

Hello! This is Dorothy -

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity. In the Old Testament, He is the One who is actually in the Shekinah, or the glory cloud. The angel of the Lord is a pre-incarnate Lord Jesus. This title very thinly veils a genuine theophany or shining forth of Jesus Himself. Jesus did not begin in a manger, you know. Jesus is God. He is perfect Man. He took upon Himself a body that He could come to earth that you and I would have a chance to be saved, because only He, the spotless Son of God, the sinless Man, could upon Himself bear your sin and mine. He set us free from the curse of the law, from the curse of sin, and literally exchanged our lives for His. That is what being a Christian is all about. It is an exciting adventure to see it is not *I* any more; it is Christ! It is all about Jesus and He will get all the glory forever. Anything else is a manmade, artificial idea of being a Christian. Oh, the Word of God just points to Christ, Christ, and Christ.

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity is identified with the Shekinah glory and served as “the chariot of God,” when He descends from Heaven and ascends from the earth. So He comes down; He goes up.

I was reading in the **Book of Ezekiel**. That is an awesome Book and I do encourage you to take time alone and read it in the presence of God. Here is Ezekiel, who is a priest, but he is with fellow slaves by the River of Chebar in Babylon. As he is in this very poor, desperate situation, suddenly there comes the glory of the Shekinah glory of the Lord Himself, this radiant resident of this glory. The Angel of the Lord, the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, came to Ezekiel, who had visions of God. As you read of some of those visions on that Book, you will see that the Word of God came expressly to him. We read that the heavens opened and **the hand of the Lord was there upon him**. For we read in **chapter 1** -

3 The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel . . . by the river Chebar; and *the hand of the Lord was there upon him*.

4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. The Lord came down and here in His glory, we read, the flaming angelic beings raced up and down. The theophony, the preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus, was just like ascending and descending a ladder. There was all this fire going up and down. There was this amazing sight which he beheld and explains in **verse 28 -- . . . This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ identified Himself as this divine resident of the

Shekinah glory by insisting it was He who came down from Heaven to speak to the holy prophets and other descendants of Abraham.

In **John 3:13**, we read -

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in Him - *that means into Him* - should not perish, but have eternal life.

So here we have this glorious pillar of fire with this ministering of angels going up and down, up and down, in the flame. Here we have the resident of the Lord Himself. He is the One who then speaks in **John's Gospel** that you cannot go up until you come down. He is the One who goes up and down. I want you to understand that Jesus is right through the Scriptures. It is the Lord Who came; it is the Lord Who revealed Himself in this way. You remember when He came to Abraham and explained that He was El Shaddei, the All Sufficient One.

We read in **Genesis 17:22** - . . . **and God went up from Abraham.** Isn't this interesting? We read about Him going up. God ascended from His earthly presence like its counterpart that God came down in the glory cloud, in the Shekinah glory.

In **John 3**, we read these verses — some of them you might know.

31 He that cometh from above. . . - *this is the One, Jesus - this is*

our holy Second Person of the Trinity - . . . is above all; He that is of the earth is earthly. . . - I hope you are not earthly today - I hope you are not bound to this earthly system - . . . speaking of the earth. . . - thinking of next thing to go on - I hope you are living in the Life which is from above in Christ Jesus - . . . he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 . . . he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. Have you received His testimony? Have you received the Lord Jesus? Have you understood that He is God Almighty, not to be reduced to man's effort of how to approach Him, but by receiving Him because of His work upon the Cross? Oh, may you do that today — that you might know Jesus, the living Son of God, in all His glory and life — for His Holy Spirit is given that we might see and know Him this way. The Word of God is alive this way that Jesus, through you, might shine forth that Life and show the way to others who need Him, too.

For His glory's sake. Amen.

