

The Man-Tree pt2

We are a part of the one eternal purpose that God had and let out slowly.

SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.7

279-3 First of all we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in election. It was purposed in Himself. **It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a Word Bride. She was chosen before the foundation of the world IN HIM. She was fore-known and beloved before she was ever brought forth during the ages upon the earth.**

EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3

80-2 "Seven golden candlesticks." In Exodus 25:31, it says, "And thou shalt make a candlestick of PURE gold; of BEATEN work shall the candlestick be made; his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same."

The true church of Jesus Christ, the bride, is likened to PURE gold. Her righteousness is HIS righteousness. Her attributes are HIS own glorious attributes. Her identity is found in Him. What He is, she is to reflect. What He has, she is to manifest. There is no fault in her. She is all glorious within and without. **From beginning to ending she is the work of her Lord, and all His works are perfect. In fact in her is summed up and manifested the eternal wisdom and purpose of God.** How can one fathom it? How can one understand it? Though we cannot do that, we can accept it by faith, for God hath spoken it.

81-1 But not only is the candlestick of gold, it is of BEATEN gold. Hand-crafted of beaten gold, according to her blue prints which were Spirit-given. Outside of her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, was ever a people so beaten and purged as the bride of Jesus Christ? Surely she is filling up the sufferings that Christ has left behind. Her goods are despoiled. Her life is in jeopardy. She is accounted as sheep for the slaughter. She is killed all the day long. She suffers much, but in it all retaliates not, neither does she cause others to suffer. **Worthy of the Gospel is this lovely bride of Christ.** And as gold is malleable, whereas brass will break with the beating, **this gold of God** will bear her suffering for the Lord, not bowed, not broken, not destroyed, but formed as a thing of beauty and a joy forever by the trials and testings of this life.

65-1128M GOD'S.ONLY.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP

128 He said, "Michelangelo had spent a lifetime of trying to make... **He was a sculptor, and he was trying to make the image of Moses. Back in his mind, he had in mind what Moses should look like. He had that in his heart, what Moses should look like.** And then he spent his lifetime; chisel a little here, and rub it; stand back and look at it. Year after year after year, he worked on it. **Finally when it was completed, and he stepped back and laid down his rag and his hammer, he looked at the statue. It was so perfect the image of Moses that he had in his heart, till he got so beside himself, he grabbed the hammer and struck it, hollered, 'Speak!'"** It's called Michelangelo's Masterpiece. That **great something in** that sculptor, that vision that he had of what Moses ought to be with, was only portraying in type of the great Father God.

129 He had in His heart, before the foundation of the world, a Son, because He is a Father. But it was still in the genes of His Word. And He created a man, and He had to put him on free moral agency, but that man fell. But the great Sculptor, God, who made man from the dust of the earth, He didn't settle for that, **He started making man again.** And He made a Noah, he died drunk. He made a Moses that failed to keep His Word. He made prophets that run in the time of trouble. **And He kept building and molding until after while He wanted a masterpiece, to reflect Him, His nature, what was in His heart what a son should be.**

130 One day, down on Jordan, after that Masterpiece had been formed and made, here He come sending down in a... on the wings of a Dove, said, "This is Him!" He was so enthused with this Masterpiece until He struck Him on Calvary, that He would die, for the rest of us was imperfect; that through the shedding of His Blood, He might bring many masterpieces (being a Bride) to His Son. Masterpiece is scarred because the enthusiasm of God to see such a Masterpiece, He, struck Him for us all. See? **There He died, to perfect we who are imperfect.** The Masterpiece.

53-0325 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.1

66 Someone said, "Well, I know I got saved, because I quit smoking."

That wasn't why I got saved; that wasn't why you got saved. **You got saved because God chose you before the foundation of the world to be saved.** That's the Scripture teaching. Amen. Now, you see, we begin to find out it's not us; it's Him (See?); He chose us.

Abraham couldn't say, "Well, bless God, I come down from the tower of Babylon, hallelujah. That's why I got saved." He'd have saved the whole bunch then, if that's the reason they done it. See, He didn't do that.

