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Posted by [Mark L](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 2021 17:38:48 GMT

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Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 2021 19:27:44 GMT

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All that we could really see would be a "representation". That might be the answer to the possible exceptions above where there is a representation of the transfer of power. As far as I understand the Godhead, Jesus is THE Representation.

Just imagine trying to see an eternal, omnipresent being... ain't no way an eyeball can do that!

It is fun to contemplate though!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Seeing the Father
Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 2021 19:40:31 GMT
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I just read over the 2 passages again and noticed the symbolism: One 'like' the Son of Man, and I beheld a 'lamb'...

The language seems a bit too figurative to take the passages in some sort of concrete way. (I wanted to use the word 'literal' instead of 'concrete' but we can take things 'literally' and the figurative part be included. Literally, to me, actually can be more defined as taking the language for what it is actually saying, i.e. the normal understanding of what's being said; this may be in parable form, symbolic form, etc., and it still is literal.)

Blessings,
William

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I don't know that those scriptures prove inconclusively that we will never see the face of the Father. I think that in this present age no man can look on the Face of the Father because he would die. I believe its because of all that mankind has been through, concerning sin and corruption on the earth.

Jesus said: 10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

Millions of children who are attended by angels we are told that they always behold the Face of the Father.

Jesus told the Sadducees: 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore,for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

If we are equal to the angels and called sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. Why would we not be able to behold the Father? We are His children and will be in heaven for all of eternity.

All those scriptures you quoted apply to mankind while on the earth, none show that this will carry over to heaven.

There is actually more scriptures that state we will see His face.

3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

I think we will see it!

In Him,
Gary

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Posted by [william](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2021 00:03:07 GMT
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I agree with you on both. :) I still don't think we will but I can't really prove it from the bible. It's a question I always wondered about.

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Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2021 14:11:27 GMT
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Posted by [james](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2021 15:51:23 GMT
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I think Mark only mentioned HEF in passing... not as an authority.

Here's the problem as I see it: If one grasps the concept of the omnipresence of God and contemplates seeing the omnipresent God then one would naturally conclude that to see this omnipresent God you would need to be omnipresent yourself... this is an untenable theological position. Finite cannot behold the infinite without becoming infinite first and if finite can become infinite then you develop a situation where you've essentially got more than one God.

So we're not determining our position based upon the words of some man, it's based upon what the Bible teaches.

So the difference in our viewpoint is a matter of degrees. Of course, if God chooses to manifest a representation of Himself, i.e. burning bush, pillar of fire, cloud, or even "His Face", then we must take those manifestations with the understanding of the rest of Scripture.

Jesus said, if you've seen me, then you've seen the Father:

[Jhn 5:37 KJV] 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

[Jhn 14:9 KJV] 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

Taking that last verse, we conclude that when we see Jesus, we will see the Father, that gets us back on the same page as you, but not in the same sense as Mark's post (or HEF for that matter) or my later post.

Whenever God chooses to reveal Himself it must be, by necessity, a localized representation. So yes, when the Bible says that the angels in heaven see His face, we're not denying what it says based upon some "final say" of HEF, we're using the rest of Scripture to qualify those verses.

That said, if God somehow has figured out a way for us to see Him fully, I'm on board... completely!

Now one might accuse me of getting my theological positions from HEF, and they'd be right about that, but everything has context and it's the context that drives me toward this position, not a sentence that HEF uttered in a moment long, long, ago.

Blessings,
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Ha!

The notification feature works the same for me... I only get notifications when I post in a thread (but I don't get my own posts).

I believe the Introduction section operates differently though, and I wish I could figure out how to make it work for the other sections. I need more programming experience!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Seeing the Father
Posted by [james](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2021 17:13:40 GMT
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"I need more programming experience " lol

I thought you wrote the book on programming...

I got a notification on my iPhone since I posted.

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Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2021 18:11:11 GMT
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Mainly I'm going by this statement: will we ever see Him, Bro Freeman taught that no one can see the Father and probably never will.

I know we'll see something on the throne. Moses saw the backside of God on the mountain. Surely there would be some manifestation, and He does tell us we will see His face in Revelations.

