

Reflections of Bible Scriptures

Jesus has been in the heavens before the dawn, according to the interpretation of the scriptures. These Bible Scriptures are considered to prove Jesus's pre-existence and divinity. Some churches may believe in Jesus' pre-existence, but not in his divinity. Jesus may be regarded as a high-ranking angel, archangel Michael. One US-based church believes Jesus to be God, in rank and in a position, however, submissive to the Father. They think God is two. Very notable is the interpretation that Jesus was by foreknowledge of God and – by God's plan the savior of the future world. All this before the creation of the world, when there was no sin.

Pro 8:22 Yahweh possessed me in the beginning of his work, Before his deeds of old.

23 **I was set up** from everlasting, from the beginning, Before the earth existed.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled in place, Before the hills, **I was brought forth**;

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there; When he set a circle on the surface of the deep,

God even saw before he had created anything that the man he created should fall to sin because of Satan's temptation and deception.

The almighty, omniscient and all-present God's essence is that he has always existed, i.e, "before the beginning of times". God has not been created and he has not been born. Jesus, instead, is, depending on the translation, born or created or

set up or brought forth. We know that Jesus was born on earth of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Ghost: Luk 1:35 The angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore also the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God.

The above verses of Proverbs and many other verses in the Bible can be interpreted in two ways: literally or figuratively. The **literal interpretation** that has prevailed over time leads to the conclusion that Jesus has been in heaven with God as pre-existent from the beginning of the ages. The **symbolic interpretation** means that the above verses tell of the Wisdom of God and what he has planned before there was anything, based on his foreknowledge and foretelling. God has prepared for man a plan of salvation according to which God has pre-chosen some people as followers and disciples of Jesus and who are to become leaders of God's holy kingdom under Jesus.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to tell the good news to the poor. He has sent me to announce release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set oppressed people free,

Joh 5:30 I can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous; because I don't seek my own will, but the will of my Father who sent me.

Jhn 5:24 Truly, truly I tell you, the one who hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has **eternal life and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.** – A person who believes and remains in his faith can be assured of the promised eternal life and of not being condemned.

To send: πέμψαντί (pemp santi, having sent, from the word 3992 Strong's: Πέμπω (pempó) send, transmit, permit to go, put forth

The word 'send' has been used tens of times by Jesus whom God the Father sent to perform his mission on earth. However, the

word used by the Bible does not tell where Jesus was sent from. From his hometown in Galilee? Even from heaven? It would be important to know if there are Bible verses that Jesus was in heaven and from there sent to earth? Or when Jesus was ascending to Heaven, did he clearly say that he returns to heaven where he was and from where God sent him on earth? The following two verses appear to be obvious:

Jhn 6:41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven; ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ

Jhn 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.

In Greek:

ὅτι καταβέβηκα ἀπὸ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ οὐχ ἵνα ποιῶ ...

For I have come down out of – heaven not that I should do ...

The Greek word for heaven 3772: οὐρανός contains the same elements as the word sky. Here are a few extracts from the extensive explanation: the Sky with all the things visible in it; the aerial Heavens or sky, where the clouds and temples gather, and where thunder and lightning are produced; the sidereal or starry Heavens; the region above the sidereal heavens, the seat of an order of things eternal and consummately perfect, where God dwells and the other heavenly beings;

There are several Bible verses that can be interpreted to confirm the divinity of Jesus: Phl 2:6 who, existing in the form of God, didn't consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. – These verses can be interpreted in this way: Jesus did not pander to his own divinity, but abandoned his position as God. He became like a man and people thought him as a man.

Another explanation is possible: Jesus knew that he was the

Son of God and that he was promised to give all power in heaven and on earth. He could have demanded that the Son of God be treated and worshiped. His task, however, was to teach people the correct behavior and therefore He did not plead to his birth but said: Mat 11:29-30 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. – How could teaching humility and allegiance be successful if he had demanded divine treatment from humans?

I asked myself why God has not produced the Bible in no uncertain terms, that no translation and interpretation problems would rise? Above are two examples of Bible verses that say Jesus came from heaven. But, what does that mean? Is it that Jesus lived in heaven with the Father who has sent him on earth to perform the rescue mission of mankind? Or does it mean that Jesus was born on earth being conceived to Mary by the Holy Spirit of God, and Jesus so has the Father in Heaven? God has a purpose and a reason. I myself think that God wants believers to strive to find out the truth and the believers will finally find the truth. And secondly, the question of whether Jesus comes from Heaven or Bethlehem is not crucial to human salvation.

