

The Sons of God Explained (Genesis 6:1-4 and Job 1-2)

The phrase "sons of God" is found eleven times in the King James Version of the Bible. It is found twice in Genesis, three times in Job, and six times in the New Testament.

Genesis 6:1-3 reads, "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them **wives** of all which they chose." Note, the sons of God mentioned here could not be angels for Jesus said, Angels neither **marry**, nor are they given in marriage.

Matthew 22:30 reads "For (they that take part) in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven. Again, Jesus said, "The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels..." Luke 20:34-36.

Moreover, when referencing the sons of God, Genesis 6:4 reveals, "There were giants in the earth **in those days**; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which **were** of **old**, men of renown."

Here, the Bible compares the giants "in those days" to the children born to the sons of God. This verse reveals, **when they were old**, the children of the sons of God had dominion over the earth. In other words, after they had grown old, they were the mighty men of the earth. They were men of renown and not the giants.

Who are the sons of God?

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 Paul wrote, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14 Again, Paul wrote, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world..." Philippians 2:14-16 Finally, John wrote, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." I John 3:1

Therefore, according to scripture, the sons of God in Genesis 6:1-4 were peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). They were led by Spirit of God (Romans 8:14). They did not argue or complain. They were blameless and harmless (Philippians 2:14-16); and the men which exhibited these traits, God showed His love towards them calling them the sons of God (I John 3:1).

Job and the Gathering of the Assemblies

"Now, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves (stood) before the LORD and Satan came also among them." Job 1:6 Here, the Bible describes a gathering of believers, a men's event, where Job is in attendance. Those in attendance are referred to as the sons of God. Satan also appears at the event. He came there to "accuse the brethren before God" (See Job 1:5 & Job 2:4-5, Zechariah 3:1, Rev.2:13, 2:24 & 12:10).

Imagine, after Satan meticulously points out the sins (James 4:17) of every individual in attendance, he skips over Job. However, before God responds to Satan's accusations against the others, He says, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Job 1:8 "Again there was a(nother) day when the sons of God came to present themselves (stood) before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD." Job 2:1

Here, an examination of the original Hebrew text reveals, at the first gathering Satan was in the midst of the congregation on the earth; but at latter one, Satan was standing next to or by God. Scripture confirm this. In that, in Job 1:6, it reads, "Satan came also among them". However, in Job 2:1, it says, Satan present himself BEFORE OR (STOOD) BY THE LORD.

In other words, in the second instance, as Satan stood there trying to "friend up" the LORD, he successfully pointed out the sins of everyone at the gathering; yet, Satan skipped over Job again. So, once again, before God responds to Satan's accusations; He asked him, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

After this, Satan appears agitated by God's response and accuses Job; saying, "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face." Job 2:4-5

Conclusion

Can one imagine the humiliation Job may have suffered? In that, at a previous event, Job appeared standing "perfect and upright" living in the divine favor and blessings of God. Yet, prior to attending a followup event, Job had lost his 10 children and all his material possessions appearing at the event cursed of God amid speculation regarding the sin he had committed that caused "the judgment of God" to fall upon him.

Nonetheless, it has been shown, the sons of God in scripture are not angels (fallen or otherwise); but they are men that exhibit certain qualities outlined in scripture. John wrote, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." I John 3:2