

Differences between God Father and Jehovah

Many people allege that the absolute God the Father and Jehovah are the same, supposing that the typical **violence** of Old Testament can be found too in the New Testament, based in Ephesians 5:6, John 3:36 and 1 Thessalonians 2:16.

However we must consider that these texts don't refer necessarily to the Lord our Father, who is defined as "love" (1 John 4:8).

Translators of the biblical text **generalized** several times the translation of the word "God", causing a great confusion, not only in the original Hebrew text from Old Testament as well as in the original Greek text from New Testament.

Due to theological conveniences, it has been made the identification of Jehovah with God Father, but through a better analysis we can realize that a **wrathful temperament** is not applicable to the Father although it is certainly applicable to Jehovah.

By comparing 2 Samuel 24:1 that says: "Again the **anger of Jehovah** burned against Israel and he incited David against them, saying... Go and take a census of Israel and Judah" with 1 Chronicles 21:1 that says: "**Satan** rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel", we can realize that Jehovah's anger is burned by Satan's impulses.

In that occasion David and the people of Israel were the victims of this impulsive anger, for **70.000 persons** died from a plague sent by Jehovah to destroy them! (1 Chronicles 24:15).

The "God" of the OT is not the absolute and true God, he is simply a local "god". In other words, he is an angel (archangel), who reveals all his anger, violence, cruelty, inconsistency and jealousy due to the frustration of his plan to be king of a terrene kingdom (Israel).

There was something of Machiavellian in Jehovah's plans referred to men, for in certain occasion he said WAS PREPARING A DISASTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND DEVISING A PLAN AGAINST THEM (Jeremiah 18:11). Then he induces men to error in order to chastise them after. Those acts reveal Jehovah's jealousy and triteness.

Furthermore, Jehovah revealed a morbid pleasure to destroy people for he said: JUST AS IT PLEASED ME TO MAKE YOU FINANCIALLY PROSPER AND INCREASE IN NUMBER, SO IT WILL PLEASE ME TO RUIN AND DESTROY YOU (Deuteronomy 28:63).

There are some acts in the OT which show Jehovah inducing men to the error:

- . Jehovah persuaded Hophni and Phineas, sons of Eli to not listen their father's rebuke, FOR IT WAS JEHOVAH'S WILL TO PUT THEM TO DEATH (1 Samuel 2:25).
- . Jehovah put a lying spirit in the mouths of the prophets of Israel because HE HAD DECREED DISASTER FOR THEM (2 Chronicles 18:20 to 22). The true God Father does not treat with demons nor send them, for Jesus DROVE THEM OUT from the demon-possessed Gadarene (Luke 8:26 to 38).
- . Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart to pursue the Israelites, in order to GAIN GLORY FOR HIMSELF through Pharaoh and all his army (Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 10:20 and 27; 14:4 and 8).
- . Jehovah also hardened the hearts of the Egyptians so that they went in after the Israelites TO SHOW THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL (Exodus 11:7; 14:17).

Pharaoh recognized he sinned against Jehovah and against the people of Israel. He even asked Moses to forgive his sin and to pray to Jehovah for him (Exodus 10:16). But Jehovah didn't consider the repentance of Pharaoh and yet hardened his heart to not let the Israelites go (Exodus 10:20).

Furthermore, if the fault was of Pharaoh, why did all the Egyptians perish? Were the killed innocent firstborn including children all guilty of Pharaoh's sin?

Isn't that such a kind of unfairly MANIPULATION of people's minds?
Should such unscrupulous and cruel "god" to be identified with the merciful and kindly God Father revealed by Jesus?

Different behaviors and purposes

Jehovah is not the same as the Father, because they have different **behaviors** and **purposes**. One of the things that distinguish Jehovah, the tribal and exclusivist god of OT, from the true God, the Father announced by Jesus in the NT, is the procedure about **calling** and **choosing**. As to the Father, first He **calls**, and then He **chooses**. Here there is freedom of choice and self-government (free will).

