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THE JULY ISSUE OF THIS MESSAGE COVERED A GREAT SPAN OF TIME, KNOWN ONLY TO GOD, AS TO HOW LONG IT LASTED; BUT WE PLACED IT ALL BETWEEN VERSE 1 & 2 OF THE FIRST CHAPTER OF GENESIS. THAT MUCH WE DO KNOW; WE JUST DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN THE

EVENTS RECORDED IN THOSE TWO VERSES. NEVERTHELESS, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY BILLIONS OF YEARS THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, VERSE 2 TELLS US THAT AT A CERTAIN POINT OF TIME, THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM AND VOID, AND RIGHT THERE, IS WHERE WE WANT TO BEGIN THIS PART OF OUR MESSAGE, WHICH WE HAVE TITLED "IN THE BEGINNING." PLANET EARTH IN VOID CONDITION Let us open our bibles to Genesis 1:2, and read that verse at this time. "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." That is a picture of what the earth looked like during the Ice Age, that scientists speak of. That is how the earth looked, after God had judged Lucifer and the part of the angelic family he led astray. As we pointed out in part one, some of those angels did such bad deeds they were chained up, and kept in the regions of hell, never to be set free to

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cause trouble again. Yet Lucifer, known now as Satan, and the devil, and another great host of those disobedient angels are being used of God to test His sons and daughters this side of Genesis 1:2, and that is what we want to deal with in this portion of our message. No one can prove to you how long the Ice Age lasted; they can only assume. Therefore I will just say, It could have lasted for a billion years, and it could have lasted for billions of years. What difference could that possibly make to us? That is strictly God's business. Furthermore we are not trying to dispute scientific facts. I just simply refuse to accept their diagnosis, and their prognosis, of those facts. I am persuaded that they cannot tell you why the earth was like that, nor can they tell you what the final condition of it will be, when God has finished His great plan for it. Yet I believe we can know both, simply because we are willing to accept God's own record, recorded right here in our Bibles. He does not have to spell out all the details in order to give us a reasonable picture of it all. We know that the world hung out here in space, in a void desolate state, judged by God the Creator, because sin had been expressed in it. Angels that were created to be God's helpers had transgressed. They had perverted God's creation that they had been given to rule over; so God just simply destroyed that entire prehistoric creation of life that dwelt on earth, chained up those perverted and

disobedient angels that went past the limits of what He would tolerate, and allowed the whole planet to hang out here in space as a giant deep freeze for millions, or billions of years. But He was not finished with it. That was all for a type. What we call "The Bible in the Stars" is still reflecting those images.

THEN THERE WAS LIGHT

Now as we said in part one, Darkness upon the face of the deep is not speaking of a deep hole in the ground somewhere. It means that darkness was upon the whole thing in space, because the vaporized water prevented the rays of the sun from reaching the entire planet. That is how God brought the whole thing to a chilling halt when judgment time came, and that is why Genesis 1:2 shows the whole planet to be in a useless state. But right there, is where our account of God's activities became more detailed. He is starting to prepare the planet for another of His creation, (MAN) and that will require another time of testing, but the Creator knows what the end result will be, so let us finish reading verse 2, and continue on. "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Notice now, He moved upon the face of the waters, not the ground. The whole thing was surrounded by water (vapor) and that is where He had to begin. Those vapors had the whole thing enveloped in darkness, so God's first words were, "Let there be light;

and there was light." As we have said, God is not a man; He is a sovereign Spirit, and when He speaks, something happens. Therefore when the time came for those waters to be divided, and the light to return to the planet, all He had to do was speak, "Let there be light: and there was light." The first thing God does when He begins to move upon a dark subject or situation, is shine light where there is darkness. It is like that in every phase of our spiritual lives. The first thing God does is shine light upon our old cold darkened lives that are full of unbelief, and every kind of sin. We are born into this world in a state of darkness, which is characteristic of the state of darkness the whole planet was in, before God said, "Let there be light." Alright, it says, "And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Now brothers and sisters, this is not a day of 24 hours. Because a day of 24 hours is always determined by the earth's rotation in relation to the sun. I hope that is clear to all of you. In spiritual terminology, this would be referred to as a dispensational day, and it could be a thousand years, or even ten thousand years. It is a period of time in which God is dealing with the planet, to get it out of that total state of darkness, and He called that period of time Day. As that light began to break forth, those vapors began to separate, and the light

