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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (46)  
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #37  
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**Objection #37: If you claim that Jesus is God then you are guilty of making God into a man. You are an idol worshipper!**

Brown's short response to this objection:

We believe that the eternally preexistent Son of God, through whom the universe was made, came forth from God his father and was clothed with human flesh, making himself known to us as Yeshua the Messiah. He lived on this earth, died, rose from the dead, and returned to his Father. He now sits enthroned in heaven next to God. We understand that Jesus, the Son of God, is the very image of God, the one in whom God caused his fullness to dwell, the one through whom he revealed himself completely to mankind. Since the Son came forth from the Father and shares his divine nature, in one sense it is quite correct to say that Jesus is God (or divine or deity), always bearing in mind that the overwhelming testimony of the New Testament writings is that Jesus is the Son of God. I can show you from the Hebrew Scriptures that there is absolutely nothing idolatrous about what we believe. God has always revealed himself to his people. He did it most permanently and most fully through Jesus his Son.<sup>1</sup>

Brown follows this with a discussion of appearance of God in the Old Testament in the form of a man (i.e. Theophany and Christophany) and how the person was Yahweh Himself. He also spends a good deal of time demonstrating that God was identified as the Word—a walking, talking, creating, saving, delivering Word—who was none other than the Second Member of the Trinity. He shows that even though the Old Testament clearly says that no one can see God and live (Exo. 33:20), there are numerous instances of people “seeing God.” The member of the Godhead that they saw was preincarnate Christ. This is the only way to solve the riddle that no

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections—Volume 2*, (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 14-37. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response that is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

one can see God and yet some saw God. They saw the Second Member of the Trinity. He reveals God—both before and after the incarnation.

Genesis 18 clearly and indisputably teaches that God can come to earth in a human form for a period of time if He so desires. Further, Abraham and Sarah talked with the Lord, and He appeared in human form to them, dusty feet and all, and that He even sat down and ate their food. Yet all the while he remained God in heaven.

On the Glory Road,

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