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Full Body Faith – THE DIMENSIONS OF YOU

The Vision and Voice of Becoming

John 1:19-28

19This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20And he confessed and did not deny; and this is what he confessed: "I am not the Christ." 21And so they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he *said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22Then they said to him, "Who are you? Tell us, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23He said, "I am THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE THE WAY OF THE LORD STRAIGHT,' as Isaiah the prophet said." 24And the messengers had been sent from the Pharisees. 25They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26John answered them, saying, "I baptize [z]in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. 27It is He who comes after me, of whom I am not worthy even to untie the strap of His sandal." 28These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing people.

IDENTITY ALWAYS HAS WORLDY RELEVANCE

-  The Beginning (Genesis 1:1-2) - IDENTITY HAS A BEGINNING
 1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
-  The Witness (Malachi 3:1,2 4:5, 6) - IDENTITY IS A WITNESS
 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
-  9That was the true Light, which Lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
-  The Word Makes It's Dwelling Amongst Us (Psalm 84:1-12) - IDENTITY IS RELEVANCE
 the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (14And and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, this was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

The Substance of Logos – Word

- ✚ Its fundamental meaning is much the same as is *dabar*. It means thought, thing, something said, or utterance. This is the dictionary definition. *Logos* is the Greek word transcribed as “reason,” “word,” “speech,” or “principle.” In Greek philosophy, it related to a universal, divine reason or the mind of God. The gospel of John connected this Greek term with the nature and existence of God and Jesus Christ.
- ✚ He is the Creator of the visible universe. "All things were made through him"
- ✚ The *Logos* is also the source of the intellectual, moral and spiritual life of man. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men."
- ✚ God's identity in you is incarnate. The climax of Divine revelation is expressed in the statement, "The Word became flesh," which implies, on the one hand, the reality of Christ's humanity, and, on the other, the voluntariness of His incarnation.

The Movement of a Voice

- ✓ Who are you? = How should I relate to you?
- ✓ Voices are important things for humans. They are the medium through which we do a lot of communicating with the outside world: our ideas, of course, and also our emotions and our personality.
- ✓ Voice - *phēmí* (from *phaō*, "shine") – properly, bring to light by asserting one statement (point of view) over another; to speak comparatively, i.e. making effective contrasts which illuminate (literally, "produce an epiphany").
- ✓ Identity is brought to light by the voice of God which contains His word.
- ✓ The voice moves through dimensions to become flesh so that that voice moves throughout your life.
- ✓ As the voice takes form in your life your life moves at the volume of the voice.
- ✓ The volume of our voice depends on the pressure from the lungs blowing across our vocal folds when they are closed. Stronger lung pressure will increase the volume of the voice.

God-Voice Creates God-Vision

- ✓ Your voice is an extension of God's thoughts about a particular matter.
- ✓ Your vision will find more clarity with His voice.
- ✓ Your vision will become clearer when you adhere to God's voice.

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