

Brooding Over the Spoken Word Original Seed pt3 Perfected In Threes

65-0218 THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK

44 The Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word. Now, I believe here that I take a text like this, very odd, unusual. But sometimes we find God in those odd, unusual hours, unusual ways, unusual things, because God is unusual. And those that really serve Him from their heart, serve Him in an unusual way, to the things or the ways of the world. This text is called: The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck.

45 Paul here is speaking of the literal seed of Abraham's two sons. Paul, gladly, is bringing himself into position of the birth by the freewoman.

46 Now, we know that Abraham had two sons, by two different women. God gave him a promise by Sarah, through Sarah, rather, that there would be a Son born, and through this Son the world would be blessed. All nations would be blessed of this Son. And it's commonly believed, especially amongst the Jews, that this was Isaac, but it wasn't. This promised Son of Abraham is Jesus, and He is of the Royal Seed promise, of Abraham. But Abraham having two sons...

47 One, by Hagar, which was his wife's maid; a lovely, pretty, Egyptian maid that Abraham had picked up down in Egypt for her, to be her... his wife's maid. And Sarah, thinking that God would not be able to keep all of His promise true, she told Abraham to take Hagar, her maid, and to marry her, (which, polygamy was legal in those days) and to bring the child; and that's the way God had it planned, that she was to have the child only through Hagar. But we find out that that wasn't so.

48 Now we understand, also, that God is perfected in threes. Now, God is "perfected" in three. "Grace" is five. Seven is "completion," like the world.

God is perfected in Father, Son, Holy Ghost. That's the perfection of the Godhead. All one God, in three manifestations, of three attributes of one office, or three offices in the one Godhead.

49 Now, there is also three in perfection, of the steps of grace, to the Church; justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost. That consists of the New Birth, just like a natural birth is typed by it. Which, a woman giving birth to a child, the first thing comes forth is water, blood, and then life.

The Bible said, in First John 5:7, or 7:5, I believe it is, that said, "There are three that bear record in Heaven; the Father, the Word," which was the Son, "and the Holy Ghost; these three are One. There are three that bear witness in the earth;" the Word, "the water, blood, and Spirit. Water, blood, and Spirit; these three agree in one."

50 Now, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, are One. You can't have the Father without having the Son; you can't have the Son without having the Holy Ghost. But you can be justified without being sanctified; you can be sanctified without being filled with the Holy Ghost. We have proved that in the order of nature.

51 Now, and many of you, maybe, I may be strange to you. And I--I'm without education; I'm sure you already understand. But I teach in types, as the natural types the spiritual.

52 Now, we see that there are three in the perfection. God is perfected in three's, now. And that was, in the perfection of the seed of Abraham, was Ishmael, Isaac, Jesus. Ishmael coming from the bondswoman, Isaac coming from the freewoman, and both of them with sex; but Christ Jesus coming from the virgin, no sex.

53 Here, the "Seed," one, one Seed; not seeds, but one Seed. These others were not seed of Abraham, because Abraham "Seed" was his faith Seed that God was speaking of, not his natural seed. Because, after Sarah died, Abraham married another woman and had seven sons, besides daughters. So it wouldn't be Abraham's seeds, it was Abraham "Seed," one. And that was Abraham's faith Seed, pointing to the Royal Seed that was to come through Abraham's faith; not Abraham's natural life, but Abraham's spiritual life; who took everything contrary to God's Word and called it as though it was not, and believed God; against hope, believed in hope. That's the real Seed that we're speaking of.

54 **Here we are presented with a picture. Oh! The seed started, the seed of promise, started in a slightly doubted, doubt of the original promise.** See how it starts low, in doubt in the original promise. God promised Abraham, through Sarah, to have this child. But now watch, the first seed of Abraham by the bondswoman come by Sarah doubting that this could happen, because she was old and passed the age of bearing.

55 Now that's how the church starts. That's how it always starts. You start from the bottom. You don't start from the top. A man trying to climb a ladder, tries to get on top first, he'll break his neck. You've got to start and build up to that.

And here we find the beginning of the promise of God being made manifest, through a slightly doubted, interrupted program of God.

56 **That's the same way sin begin in the garden of Eden.** That's how death started by sin, was when one Word of God was misconstrued or doubted. You can't doubt or misplace one Word of God, that's THUS SAITH THE LORD, 'cause Its every Word be so.

151-1 But to go on. These elect were not only the eternal thoughts of God which were to be expressed in flesh in their due season, but these same elect are called by another name.