69 *He elected Abraham. And that was the very beginning of our salvation that was given to man when He called him, and elected him, and predestinated him, and give him a promise, and made a covenant with Abraham and his seed forever.* Now, we could go ahead here and read a full chapter in that, but we haven't the time. Now, God called. **Watch, when He called Abraham here, He called him by election. Not because he was; because God was. And He called him out of his people, and blessed him, and told him that "I'm going to save you."** And on down here, He says, "And you shall come to Me in a ripe old age." Before he done anything to deserve it, God chose him, told him. "And not only you, but your seed after you..." Oh, my. Notice. "And he returned..." The nine--8th verse. Now, let's read on down here a little farther on this other thing.

So Abraham departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance...

70 Now, watch, he did right there what God told him not to do; he took Lot his nephew, and Abraham took his daddy. But He never told him to take his daddy, but he took him anyhow. And any Bible reader, you read this in Genesis tomorrow when you have time. Notice that it was a fly in the ointment, until the old man died. He was a stumbling block all the way along, and so was Lot; God called Abraham, not Lot. He called Abraham, not his daddy.

Well, you say, "What about Sarah?" A man and his wife are one. See? "They are one flesh," the Bible said so. All right.

72 But He called Abraham and asked him, and told him to separate himself from all he had, and to come over into a strange land.

Look, a separation... **Going in a strange land that you know nothing about, that's Christianity, separating from the things of the world, because God has called you, going into another land,** to dwell among people that you know nothing about, to be a pilgrim. Amen. When I think of it, I can just hardly hold myself down: Pilgrim, stranger. Old Jacob in dying, standing before Pharaoh, he said, "I have been so many years in my pilgrimage." Amen. What was he? He begin to come to himself. The little fellow had done so bad. He knew that he was only a pilgrim here. Now, notice.

75 We come on down to the 8th verse, and God promises Abraham here how He's going to save him and his seed after him. Now, He made the covenant, unconditional. It isn't just exactly that He made it just because that he was Abraham. He didn't say, "Now, Abraham, if you will do this, if you will do that." He said, "Abraham, I have done

it already. **It ain't nothing you've got to do. I've done it, Myself.**" Amen. Oh, my, when I think of that. God did it Himself, unconditional. God's covenant is unconditional.

The Rapture is a revelation. And no revelation can come if there is no interpretation. That is all through the Bible. Story after story shows the Word come forth by the prophets and then the Word is interpreted or brought to pass and then the Word is recognized. The Tree of Life was the Word. Jesus is the Word and the Word had to be interpreted.

102-2 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3

..... We start with the fact that there were TWO trees in the midst of the garden. The Tree of Life was **Jesus**. The other tree is definitely Satan because of what came forth of the fruit of that tree. Now then, we know that both of those trees had a relationship to man or they would never have been placed there. They must have had a part in the sovereign plan and purpose of God in their relationship to mankind and to Himself or we could never impute omniscience unto God. This is all true so far, is it not? Now the Word most definitely sets forth that from BEFORE the foundation of the earth the purpose of God was to share His Eternal Life with man.

Ephesians 1:4-11,

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Revelation 13:8,

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But that Life could not, and would not, be shared in any other way than through the way of "God manifest in the flesh." **This was a part of His eternal and predestinated purpose.** This plan was to be to the praise of the glory of His grace. It was the plan of Redemption. It was the plan of Salvation. Now listen closely. **"God being a Saviour, it was necessary that He predestinate a man who would require salvation in order to give Himself reason and purpose of being."** That is one hundred percent correct and multitudes of Scripture bear it out as does the very pointed verse of **Romans 11:36,** *"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are ALL THINGS: to Whom be GLORY for ever. Amen."*

Man could not directly come and partake of that Tree of Life in the midst of the garden. That Eternal Life of the Tree had to become flesh first. But before God could raise and save a sinner, He had to have a sinner to raise and save. Man had to fall. The fall which would be caused by Satan, had to have flesh to make fall. Satan had to come

through flesh also. But Satan could not come through human flesh to make the fall as would Christ come in human flesh to restore the fallen.

