

## **THEOS LOGOS**

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**Session 7**

### **ILLUSTRATION 5.**

I want you to let this bottom thing here be love. That is the basis of the nature of Almighty Eternal God. I want you to let this attribute up here. Wait a minute. I want you to let this attribute right here be just. God is Just. God is many other things. There are 12 things that are vital or essential to the Divine Nature. Without any of those things, He is no longer God. It takes all of those things to compose the God. If one of those things is missing, He is not The God. Here's the thing we wanted to say leading up to this. Listen to it please. God only and always acts does something in full and constant accord with all of the things that compose the Divine Nature that make Him God. God never does anything that is discordant or a violation of love or justice or immutability or unity. God never acts. We can know why God doesn't do certain things and why God does do certain things if we understand that He only acts in full and constant accord with all of the facets of His Divine Nature.

Any divine act, if God does something, which should violate the least one of the essential attributes of His Nature, God would actually eliminate that part violated by an action.

### **ILLUSTRATION 6.**

We said a moment ago God is perfect. If God should act in a way that violated justice, then God would eliminate justice from the Divine Nature. For God to act contrary to His Divine attributes, eliminates the attribute violated. If He is no longer perfect, He no longer has everything that it is absolutely essential to compose the Nature of the God, then He is no longer God. It's true.

Let me tell you this, the cross of Jesus Christ screams this truth. Why would God have to require the bloody death of His Holy Son before He could forgive your sins? Why? Just because He wanted to. That's blasphemy. It is because there was no other possible way. For God's love to act in forgiveness and reprobation and eternal salvation of one who had committed sin, threatened the violation of Divine Justice. For the just nature of God demands the pronounces penalty of sin. And it is in the Bible: the wages of sin is death. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. God has written that and said it and it's a principle. For God to forgive your sins and to reclaim your soul back to Himself and save you eternally, threatened a violation of divine justice. Hope you understand that. God only and always acts in full and constant accord with all of the facets that constitute the divine nature. He cannot and must not and shall not. Now I don't say He cannot; He could. God can sin. God can sin.

The Bible says with God all things are possible. How many of you believe that? Everybody says they do. I've never known anyone that didn't say yep I believe. Never known a Christian that didn't agree with that. With God, all things are possible. Ask if you believe this: the New Testament says: For it is impossible for God to lie. Doesn't it. For it is impossible for God to lie. I want you to understand that the possibles of God relate directly to the Omnipotence of God. With

God all things are possible. The possibles relate to divine omnipotence or all-power. God is all-powerful.

It's a funny thing to me that we will attribute to a mere creature in the image of God like yourself and me that we have the power to commit sin, but we deny it to God. And that we have powers that God does not have. That becomes ridiculous when you follow through on it. Can you sin? I don't want you to raise your hand because I know the answer. Can you commit sin? But God can't. Then you in one area have greater power than God. Do you not?

There are 2 scriptures that I want to call your attention to. If I can find them in my notes here I'll quote them. Hebrew 1:3. I'm just going to quote them and Colossians 1:17. Now it's talking about God and it says this in Hebrews 1:3 – I want us to get it: *...upholding all things by the word of his power*, and what that says is that God has power just to speak and everything stays in its place. That means that the earth revolves around the sun, orbits the sun. Means all the galaxies and all the suns and all the planets of God's fantastic creation stay where they are supposed to be and revolve and go and move as God them up. *upholding all things by the word of his power...*

Then in Colossians 1:17, the Bible says this of Jesus Christ - *.....by him all things consist*. It says to be that because of divine power, everything that exists is held up and everything that exists is held together. "Consist" means to hold together. "Uphold" means to hold it up from collapsing.

I want to tell you what happens if God does one thing in violation of any attribute of His Nature. If God acts in violation of Divine Justice, God, in effect, eliminate justice from the Divine Nature. He loses His perfection. He has destroyed the Nature of God. He is no longer God and He no longer has the power to uphold all things by word of speaking and He no longer has the power to hold all things together. And God and all things He created will fall into an eternal abyss and come apart into a permanent state of darkness and chaos and ruin if God commits a sin and God can. It's true. That's not God right there. That may have used to been God but He did something that violated a part of His essential Nature and in acting in violation of it, He eliminated it, He lost His perfection, He is no longer God and no longer has the word of power to hold things up and to hold things together and God and all things collapse into eternal hell.

That's God. A God of love and a God of justice. A God of unity. The very first sin challenged the attribute of Divine Unity. When Lucifer, the high angel of God, said I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will be equal with God, that's the first sin that was ever committed.