But I understand how could we ever fully understand or comprehend a God who is from all eternity? The Lord comes out of eternity and then creates humans out of the dust of the earth.

Just the thought of it is incredible. As for Brother Freeman that was long ago it seems like another life time.

Gary

Some of the problems with computers I think is when one person has a mac and another person has a computer with windows on it. I think apple does not have all the bells and whistles in their software. So everything comes out different when we get to the internet.

If I was a bettin man I'd wager James has an apple. LOL

Subject: Re: Seeing the Father
Posted by [james](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2021 18:20:22 GMT
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I thought you might appreciate this in light of this conversation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJGUqqI_ZNE

Mama Cass is cool too! LOL

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Posted by [Mark L](#) on Thu, 07 Jan 2021 01:10:50 GMT
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Hi Mark,

I know what you mean about a male voice. I listen often to this Jewish brother I have several of his albums, you might of heard of Jonathan Settel he sings a lot of his songs in Hebrew.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2YyQoLkZ_g

Don't pay any attention to me I just like to discuss the Bible, and explore every possibility. I think one lifetime on this earth and we're just barely scratching the surface when it comes to the Lord. The twelve disciples walked with Jesus and did not understand what He was saying even till the very end.

Will I guess Biden is the new leader in this country if I got the news right someone told me. I've been staying out of politics as much as possible. In Daniel were told:

Daniel 4:17 'This decision is by the decree of the watchers,
And the sentence by the word of the holy ones,

In order that the living may know
That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
Gives it to whomever He will,
and sets over it the lowest of men.

This scripture is mentioned three times it is only in this verse we see added; "and sets over it the lowest of men". The Lord has a purpose for what He is accomplishing in the earth.

I don't know if anyone knows here, But who are these "watchers" we hear about in Daniel? I don't know if I ever heard anyone comment on them they are mentioned several times in this book.

In Him,
Gary

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Posted by [james](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2021 16:33:04 GMT
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The only way I could give a more in-depth answer is to say "ditto" to your note while ducking!

Blessings,
William

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Posted by [Mark L](#) on Fri, 22 Jan 2021 00:11:11 GMT
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I think watchers is a job title referring a specific job. It says they made the decision so they obviously carry some authority. Are they angels? I don't have any idea but I doubt it. There are a lot of different kinds of personality related to the orderly running of our world. Angels are just one although maybe the most numerous. Ultimately responsibility goes upward to the god of this world who is in charge here and who then gives an account to the ultimate authority. I think there is a vast bureaucracy of personalities that have responsibility for the spiritual physical political issues of the earth. Some angels some not.

Dan. 10 refers to personalities (angels) that are the real rulers over kingdoms
Rev. 16/5 angel of the waters. Responsibility in some way for water and its effect on the earth.
Water is very serious here and has a big effect on the weather.
There are a lot of references in the bible to personalities (not always angels)

In my own life I have seen things like this. Years ago when just starting preparation for the call on my life the Lord allowed me to see the ruler over a medium sized city not far from me. It is a city filled with satanism and the ruler over it is an angel. I saw him rise into the heaven to look at something and saw the trail of phosphorescence he left as he rose.

There is another smallish city 30-40,000 near me where the spiritual ruler is a Grottesque. A Grottesque is a step up from a Gargoyle. Greater in power authority intelligence ability along with more responsibility. Gargoyles are a particular class of demon and there are several kinds. Much to say here. Better to leave it there.

I'd also like to say that I don't recommend anyone search these things out. Other than biblically like Gary was doing. Bro. Freeman, BRO. FREEMAN because he wasn't careful enough with these issues ended up with a serious problem near the end of his life. He got rid of it but it shouldn't have happened.

Personally, I don't search any of these things out again other than in the bible. I just let the Lord bring understanding or knowledge into my life and sometimes look a little further. Like Bro. Freeman I have got my fingers burned and it isn't pleasant. I have learned to be very careful.

I guess I'm saying a little more here than I normally do. I think we are on the edge of big things happening and God's people are going to need understanding. Too much of Christendom sees only the political and ignores the real rulers of our world