

# **The Azimuth Institute**

## **Directional Study Notes**

### **Bible Doctrines**

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## **Theology – The Study of God**

### **Nature and Names of God**

#### **A. The Nature of God**

##### **1. God is a Unity**

God's Divine nature is indivisible.

The idea of two or more gods is self-contradictory because each would limit the other and thereby destroy the omnipotence and sovereignty (absolute rule) of both.

Deuteronomy 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*

The Hebrew language has two different words for "one".

The first is for singular and the other is for collective.

The one used in Deut. 6:4 is collective which speaks to the Trinity.

So, God is not only a unity, but also...

##### **2. God is a Trinity**

God is one in His essential being, but He exists in three Persons.

Each Person of the Godhead is fully God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is what sets a cult apart from Christianity.

**a.** The Trinity is seen throughout the Bible.

The Plural name for God in Gen. 1:1 – Elohim

It is a singular noun with a plural ending.

I.e. cheruim and seraphim

Cf. Gen. 1:26, 11:7; Isa. 6:8

**i.** The Trinity is seen in Theophanies (visible appearances of God in the Old Testament God, usually in human form).

These are also called Christophanies.

Cf. Gen. 22:11-12; 31:11-13; Exod. 3:2-6

**ii.** The Threefold Aaronic Blessing.

Cf. Numbers 6:24-27

**iii.** In the “Thrice Holy”

Isaiah 6:3 *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*

Revelation 4:8 *And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*

**b.** The Trinity is seen in the New Testament

**i.** At Christ’s baptism (Matt. 3:16-17)

**ii.** The baptism formula (Matt. 28:19)

**iii.** The apostolic benediction.

2 Corinthians 13:14 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*

**iv.** The Teaching of Jesus

cf. John 14:16-17

v. They are each referred to as God

The Father is God - Romans 1:7

Jesus is God - Romans 9:5; Hebrews 1:8

The Holy Spirit is God - Acts 5:3-4