Let me go to Gethsemane, Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and He took some disciples with Him and He left them in a place and He went farther He fell down upon His knees and upon His face and He prayed to the Father in Heaven, and He said oh Father, if it be possible. Um? Hear Him again. If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. Well, what is the cup? Not physical death on the cross. Not the abuse of the crown of thorns and the beatings and mutilation. He was going to drink the dregs of the sin of the whole world. He who knew no sin was made sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. What Jesus Christ did on the cross is unspeakable. Do you recall the weight and guilt of your own sins when you were saved? If you would multiply that by untold billions, you would know weight that Jesus experienced when He hung on the cross. And His Father required it. In the Garden, He said if it be possible, Father. He sweated as it were

in agony of soul great drops of blood. He actually perspired real blood. Knowing what He faced and He said: Father, if there is any other possible way for your love to act towards sinful man, then I pray that we will go another way. But if there is no other way, then let's do it. Let's do it. What was the conflict? For Divine Love to act toward the wicked sinful heart of Arthur Slye, Jr. Love wanted to act toward me in mercy and forgiveness and redemption, but Divine Justice says I'm sympathetic. But it is my responsibility to say you can't because he has sinned. And you have declared from Eternity that the soul that sinneth, it shall die. That's an eternal death. So, I won't let you act in love towards Arthur Slye, Jr. because it is my responsibility not to let you do that which is wrong. Even though you desire it because you're a God of love. Justice said I won't let you forgive Arthur, but love said Oh I would love to forgive him. I want to forgive him. But the divine justice said but you cannot.

Why is there no salvation for the angels that sinned? Boy is that an important question. The answer is right here. Why is there no salvation for the angels that sinned against God? Why can't the demons be forgiven and taken to Heaven? The Bible speak in language of absolute assurance that there is no possible way of salvation for them. Now, I'm not going to get into it but there are answers to that. But under the conditions in which they committed sin against God, God in love wanted to do something for them and attempted to find a way to do something for them, but there was no way for God to act in love toward the angels that sinned. And the possibility that there would be one narrow way for God to act toward you and I in love was remote. It's probably not possible for God to find a way to act toward me as a sinner in love or you. That's we say as Christians Jesus is The Way and there is no other way. And He says narrow is the way. And all of this relates to the difficulty bordering on impossibility that God could act toward us in forgiveness and redemption. It was most likely that it was not possible for God to forgive you and I. And so in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed Father if there is any other possible way for You to act in love toward all mankind who have sinned, I'd rather do it some other way. Nevertheless, if there is no other possible way for you to act in love towards sinful man without violating the Divine Justice, then I will drink the cup of the sins of the whole world. I'll do it.

I want to give you 3 scriptures and we'll be through with this principle. I've never gone through it this quick in my life. Isaiah 45:21. Zechariah 9:9. Y'all look them up because I'm going to let you read them out loud whoever finds it. And then Romans 3:26. That's the easiest one to find. I'm going to read that one.

Anybody read that with gusto. Steve.

*Isaiah 45:21 - Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.*

Now I want you to know something of great importance. Two things at the same time. He could never believe He could remain a just God and a Savior at the same time. God is thumping His chest. He is saying: Isaiah 45: 20-21 - *Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I*

*the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.* He's bragging on Himself. He is so thrilled. It's incredible to God that He could be both of those things at the same time. And that which enabled Him to be both of those things was the cross of His Holy Son. That God could act in love toward us and still be God. It threatened the very reality of His divinity to save one sinner. It would have been a violation of a divine justice for God to forgive your sins and to redeem you and to give you eternal life unless someone could do something that would satisfy the demands of the divine justice. And the Bible says of the death of Christ on the cross in our behalf as our substitute that God shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. Isa 53:11 *He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:* in reference to the Divine Justice.

Somebody read for me Zechariah 9:9 – Who has it? Benny you read it. *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.* Just and, and, not just “just” and having salvation. Not just “just” but just and. In Isaiah 45 – not just a “Just God” but a just God and a Savior. Both of those coupled together is a miracle of all of eternity that God could find one narrow scarcely way to act in love towards your desperately needy soul. And He did it in His Son or He could not have it. It would have been sin for God to forgive me and save me and so it required....now that screams that God can sin. Or God would have done it without sacrificing His Holy Son. If He could have, He would have. Would He not? If God could have acted toward us in love and mercy without giving His Son, then He would have acted without giving His Son. So important. It's the crux of all of theology. It is the basis of all Christianity. God can sin and shall not. It would have been a sin for God to save me unless He could find a way to save me and not sin. God is so thrilled that He can be both things at the same time.