could start to affect the condition of the planet. I want you to notice something else here in verse 5. He puts the evening before the morning, because the evening always portrays the dark side of the subject, and morning portrays the light side, and darkness always proceeds light in these spiritual parallels and types. That is why the Hebrew calendar starts each day at sunset. They designed their calendar to correspond with the scriptural record. The whole thing is a beautiful picture, if you can look at it right. While God was dealing with the planet on the dark side, it was called Night, regardless of how many years elapsed. But there came the time when the light began to shine upon the earth, and God called that Day, and the EVENING and the MORNING were the first day. The God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." What is a firmament? We call it the sky, or the heavens, and notice where He put it, right in the midst of the waters as a divider, to divide the waters from the waters. This lets me know, that as light begins to break through those vapors, which were just like a thick fog surrounding the whole planet, God wanted this space around the earth, which He called a firmament, to be completely clear, so the light rays from the sun can be free to penetrate, and begin to warm the surface of the earth. Of course some will always say, Why did God not just simply speak everything into the exact state He

wanted it in, all at once? Well I do not ask, Why? For I see a God of many attributes, that has chosen to express those attributes in creation, therefore He is working it all out to a full expression of Himself, and we do not have one thing to say about it. We can either cooperate with Him, and receive a blessing, or we can resist Him and be eternally cursed, but His eternal purpose will be accomplished, regardless of what individuals do or think.

WATERS DIVIDED BY FIRMAMENT

Verse 7 says, "And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven, And the evening and the morning were the second day." The water under the firmament were those that were closer to the earth, and the others were those that were higher in space. I am not a scientist, but I would to God, that they would read those scriptures. Moses did not just simply sit down and concoct these various occurrences from his own imagination; he was inspired and instructed of God, to write what the Creator wanted written. Anyhow what we want to see here, is that God is not creating earth; He is just merely doing various things to bring the already created earth, out of its judged, chaotic state. He is redeeming it, but it must

pass through six redeemed stages to reach perfection, where it can again function and serve a purpose. Therefore what we are seeing here, is how God, through a process of evolution, returned the planet to a useful state, after it had lain in a useless void for millions of years, as just a frozen ball out here in space. So when He divided the waters from the waters by placing this firmament between them, those waters above the firmament were never used in relation to the earth again, until the great flood of Noah's day. It seems that God has always used water to accomplish certain purposes in His dealings with the earth. But since we covered so much of that in our first part, we will move along to something else at this time. Let me say this though, in connection with God's scientific process of getting things done. Out in the state of Arizona, is a place called the Petrified Forest. Today it is all rock, but there was a time when that which is now rocks was plant life. Not since Genesis 1:2, but in the prehistoric age beyond that. Only God knows how long those huge trees stood there as living plant life, but when He froze the whole thing up, the life went out of them, and now they are solid rocks, lying there in the desert. Why did God do that? Only He knows for sure, why He left such things for people of our day to see, but I personally feel that this is one way He testifies to the world, of the fact that He is a Creator.

THE THIRD PERIOD OF THE EARTH'S REDEMPTION

Alright now, let us look at the third dispensational day of God's workings with this old planet, bringing it out of its chaotic state. Verse 9 says, "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so." That shows that the land was already there. "And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: And God saw that it was good." He is not creating; He is only repositioning something He had already created eons of ages before that. I am convinced, that before the flood of Noah's day, the earth had large lakes and seas, but did not have oceans like the Atlantic and Pacific, where two thirds of the earth is under water. It always had to have water, for water to the earth, is like blood to the human body. It carries nutrients, carries off waste, moves things from one place to another, and really serves more purposes than one could ever think to mention. But by this time the Ice Age is really being affected. Giant ice caps are beginning to break loose and slide, (and as the scientists say) and dig out great lakes. I can go along with that idea; for I know God did not have to use a bull dozer. He uses the very elements of His own creation to rearrange others, and He does not have to have the help of man. He is thawing the old planet that has been frozen for so long,

getting it ready for the human family He will place here. The Ice Age is gone forever, and the earth must now warm up to a temperature that will accommodate plant life as well as animal life, and so forth. Then we come to verse 11, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day." That concludes what was accomplished in that third dispensational day. Those frozen waters have been turned into liquified form, and have formed into lakes, seas, and flowing streams, and the time in which all of this was done, is called a day. But Saints: I hope all of you are wise enough in the scriptures by now, to know that this was not a day of 24 hour. It was simply a period of time referred to as a day, just like saying, This is the day of space shuttles. It could have taken any number of years to accomplish all of what the Bible says was done in the third day. Knowing exactly how long it took is of no importance to us, just as long as we realize that it was not a 24 hour day. But we are approaching a place, or a time when 24 hour days will come into the picture, and you will very soon see why.