Whichever interpretation line you choose, it has consequences. The birthright of Jesus (other than the secular) points to the other decisions that are important to the doctrine. If Jesus was born/created in Heaven, he is not a human, but God (either the Father Almighty or the Son of God subordinated to the Father). When he came to earth God Jesus lowered himself to man. What happened to his deity? The dual-nature doctrine developed by humans says that Jesus was simultaneously God and a perfect human. This results in many controversial doctrinal questions. It is not easy to move on this track.

But if you choose the alternative that Jesus was born as a

human, but as a Son of God? His father is the Almighty God. Mom is a young Jewish girl named Miriam. When His Father was the Almighty God who sent him to perform the salvation mission that he had foreseen before the beginning of time, Jesus received the Holy Spirit of God for himself, and all the fullness of God lived in him and he was here on earth when he had all the power of God. Jesus did on earth only what God ordered. Jesus fulfilled his mission and proclaimed the kingdom of God. He sacrificed his life to redeem the sins of men. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and rose to heaven and is now sitting on God's right-hand side. Man is the mediator between humans and God. God has raised him above all creation and he will come back to rule over the earth with the saints for a thousand years. When ruling on the right hand of God Jehovah, Jesus is our Lord.

Between these two interpretations, it is difficult to choose the right one. Many religious communities have made their choice. When acquainted with their doctrines, you may find out that certain Bible verses supporting the selection their belief were picked up and those verses which would defend the other option are entirely forgotten. It's not honest. I have the best of my ability endeavored to take into account the different points of view. The before mentioned questions are, of course, important, but not so imperative that you have to burn the dissidents (Catholic Inquisitions, the reformists, Luther, Zwingli, etc.) at the same time cursing them to eternal hell and exclude them from the possibility of salvation.

As we search for a Bible verse, we find that some verse in our opinion is clear and sure proof of the question. As Jesus himself says, "I came down from heaven", for many it is a clear proof that Jesus lived in heaven before coming to the earth. Some other verses can testify of the deity of Jesus or that he is not God in the same way as Father. Next 1 Cor verse is, in my opinion, completely clear evidence: **But to us there**

is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him” (1 Cor 8:6).

We have only one God, the Father! This is crystal clear and, in my opinion, an interpretation-free sentence. The verse also includes a definition of Jesus: [we have] one Lord, Jesus Christ! This is also a clear message in the same way. 1 Corinthians 8:6 is a proof that everyone should take into account. But have you noticed whether the supporters of the Trinity doctrine have appealed to this verse and when they defend the trinity of God and, consequently support of the divinity of Jesus. In fact, one of the Trinitarian supporters named this scripture as a sure proof of their own opinion. Two more verses can be mentioned:

Jhn 8:41 You do the deeds of your father. They said to him, we were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God.

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Mat 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

Based on the Bible’s testimony, I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and he uses all the power God has given to him. He is our Lord. This interpretation also sounds great, because it is Jesus who told us he confesses us believers as his brothers and sisters if we do the will of God.

Questions to Ponder

The following questions should, therefore, be answered when determining Jesus’ status before he was born on earth and in what position did God raise Jesus after his resurrection:

– If Jesus was already God in heaven before becoming a human, to which rank did God the Father raised Jesus after his

ascending to Heaven? God raised Jesus higher than the angels, that is, all angels. The Bible does not tell us that there would be some form between the angels and God.

– How could God the Father call Jesus a member of the triune God, his righteous servant?

– How can God be divided a portion with the great? Isa 53:12
Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

– Who would have been Jesus' Companions (Fellows), whom Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness? Some may argue that this means Jesus' earthly brethren, maybe his followers. If you believe that Jesus descended from heaven and was not merely born on earth with the influence of the Holy Spirit, it means that in any case, Jesus was already higher and righteous in the heavens than any earthly dweller.

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"

– One God and one mediator. One God, of course, means the Almighty God the Father, Jehovah. We have only one Mediator between people and God, Jesus Christ, who is man. It should be noted that Christ is said to be a man even after he has ascended to heaven. The human Jesus Christ, therefore, acts as a mediator between [all] people and God. For all people, not just for the little flock of 144,000, as claimed by a religious organization.