Now look at Romans 3:26 verse 24, let's read that - *Being justified freely* or acceptable to the divine justice. That's what justified means. Accepted by the divine justice. Being accepted by the divine justice freely. *by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation* to satisfy or placate the demands of divine justice *through faith in his blood,* by believing that His death provided that for us *to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.* That He might be. You see the threat there? There was a danger that He could not be. That He might be just and THE JUSTIFIER. To take us who were totally unjust and unacceptable to the divine justice on to the just demands of eternal banishment into the blackness of darkness forever. God found barely that which was believed to be impossible, one singular narrow scarcely way to act in love towards sinning humanity and that is in His Son Christ. And only in the cross of Christ is there full provision to satisfy the demands of a divine justice against man's sin. And all the religions of the earth expect the religion of true Christianity are Satanic in origin and futile and cannot save.

Are there are two ways and not just one. That is of tremendous importance. All that cost God His Holy Son was to pay the penalty for your sins and for mine in a way that the divine justice could say I'll accept that. And by believing in the sacrifice of His blood on Calvary's cross, the divine justice finds you acceptable to be forgiven and reclaimed and retained with God in His Creation for all of eternity. Only through Jesus. No other way. To say that there is possibility for anyone to be saved except those who are committed to Christ in faith is blasphemy. And threatens the

violation of the Nature of God and the destruction of God and the eternal collapse of all things that exist. If God forgives any human soul apart from real full commitment of faith in the blood of Christ, God commits a sin. He will stop being God. He will lose His power to hold everything up and to hold everything together. All things will collapse into eternal ruin and chaos and darkness. God's going to go to hell if He commits a sin. God will surely go to hell if He commits a sin. And it's true. And it could happen. He has the power to commit a sin.

There is only one way. It was a terrible terrible price for God to pay. But God is so elated beyond His imagination. He is so proud of Himself and He has a right to be. That He could make it possible to forgive your sins. He didn't think He could. Nobody's going to Heaven but the true committed believing Christian. Or God sins and all of us go to hell with Him.

A singularity of purpose. Jesus is saying if what you fix your gaze on is singular, your whole body shall be full of light. And He impressed upon me at one time at a very important time in my life, that He's saying that whenever you're objective or your purpose is singular that everything involved will be illuminated by that fact. Now, God has a singular purpose. He does not tell us if our eye be single our whole body shall be full of light and then His eye not be single and His whole body full of light. The term "body" there means the whole of what you are involved in, the whole of what you are pursuing. Everything will relate and illuminate in relationship to your singular purpose. I believe what He is saying simply is this: Once we see what God is doing then we can understand everything that relates to that one thing. That's a challenge. If you know the one thing God is doing, you then are enabled to know all God is doing. Because everything accords with that one thing is what He's saying.

Ephesians 3:11 says this: *According to the eternal purpose.* Now the definite article "the" is indicative that it is singular. Not "one" or "a" eternal purpose but "the" eternal purpose.

I like to state it this way to challenge our minds. What is it that God did not have in pre-sin eternity that He shall in post-sin eternity? The words "pre" and "post" are interesting to me. There was a point in which sin first occurred in a Holy God's creation. Prior to that point, sin had never been known or experienced. All of us are sadly victimized by the offspring of the very presence of sin in God's Holy Creation. In the book of Romans the Bible says for the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. That means up to the very moment. The whole creation of travailing excruciating in pain until now, up to the very moment. And not only they, but we also. Not only is the whole creation travailing and groaning in pain, but we Christians are travailing and groaning in pain also. And there's no escape and no exemption in Christianity from the inescapable reality of the offsprings of the intruder called sin. Sin is a reality. Sin came into God's Creation. Prior to the coming of sin, there were no problems. All undesirable things are the offspring of the parent called sin. I want us to realize that.

What is it that God did not have in eternity before sin came that God shall have after sin is gone? That will be His Eternal Purpose. That will be the one thing God is doing. It's simple. Theology is very simple. I meant to say that earlier. We use that jaw-breaking term "theology." Theos Logos. A rational communication of the subject of God. I want you to know the New Testament says this: I fear lest your minds be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. I like that. Don't you ever let the devil make you think it's going to be hard.

