

jan 15

the face of God

"you cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." exo 33:20

and yet we are told repeated to "seek His face." mooses asked to see His glory and was told all God's goodness would pass before him. then God 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 while I pass by. then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." exo 33:21-23 His goodness was His glory.

a cleft is the divided portion of a rock. it's like God was saying, "i can show you My glory only if you stand on my other part." only innate glory can behold glory. that would insinuate at least a multiple of two God parts. Do you need a third now?

"come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there. and now the Lord God and His Spirit have sent Me." isa 48:16 you have the Lord God and His Spirit sending someone. someone who was also there from the beginning. there you have it... a trinity!

now getting back to seeking His face. one definition the dictionary has of face is "the exterior form or appearance of anything." we know God actually has a face because matthew 4:6 says in referring to guardian

angels, "their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

again one might say if Jesus was God, then they saw His face. what the scripture really says that it was "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 cor 4:6 Jesus "knew" the Father. the Father and He were One. so if we are seeking seeking His face, we are really seeking to know God.

we are seeking to know Him in a deeper and intimate way. (almost as in the closeness of a husband and wife - where the two become one flesh) when describing our part in Christ, the bible uses terms like kings and priests, children, and even as body parts - as in Christ being the head and us a part of the body. but none of the analogies are more intimate than that of husband and wife. paul describes it as "a great mystery, but i speak concerning Christ and the church." eph 5:32

i don't know if any of this is making sense to anyone or if my thoughts, though genuine, are clear only to me. suffice it to say we are all still learning; still seeking His face. and as we are, "we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 cor 3:18 we are being "transformed by the renewing of your mind." rom 12:2

matthew 5:8 says the pure in heart shall see God. if we keep beholding Him and keep our faces unveiled by other things, one day we will truly see Him face to

face. we shall know the Three and how they are really  
One. we shall know even as we have been known.