

"JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD (Acts 2:22)"
Miracle #13 - "JESUS STILLS THE STORM"

Matt 8:23-26,27; Mark 4:35-39,39-41; Luke 8:22-25

Dear Reader, have you heard the phrase about the Bible? It goes like this ...

"The new is in the old concealed, old is in the new revealed." That is, things in the Old Testament are types, prophecies and foreshadows of the real things in the New Testament ... but even today, we who are Christians, also see through a glass darkly but then face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12).

As we have stated before, **in the mouth of two** witnesses (Matthew 18:16), we have king David being a 'conduit', a 'connection' if you will, between the **God LORD JEHOVAH** the "I **AM THAT I AM"** and the **Lord Jesus Christ** the "I **AM"** ... of course both being one and the same (Hebrews 1:8; ... with the time difference between what David writes about the LORD and the Lord, being about 1,000 years (2 Peter 3:8). This connection being unsolvable for the Sadducee with the conundrum of "How can Christ be David's son?" (Luke 20:41).

The **Psalmist king David** pens the following about seamen who go to sea and the weather troubles that befall them ... and who rescues them? ... the '**I AM THAT I AM' LORD** (Exodus 3:14) as follows ...

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." (Psalm 107:23-26,27-39)

And the **three gospel writers of Matthew, Mark** and **Luke** record their accounts of the disciples experience on the sea of Galilee ... and who rescues them? ... the '**I am' Lord**' (John 8:58) as follows ...

"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. ... And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:35-38,39-41)

Don't the two accounts look similar? The astute Jew should be saying "Well how about that! God of the Old Testament is Jesus Christ of the New Testament!"

Question:

By the way Dear Reader, have you ever wondered why God of the Old Testament is written in **capitals** and God of the New Testament is written in **lower case** as follows ...

LORD JEHOVAH I AM THAT I AM (<u>Isaiah 12:2</u>; <u>Exodus 3:14</u>)

Lord Jesus Christ I am (Acts 16:31; John 8:58)

Answer:

Although these two are one (<u>1 John 5:7</u>), **God is a Spirit** (<u>John 4:24</u>) while **Christ is in the flesh** having made himself a little lower than the angels (<u>Hebrews 2:7</u>) ...and of no reputation (<u>Philippians 2:6</u>).

Therefore **CAPITALS** are for God the Father in heaven ... being 'more important' and **lower** case for Christ the Son on earth.

SIX POINTS:

- **1.** Although **Satan** is the god of this **world** ... that is man's system that operates on the earth (<u>2 Corinthians 4:4</u>), **Christ** is still the God of the **earth** (<u>Genesis 1:1</u>; <u>John 1:1</u>; <u>Colossians 1:16</u>). This miracle shows that Christ, being the creator (<u>Colossian 1:16-17</u>), holds sway over the elements of wind and water, and in his command of them ... and not Satan. The weather is not the preserve of Satan ... and cataclysmic events are **not** caused by him.
- **2.** David's description has the **LORD** God delivering troubled seamen with the following phrase "... **he bringeth them unto their desired haven**." (Psalm 107:30) while Mark has Christ, the **Lord** God, saying "... **let us pass over unto the other side.**" (Mark 4:35) ... both being a description in the physical. Yes, The LORD and the Lord safely deliver troubled seamen to their physical destinations.
- **3.** In addition, and spiritually speaking, The LORD, being in the form of the Lord, will deliver the saints of the Old and New Testaments (Ephesian 4:8), not only **unto** their temporary **havens** here on earth, but **into** their eventual homes of **heaven**.
- **4.** Furthermore, we read in the two accounts ... "Then are they glad because they be quiet ..." (Psalm 107:30)
- "... and there was a great calm." (Matthew 8:26)

with both accounts being a physical description of their spiritual eternal rest in heaven.

- **5.** In conclusion Dear Reader, these two accounts of troubled seamen in the Psalms and the gospels, show that **God the LORD JEHOVAH** is one and the same as **God the Lord Jesus Christ** (1 John 5:7-8).
- **6.** Indeed, Christ confounds, and silences, the Sadducees with the "How can Christ be David's son?" conundrum as follows ...

"And he said unto them, How say they that **Christ is David's son**? And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, ... **David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?**" (<u>Luke 20:41-42</u>, <u>44</u>).

Good studying Dear Reader (2 Timothy 2:15).

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