

God, Writing His Bible pt8

Seed Must Be Quickened

54-0814 THE.UNCONDITIONAL.COVENANT.THAT.GOD.MADE.WITH.THE.PEOPLE

E-12 Now, if you'll notice what caused this great thing in the beginning, God took man for a partner, and He made a covenant with a man, equal, and told a man, "If thou shall do this and not do this," and the man broke his covenant, and he always breaks his covenant. Man just can't keep his promise, that's all. There's only One can keep His promise, that's God. Man cannot, he breaks his covenant every time with God. But right in Eden, watch God: He said, "I..." (I, the personal pronoun.) "I will put enmity..." (not, "If you'll do a certain thing, I'll send a redeemer.") but, "I will put enmity between her seed and the serpent's seed," and so forth. "I will do that." Not on any conditions that Adam had to do, but He said He would do it sovereignly.

65-0220 GOD'S.CHOSEN.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP

25 There was also two covenants give to the people. We're going to speak of them in the morning. (*He is referring to Marriage and Divorce that he preached the next morning.*)

One of them was given to Adam on condition, "if you do this and don't do that," but that law was broken. Adam, Eve broke that, in the garden of Eden.

Then God made the second covenant, and give that to Abraham, and that law was unconditional. "It isn't what you've done or what you will do;" He said, "I have already done it." **That's grace. That's the law of Life.** God did that for Abraham and his Seed after him, that's, all of Abraham's Seed.

As the Bible said, "All Israel will be saved," but that don't mean Jews. As Paul said, "That Israel which is inward, or Israel outward." "Outward," as we spoke of the other night, it was Isaac's children, by sex. **But the law of God was through Christ, which was Abraham's Royal Seed**, that, "by grace all Israel is saved." That's, "All that's in Christ is saved," all, God's second covenant. **But all these things foreshadowed Christ.**

281-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.7

Since this portion of the Word is hard for the human mind to grasp, it must be accepted and believed by faith. **Some will be offended by what I have set forth because they fail to understand the sovereignty of God which sets forth that GOD IS GOD, and because He is God one cannot defeat His counsels or thwart His will and purpose; but He, being omnipotent, is ruling in ALL affairs and is doing whatever He**

will with all His creation because all were created for His good pleasure. Therefore, as Paul says, "If God should take of one lump of clay and make of that same lump one vessel unto honor and another vessel unto dishonor, who can be offended and cry against Him?" That He has the right to do this on the grounds of creation alone, we cannot deny. Yet He went even further, for according to Romans 14:7-9, we have the irrefutable proof that Jesus paid the purchase price of the whole world, and therefore He can do as He wills with His own.

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281-2 Now, if we impute omniscience to God, we must also accept that He is perfect in wisdom and righteousness. **This plan of election and reprobation is the wisdom of God revealed in all ages** even, as it says in **Ephesians 1:3-11,**

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Thus if God has so designed that there be those whose names are placed in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life and cannot be erased for they are the names of His bride, then we must accept that. If it also states that there are those whose names were placed in the record of the Book of Life but in the foreknowledge of God they were to fall and have their names removed we must accept that. And if there are those whose names were NEVER placed upon a record of life, we must accept that, also. And if there are those who will enter into life eternal after the White Throne judgment solely on the grounds of being good and kind and just to the elect of God who are His brethren, then we cannot but accept that. FOR WHO KNOWETH THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? Rather let us be subject in faith to Him Who is our Father and live.

282-1 To understand this subject even more clearly it will now be wise to approach it from the standpoint of the church through the ages. Up until now we have been thinking in terms of the removal of the names of individuals. Now we want to consider, not the individuals, but the groups represented in the church. To do so we will liken the church through the ages to the wheat plant. **A grain of wheat is planted to the end that a single grain of wheat will reproduce and multiply itself through a certain process during a certain period of time. That single seed will die, but in dying, the life that was in it will come up into a plant which in turn will be the bearer or carrier of that life which is to come back to originality in a multiplied form. Jesus the great Royal Seed died. That matchless One Who is the life of the church stands in the midst of the church for all seven church ages giving His life to the church (the carrier or bearer) to the end that His very life will be reproduced in bodies like unto His in the resurrection. It is at the resurrection that the Royal Seed will see many royal seeds**

like unto Himself, and they will be even as He is, for says John, "we shall be like Him." **This is what John the Baptist was referring to when He said that Jesus would gather the wheat into the garner.** That was the resurrection where the redeemed who had been elected unto eternal life came in.

