

## THE LOGOS IN FLESH

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IMAGINE IF YOU WILL OR RECALL A SIMILAR HAPPENING FOR YOUR LIFE WHEN THE FAMILY WAS ALL SNUG LIKE BUGS IN A RUG IN THEIR WARM, COMFORTABLE BEDS. SLEEPY EYES. YOU CAN HEAR A THUNDERSTORM IN THE DISTANCE. IT RUMBLES & ROARS CLOSER & CLOSER UNTIL YOU HEAR THIS HUMONGOUS CLAP OF THUNDER NEARBY - THE WINDOWS RATTLE, THE HOUSE SHAKES, THE TREES STAND OUT LIKE SCARE CROWS IN THE GARDEN AS THEY DANCE WITH THE WIND. THEN THE PITTER PATTER OF LITTLE FEET - YOUR LITTLE GIRL JUMPS INTO BED WITH YOU TO SAY, "I'M SCARED!"

YOU REASSURE THE LITTLE DARLING OF NO NEED TO BE SCARED BECAUSE YOU ARE RIGHT DOWN THE HALL & GOD WILL KEEP HER SAFE & GOD WILL NOT LET THE LIGHTENING GET HER! SHE INQUIRES, "YOU PROMISE?"

YOU COMFORT HER WITH, "YES, MY LITTLE ANGEL."

SHE SAYS, "I KNOW, I JUST NEED SOME SKIN ON IT SO I WILL NOT BE SCARED." IN THAT INSTANCE WE HAVE PUT SOME SKIN ON THE PROMISE FOR SAFETY, PEACE & LOVE.

"AND THE LOGOS BECAME FLESH & DWELT AMONG US." GOD PUT SOME SKIN ON HIS LOVE, GRACE, TRUTH & PROMISES. "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

THE LOGOS SHOULD NOT BE TRANSLATED AS "WORD." SIMPLY PUT, WORD IS SUCH A GROSSLY UNDERSTATEMENT FOR THE MEANING OF LOGOS - WE MUST LEARN A NEW WORD - LOGOS. THERE IS NO ENGLISH EQUIVALENT. FLASH BACK TO GENESIS 1:1, "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS & THE EARTH. THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM (A MESS) ... AND GOD SAID...."

I LOOK IN MY HOUSE - TO SEE WHAT A MESS IT IS & I SAID BUT NOTHING HAPPENS - MY WORD SPOKEN OR THOUGHT MADE ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING. IT IS STILL A MESS. GOD'S CREATIVE POWER, GENIUS, DIRECTIVE IS SET LOOSE BY GOD'S LOGOS - GOD'S "I SAID...." SHAZAM!!! THE LOGOS IS GOD & GOD IS LOGOS. OUR NEW WORD IS LOGOS - FEEL IT, TASTE IT, LET IT LOOSE IN OUR LIVES - THE CREATIVE POWER, GENIUS & DIRECTIVE OF GOD. WITHOUT THE LOGOS THERE IS NO PHYSICAL OR SPIRITUAL LIFE AT ALL !!!

THE LOGOS IS ETERNAL: IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD, WAS GOD. GOD DOES NOT SHOW US VERY MUCH ABOUT ETERNAL MATTERS BECAUSE, WELL, OUR FEET ARE PLANTED ON EARTHLY GROUND. OUR MINDSETS ARE LINEAR - WE ARE BORN THEN WE DIE. ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCES ARE SHAPED BY LINEAR THINKING & EXPERIENCES. WE HAVE NO NATURAL CAPABILITY TO THINK OF ETERNAL MATTERS WITH NO BEGINNING, NO ENDING - ALWAYS WAS, IS, WILL BE. WE MIGHT ASK, "HOW CAN THAT BE?" FOR HUMAN REALITY IT CANNOT BE EXCEPT FOR THE LOGOS. EVEN THEN, WE WILL NEVER REALLY "GET IT" UNTIL ... WELL, I GET TO THAT IN A MOMENT. BEING ETERNAL, THE LOGOS IS ALSO TWO DIMENSIONAL. WE ARE VERY ONE DIMENSIONAL - TRAPPED BY WHAT WE CAN SEE, HEAR, FEEL, TASTE, TOUCH IN THIS EARTHLY DIMENSION - ONE DIMENSIONAL. THE LOGOS IS OF HEAVENLY & EARTHLY DIMENSIONS - MAYBE EVEN MORE. WHO CAN COMPREHEND THE LOGOS OF GOD? I HAVE A HARD TIME COMPREHENDING THE CHIEFS BEATING THE PACKERS - DON'T GET ME STARTED ABOUT ETERNAL MATTERS.

THE LOGOS MADE EVERYTHING - MATERIALLY & SPIRITUALLY. IF IT WAS MADE, CREATED, THE LOGOS DID IT - OR IT JUST WENT UNDONE - NOT CREATED - NO FORM - NO MATTER. BECAUSE OF DOCETICISM & PURITAN ETHICS & MORALITY WE TEND TO HOLD THE PHYSICAL IN CONTEMPT - LIKE OUR PHYSICAL BODIES & EXISTENCE IS NOT REALLY OUR HOME - LIKE PHYSICAL EXIST-ENCE IS SOMEHOW DIRTY OR SINFUL & DISGUSTING. NOT SO, GRASSHOPPERS - THE LOGOS MADE IT ALL - WE HOLD GOD IN CONTEMPT WHEN WE THINK LIKE THAT. EATING, BREATHING, SEXUALITY, OUR BODIES ARE GLORIOUS

& OF DIVINE NATURE BECAUSE THE LOGOS MADE IT ALL. ME THINKS, WE DISGUST GOD WHEN WE THINK HIS CREATION IS CORRUPT & SPOILED. IT MIGHT BECOME SO BY OUR SINFUL ACTION ON IT BUT NOT OUT OF THE LOGOS' DESIGN, GENIUS & PURPOSE. GETTING BACK TO NATURE IS A CALL TO RETURN TO THE WAY GOD INTENDED IT TO BE.

