

# Only He Has Seen The Father

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"The Jews then murmured at Him, because He (Jesus) said, 'I am the Bread which (or who) came down from heaven.' And they said, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that He says, 'I came down from heaven?' ' Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, 'Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to Me, except the Father who has sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up **at the last day**. It is written in the prophets, '*And they shall be all taught of God.*' (Isaiah 54:13) Therefore , every man who has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes unto Me. **Not that any man has seen the Father, except He (Jesus) who is from God, He has seen the Father.** Truly, truly, I say unto you, He who believes on Me has everlasting life." (John 6:41-47)

**Except:** from the Greek words ***ei me*** which means: if not; meaning: except; in context: implies that no one has seen the Father except the one who is Jesus. Thus, only Jesus, who exists beside the Father, has seen the Father!

**He who:** from the Greek word ***o*** (or ***ho***) (the personal masculine definite article) which means: the-one; and since masculine: he, or him. in context: Jesus is He who alone, amongst all humanity, has seen the Father.

**Is:** from the Greek word ***on*** a verb which means: existing, or being, or is: as in currently existing; (singular masculine present active; as in currently happening). In context: Jesus is currently, and is always existing in the presence of the Father.

**From:** from the Greek word ***para*** which means: beside, from-beside, or from alongside; properly: from close beside; from the presence of. It stresses nearness (closeness) which is often not conveyed in translation. In Context: Jesus is currently, and is, and was, always existing in the very close association, and presence, with the Father.

**God:** from the Greek word ***theou*** which means: God; - refers to the Supreme Being who created all things through Jesus, and who owns and sustains all creation.

**He:** from the Greek word ***houtos*** (the personal masculine pronoun) which means: he, or him; In context: Jesus is currently, and is always existing in the presence of the Father; and is thus the only human person who has seen, and is currently seeing the Father.

**Has Seen:** from the Greek word ***heoraken*** which means: has-seen; the context is, again: Jesus has seen, is seeing, and will always see the Father; because He is always, and will always be, in very close association and presence with the Father.

**The Father:** from the Greek words ***ton Patera*** which means: the Father; (from pater: a father); refers to the male begetter, originator, progenitor of children; and thus someone in intimate connection and relationship with his child (or children); and who passes on to his children unique physical, or spiritual characteristics. In context the Father is seen only by Jesus, because the Father and Jesus are One.

**Literally: "if not the-One (=Him) existing closely-beside the God; He has seen the Father"**

Thus, a more accurate 'amplified' english translation would be: **"... except for Him (Jesus) only, who is currently existing closely beside the Father, only He has seen the Father."**

Fundamental to being able to see someone, face to face, with our own eyes, is to be in their presence! So it is with us and other people. It s as John wrote, "But I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak **face to face**." (3 John 1:14)

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But with us seeing God it is different, because It is not possible for evil doers (of whom we all are) to see God face to face; as it says: "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." (1 Peter 3:12).

Jesus, Himself, first implied that for anyone else, seeing the Father was not an option, by saying: "Not that any man has seen the Father." Please consider the following:

"And he (Moses) said (to God), 'I beseech You, show Me Your glory. And He (God) said, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you (before Moses), and I will proclaim the Name of the LORD before you; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.' And He (God) said, 'You cannot see My face; for **there is no man who shall see Me, and live.**' And the LORD said, 'Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand upon a rock; and it shall come to pass, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. And I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; **but My face shall not be seen.**" (Exodus 33-18-23)

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto you are also called, and have professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give you charge in the sight of God, who makes-alive all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who in His timing He shall show (shall reveal), who is the blessed and only Sovereign (speaking of the Father), the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **Who alone has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; in whom no man has seen, nor can see;** to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen." (1 Timothy 6:12-16)

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son (Jesus) to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. **No man has seen God at any time.** If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby we know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because He has given us of His Spirit." (1 John 4:10-13)

Only Jesus, who always abides in intimate fellowship with, and in the the close presence of God, only He has seen the Father! Please consider the following statements, made by Jesus, concerning His close, **in sight,** presence with the Father:

"John bore witness of Him, and cried-out, saying, 'This was He of whom I spoke, He who comes after me is preferred before me; for He existed before me. And of His fulness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ. **No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared (Him)**" (i.e. Jesus has shown, explained, and revealed, to us, the Father). (John 1:15-18)

**in the Bosom:** from the Greek words **eis ton kolpos** which means: in the bosom; properly: the upper part of the chest the "bosom," the position synonymous with closeness, intimacy, and union.

To various persons Jesus confirmed His 'in sight' presence with the Father:

To His adversaries: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, **you shall be free indeed.** I know that you are Abraham's offspring; but you are seeking to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **I speak that which I have seen with My Father;** and you do that which you have seen with your father (speaking of the devil)." (John 8:36-38)

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To His disciples: "Jesus said ..., 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but through Me. If you had known Me, **you would have known My Father also**; and from henceforth you know Him, **and have seen Him**.' But Philip said unto Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said unto him, 'Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; and how do you say then, 'Show us the Father?' Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself; but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works. Believe Me, that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me**; or else believe Me for the very works' sake.' " (John 14:6-11)

"And now, O Father, glorify Me with **Your own Self** with the glory which I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name unto the men whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things, whatever You have given to Me, are from (*para*) You. For I have given unto them the words which You gave Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came **out from (*para*: from close beside)** You (the Father), and they have believed **that You sent Me**." (John 17:5-8)

Others also testified about this truth:

"In the beginning was the Word (speaking of Jesus), and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God**. The **Same was in the beginning with God**." (John 1:1)

"For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; **but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence (sight) of God for us**" (Hebrews 9:24)

We will someday see the Father:

"Blessed are the pure in heart: **for they shall see God**." (Matthew 5:8)

"**He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; and how do you say then, 'Show us the Father?' Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**?" (John 14:9-10)

"Father, I will that they also, whom You have given to Me, **be with Me where I am; so that they may behold My glory**, which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:24)

## Only Jesus Has Seen The Father

Truly, truly, only Jesus sees the Father face to face ...  
... the Father in Christ Jesus, and Jesus in the Father !

Currently, for us, as with Moses, the Father dwells in unapproachable Light !

But, he who has seen Jesus has seen the Father ...  
... even those who have believed on the Lord Jesus, and dwell in Him !

By this we know that we dwell in Jesus, and He in us,  
because He has given to us of His Spirit.

Lord Jesus, we look forward to being with You where You are,  
even at the Right Hand of the Father !  
To see and behold Your Glory – face to face before the Father !

Amen, and Amen – in Your Glorious Kingdom forever and ever! Praise you Lord !!