283-1 Now then, the record of this wheat plant whose end is to reproduce the original seed in multiplied form is **THE BOOK OF LIFE**. I repeat: the history or record of this wheat plant is the **Book of Life** of which a part of the **Book of Life** is the **RECORD OF ETERNAL LIFE**. (A section of the **Book of Life**). This is convincingly seen by examining the wheat plant. A bare seed is sown. Soon a blade is seen. But that is not the wheat yet. Then it grows into a stalk. This is not yet wheat. Life is there, but not the wheat. Then at the end of the stalk is a little spike that sends out a tassel. Still a wheat plant but no wheat yet. Then the plant is pollenized, and we see the chaff grow. This looks mighty like the wheat but it is not yet seed. Then forms the wheat in the husk. It is now back to what it was originally. Now the ripened wheat is harvested.

283-2 Jesus Christ died. He gave His life. That life was to come back upon the church and bring many sons like unto Himself unto glory in the resurrection. **But as the wheat seed had to have a carrier to bring forth multiplied wheat seed**, even so there had to be a church which would be the carrier of the life of Christ. As the blade, stalk, tassel, and husks were the carriers for the seed but NOT the seed itself, so the church corporate through the ages has been the carrier of the true SEED though not the Seed itself. **That is why we can say that the Book of Life is the WHOLE WHEAT plant.**

283-3 Let's go over that again. Here is that original seed that was planted. It produced a blade. That wasn't it. It produced a stalk. Not it either. Here come husks in which the wheat is to form. That isn't it. The tassel appears. **THEN POLLEN FALLS ON THOSE PISTILS. PART OF THAT PLANT IS QUICKENED. SOMETHING OF THAT ORIGINAL SEED THAT CAME UP THROUGH THE REST OF THE PLANT TURNS INTO SEED.** Why didn't the whole plant go into seed? Because it was created to that end. Just part of that plant can go back to being seed because just part of that **WHEAT PLANT IS ETERNAL LIFE WHEAT.**

284-1 You have a perfect type of that in Israel leaving Egypt. They came out about two million strong. ALL escaped through the sacrificial blood. ALL were baptized in the Red Sea; ALL came up out of the water enjoying Holy Spirit manifestation and blessings; ALL ate angel food; ALL drank of the rock that followed them. Yet except for a very few they were naught but carriers for the children who should follow them and go into Canaan land. All Israel is NOT Israel. And all but a tiny minority had their names blotted out of the Book of Life.

284-2 We have the same right today in the church. Names are going to be blotted out of the Book of Life. **No names will be blotted out of the Book of Eternal Life for that is another record though contained in the Book of Life. THIS IS THE RECORD: GOD HATH GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE (ETERNAL) AND HE THAT HATH NOT THE SON HATH NOT LIFE (ETERNAL).** And those who have that life were in HIM before the foundation of the world. **THEY WERE CHOSEN IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.** That **GREAT ROYAL SEED, Jesus Christ, was planted (He died) and that life that was in Him came up through the wheat plant and is reproducing itself in multitudes of wheat seeds having the same life in them, and being like the Original because by Spirit they are original.**

62-0909E IN.HIS.PRESENCE

80 Paul, a **self-styled** Pharisee, educated and trained in all the religion of the... that there was in the world in that day, one of the highest knowed scholars in the land. But when he come before that Pillar of Fire one day, the God that he had persecuted, ignorantly. He was a Pharisee, he didn't believe that God was a Man. He knowed God was the Pillar of Fire, It led His people out of Egypt, It had been with them all along. But when he saw this Pillar of Fire, he fell on his face. And he heard a Voice saying, "Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"

Said, "Who are You, Lord?"

81 He said, "I'm Jesus." He was a Man that said, "How have you been baptized?" He had been in the Presence of God. He was a changed man from then on, he had been in the Presence of God. It changes a man.

82 Charles G. Finney, a lawyer, a great Philadelphian lawyer, but when he come into the Presence of God he dropped his law study and become a mightiest preacher of this nation's ever had yet.

[Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... was a preacher, because one day he come in the Presence of God. He thought, once, he'd study the ministry. You know his book. I got his autobiography. He went out to pray. He thought he was a preacher. He had a desire, that he wanted to preach, and he had him a few sermons he'd try to preach. He went out one day, out of his office, to pray, went out in the woods. He got down behind an old blown down tree, where he'd go every afternoon. **Very religious, but he didn't believe in That.**

There was two women in the church, kept saying, "Mr. Finney, we are praying that you'll receive the Holy Ghost."

He said, "I got the Holy Ghost." Said, "I'm a preacher."

83 Said, "Mr. Finney, you're a great man, and you got a great hold of the Word, but you need the Holy Ghost. We're praying for you." Sweet little women.

84 So he went on, on. So every day he'd go out behind his office, his boss and all of them there he worked, and he'd go out of his law office and go out there to pray. And one day he was out there praying and he heard a brush break. He thought his boss was coming up, hunting him. He jumped up real quick. He was saying, "Lord God, I believe You." Stopped, brushed before he got... "Uhm! Uhm!" raised up and said, looked around, see what it was broke the brush. **And it was then he come into the Presence of God. He realized that brush had broke for a purpose.** He stood there, the tears running down his cheeks. He said, "Maybe them women's right. I'm ashamed for somebody to see me talking to my God, but I'd think it was an honor for somebody to see me talking to my boss. How much greater is my Lord than my boss!" Said, "Lord, forgive me and fill me with the Holy Ghost," started screaming and shouting. He was in the Presence of God. He run downtown real quick to his office. He got to screaming so hard he had to go behind the door, said, "Lord, I'll bring disgrace upon You. Hide me back here till I get over this spell." Why? He had come in the Presence of God. He was a changed man. The sermons that he used to preach, he preached them same sermons and souls came to the altar. See, he had been in the Presence of God.

65-1205 THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE

..... A certain denominational minister, the other night, said to me, said, "Mr. Branham, look here. Jesus said, 'Whosoever believeth.' The Bible said, 'Whosoever believeth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, is born of the Spirit of God.'"

80 I said, "Don't the Bible also say, that, 'No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost?'" See? You can't make the Bible lie. It's got to hook right in.

So you have to become absolutely born again, of the Holy Spirit in you, that witness out, yourself, you know that He is the Son of God. And then if you are, and a part; if you are a child of God, in the Word of God; how can you deny the Word? How can the Holy Spirit make you believe a creed, that you have to do something like this, when the Bible said something else? "We have to join a church, and do this, or do that," when the Bible plainly tells you what to do? See? And then when you see That, and you jump right into It, you're right with It then. Just keep moving right on up, and just grows. Like a germ coming into the womb of a woman with the egg. And then when that little egg begins to develop, and begin to bring forth germs, it don't put one human germ, and a dog germ, and a cow germ. It puts all human germ.

81 And when a child of God, when that predestinated... That's a bad word to use, but it's God. Here is God's Bible. The foreknowledge of God can predestinate, make everything work to His honor. When that predestinated seed, that you was to be, and God called you, **and that little eagle of a seed in there heard the Word of God**, it will build on top, one Word on top the other one, on top the other one, on top the other one. It'll not mix with any creed.

82 Notice. "In these gates, every day, they should eat new kosher. And there would be no leaven found among them, through the seven days." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The seven church ages, then, no unleaven, no creed, no nothing added. It has to be absolutely unleaven bread. "No leaven shall be found among you, at all." Just a leaven, the Word Itself, that's the only. And that Word is God. And God was made flesh, in the Person of Jesus Christ, which, that is the Gate. "There is the Gate I meet you in, to worship, when you follow the commandments of God."

83 **Therefore, if you've, tonight, just come, say, "I offer Jesus Christ my life," and you've never received the Holy Ghost; come into It. You must do it. You must grow into It. Ask God to pile Word on top of Word, like that, until you become the full stature of a son of God, or a daughter of God.**

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84 Not just say, "Well, I believe Jesus Christ, Son of God." That's all right. Then add the rest of It to it. You say, "I been justified. I give my hand to the minister. I believe in Jesus Christ." **Then you've got to be born-again. You must be filled with the Holy Ghost. See? Just keep adding on, as you keep on going. You're growing into the stature of a son and daughter of God. My!**

God, able to prepare us, and to give to us that crave in our life, that we want to see something. How many in here wants more of God? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Why, it goes to show there is more for you. See? You're craving it. Your little birth pains are coming on. See? You need more, so that we can be happy, and free, and perfect. We got to be.