But there was an animal, the serpent, so close to man that Satan could get to that beast and through that beast he could get to human flesh and cause the fall, and inject himself thereby into the human race, even as Jesus would one day come and inject Himself into the human race, into human bodies, even to the extent of a resurrection wherein we would have bodies like unto His glorified one. Thus what God worked out here in the garden was His predestinated plan. **And when Satan had brought about that which was necessary to the purpose of God, then man could not get to the Tree Of Life in the garden. Certainly not. It wasn't time.** But an animal (animal had caused the fall had it not? let animal life be shed) was taken and his blood shed and then God had communion with man again.

Then there was to come a day when God would appear in flesh, and by means of His humiliation **He would restore fallen man and make him a partaker of that Life Eternal.** Once you see this, you can understand the serpent seed and know that it was no apple Eve ate. No, it was the degradation of humanity by **intermingling the seed.**

65-1126 WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED

119 Just like last night, speaking... When you get the book, you're going to see maybe a little confusion there of what I said, "The two books of Life." It's the same Book, but one of them is your natural birth, the other one is your spiritual birth. **One leads out to the other one, just like a stalk of wheat.** Whenever you talk to me, you talk to me as a living person. But there's a part of me here, is that person, that must perish. That's the Book that the name comes off of. But the Eternal one, the Predestinated one, the Elected one, the name never can come from there because it was always on It. It can never be taken off.

120 The Baptists believe there's two separate books. And in one way it is two separate books, and another way it isn't two separate books. I'm two separate people... I'm body and soul and spirit, three separate people, but I'm... only one makes me as a being.

121 There's only real one Book of Life. Like there was one germ of the wheat that come up through the stalk, and went through the tassel, and out through the husk, and into the wheat; all the way along there, you say, "Now, that's a wheat laying there." It isn't the wheat, it's the stalk, but together it's the wheat. See, it's the wheat because it's all one stalk, but the wheat is what you're talking about, the grain at the end of it. The others was a carrier, it must perish. And that's the one place sounds like you can

have your name taken off the Lamb's Book of Life, and the other place you can't do it. So, that's where it is. It's all in that great revelation there, which was made known during the time of the Seven Seals. Why is it, how some people can't believe it?

When did God begin to draw us to the Son? Think of what God's single purpose was.

122 Jesus said that "No man can come to Me except **My Father draws him first**. And all that the Father has given Me, will come to Me." **No man can understand Who He is, or how It is, except it be revealed to you by the revelation of God.** And then faith in that, you act accordingly. See? Here we see plainly that **God is revealed in Jesus**, and only those who were foreordained to see it, will see it. Be sure to read this Scripture, I omitted it then, that Saint John 6:44 to 46. I omitted it because I thought maybe we'd have... maybe not enough time to go through, because that clock up there just keeps moving.

123 And so we... You notice, "No man, no man can come except My Father draws him first. And all the Father has given Me, they will come." They'll recognize It. No other man can do it, no other person, no matter how good, who you are, It's got to be revealed to you. Then you see Who Jesus Christ is.

A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10

..... The church was in that first age already a 'fallen woman.' As Satan had gotten to Eve before Adam, even now had Satan seduced the church, the bride of Christ, **before the 'marriage supper of the Lamb.'** And what specifically was in her midst that caused the fall? What but Revelation 2:6, "THE DEEDS OF THE NICOLAITANES." Already that first age had turned from following the pure Word of God. **They turned from God's demand of a church absolutely dependent upon Him (depending entirely upon God to fulfill His Word from start to finish apart from human government) to Nicolaitanism**, which is organizing a human government within the church which as all governments do, legislate for the people. They did exactly what Israel did. **They took the expediency of human government instead of the Word and the Spirit.**

367-1 Death had entered. How do we know? Do we not hear the voice of the Spirit raised in that first age for all who will hear, as He is calling. **"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life in the paradise of God."** The church had already imbibed too deeply of the tree of death (or the denominational false vine) whose end is the lake of fire. **But there are no cherubim with flaming swords to guard the Tree of Life now. God does not now depart from the midst of the church as He departed from**

Eden. Oh, no, He will ever be in the midst of His church until the final age. And until that time He calls to all to come.