

**Daniel Perrin – Lesson 11: The Father, the Son, and the Spirit – Monday, December 9: Jesus and the Father**

1. In a New Car – Everything works
2. That's the way it WAS for Adam & Eve
  - a. Every - Thing - Was Right — Physically , Spiritually
  - b. Unbroken connection with God – Discernment to hear His voice
  - c. Everything was according the will of God
    - Everything they did was God's Will
    - Their actions were what God would have done
    - Their words came from their own mind and were their own choice
    - BUT they seemed to overflow from a unity WITH God so that they seemed to be words God would speak
    - Their thoughts were Step - By - Step Compatible with God's Thoughts
    - No friction between them
    - Cooperating perfectly in agreement
3. That was BEFORE sin / Before our cherished "independence" ... from God
4. Then, God sent His Son – Jesus
  - a. Not in the physical perfection Adam and Eve had originally
    - He comes with the inherited physical weaknesses and mental faculties that were the consequence of sin's degeneration
    - Susceptible to the same maladies and pains
    - He had no strength other than what was available to me
    - TO SHOW what we can't even comprehend on our own — what is possible and Essential for me
5. **John 5:16-23**
  - a. **Vs. 16-17** – *For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."*
    - MY Father works non-stop – So do I
    - I do JUST WHAT the Father does – an "exact copy"
  - b. <sup>18</sup> *Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*
    - The Jews are making a false claim about Jesus and the Sabbath because they also had a false view of God's Law (see vs. 10)
    - They also make a false claim that Jesus is MAKING Himself equal with God, not recognizing that He IS God.
  - c. <sup>19</sup> *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*
    - AGAIN, Jesus does ONLY WHAT - THE - FATHER - DOES
    - No actions of HIS own devising
  - d. <sup>20</sup> *For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.*
    - Through Scripture and prayer, Jesus has knowledge of the Father's mind and will

- THEN He is in perfect step with the Father — NO DELAY!
  - Jesus SEES the Father's actions LIVED OUT in His own!
  - Because He acts in perfect unison with the Father
  - Their hands are united as one, working together
  - Jesus is SHOWING the Father's works IN HIS FLESH
- e. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.
- The Father works out His will THROUGH the Son
  - “Even so” says that the working of the Son's will is THE SAME as the working of the Father's will
  - Never going SOLO – Always united
  - This is why Jesus says, “I and the Father are ONE” / “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father”
- f. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,
- The Father has PERFECT Trust in the Son
  - Content to have the Son DEMONSTRATE His will — because they are the same
  - The Son can follow HIS own will, because it is perfectly submitted to and conformed to and led by the Father's will.
- g. <sup>23</sup> *that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.*
- The Son is OUR perfect example of unity with the Father.
  - By following His example, we honor and worship God – That is, we become united with God and His character.

**Desire of Ages, 208.2** – *“But the Son of God was surrendered to the Father's will, and dependent upon His power. So utterly was Christ emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself. He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will.”*

**Desire of Ages, 668.3** – *“If we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when we obey Him, we shall be but carrying out our own impulses.”*

This is the experience that Jesus demonstrates and that we may have.