metaphor for physical death?
16. What boy was called out of his sleep by the voice of God?
17. Which epistle urges believers to be alert, not asleep?
18. Who was in a deep sleep as the angel Gabriel explained a vision?



Sabbath Service Schedule OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010



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October 2nd - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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Who was the God of the Old Testament?

By Tom Shadoin

Most of the professing Christian churches of the world have long held the belief that the God of the Old Testament was God the Father. This God they often see as harsh, distant, and sometimes cruel. They believe His son Jesus came along in the NEW Testament to rescue mankind from His heavy handed merciless ways. Jesus, to many of these churches, was a bit of a rebel, even a smart aleck, who thumbed His nose at His Father's rules and attitude and just taught "love".

But many of these churches and their pastors would be shocked to learn that they are WAY off base in the belief of WHO the God of the Old Testament *really* was. In fact, as we will show from the clear teaching of God's Word, the God of the Old Testament was none other than the one who later was born of a woman and became Jesus of Nazareth! We will see in fact that this Old Testament Being, known as the Word or Logos, among many other titles, made many appearances to man during that time.

Before looking at these appearances, let's look at some very CLEAR scriptures defining exactly WHO and WHAT the Word was and was all about.

John 1:1-5: **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."**

Now for a look at the **PROOF** that this Being "the Word" not only appeared but in fact was quite ACTIVE with His creation in Old Testament times. In Joshua 5, we see an encounter between Joshua and a "man" outside of Jericho. When Joshua demands to know if this man is a friend or foe, the unusual reply comes in verse 14:

Joshua 5:14: **"So He said, No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come...."**

And see what Joshua does next. Continuing in the same verse:

"...And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and said to Him, "What does my lord say to His servant?"

Going on in verse 15 Joshua is told: **"Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy. And Joshua did so."**

Brethren neither angels nor men were or are to EVER be bowed down to. We see for example in Revelation 19 an angel appearing to the apostle John. We see in verse 10 what happens next: **"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God..."**

This individual who Joshua had the encounter with, this "Commander of the Lord's army" was none other than the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ. Also known as the Word or Logos BEFORE His physical birth by a virgin in Bethlehem.

Next we look at an encounter between the Old Testament patriarch Jacob and one we will show was in fact God, in this case the Word, again the One who later became Jesus Christ. We read the account in Genesis 32:24: **"Then Jacob was left alone: and a Man wrestled with him until the break of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of Jacob's hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as he wrestled with him."**

There followed a discussion between the two as this Being sought for Jacob to let him go. Jacob to let him go. Jacob would not do it unless this Being blessed him, which He did. But in verse 29 Jacob asks His name but He would not tell Jacob. In verse 30 we read: **"So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: For I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved."**

Peniel means in the Hebrew "face of God." This, again brethren was an appearance by the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ. And, just to let you know, He could have EASILY gotten away from Jacob no doubt any time he'd wanted. We learn in verse 28 the reason why He didn't. You might say this was a test for Jacob. Our future Savior is speaking here: **"And He said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."** Here Israel means "prince with God."

We learn early on from the scriptures that there is more than one member of the Godhead. In Genesis 1:26 we read: **"Then God said, Let us make man in our image, according to Our likeness;..."**

The Hebrew word here and elsewhere in the Old Testament for God is "Elohim". "Elohim" is a multi-plural noun. That is a noun denoting one entity with more than one member. Like the word "family." ONE family consists of several individual members in it.

As we have seen above, the One who became Jesus Christ "the Word", the second member of the Godhead, was seen many times by men in the Old Testament. Yet we read in John 1:18: **"No one has seen God at any time..."**

Clearly then this verse refers to God the Father. No one has seen HIM at any time. Even seeing the Old Testament Word or Logos (later Jesus) in His GLORIFIED form could be dangerous for a human being. In Exodus 33:18, Moses asked to do so. Speaking to God, Moses said: **"And he said, Please show me your glory..."** (Continued on Page 7.)

(Continued from Page 3) **Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**"

John 14:15-21 **"If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that it may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth it not, neither knoweth it: but ye know it; for it dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."** (Emphasis mine.)

1 John 2:24-25 **"Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."**

We dishonor His name when we choose to sin against Him by doing things our own ways. When we dishonor His name, we are treating His name as if it is vain, or worthless to us, because we are not giving Him the Honor, Love and Respect due His Name. It is so important that we understand this and not take it lightly.

It seems that God continues to lay this upon my heart to share and to warn His people that we are entering into some very troubled times and if we continue on this path it could very well result in us not finishing the race that is before us.

Brethren, many in God's Church are spiritually nodding off and are about to fall asleep. Many have already fallen asleep spiritually and have drifted back into the world.

If you are wondering why things haven't gone well for you in the past year or so, why you may be hurting financially, why you can't seem to get ahead, why your job is stressing you, why your life seems to be going in circles or why your family is struggling or falling apart, then it is time to stop and take a real close look at what you are doing and compare it to what you should be doing according to God's Will.

I know from personal experience that there is always room for improvement when it comes to drawing close to God, serving Him and putting our full trust in Him for all of our needs.