SUN - MOON - STARS SET IN PLACE

Notice verse 14 now, after the earth has been prepared. Lakes are formed, streams are flowing, and vegetation has been called forth, so God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; (that does not mean that there was not a sun and a moon already. They were already there, but this just simply shows us that God had not yet, at that time, set time in motion. But here, in this fourth day, He is bringing them back into a certain relationship to the earth, so let us notice what they are to be for) and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." This is where time is set in motion, when these other planets are brought into this certain relationship to the planet earth. God is not creating, He is simply rearranging these heavenly bodies, that they may serve another specific purpose in relationship to the earth. Alright, "And let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; (just brought them into relationship to the earth) the greater light (the sun) to rule the day, and the lesser light (the moon) to rule the night: He made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and

the morning were the fourth day.” These two great lights are what man marks time by. It is a unique thing, the way the earth spins, and at the same time, rotates around the sun, and the moon rotates around the sun, and each rotation is precise. That is why I say, Only a mastermind could have set those heavenly bodies in place so perfectly, and only a fool would rule God out of the picture, and believe that all of this perfection could come about by some kind of uncontrolled explosion of gases. Brothers and Sisters: I am thankful to God, that I am not that foolish. I see His great hand in everything. Hallelujah! What a great privilege we have, that we can know the truth about these things, and that we can have a hope of eternal life, whereby we will dwell eternally in His great presence. Oh Brother! Even a lot of people who claim to believe in God, think of Him only as an old man, sitting off somewhere in the heavens, just looking for every opportunity to punish them. How pitiful. God is not a man; He is a Spirit, and He is not one day older than He was fifty billion years ago, for He does not dwell in time. Time is in Him. He never goes to sleep, and He never gets tired. He is only referred to as the Ancient of days simply because He always was; not because He is an old man.

EARTH’S PERFECT CYCLE **INTERRUPTED**

Now listen saints: When God set these planets in this particular relationship to each other on this fourth day of what man calls creation, He set them on a perfect 360 days to a year cycle. Each year had twelve new moons, with each month have 30 days, and it continued like that until the flood of Noah’s day. God is a God of perfection, and every one of you know perfectly well, that a perfect circle has 360 degrees, and that is exactly how God designed this old planet to spin. As I have said, The flood is what changed the earth’s orbit from a perfect 360 degrees, or 360 days to a year, to a 365 1/4 days to a year. No, it was not a surprise to God; He knew that would happen when all of those waters were gathered together into one place, but it all fits together into His great plan. But let us notice now, what God does once He has the earth, the moon, and the stars in a proper relationship to each other, and to the sun, and the bodies and streams of water flowing. It is now time to introduce living creatures to the planet once again, so we pick up in verse 20. “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and

God saw that it was good.” This lets me know, that God already knew what these creatures were going to look like. He had used them before, in another era. But now that God is getting everything ready for man, He is going to put an animal and marine life here, that will be compatible with the man, both in size, and in intelligence. You may not understand why I would say such a thing, but I believe the intelligence of our present day creatures has been well established. For instance, How many of you have ever seen a dolphin? I was raised, out here in the hills of southern Indiana, and I did not know what a dolphin was, until I went into the army during W.W.2. Then I was privileged to see how they can train these little creatures. Some of them will almost talk to you. God knew what He was doing, when He put an animal kingdom here, for man to rule over. He gave him one that he could communicate with. However, only in recent years, has mankind fully realized the intelligence, and the potential that lies in our present day animal kingdom, and the creatures that have been looked upon in the past as having no intelligence whatsoever. Now, there are hundreds of books written about them, and more coming out every year.

MAN’S HELPERS

It is a known fact, that there have been times when certain people were left

afloat in the ocean, at the mercy of man-eating sharks, that these dolphins would come alongside and keep the sharks away. It seems that the Creator just made them to be guards for mankind, in the oceans. I read an article in an Outdoors Magazine not too long ago, a magazine that is written for hunters and fishermen, about an incident that took place down in the Caribbean. A man was going to do some underwater photography in an area where the ocean sort of comes back up into a lagoon. The water was not too terribly deep there, and he wanted to get some pictures of those beautiful formations down there. But not too long after he had gone down with his equipment, he saw a dark shadow pass over him, and when he looked up, he saw that it was a man eating shark. He managed to get back into a coral formation where he could sort of protect himself from the thing, as it would make passes at him, but at the same time, he realize that he was trapped in there, with no way to get help. Then, all of a sudden, and much to his surprise, while he was praying, here comes a dolphin and zeroes in on that old shark. The dolphin hit the shark, and the shark took off. But then the man noticed that swimming underneath the dolphin, was a little baby dolphin, following her everywhere she went. Well, his conclusion was, that the reason the shark was even in that shallow water, was because it was after that little baby dolphin, and when it saw him, it went

after him. But then the dolphin turned to defend the man. If that isn't intelligence, please tell me what you call it. You will have to agree, that this creature was designed by a Creator; it did not just get here by some sort of accident. That dolphin just kept going back and forth until it drove that shark away, and then it continued going back and forth, as if to say, Is everything O.K. now?

