**‘Returning to the Term ‘Sons of God”**

We have learned that the phrase **“sons of God” is an exclusive term which refers only to the creatures God had a direct hand in making.** We know that God is the Creator of heaven and earth and everything in them. However, from the Scriptures we know that God didn’t just “speak” Adam or Eve into being. No, He formed Adam from the dust of the earth, and then God made Eve from Adam’s rib.[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/01/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn1)

What do we know about the creation of the angels? From Ezekiel 28, a text which speaks of the creation of Lucifer, we can see that God was directly involved in the creation of the angels in a manner similar to the creation of human beings. Here are the words which point to this:

***12“Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.”***

Ezekiel is told to take up a “lamentation for the ‘king of Tyre.’” From the context of verses we quickly come to realize that the ‘king of Tyre’ is not a human being, but ***“the anointed cherub who covers.”*** Cherubs are angels, and this particular “cherub” was covered with every precious stone. ***“Timbrels and pipes”*** were prepared for him on the day of his creation. God established him. He was perfect from the day of his creation; and walked among the fiery stones on God’s holy mountain; UNTIL “iniquity” was found in him.

Having been reminded that the term or phrase “sons of God” is an exclusive term for creatures created directly by God, we can now ask: *‘How is it that the Bible refers to believers in Jesus as “sons of God”?’* Did the case about the angels and Adam and Eve being direct creations of God just fall apart? It did not because every believer in Jesus IS a direct creation of God as we read in John 1:10-13.

***10He [Jesus] was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*** John 1:1-5, 10-13

Believers in Jesus are born of God! We **are** God’s workmanship! Didn’t Jesus tell Nicodemus (John 3) that he could not even see the kingdom of God unless he was born again? The term “born again” is better translated “born from above.” No one but God gives life, so every believer must be born of Him. This is a direct work of the Spirit of the Living God. Further evidence of this is found in Paul’s letters. In 1 Corinthians 12:3 Paul writes, ***“…no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”*** Paul also wrote, ***“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God”***Romans 8:14.

Isn’t this wonderful?

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/01/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1) Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:7, 21-22