Romans 4:16.

"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all."

Romans 9:7-13,

"Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebekah had also conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him That calleth;)

It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

Galatians 3:16,

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."

Galatians 3:29,

"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." According to Romans 4:16 we find that God has given a Sure Promise to ALL of Abraham's seed, and Paul puts himself and all believers under that designation because he says "Abraham who is the father of us ALL." Then he goes on to not only narrow down his definition, but rather to finalize it for in Galatians 3 he identified the SEED (singular) with Jesus, and counted "the seed children" as children of promise, and promise as having to do with "election", or "the choosing of God". And that is exactly what we have been saying. These who are of the Royal Seed are the elect of God; are the predestinated, fore-known of God, and were in the mind of God and His thoughts. In very plain language the True Bride of Christ was in the mind of God eternally, though not expressed until each came forth in the designated, decreed season. As each member came forth it became EXPRESSED and took its place in the body. Thus this

bride is the literal SPOKEN WORD SEED BRIDE. And though she is feminine in designation she is also called the "body of Christ". It is very apparent that she ought to be called that for she was predestinated in Him, came from the same source, was eternal with Him, and is now manifesting God in a many membered body whereas once God was manifested in ONE MEMBER, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

152-1 Now then, here we are coming to a conclusion. As the eternal Logos (God) was manifest in the Son, and in Jesus dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that Eternal One was the Father manifest in flesh, and thereby gained the title of Son, even so we, eternal in His thoughts in our turn became the many membered Spoken Word Seed, manifest in flesh, and those eternal thoughts now manifest in flesh are the sons of God, even as we are so called. WE DID NOT BECOME SEED BY THE REBIRTH, WE WERE SEED AND THEREFORE WERE REBORN FOR ONLY THE ELECT CAN BE REBORN. Because we WERE SEED is the reason we could be quickened. In NON-SEED there is nothing to quicken.

152-2 Hold this carefully in mind. Now take the next step. Redeem means to buy back. It restores to the original owner. God, by His death, the shed blood BOUGHT BACK HIS OWN. He bought back the Spoken Word Seed Bride. "My sheep hear My voice (Word) and they follow Me." You always were a sheep. You never were a pig or a dog turned into a sheep. That is impossible for every kind of life produces the same kind and there is no change in specie. As we were in the thoughts of God and then expressed in flesh, there had to come a day when we would hear His voice (the Word), and hearing that voice become aware of our Father calling us, and recognize that we are the sons of God. We heard His voice and we cried out as did the prodigal son, "Save me, Oh, my Father. I am returning to Thee."

152-3 **A son of God can go a long time before he recognizes that he is a son.** In fact a lot of true Christians are like the story of the baby eagle that was hatched out under a hen. You know that the eagle is a type of the true believer. Well, a farmer took an egg from an eagle's nest and he placed it under a hen. In due time all the eggs under the hen hatched out. The baby chicks got along fine with the mother hen but that little eagle could not figure out the clucking and scratching for food in the manure pile. He managed to make a living but he was pretty confused about it all.

But one day, from way up in the air the mother eagle that had laid the egg spied that little eagle on the ground. She swooped down with tremendous speed and screamed at the top of her voice for him to fly up to meet her. He had never heard an eagle cry, but when he heard that first scream something in him stirred and he longed to launch out toward it. But he was afraid to try. Again that mother screamed for him to arise in

the wind and follow her. He screamed back that he was afraid. Once more she called out, screaming that he try. Beating his wings he hurled himself into the air, and answering the cry of his mother, he soared off into the blue skies. You see he always was an eagle. He acted like a chicken for a little while but he could not be satisfied. But when he heard the call of the great eagle he came to his own place. And once a true son of God hears the cry of the Spirit by the Word, he too, will realize who he is and run to the Great Prophet Eagle and be with Him forever seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

55-0311 THE.SEAL.OF.THE.ANTICHRIST

E-27 A young man came to my house not long ago, set on the porch. I felt sorry for him, an old beat up Chevrolet truck. And he said, "Brother Branham, I want to talk to you."

And I said, "All right, what is it?"

He said, "I come from Minneapolis." He said, "And my wife went down to the church, to the Pentecostal people, and she got the Spirit." Now, I'll just say it the way he said it. Said, "She got the Spirit." Said, "We did go once in a while to the Presbyterian church." And he said, "She got the Spirit; she was very happy. She come home, and told me all about it, and wanted me to go down and get it. And I said, 'Now, look honey, you go wherever you want to. I'll work and make the living, but I'm not the religious type.'" He said, "You go anywhere you want to; that'll be all right."

