

THE MANCHILD, Bible Class, (Thursday *), February 10, 1938 (three pages)

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"Why is the TERM "Man-Child" used in the Bible?"

The subject of the Man-child is the greatest subject of Salvation in our Bible. There never could be the finished mystery of God without the revelation of the Manchild, and God's purposes for all the world are involved in this bringing forth of the Man-child.

You have noticed that God, for some reason, did not create the perfect thing first. The very fact that in the creations of God sin could come shows it was not a perfect creation. None of us know how far back sin has had to be reckoned with in the Eternities before time began and man was. Sin began, as I have often said to you, among the Arch Angels of God, the Creation nearest His throne, the very closest created line to the throne of God. That sin was not a bank robbery, or a murder, or any such thing. The first sin was one of puff-up and self-exaltation and spiritual pride. That is the worst sin in the Universe. Our human nature is so prone to puff-up and that is a pitiful thing. No wonder we have so many things to make us humble before the Lord. If you are sick and I cannot help you, that humbles me. If I have not enough of the Spirit of God to help you. That shows me I am not in the place where God wants me to be. But these things have to be.

This is wonderfully illustrated in the life of Paul when he says he had a thorn in the flesh. He said he went to God about that three times. (I suppose the first two times the Lord did not take the trouble to answer him) God knew why Paul needed that thorn. The third time God told him it was a messenger of Satan to buffet him because of the multitude of revelations God had given him. That is a clear statement. When God reveals things to you, you have to suffer for it. Somethings will bring about suffering and persecution and humiliation. I do not have much patience with folk who don't believe in revelation, and those who think that we know everything already, that everything is understood in our Bible. It is not. There are vast things to be revealed yet to the people of God.

As sure as revelation becomes abundant in the Church, just so sure will the thorn in the flesh be revealed. To buffet means to "beat", to handle roughly, to make Paul know that even though God had been so wonderful to him to grant him an abundance of divine truth----- he must remain humble. We know that Paul received the clearest revelation of Salvation of anyone, outside of John on Patmos. Paul was outstanding in the fact that, good or bad, his heart was in the thing. When the Church was founded and Christianity began to spread, Paul belonged to the Temple and spent his time trying to stop the progress of Christians and Christianity. But on that day, as he went to Damascus, just as suddenly as Christ spake to the Apostle, just that suddenly he realized God was speaking to him, out of Heaven: "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me?" And Paul said, "Who are thou?" And the Voice said "I am Jesus who was crucified and was laid in the grave, and arose from the dead, and ascended back to Glory. and now I am speaking to thee." "I AM ALIVE" was the message Christ sent to the Church.

Sometimes we get so discouraged with ourselves. No Christian is foolish enough to become discouraged because someone else doesn't live the life straight and clean. We long for a Christ-like holiness and power and when we do not realize these things in ourself we become discouraged and know there is something in the way. Now wonderful it is for us to know that Christ lives and is alive. "I AM ALIVE FOREVERMOE AND HAVE THE KEYS OF HELL AND DEATH." That is enough! God will unlock these doors and set His people free.

There are so few who really probe into the plan of God, behind the Gospel plan. We know, first of all, that the Gospel plan is ordained to eliminate sin and to bind and sink, into the Abyss, the Devil and to set the people free from sin. But why do we have to see in God's plan a gradual unfolding of the truth? God is perfect and could have created a perfect Creation. The very fact that one of the Arch Angels could sin, shows the Creation to be imperfect. Then God came down to earth and made a human Being. God made Adam and Eve and they were sinless and pure and holy, but there was abroad in the Universe, that horrible and awful spirit that is moving the major part of the world today. Satan is as broad as the Universe and almost as vast as God. His power can touch the hearts and minds and spirits of men. There is a real Devil and he has always been determined to usurp the place and power and prestige of Christ.

Until sin came Adam and Eve had the mind of God. Adam named all the animals and creatures of the earth and the birds of the air. Whatever Adam named them, God let them be called that and they are still the same. Adam and God went over the full creation but in all that mass there was not a mate found for Adam. The finest looking monkey was a horrible sight alongside of Adam. Adam was a beautiful creation, a magnificent man. Since there was not a mate found fit for Adam, God had to take a rib out of his side and make a woman and those two were sinless, and clean, and pure. But there was one flaw in them they were liable to sin. Sin was in the Universe; hell had been let loose. Lucifer and his angels had been cast out of the Heavens and are hanging around over all the worlds. That sin finally found its way to Adam and Eve. The human race is absolutely necessary for the elimination of sin. The finished mystery is the birth of the man-child which is a product of the union of Christ and the glorified, sinless, and conquering Church.