As to Jehovah, first he **chose**, and then he **called**. Here there is no freedom of choice, for there was the prevalence of a jealous ruler, who elected the terrene Israel alone to be his kingdom, in order to comply his plan of supremacy and subjugation over all the other nations and people. Jesus said in Matthew 22:14 "many are **invited**, but few are **chosen**". Therefore, in the **correct sequence**, first comes the invitation (or call), and then comes the choice (or selection).

The choice is the selection of the approved ones. Thus, the "chosen" of the Father are the **selected** and **approved** ones, and not the **favorites** and **preferred** ones, as for Jehovah.

Has the true God ever been seen?

In Exodus 24:9 it is written: "Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and SAW THE GOD OF ISRAEL. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself".

According to that text those people saw physically Jehovah. But in John 1:18 we know that NO-ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD.

Then I conclude that the men didn't see the true and Universal God Father; but they saw Jehovah, the tribal "god of Israel". I suppose divine's "nature" of Jehovah is related to angel's nature.

The likeness of the sapphire under Jehovah's feet looked like the description of the cherubim of Ezekiel 1:26 and 10:1. This is a clear evidence of the angelical nature of Jehovah.

Those Nadab and Abihu were the very who fell dead before Jehovah because they made an offering with "unauthorized fire" (Numbers 3:4).

Then I conclude too that there was no advantage for those men on seeing Jehovah face to face, for the "vision" didn't bring any wisdom or understanding to them.

Genesis 32:10 says... "a man(?) wrestled with Jacob till daybreak"

Genesis 32:28 says... "the man(?) said: You have struggled with god"

Who was this "man"? Hosea 12:3 clarifies: "as a man Jacob STRUGGLED WITH GOD; he struggled with the angel and overcome". The text of Hosea relates the "man" with Jehovah. Thus, the "man" or "the angel" was Jehovah himself.

Exodus 3:2 says: "There THE ANGEL of Jehovah appeared to Moses in flames of fire FROM WITHIN A BRUSH".

Exodus 3:4 says: "When JEHOVAH saw that Moses had gone over to look he called to him FROM WITHIN THE BRUSH".

Stephen confirmed in Acts 7:30 that AN ANGEL appeared to Moses IN THE FLAMES OF A BURNING BUSH in the desert near Mount Sinai. When Moses went over to look more closely, JEHOVAH was there and said to him: "I am the god of your fathers". In the sequence of that text Stephen quoted about the angel who appeared to Moses in the brush (Acts 7:35 and 38).

Jehovah with more two angels TALKED and ATE in company of with Abraham under a tree (Genesis 18:1 to 7).

Here there is more one evidence that Jehovah is not God, but an angel because 1 John 4:12 says that NO-ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD.

How much higher absurd would be anybody not only seeing God but also chatting and eating a physical meal with him!

God relents?

The TRUE God Jesus is indeed the same, who **does not change** like shifting shadows (James 1:17). He is not like Jehovah that grieves and relents from his first decisions (1 Samuel 15:11) as when he was convinced by Moses to not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened (Exodus 32:14 and 15).

How can one accept such an inconsistent God? Bible says "God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever".

The true God Father doesn't need to be convinced by angels or men, because He is sufficiently wise and coherent to make the RIGHT DECISION SINCE THE BEGINNING, without the necessity of taking counsel with men.

Jehovah is an implacable Ruler

What kind of "discipline" is that which killed the innocent baby because of David's blame? (2 Samuel 12:15)

Should this kind of execution to be compared with the loving discipline from the God Father?

What kind of "loving discipline" is that which punished by death the "irreverent act" of Uzah on trying to avoid the ark fell down? (2 Samuel 6:6)

What kind of "loving discipline" is that which ordered all men and women, children and infants of the Amalekites to be put to death? (1 Samuel 15:2 and 3)

Destruction is not simply a "result of righteousness"; it is the stopping of all possibilities of salvation.