GOD CREATES SPIRIT BEINGS

I have another little article here, possibly 10 to 14 years old. Out in the South China Sea, a ferry boat was caught in a storm one night, and sunk, and many of the people lost their lives. But one Philippino woman, having no life preserver, was just left there in the water seemingly with no hope of surviving, and suddenly, a giant sea turtle just came right up under her, and she clung to it until she was rescued many hours later. It says that the seamen on the rescue ship were mystified to see that giant turtle just swimming along there, with that woman on its back. They went into the water and rescued her, and afterwards noticed that the turtle just swam back and forth, as if to question whether everything was all right. Then finally it submerged. Brother! Some may say, There is no God. But I say, They just simply have not been in the right place yet, to see Him. Nevertheless, we know that there is a God, and God Himself knows exactly how to use

various creatures of His creation for His glory. So God created all of these things, and the Bible says He saw that it was good, and we are down to verse 22. "And God blessed them saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day." We are still not dealing with days of 24 hours, in these acts of creation; they are periods of time in which God did these things. He has used five periods of time called days, to bring the earth out of its void, chaotic condition, prepare it for habitation, and put marine life and fowl upon it. Now we come to the sixth day, and that will bring man into the picture. Let us read verse 24 now. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind. (Not dinosaurs, not Mastodon elephants, nor the animal that had the stature of a man. They were all left lying out there in the crust of the earth, some of which would be found centuries later in our era of time. But notice what it says) cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good." Now let me say this, If you will pay close attention to the record here, He has only created the spirit of these various things, of that animal likeness; they are not yet walking in the earth. There is no horse

roaming the prairies, no giraffes, nor cattle. But the spirits of all of them are already spoken into existence, ready for a later manifestation, and it is now time to bring man upon the scene. Verse 26, is where the trinity people think they really establish their trinity doctrine, but that is because they fail to take note of the noun and pronoun usage in verses 26 and 27, so let us read them now, and you pay close attention to the wording, and you will say that this terminology used here, could not possibly apply to three persons of the Godhead, as they claim. God is speaking to His righteous angels, that are also spirit beings, with an intellect, and wisdom, and they are standing ready to assist their Creator in whatever way He requires, so watch. "And God said, (to those angels) Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Notice now) So God created man in HIS own image, (That narrows it down; IN HIS OWN IMAGE) in the image of GOD created HE (God) him; (The man) male and female created HE them." In the spirit they were created. They were spirit beings, but they had not yet been manifested in the flesh. We see that take place in chapter 2, where God gives His creation physical bodies, and there, you will see that the man received his, before the animals, even though they were created in the

spirit before him. But look, even though God is not a trinity as far as His very self is concerned, He still works in threes, and that can be seen clearly, right here: God, angels, and man, all spirit beings, and even though the scriptures tell us that man was created a little lower than the angels, righteous men have privileges angels will never have. Nevertheless what we see here is spirit beings, created in the image of their Creator; which tells us that they were created with an intellect, and with wisdom, both man and angels. But verse 27 makes it very clear that God Himself (singular) is the sole author of this creation. Then in verse 28, we read, concerning Adam and his wife, while they were still only spirit beings, "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." What did we learn from that verse? God gave Adam and Eve a command before they ever even had physical bodies to carry out that command. That is the first thing we see, but there is also a key in that command, that unlocks something else. Not only did He tell them to be fruitful, and multiply; He also told them to REPLENISH the earth. What does that word REPLENISH, mean? It means, fill again. The world plenish, simply means fill, or full, but when you replenish something, whether it be a glass with water, a basket with

potatoes, or a room with people; whatever it is, had to have been filled before, or you could not refill it. Right there is enough to let us know that this old earth had been inhabited before, if we can catch it. That was the prehistoric age, that we have been talking about. God destroyed all of that, by just simply freezing it up, and allowing the old planet to hang out here in space for millions of years as a huge ball of ice. That is why these atheists look at your six thousand years of the earth's history, wave their two billion year old fossil in your face, and tell you that the Bible cannot possibly be true. They are not able to see what we see, so why would they not think we are foolish, if they think we believe God created the earth only six thousand years ago? Nevertheless the fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. But I am glad that we can accept the scientific data those people furnish us with, even if it does date back beyond 30 millions years, and more. Aren't you? Oh how I praise God, for what He has revealed to us in this generation. Hallelujah! things clearly, that men of other generations have desired to see, and could not; because it was not time for them to be revealed.