85 Like the--the little--the little germ of life being the... in the bosom of God, just like, and the germ of life is in the bo-... in the bosom of the mother. **God is growing; and going, gone, to prepare the place for us, the Eternal place with Himself**; not a place where there's a pesthouse, a dying, sin, adultery, and filth of the world here. If your mind is on that, it shows it never has come in contact with God. See? You're worked up. You got a mental illusion.

You just join church and say, "Well, I belong to this. My mother belonged to that." That might have been all right in your mother's day, but we're living in another day.

86 Wesley's message would have never... He just couldn't take Luther. Luther believed in justification, but Wesley had sanctification. The Pentecostals come along, they couldn't take just justification, sanctification. They, it was time for the restoration of the gifts. Now we're going from that. See?

The three stages of the Vine coming up. The first, it's a little blade, Luther come up, from the reformation. All right. That was the stalk. Watch nature. God and nature works in continuity, because God is in nature. See? The next come, the tassel, the pollen, the Methodist age. Then come the Pentecostal, oh, my, just so perfect, see, just like a grain of wheat looks like it's perfect wheat, grain of wheat. Open it up, there's no wheat there, at all. It's a shuck, a carrier of It, but that Life is working on through. See?

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And even, "We were a Pentecostal." But look at Pentecost, how cold and formal it's getting, how everybody walking away. See? What is it? It was a carrier of the real Seed. See? All these others was carrier, but went denomination. If you say, "I'm Pentecost," that's don't mean no more to God than if you said you was a Roman Catholic or a Jew, or whatever you might be.

88 You got to be born, that Life that come through that carrier there. Don't stay in the stalk. Don't stay in the seed. Go right on out to the perfect part.

89 Now, remember, and every reformation we've had, on all those Lutherans and so forth, in three years they organize. That's right. Every revival brought a organization in three years.

Think how long this been going on, twenty-something years, and no organization. Why? It's the Seed, coming, forming under the husk, like this. Laying out, now it's got to lay in the Presence of the Son, to ripen into the glorious grain like the One that went into the first. The real Church that went down, first, is coming right back up through the stalk, to come out, another Church, when the combine comes to pick It up. The Life that went down in Luther, the Life that went down in the Methodist, the Life that went down in the Pentecostal, **will come into the grain. It'll all go right into the grain, and go out, forming the perfect Body of Jesus Christ.**

91 Look at the leaves come on the trees. It comes up, a good, fine leaf; brings out shade; puts out its fruit. Next, first thing you know, autumn comes, strikes it, death; runs right down into the root, into the ground again. Is that the end of it? Next spring she comes right back again to testify. Oh! That's perpetual life.

But, brother, sister, we got Eternal Life. We've got Eternal Life through this great One Who came, has gone, is able to prepare us a body. And these growing pains we feel,

like you women feel condemned of what you do, you men that hangs on to seminary doctrines, and so forth, you all want to say, "I recite this creed. I do this." But there's something right down in you, when you see the eyes of the blind opened; the deaf unders-... blind. All these things that's promised. See the Word preached in Its power. See a prostitute, off the street, made a lady. See a--see a drunkard come out of there, and be a real saint of God. My! See? There's something, Life in there. And you begin to feel, "Well, maybe I oughtn't to do that." But, see, what it is, it's something your body yonder is a needing. Come on! The... God's got the vitamins right in Here for every bit of that Body. Jesus has gone to prepare the place in the bosom of God; yes, sir, a little germ, son of God, little son or daughter of God.

92 Jesus only asked for one thing, in His prayer to the Father. You know what that was? One thing, after all of His sacrifice that He did here on earth, the life that He lived, the path that He walked. He asked for one thing, "That where I am, they may be also." He asked for our fellowship. That's the only thing He asked the Father in the prayer, your companionship forever. If you want to read this in Saint John 17, and 24th verse. Then how much should we desire Him? If He desire...

Now listen. If you really are born of the Spirit of God, that means everything to you. See? It ain't some book of rules. You don't live any laws and so forth. You live by the grace of God, the Spirit of God.