

Trinity

10/21/2009 10:18 AM

Bible never uses the term "trinity". It's a modern word used to communicate a Biblical idea.

purpose: To show that God is a unity of 3 eternal persons. He is 1 in essence, 3 in persons.

Old Testament (The OT verses *do not* prove the trinity, they only suggest it.)

- Genesis 1:26-28
 - God said (singular), let us (plural)
 - But in Hebrew the word for God is "Elohim" which is plural.
 - Only a "them" could represent an "us" and an "our".
 - What did God make in His image? *A man and a woman.*
 - The first thing he told them to do was to make *another*.
- Genesis 3:22
 - God is referred to again as plural.
- Genesis 11:1-9
 - People were saying, "come let us"
 - Vs 7 God says "come let us" too- interesting play on words.
 - Vs 6- God refers to the people (many) as one (singular). They are one in one sense, many in another sense. So the godhead is not a contradiction because they are 3 in one sense, but 1 in another sense.
- Genesis 18/19; 19:24
 - Abraham looks out of his tent and sees 3 travelers. He invites them to his place to spend time and eat together. They come in and dwell with him.
 - After eating etc. one stays behind and tells Abraham we have come to inspect and destroy Sodom.
 - Abraham recognizes that this is God, and bargains with Him.
 - The two that continued on are referred to as angels in Genesis 19:1.
 - Townspeople want the two angels for sexual reasons.
 - The third continues on to Sodom as well. The three tell Lot to escape.
 - Genesis 19:21-24
 - Then the Lord (Yahweh) rained (came down) from the Lord (Yahweh) in the heavens.
 - One Yahweh rained brimstone from another Yahweh in the heavens.
- Numbers 6:23-27
 - Fascinating that there is a three-fold blessing from Yahweh.
- Isaiah 6:1-6,8
 - Three holies. Very suggestive.
 - Vs. 8: Whom shall I send and who will go for Us?
- Isaiah 9:6
 - If the Son is God, the Father is also God. Father and Son are at least two.
 - The Son was given, but the child was born.

New Testament

- Progressive revelation. The NT reveals expressly what the OT revealed suggestively.
- John 10:30
 - $1 + 1 = 1$
- John 1:1-3
 - $1 + 1 = 1$
- John 8:58
 - "I AM"
 - Jesus and the disciples never used the proper name of God LORD.
 - Jesus told us how to address God- Our Father!
 - Why did Jesus not restore the proper name of the one true God if it was imperative that we call Him by that name.
 - Revelation says that no one knows the proper name of God.
 - Jesus is developing what the OT suggested.
- Matthew 3:13-17
 - Appearance of all three of the members of the Godhead.
- Matthew 28:18-20
 - All three members appear again.
- 2 Corinthians 13:14
 - Once again, all three members are mentioned.
- John 14:16
 - I will send you "another" Comforter. Who was the first? *Jesus*.
 - "Parakletos" means "one who walks with".
 - Only a person could take the place of a place left vacant by another person.
 - Illustration: A house addition project that will take 10 months. Worker Bob comes to you and says, "I'm sorry, I can't finish the job. But don't worry, I will send you another contractor. In some ways, he will do a better job than I am able to do."
 - If Bob, a human contractor, leaves, what can replace him? Only another human contractor?
 - The replacement will be a *person*.
 - Personality is not necessarily tied to physicality.
 - You don't have to have a body to be a person.
- 1 John 4:8,16
 - Love is putting others first.
 - How can God be love if He does not have others to love.