She said, "Well, you ought to come down and get happy with us." Said, "We have the greatest time." And said, "She really was a changed person." And said, "Brother Branham," said, "that went on for about two years." Said, "She... We quit playing cards; I didn't go out to the parties with her, with--like I used to." Said, "Everything stopped"; said, "I just come home; she'd go to church. And I'd sit around and read--lead--read a library book, or go down to the lodge, or something."

E-28 And said, "One day I'd made a sale in the car lot. And I come in; I put my coat on." said, "It was summertime." Said, "I put my coat on to go out, 'cause some ladies out there." And said, "On the road back," said, "I hung up my coat, and when I did, I said, I wonder if I gave them the keys. And I reached down in my pocket, and I pulled out a little piece of paper, and it had wrote on it, 'Where will you spend Eternity?'" Said, "I just laid it down, turned the fans on." And said, "I picked it up again; I couldn't get away from it. 'Where will you spend eternity?'"

And said, "I'm forty years old; I got to settle that thing." Said, "That's right," said, "I just had to turn the work over to someone else, and I went home to seek God." Said, "I

went to a famous minister." Well, it's Mr. Graham, is who it was, Billy Graham. And said, "I went to his meeting." And he said, "All that wants to receive Christ, stand up." Well, said, "That I did.

And he said, "Accept Christ, now as your personal Saviour, and it'll be settled." Said, "I talked to some of the men there who told me that's what I had to do."

Well, said, "I did the best I could." But said, "Brother Branham, it wasn't settled."

E-29 Said, "I met up with some Nazarene people." And said, "They taken me back in a room and told me, unless I got happy enough to shout, that I wasn't sanctified yet."

And said, "I stayed in there, and all of us prayed together till it sounded like one person praying." Said, "I did get happy and shouted." And said, "They told me, 'It's all over now.'" And said, "I thought it was. Then I went out, and still it wasn't all over."

Said, "I sold all of my cars." Said, "I was worth nearly a half a million dollars. I sold my car lot, all of my cars." Said, "The only thing is got is just old beat up car, trying to give it to preachers, and so forth, where I can find peace to my soul." He said, "I want to find the Lord." And he said, "Then I finally run into the Pentecostal people. They told me that I'm... If I'd... Asked me if I'd ever spoke in tongues. And I told them, "No."

They said, "Well, you haven't got it until you speak with tongues." Said, they taken me back, and I prayed pretty near half the night in a little tent out behind a big tent."

And said, "Then I spoke in tongues, and they said, 'Now you've got it.'" But said, "Brother Branham, I didn't have it." And said, "Then I went down to Shreveport, or to Dallas, to the Voice of Healing." Said, "They had all their boys up there," and said, "They tried to do me good, and they couldn't." And said, "Then they told me, you was a prophet. To come see you, and you'd tell me, surely, that I had crossed the separating line, and there was no hope for me, if I had done all this, and still didn't have it."

E-30 And I said, "Well brother, I want to tell you something." I said, "I'm not a prophet. It is--that's what people say." But I said, "I--that's," I said, "I'm just His servant." But now, you don't need a prophet to straighten you out; you just need the word of God." And I said, "What Mr. Graham told you is the truth. And what the Nazarene people told you is the truth. And what the Pentecostal told you is the truth; and yet it's not the truth. To shout, to raise up your hands, to speak with tongues, is not receiving Christ. Receiving Christ is receiving the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then these other things take place after that. See? Now, you could do all those still didn't have Christ yet."

He said, "Well, Brother Branham, where can I find Him?"

I said, "I want to ask you something. Let's go back to your story."

And he walked up; he said, "Well, what do you mean?"

I said, "You said, that day when you come in, picked up that piece of paper, something struck you, and you said, "Oh, I want to seek God." I said, "From--up to that time you were going this a way, down the road. And then, you turned this a way, what did it?" I said, "What changed your opinion? What come into your heart, that made you one time not care for God, and something come in to make you go to loving God? What done it?"

He said, "Well, I don't know."

I said, "Before there could be a creation, there has to be a Creator, to create that creation. God came into your heart, right there when you looked at that piece of paper."

He said, "You mean I've had it all along?"

I said, "Certainly, brother."

And he jumped out of there, and begin to scream and cry. That was settled. What is it?

He said, "Do you want to pray for me?"

I said, "What's the use of praying for you. You don't need any prayer. The truth has made you free. See?"