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41. **Son of Man** - Jesus Christ during his mortal ministry referred to himself as the Son of Man. Jesus Christ is literally the son of God the Eternal Father and is the only begotten in the flesh by God. Man is created in the image of God. During the Creation God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."¹²⁰ Before Stephen

was martyred for his testimony, he bore witness that he seen the "heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."¹²¹

B. H. Roberts has given great insight into the relationship between, Jesus Christ and man. He taught, "the scriptures teach that Jesus Christ and men are of the same order of beings; that men are of the same race with Jesus, of the same nature and essence; that he is indeed our "elder brother." 'For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth [the Christ] and they who are sanctified [men] are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren' (Hebrews 2:10-11).

Also the newly risen Christ said to Mary Magdala as she approached him on the resurrection morning: 'Touch me not; for I [am] [have] not yet ascended to my father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; [and] to my God, and your God' (John 20:17). A sweeter statement of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of the Christ to men may not be found. Hence, while very far removed from us in that the Christ is perfect in all righteousness, and more highly developed in intellectual and spiritual powers than we, yet these differences are of degree, not of kind; so that what is revealed concerning Jesus the Christ may be of infinite helpfulness in throwing light upon the nature of man and the several estates he has occupied and will occupy hereafter."¹²²

The prophet Enoch uses the title "Man of Holiness" in naming God. Enoch teaches, "that all men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence; for, in the language of Adam, Man of Holiness is his name, and the name of his Only Begotten is

¹²¹ Acts 7:56

¹²² B. H. Roberts, *The Truth, The Way, The Life*, pgs. 248-249

the Son of Man, even Jesus Christ, a righteous Judge, who shall come in the meridian of time."¹²³

James E. Talmage in his masterful work, *Jesus the Christ* gives us even a more poignant purpose for Christ using the title Son of Man. Brother Talmage teaches, "There is, however, a more profound significance attaching to the Lord's use of the title "The Son of Man"; and this lies in the fact that He knew His Father to be the one and only supremely exalted Man, whose Son Jesus was both in spirit and in body - the Firstborn among all the spirit-children of the Father, the Only Begotten in the flesh - and therefore, in a sense applicable to Himself alone, he was and is the Son of the "Man of Holiness," Elohim, the Eternal Father. In His distinctive titles of Sonship, Jesus expressed His spiritual and bodily descent from, and His filial submission to, that exalted Father."¹²⁴

42. **Son of the Highest** - Jesus Christ is the Son of the Highest. The Highest has reference to the exalted position of God the Father, amongst all the spirits of the dead, the location relative to earth