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God the Father, Jehovah Spoke the Law

The great and holy One is a jealous God, and He will have holy men to carry His truth. The holy law spoken by God from Sinai is a part of Himself, and holy men who are its strict observers will alone honor Him by teaching it to others. <u>EW 101.2</u>

... the ten precepts of Jehovah. God spoke this law from Sinai in awful grandeur, in the hearing of all Israel, and he wrote it with his own fingers upon tables of stone, not for his chosen people only, but for all men, to the close of time. <u>ST Feb. 28, 1884, par. 10</u>

Christ, the Son of God Spoke His Father's Law

Amid the awful glory of Sinai, **Christ declared** in the hearing of all the people the ten precepts of **His Father's law**. <u>PP 366.2</u>

It was Christ who spoke the law from Sinai. It was Christ who gave the law to Moses, engraven on tables of stone. It was his Father's law... <u>ST Sept. 4, 1884 par. 13</u>

Is this a contradiction? No, Jehovah Spoke the Law Through His Son

When the law was spoken, **the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth, stood by the side of his Son**, enshrouded in the fire and the smoke on the mount. It was not here that the law was first given; but it was proclaimed, that the children of Israel, whose ideas had become confused in their association with idolaters in Egypt, might be reminded of its terms, and **understand what constitutes the true worship of Jehovah**. -Ellen White, <u>ST October 15, 1896, par. 4</u>

What condescension was this, that **the infinite God should stand side by side with his Son**, while the law, which is the foundation of his government, was given. He would give his people an intelligent knowledge of his will. He does not command men to obey him when they do not understand what he requires. Here was displayed his wisdom, power, and love. **Man was so dear to the Creator of the world[source] that he spoke to him through Jesus Christ, with an audible voice**, giving unmistakable evidence of his presence and majesty. -<u>Ellen White, ST October 15, 1896, par. 5</u>

Why did Jehovah Speak Through His Son?

Up to the time of man's rebellion against the government of God, there had been free communion between God and man. But the sin of Adam and Eve separated earth from heaven, so that man could not have communion with his Maker. Yet the world was not left in solitary hopelessness. The ladder represents Jesus, the appointed medium of communication. Had He not with His own merits bridged the gulf that sin had made, the ministering angels could have held no communion with fallen man. Christ connects man in his weakness and helplessness with the source of infinite power. <u>PP 184.2</u>

The transgression of that law had caused a fearful separation between God and man. To Adam in his innocence was granted communion, direct, free, and happy, with his Maker. After his transgression, **God[source] would communicate to man only through Christ[voice] and angels[voice]**. <u>ST January 30, 1879, par. 19</u>

As Jehovah, the supreme Ruler, God could not personally communicate with sinful men, but He so loved the world that **He sent Jesus[voice] to our world as a revelation of Himself[source].** "I and My Father are one," Christ declared. "No man knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." <u>Ms124-1903.2</u>

Christ[voice] is the One through whom God[source] has at all times revealed Himself to man. "But to us **there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him."** 1 Corinthians 8:6. "This is he [Moses], that was in the church in the wilderness with the Angel which spake to him in the Mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us." Acts 7:38. This Angel was the Angel of God's presence (Isaiah 63:9), the Angel in whom was the name of the great Jehovah (Exodus 23:20-23). The expression can refer to no other than the Son of God. <u>PP</u> 761.4

Again: Christ is called **the Word of God**. John 1:1-3. **He is so called because God gave His revelations to man in all ages through Christ. It was His Spirit that inspired the prophets.** 1 Peter 1:10, 11. He was revealed to them as the Angel of Jehovah, the Captain of the Lord's host, Michael the Archangel. <u>PP 761.5</u>

Does Father Jehovah Communicate Directly With Humans?

1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, *by whom are all things*, and we by him.

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with **the angel[Christ] which spake to him in the mount Sina**, and with our fathers: **who received the lively oracles to give unto us**:

Revelation 1:1 **The Revelation** of Jesus Christ, which **God[source] gave unto him[Jesus Christ (voice)],** to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he[Jesus Christ] sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and **the angel[Christ] of his[Jehovah's vs.7] presence** saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Exodus 23:20 ¶ Behold, **I[Jehovah (source)] send an Angel[Christ (voice)]** before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for **my name is in him.** 22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. 23 For **mine Angel[Christ**, **Jehovah's Messenger]** shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. [Christ - the literal Word of God - Father Jehovah, as witnessed below & mentioned by Ellen above]

John 3:34 For he[Christ (voice)] whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God[source]: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

John 12:48-50 ... I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

1 Peter 1:10 Of which salvation **the prophets** have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 **Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them[the prophets] did signify**, when **it[the Spirit of Christ] testified** beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

1 Timothy 6:16 **[Father Jehovah]**Who **only** hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom **no man hath seen**, **nor can see**: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Here, we have seen that **Christ has always been His Father's spokesman**, even before His incarnation. Likewise, Christ has always been "<u>the Mediator of the covenant</u>", even before His incarnation. Likewise, <u>regarding creation, Jehovah's "Son would carry out his will</u> and his purposes, but would do nothing of himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in him."

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah (Deut8:3; Mt4:4)

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