In Isaiah it says this in reference to a prophesy of Christianity in full divine revelation, or completed theology, when that which is perfect has come, and it says this: there shall be a way there, a highway, and it shall be called a highway of holiness, and the unclean shall not walk therein. But the wayfaring man though fools shall not err therein. What a beautiful statement. The wayfaring man means a back woods uneducated man. Though fool mean he's retarded intellectually. The word "fool" was applied to those who were retarded mentally. God is saying there that Christian theology can be understood by the uneducated and ungifted intellectually. I believe that with all my heart. Some might say: What is God doing? Oh man that is so complex I wouldn't even begin to try to answer. You're wrong.

What is God doing in which you are involved? It is one thing and only one thing. It is not complex. It is simple. What is He doing? What is it that He did not have in pre-sin eternity that He shall have in post-sin eternity?

I want us to go all the way to the fact that there is a God. I hope that we don't have to stop and prove that there is a God. We can. Reasonably, scripturally, and by the witness of the Holy Spirit, we can prove that there is a God. We're not even going to try here because we know that you know that. There is a God. He created all things. Everybody believe that? The Bible says there is not anything that was made except He made it. Okay.

God is the source the origin of every speck of dust that exists in the entirety of His Creation down to you. God created you. The pew you're sitting on the material everything imaginable or nameable, God made that.

He created all things. Here's a conclusion. He existed entirely alone. There was a point in past-eternity before God ever acted the very first time in bringing something else into existence with Him, that He existed in this infinity in relation to distance, and this eternity is relation to time, totally alone. There was not a speck of dust. Just One God existing alone. That's rational. That's reasonable. Scripture and the Holy Spirit will tell you that is true.

Think for a moment with me. If you were God in this awesome void called space in this endlessness called eternity and you were entirely alone and had always been alone up to that point, you had the power to contemplate a relationship with something beyond yourself and you had the power if you willed to bring something else to exist with you in this awful void of space. Do you think you might have created something to exist with you? I think you would have.

Let's remember that the basis of the nature of God is love. God is love. Bible says that and I believe it with all my heart. That is a very basis of the nature of God. I want you to know that the green attribute at the bottom of the divine nature is green on purpose. The green attribute at the bottom is green because green denotes growth life or creativity. Growing things. And the creative attribute of God is love. And everything that exists everything exists for the singular reason of love. It's true. Everything that is is from a motive of love.

God is love. Let me give you a principle that is true in your life so that you can easily and readily accept it. Do you believe that you have ever loved? Did you ever love your mother? Did you love

dad? Did you love your girlfriend, boyfriend? You love your wife? You love your husband? You ever love a dog? Have you ever loved? To love always, and this is always absolutely true, the desire to be loved in return. If you've ever loved, you know that's true. You wanted to be loved back. I love my mother and I wanted my mother to love me. And she did. I loved my dad and I wanted my dad to love me. And he did and he does. When I fell in love with a young lady and I won't put her whole name in then. Well I might – Christine Marie Jordan Stecker. Isn't that awful. That comes from being adopted little way and keeping all the names you had in the past. Christine Marie Jordan Stecker Slye. She's going to go to Heaven and lose most of those names.

When I fell in love with that young lady, do you think I didn't have a desire for her to love me too? And by the grace of God, that desire was realized. We love each other. God is love. God had a desire to be loved. But God existed entirely alone as a God of love. And so God contemplated the idea of creating something that He could love and that would love Him back. I want us to turn, if you will, to Genesis 2, and that will be the bulk of our material for this session.

Genesis 2. Now what we are going to be reading here I want to give you right off the bat has very little relevance to the human experience although man is going to be used by God to communicate what is of little to Adam the man or Eve the woman, but what is of great significance and importance is the experience of God in past-eternity. That's what He's doing. Verse 18: Now God has created the man. In verse 18 *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

I want to ask you a question, when God said it is not good for the man to be alone, He's communicating to us His own experience in past-eternity when God was entirely alone and He is relating through the human experience in the Garden of Eden a communication of His own personal experience in past-eternity long before He created man in the Garden of Eden. So, He's actually giving us a conclusion that He came to in past-eternity that it is not good for the God to be alone. It is not good for the God to be alone.