THE LOGOS IS THE LIFE & LIGHT OF/FOR OUR EXISTENCE. APOSTLE JOHN SAID, "IN HIM WAS LIFE." A PERSON MIGHT BE BREATHING AIR - EATING FOOD - DOING STUFF - TAKING UP SPACE - BUT THAT PERSON HAS NO LIFE WITHOUT THE LOGOS. I HAVE HAD CHRISTIANS EXCLAIM, "I JUST DO NOT KNOW HOW PEOPLE LIVE WITHOUT JESUS IN THEIR LIVES." BOTTOM LINE - THEY ARE EXISTING PERHAPS BUT THEY HAVE NO LIFE IN THEM - LIFE IS EMPTY WITHOUT THE LOGOS GIVING DIVINE DIRECTIVE, GENIUS & POWER TO LIVING. HOLLOW - AN EMPTY SHELL WITHOUT THE LOGOS. THE LIFE & LIGHT OF THE LOGOS HAS ABSOLUTE & COMPLETE POWER OVER DEATH & DARKNESS.

I SUPPOSE WE DO NOT REALLY APPRECIATE HOW ABSOLUTE & COMPLETE THE POWER OF LOGOS IS - LET'S PLAY WITH THE IMAGERY A BIT: IF WE TAKE AN EMPTY, CLOSED BOX THAT IS ABSOLUTELY DARK INSIDE TO SET THAT DARKNESS LOOSE IN THE LIGHT - IT NEVER EVER PREVAILS - DARKNESS VANISHES IN THE LIGHT. IN FACT, THE DEFINITION OF DARKNESS IS THE ABSENCE OF LIGHT. IF WE TAKE A BOX THAT HAS LIGHT IN IT, TO OPEN THE BOX TO SET IT LOOSE IN THE DARKNESS - WELL, THAT DARKNESS ALWAYS GIVES WAY TO LIGHT. ALWAYS - WE CAN VERY SELDOM SAY "ALWAYS" WITH COMPLETE CERTAINTY & AUTHORITY. THE LOGOS ALWAYS GIVES LIFE & LIGHT TO THE WORLD & TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE LOGOS INTO THEIR LIVES.

THE LOGOS GIVES US A SECOND BIRTH. WE WERE ALL BORN OF THE FLESH - OUR HUMAN PARENTS - A SPERM & EGG GOT TOGETHER & SHAZAM! WE WERE BORN. WE BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD WHEN WE RECEIVE THE LOGOS & BELIEVE IN HIS NAME. GOD HAS PUT FLESH ON THE LOGOS TO DWELL AMONG US - JESUS! WE PUT ON THE ETERNAL DIMENSION OF GOD WHEN WE RECEIVE & BELIEVE IN JESUS. DEATH & DARKNESS NO LONGER SCARE US BECAUSE WE HAVE THE LIFE & LIGHT OF GOD IN US. DEATH & DARKNESS ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THE LIFE & LIGHT OF GOD. JESUS IS GOD'S, "CAN YOU HEAR ME, SEE ME NOW?" JESUS IS THE LOGOS ENTERING OUR TIME & SPACE AS ONE OF US.

NOT EVERYBODY "GETS IT" - DO THEY? SO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY & THRUOUT THE WORLD JUST DON'T GET IT - THEY DO NOT RECEIVE & BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS. THERE ARE HUGE POCKETS OF DEATH & DARKNESS ALL AROUND US. BUT IN CONFIDENCE & CERTAINTY BELIEVE IT HAS NO POWER AGAINST THE LOGOS - WE MUST SET ITS POWER, PURPOSE, GENIUS LOOSE - IT TAKES ON FLESH IN US AS GOD'S CHILDREN OF LIGHT & LIFE!

"AND THE LOGOS BECAME FLESH & DWELT AMONG US FULL OF GRACE & TRUTH AS THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER." GOD TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO COME TO US IN THE LOGOS/JESUS. THE LOGOS WAS JESUS. IF YOU HAVE EVER WONDERED WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE - IT IS JESUS. OUR ONE DIMENSIONAL, LINEAR EXISTENCE HAS BEEN EXPANDED IN GODLY PROPORTIONS BY OUR ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS. GOT JESUS? JESUS IS THE FULLNESS OF GOD PURE & SIMPLE IN A WAY THAT WE CAN REALLY "GET IT." WE ARE NOT TO LOOK FOR, EXPECT ANYTHING MORE - JESUS MAKES GOD KNOWN TO US IN ALL GOD'S FULLNESS.

THE CROWNING GLORY OF OUR HUMANITY IS THAT GOD WOULD/COULD BECOME FLESH & BLOOD, JUST LIKE US, WITHOUT DIMINISHING OR COMPROMISING GOD'S HOLINESS. WE MUST GET GEARED UP FOR THIS ADVENTURE - GOD IS SERIOUS - GAME ON!!!