God did not give us commandments that we can pick and choose from which ones we will keep and observe. If you don't believe me, then believe His Word and read John 14:15-21 again.

And we have to focus, not only on the ten, but on all

of His commands, which to name a few include showing great love, having forgiveness, keeping and attending the Feasts, which include the weekly Sabbaths and another is gathering God's wisdom and understanding, just to name a few.

Sadly, many of God's children are doing just that. They are picking and choosing which ones they will keep and which ones they don't think are as important.

If you'd like to learn more about what He wants, then all you need to do is look in the book marked "Holy Bible" and you'll find many, many more.

Everything that Jesus told His disciples to do came directly from the Father and they still apply to all of us today. Nothing has changed.

We have a God that loves us and is there for us and all He asks us to do is love Him and keep (ALL) His commands. Christ said to believe in Him and that means believing every word that came from Him, not taking one word and throwing out another so it fits what we want.

If we want to reap the great blessings that God has to offer, then we have to do what He asks of us. Prove Him on this and see if He doesn't bless you with more than you can imagine.

It is time for all of us to get off our "but's" and start walking the walk instead of just talking the talk and be doers of the Word, not just Hearers. END

(**God of the Old Testament**, Continued from Page 3.)

And the response? Exodus 33:20-23: **"But he [God] said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see me and live." And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."**

What then was the difference *THIS* time in a man seeing the Word, the Logos and the times before? *THIS* time He was in His glorified form, not an earthly form that men could look on. We see an excellent- and IMPRESSIVE- description of Him in that form in Revelation 1: 12-18: **"Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters. He had in his right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But he laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; for I am the First and the last. I am He who who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. (Continued on Last Page.)**

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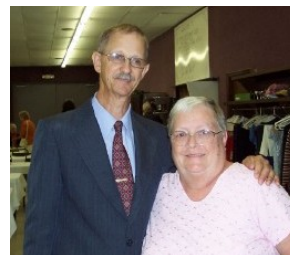
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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28: 19,20

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The Work continues in the Philippines. The members there kept the Feast of Tabernacles in Bato, Plaridel, Mis. Occ. (Please excuse any spelling errors.)

Nestor Janier reported in his last letter to me that the mission work was doing fine and said that the Lord was continuing to bless the work they are doing there. God continues to open doors so that the Gospel can be shared with all of those that God is calling.

He also reported that the Bible training school was going very well.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD SAMANTHA HICKS!

I know that many of you know Samantha already, but if you don't, then you need to take time to meet her. I have to tell you that God has been a part of her life ever since she was very young and I have seen Him working with her and through her in all that time. She has been a huge help to me and to the ministry that God has called me to do. She has a heart that is bigger



Preparing for baptism.

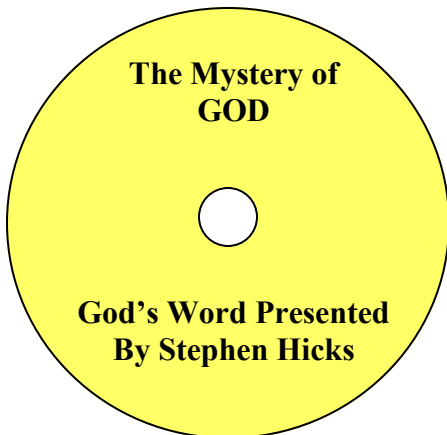
then she is and as her dad, it has made me so proud to watch her grow in that love. We had talked about her baptism for several months and we chose to wait until the Feast



Tears of joy.

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(God of the Old Testament, Continued from Page 7) And I have the keys of Hades and Death.”

This too then was the same Being, the Word, Moses saw in Exodus 33. Even when Jesus walked the earth in mortal form, He was once "transfigured" and seen in the glorified form. Matthew 17: 1-2: **“Now after six days Jesus Took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them, His face shown like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”**

We read later in that passage that a vision accompanied this. And in Matthew 16 Jesus had already told some of His followers that they would get a little PREVIEW or FORETASTE of God's Kingdom (verse 28). This was what He meant. You might notice too, that this description is similar to what we saw about Jesus' current heavenly description in Revelation 1 cited above. But this was not the USUAL appearance of Jesus when He walked the earth. And in John 14:9 Jesus tells us: **“Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Phillip? He who has seen me has seen the Father....”**

And a more fitting thing could not be said of the one who is now our High Priest and Mediator between us and God the Father. As it says later in the scriptures: Hebrews 4:14: **“Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”** 1 Timothy 2:5 **“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ,...”**

Brethren, our Savior dealt intimately and often with us throughout the Old Testament. And, finally, ultimately He came to earth, lived like us, and finally died for us. No one can do any more for any of us than that. That is to my mind BEYOND any kind of love any of us can ever have for one other.

John 15:13: **“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”**

Finally, to look at just one more example of when and where our Savior, Jesus Christ was present in the Old Testament with our ancestors and protected and shielded them when they were perhaps at their most vulnerable. Speaking of the flight from Egypt and passage THROUGH the Red sea, we read:

1 Corinthians 10: 1-4: **“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”** END

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