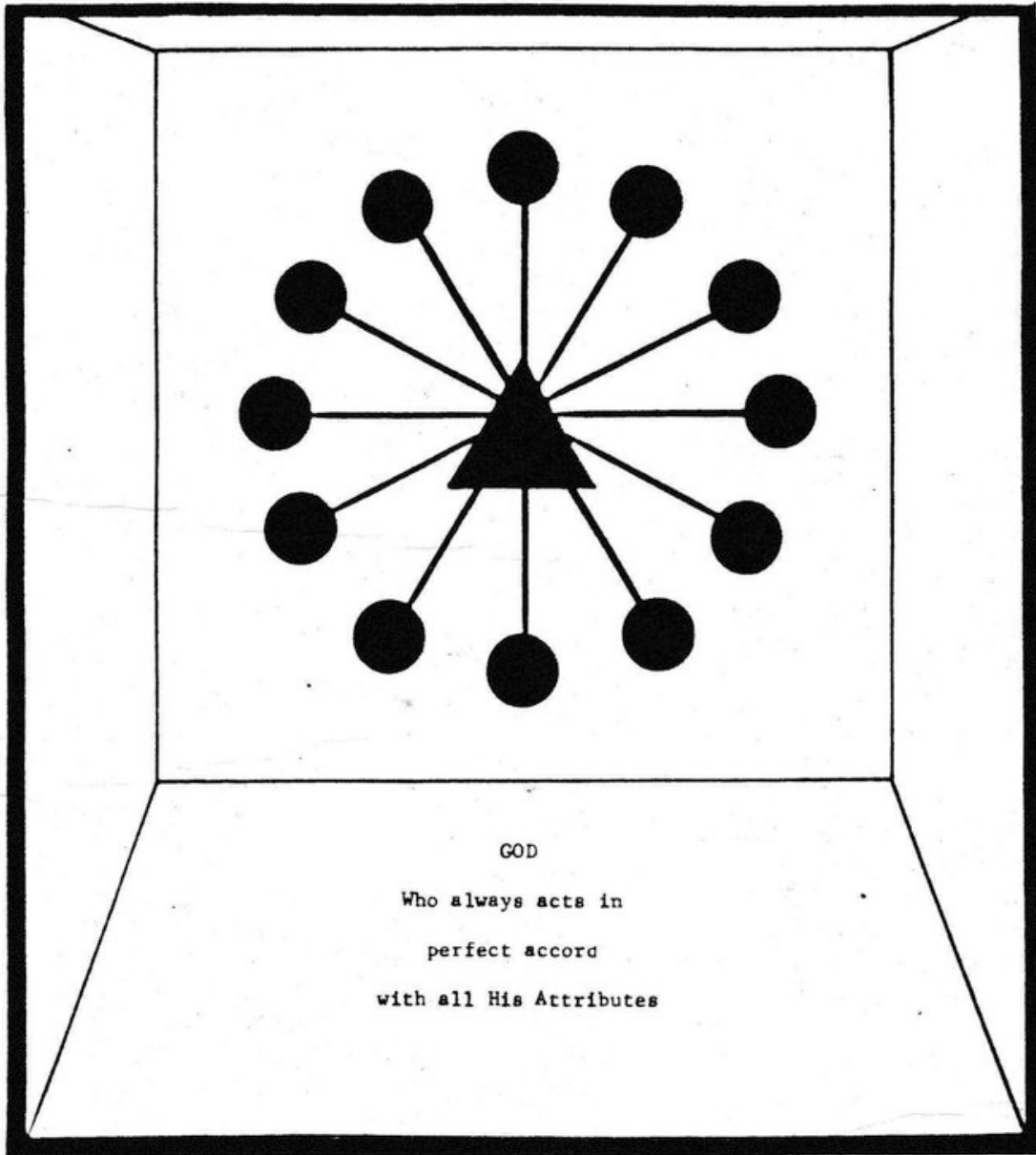
God is all-knowing and all-wise. I want you to explain to me why in the world when God decided that he would make something special for the man, He called it a help meet. This term "help" means love companion. A love companion. In other words something to love and have it love you back. This word "meet" means adequate or sufficient. Everything that He could ever want or needed to be. That's what the word "meet" means in the context of scripture.

God is all-knowing and the reason that He formed the beast of the field and the fowls of the air in the context of making a help meet for the man, He is saying, is there a possibility that an animal or a flying thing a bird could be a love companion for the man that would be everything he could

ever want or need? That's kinda dumb isn't it? So why did He say that and why did He do that? Well, if you just make that a human thing, God was being dumb. But if you make it a communication of God's own experience in past-eternity, you'll find that it communicates and God is showing us and telling us of His own experience in past-eternity.



Illustration 5



GOD

Who always acts in  
perfect accord  
with all His Attributes

Illustration 6

