

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I am so excited and want to share with you about our risen, glorious Lord. Sometimes we feel, “Well, what about the Old Testament?” Let’s talk about the Old Testament, can we? Our Lord Jesus Christ constantly used symbols which speak of God, Yahweh, in the Old Testament. Just as *Yahweh* was the Light and the Way in the days of Moses, so Jesus Himself is the Way and the Light in our lives. All the way through the Old Testament, we see the Lord Jesus as if veiled but claiming all the time that He is God Incarnate, Who appears in human form. He came in the Old Testament. We speak of those occasions when He came. Sometimes we say, “Well, we know that must have been the Lord.” Then sometimes we do not always realize when He is speaking to us that this was the Lord Who came, such as *the angel of God*. For example in **Exodus 14:19 - And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them.** This shows that the title *angel of God*, which literally means *messenger of God*, is identified as none other than God Himself. It was not an angel; it was God coming in in the midst. The ***pillar of the cloud that went before their face, and stood behind them*** is speaking of *Second Person of the Trinity — of Jesus*.

In **John 1:17-18**, we read -

17 . . . but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son . . . - that is Jesus - . . . which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. In other words, He manifests Himself in visible form to reveal the invisible Deity. I want you to get excited and see that when you open the Old Testament, you are seeing Jesus on all the pages! You are hearing the Second Person of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who always gives all glory and all power to Him Who is God Almighty. May we understand that the Trinity of God is speaking to your heart. Let's begin to see through the Scriptures that these are not just stories; it is what God is doing now as He points to what He did then.

Back in **Exodus 13**, we read -

21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them by the way. . . --- Jesus is the Way - . . . and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

Yahweh, ***the Lord, went before them.*** This amazing ***pillar of fire*** gave light. It gave light during the night only to whom? To the believing Israelites. He did not give light to the Egyptians, the unbelievers, the enemy, who were chasing them to take them and make them slaves again. No, it was always where the pillar of fire was

that the believing Israelites knew the way. They knew what to do. They saw and they beheld. Why was that? Because the pillar of fire speaks of the indwelling Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. For years , I just thought, "Well, that is great. God sent a fire there." But it is Who was in the fire - the Lord Himself. This protection which was upon them is the same protection which is upon you. Do you realize that you are surrounded perhaps by the most evil, terrible happenings? Perhaps you are overwhelmed in your own household with what is happening, but, don't you see that when you are in Christ Jesus, you have that light; you have that protection; He is the Way? All the time we read such as in **John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory. . . - whose glory? Jesus - . . . the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. The only begotten** Son. He has declared Him. Jesus is the One; He is the Light; He is the Way; He is the Life; He is the Fire; He is the One within us! Do you understand that this is the work of God?

It says in **2 Corinthians 4** —

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world. . . -that is darkness - . . .hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest. . . - listen to this - . . .the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Oh, I am asking you, cry for your own heart that your eyes be opened, that you be turned from darkness to

light to see and to know Jesus! And if you know Jesus, cry, *Open their eyes and turn them from darkness, these ones around me, that they might come into the light, the fire of God, the very glory of God in Christ Jesus, from the power of Satan, being turned to God and they might receive forgiveness of sins!*

May you be that instrument today to recognize Jesus, the Angel of God, as Light in your midst, living within you to reach others.

For His glory. Amen.