

The Trinity in the Old Testament

The Old Testament never refers explicitly to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Rather, due to the large number of polytheistic religions of the time, it insists on the unity of God. However, the Lord is often presented in His different manifestations, each being completely Him: the Creator of all things, the Saviour, the Breath of life, the Word, the Wisdom, etc.

God said, “Now we will make humans,
and they will be like us. . . .” *Genesis 1.26a*

The Lord says,
Here is my servant!
I have made him strong.
He is my chosen one;
I am pleased with him.
I have given him my Spirit,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42.1

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Jesus said to his disciples,
Have faith in me when I say that the
Father is one with me and that I am one
with the Father. Or else have faith in me
simply because of the things I do. I tell
you for certain that if you have faith in
me, you will do the same things that I am
doing. You will do even greater things,
now that I am going back to the Father.
Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask.
This way the Son will bring honour to
the Father. I will do whatever you ask me
to do. . . . If you love me, you will do as I
command. Then I will ask the Father to
send you the Holy Spirit who will help
you and always be with you. The Spirit
will show you what is true. The people of
this world cannot accept the Spirit,
because they don't see or know him. But
you know the Spirit, who is with you and
will keep on living in you. *John 14.11-17*

Jesus was baptized. And as soon as he came out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, “This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him.”

Matthew 3.16-17

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