

48:16
 "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this." Who is speaking, now, the Lord God?

"I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I:..." Naturally that is the Lord, isn't it? Now man would ever say that. IT is the Lord. What does he say? "And now the Lord God, and His Spirit hath sent me." How can the Lord say, the Lord hath sent me? Who is it? Is Isaiah talking? Now the Lord has sent me, Isaiah? But Isaiah can't say, "From the time that it was there am I." He can't surely say the words just before, "I, even I, have spoken, I have called him: I have brought him, and he will make his way prosperous." It is the omnipotent God who is speaking, and yet the one who is speaking is distinguished from the Lord God. The Lord God hath sent me, and His spirit. Now, this, "and his Spirit" does not have any eth so that you cannot say that it is or is not accusative. That is to say, there is no case ending. Is it the Lord God and his Spirit have sent me? As the KJV has it? Or as the Revised has it, "And the Lord God has sent me, and his Spirit." Well, we can't say, but it looks, ~~xx~~ we seem to have three individuals distinguished here. There is one who is God. Because He is pre-existent from time ~~and~~ the time that it was, there am I. He is ...10.... he has done these.great works. He is God, and yet He says, the Lord God has sent me. So the one who speaks, who is God, who is divine, is yet distinguished from Him, and the Lord has sent Him, and there is a third one mentioned, his Spirit, who either unites with God either in sending the one who is speaking, or who is sent along with the one who is speaking, and you can't tell which it is. The Language can be interpreted either way. And, ~~fx~~ of course, as a matter of fact, both are true. But it is a very interesting and striking verse. And a verse which is very very difficult, for any reasonable interpretation, unless you take it as the servant actually speaking, the Lord God has sent me.....10 3/4....., and yet the servant is also.....10 3/4..., and the servant is here distinguished from the Lord God and His spirit. Yes/?.....

AAM: Yes, I would say it is a picture of it given in such a way that you get the hint, and when you get the full explanation of it later you can look back and see it here, and there is no other way to understand it, and yet it is not