Jesus could authorize the stoning of the woman caught in adultery (for it was a command of Jehovah's law), but He gave her a new opportunity in life because after death there is no more repentance (John 8:11).

Which name had Christ made manifest to the men?

In John 17:6 and 26 Jesus said to the Father: "I have made your name manifest to the men...".

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Certainly it was not the name of Jehovah (YHWH) because every time that Jesus referred to God, He said ABBA, that means "Father". When Jesus prayed He always said: Father (ABBA):

"Our FATHER in heaven, hallowed be your name" (Matthew 6:9 and Luke 11:2).

"I praise you, FATHER, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, FATHER, for this was your good pleasure (Matthew 11:25 and Luke 10:21).

"My FATHER, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me" (Matthew 26:39 and 42; Luke 22:42).

"Abba FATHER, everything is possible for you" (Mark 14:36).

"FATHER, glorify your name!" (John 12:28)..

"FATHER, I want those you had given me to be with me where I am, an to see my glory" (John

17:24).

"Righteous FATHER, though the world does not know you!" (John 17:25).

"FATHER, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me" (John 11:41). Jesus had never directed his prayers to Jehovah (YHWH). The only mention that Jesus made of Jehovah was when He said: "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani?" (Eloi means "my god"). This was the claim of the human nature of Jesus, as He was born a Jew (Jehovah is the god of the terrene Israel).

Thus, Jesus had NEVER recognized Jehovah as the supreme God.

Nevertheless, Jesus submitted himself to the Father and He was exalted to the highest place because of his obedience (Philippians 2:9).

Do the 10 Commandments come from God Father or from Jehovah?

With regard to the 10 Commandments, do they come from the true God Father or from Jehovah (YHWH)?

As the Father is consistent in all of his behavior, He could not show any inconsistency in his rules. If in the Decalogue we find inconsistency, it will be proved the commandments come not from the Father, but from angels, as the entire OT's law (Acts 7:53 and Galatians 3:19). Thus, let's consider them.

In the **FIRST** one, Jehovah said: "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). In spite of this, Jehovah ordered the people of Israel to serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. He said that those who had not served his servant Nebuchadnezzar would be punished with the sword, famine and plague, until Jehovah destroyed it by his hand (Jeremiah 27:5 to 11).

In the **SECOND** one, Jehovah said: "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below" (Exodus 20:5). However, Jehovah ordered Moses to make a statue of a snake, that whosoever look at it could be healed from the bites of the snakes which the proper Jehovah sent among the people (Numbers 21:6 to 8). This practice led the people to idolatry, for they worshiped "Nehushtan" until the days of the king Hezekiah 2 Kings 18:4.

In the **THIRD** one, Jehovah restricted the use of his name: "You shall not misuse the name of Jehovah, your god" (Exodus 20:7). Because of this rule, the Jews ceased of mentioning the name of Jehovah, using only the form of the consonants JHWH. During the exile in Babylon the Jews forgot completely how to pronounce correctly the name.

In the opposite hand, the blind man of Jericho was healed because he shouted with desperation the name of Jesus with all his faith (Mark 11:48).

In the **FOURTH** one, Jehovah forbade any kind of work in the seventh day (Exodus 20:8). However, the keeping of this temporal Sabbath of 24 hours per week has no value for the true God Father, because only in Jesus we can find the true and permanent rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28 and 29).

From **FIFTH** to **TENTH**, the commandments are all ethical precepts that can be found in every civilized society, independently of the religious beliefs. Thus, "honoring father and mother", "not murdering", "not committing adultery", "not stealing", "not giving false testimony" and "not coveting anything that belongs to the neighbor" are typical from common honest people. They are at best merely banal principles of good behavior.

But Jesus indeed gave NEW COMMANDS which contrast with all other unoriginal rules and statements from religions and philanthropic theories.

Instead of "You shall not commit adultery" Jesus taught against the wrong intention that comes before the action (Matthew 5:27 and 28).

Instead of "You shall not murder" Jesus taught to not be angry with the neighbor (Matthew 5:22).