The reason they call it the Man-child is because it is a perfect creation -- a perfect, sinless creature, but it has this that the other creation never did have -- in this new creation that God is going to build the Universe on there is no response or answer to sin. If there were a thousand devils presented to every redeemed one, that thing would be like me walking up to that post and offering it french fries and beefsteak. There would be no response in it. In everyone of us there is a response when temptation comes. There is always a conflict between our human and spirit natures. God wants the Spirit nature to perfect it and finish His work in and bring it forth a perfect creation. Satan strives against that because he knows his power is over the moment a child is born that needs no salvation, which is the ultimate of the Gospel.

Sin came by woman and the elimination and final triumph over sin is coming by a woman. Sin entered through woman first and sin is going to go out because of the absolute perfection of the Church of Christ which is likened to a woman. That figure in Rev. 12 is the Vision of the glorified and perfected Church of Jesus Christ in these last days, joined to the Lord and becoming the mother of the Man-child, a perfect, sinless product....the crowning glory of all Creation.

The Angels were not perfect, Adam and Eve were not perfect, the covenant man in Abraham was not perfect, the Jews were not perfect, the Gentiles were not perfect. Jesus Christ was born of the Father God and the Virgin Princess of Israel and when brought forth was the first new-born of every perfect creature. It was impossible for the devils to make Christ sin and yet He had a human nature. He did not take on the nature of Angels but He took on Himself the "seed of Abraham." You know what the seed of Abraham has been guilty of. In the Church of Christ, on the human side of us, we are not perfect creation, but there is one thing -- the elements of perfection are born in you when you become a new creature in Christ and you have a perfect heart before God; you may make many mistakes with your head and hands and tongue, but your heart can be perfect -- the spirit man in you. It means so much for us to receive the spirit of Christ. When we do we receive the Spirit of the sinless one. There was no more danger of Christ sinning than there was of the sun falling out of the sky, because the fullness of the Godhead bodily was in Him to take Him through the human state, without sin. That is the ultimate.

Real husbands and wives do not like to think of being separated, one from the other. The spirit of separation so easily on men and women these days is that of hell. They are without natural affection. In Eph. 5 the Apostle speaks concerning man and wife. He says a man should love his wife as himself and a woman should love her husband as herself. It shows the ideal status which should exist between a man and his wife. The Apostle is using this message because he is speaking concerning Christ and His Church. Oh, the power of Jesus' blood. What sin it will cover. The relationship of husband and wife, under holy conditions, is the most wonderful thing outside of Heaven.

We have vast worlds surrounding us, everyone of them in their perfect order. Those worlds, we know, are un-inhabitable. They are worlds that are untouched. Those worlds were not merely created to stand there void. The color schemes of other worlds are so wonderful and marvelous-- much more so than those of our world. They are all due to be populated with a race of people begotten after the sin question is settled. Christ and His Church are to be the progenitors of a seed that will populate every world and every Creation will be God-like and perfect in itself not only peopled with a sinless people, but with a population absolutely impervious to temptation and sin. If sin should ever light after that in this Universe, the blood of Calvary would blast it out in the twinkling of an eye.

All this, in our Universe has been necessary in the unfolding of the plan of God and it is our privilege to have a part in this. The very fact that hell is so determined to smash the marriage relation is proof positive that the same power is determined to smash the Church. Read Rev. 12. The Devil has purposely confounded Rev. 12 with ten thousand interpretations to hide the truth. Any man that gets God's mind on Rev. 12 is going to suffer persecution. We have had such a wishy-washy idea of what the Gospel really is, that it is a shame. Here we are in the end of the Age, and in the 10th Chapter of Rev. you hear that voice of the Angel saying, "THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHALL BE FINISHED."

The Man-child is a redeemed Creation that needs no salvation, no blood washing. It is perfect, Godlike, pure and will continue that way through all the Eternities of Almighty God.

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