**Principle 5**

In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army we do not teach that Jesus is God.

**Scriptures for Reading**

St. John 4:24

St. John 14:28

St. Matthew 6:9

St. John 7:16

Acts 10:38

Romans 1:25

**Principle Explanation**

This is another principle that is in sharp contrast to Christianity teaching. Listed above are just a few scriptures to support our teaching that Jesus is not, or ever was, God. In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army we do not worship Jesus, we worship the same God that Jesus worshipped, which is the God of Israel. St. John 4:24 read that God is a Spirit. Jesus was flesh and bones. Many theologians say that Jesus was God incarnate, that he was God in the flesh and refer to St. John 1:14 to support this misrepresentation of God. The only problem with this is that it would require us to believe that there is an erroneous scripture in the bible because Malachi 3:6 reads that God does not change and if God changed from Spirit to flesh and bones as some would have us to believe then this would be a very significant change. In St. John 1:14 it also reads the only begotten of the Father. If this is true, how can Jesus be the father if the father is the one he is begotten by? This misrepresented interpretation of God Holy Word requires all believers of this theory to reject all forms of legitimate reasoning. In St. John 14:28 Jesus plainly states that the Father is greater than I. How can Jesus be God if God is greater than Jesus? This type of thinking would require us to believe that one is the same as two when we all know that two is greater than one. In St. Matthew 6:9 when the disciples of Jesus ask him to teach them to pray, he instructed them to pray Our Father which art in heaven. Our, means something is yours and mine. Here, in the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray to God the Father, not to him. I wonder how these instructions on prayer become so misrepresented in Christian teaching today. Nowhere in biblical scripture does Jesus say that he is God. This theology was developing by others after Jesus had died. In the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. is when this theory developed to make Jesus, God. It has no scripture proof whatsoever and it is based on a few misinterpreted scriptures which would requires believers of this theory to reject all scriptural evidence contrary to it. One scripture used to try and support this theory also is St. John 10:30 where Jesus states I and my Father are one. Here, Jesus is only stating that he is in total agreement and submission to the God of Israel, not that he is God. In Acts 10:38 it reads How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, how can Jesus be the same as the one who anointed him? In the Gospel of Luke a young ruler came to Jesus and said, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus reply was, Why calleth thou me good, there is only one good and that is God. He did not include himself in this reply. This is just a few examples of scriptures to explain why we do not teach that Jesus is God. There are countless others.

In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army we recognize Jesus Christ as a Son of God. A man who, in his time and generation, did the work that the God of Israel sent him to do. We admire is lifestyle and the standards he set in being completely obedient to the will of the God of Israel. We do not teach that he is, or ever was, God.

**Questions**

1. In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army, what is our teaching in regards to Jesus Christ?
2. What are two scriptures that indicate that the God of Israel is superior to Jesus Christ?
3. When did the teaching of Jesus Christ as God begin to be taught?
4. In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army, instead of worshipping Jesus Christ, who do we worship?

**Practical Points**

1. In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army we recognize Jesus Christ as a Son of God. We do not teach that he is the same, or equal to, God.
2. In The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army we do not worship Jesus Christ. We worship the same God that Jesus Christ worshipped, which is the God of Israel.
3. The teaching of Jesus Christ as God began to be taught as a religious creed after the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. This was three centuries after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It was never taught by Jesus Christ that he was God.

**Research and Discussion**

1. What other biblical scriptures help us to understand that Jesus Christ is not God. Explain the scriptures you have selected.
2. What was the Council of Nicea? Discuss this council’s impact on true biblical teaching.