GENERATIONS IS A KEY WORD

Alright let us move along. To the man and woman God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth,

and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (or food.) And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” God looked at all He had created, or redeemed, and He saw that it was very food. Of course He knew exactly how everything would be when He finished, even before He ever spoke the first words. Did He see sin come into the picture? He sure did. Did He see what the serpent would do? He certainly did. Did He see mankind cheating, stealing, getting drunk and killing each other? Yes He did. He also knew every lie that would ever be told, but He knew what He was after, and He knew what the outcome of all this would be, so He could say, It is very good. That ended the six dispensational days wherein God redeemed the earth out of its chaotic condition, set everything in order for its upcoming role in His plan, and spake into spiritual existence, everything that would inhabit the earth in its redeemed state. Then it was time for Him to take a rest. “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made, (God observed a Sabbath) And God blessed the seventh

day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made. (Pay attention to the next verses now.) These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.” Let me say this, Generations is not a word that will harmonize with a day of 24 hours. It is definitely a word that must be interpreted into years and centuries. Therefore verse 4 lets us know that those other six of what looks like creating days, were actually redeeming periods of time, wherein God was bringing the planet earth back out of its prehistoric judged state, getting it ready to use again, and then came the time when He rested from all His work. He observed a Sabbath. Now Saints: when God took His rest, there was not yet one horse, nor cow, nor camel, nor anything else walking around on this old planet. Many times we just assume certain things, and then we just go right ahead and assume what the end of it all will be, simply because it fits what we want to believe. But when we read the first chapter of Genesis, we cannot do that, for those six redeeming days were not days of 24 hours, nor was there any visible animals and so forth, when God ended His six days of work, and took His rest. He had established every spirit form of life that was to be expressed in the earth, and every genetic law, but He had not at that time, given them physical bodies so they could be seen

with the natural eye. When He was resting, there was not the chirp of any bird, the bleating of any lamb, nor any such thing. God had already decided how everything was going to look, and how everything was going to function. He had seen the end from before the beginning, and He had declared that everything He had created and done was very good, so He took a Sabbath. We do not know how long that seventh day lasted, any more than we do the other six, but we do have an account written, of what God did once His Sabbath ended. He went right to work again, and He has been working ever since, and we have every one kept Him plenty busy. He put each one of us here to fulfill a certain role on the planet, and He keeps us alive and able to fulfill that function, regardless of what we get ourselves involved in, through the years of our lives. Some will always say, God is trying to do so and so. No. He is doing exactly what He determined to do when He counseled with Himself before the foundation of the world. He has already redeemed the earth, and He is in the process of redeeming mankind, that stands in need of redeeming, because of the perversion of His law. Alright then, “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth,

and there was not a man to till the ground.” That completes the reading of verses 4 and 5, but what I want to say here, is this, Once the Lord God said, Let the earth bring forth thus and so after its kind, that became a law that cannot be changed. Those genetic laws were set in effect before the creation they pertained to was visibly manifested, and they have remained so ever since. Those laws function precisely, and every species brings forth of its own kind. Is it not strange, how a hickory tree, and an oak tree can stand side by side, and never cross? He created them to be that way. That, in itself, ought to rule out the theory of evolution, if people would just think about it. Anything so perfect, has to be by design, rather than by mere chance. It is true, man has studied the genetic laws that govern these various forms of life, and they are able to cross the reproductive cells and produce hybrids, and they desire to be able to clone the best, and dispense with the rest, and only God Himself, knows how far He will allow them to go with it before He brings it all to an end. But I am persuaded of one thing, If He left them alone, and allowed them to do what they desire to do, they would do exactly like Lucifer did, with that prehistoric animal kingdom, before God judged it, and cursed it. Modern man is on the threshold of anarchy. One bunch is trying to create a paradise, and another bunch is trying their level best to destroy the whole thing. It is all because this creature

called man is created in the image of God, with certain intellectual know-how to certain laws that God has set in effect, and they are perverting them. Regardless of your intentions, when you pervert something of God’s design, you are heading for trouble, for God hates perversion of every kind.

THE MAN GETS HIS BODY

Let me ask you now, What do you suppose was taking place while God was resting, on the seventh day? I say, the earth was gradually warming up, the ice was melting, streams were beginning to trickle down the slopes, and the general climate was being made habitable for the man He was getting ready to put here. In other words, it was slowly returning to a tropical paradise, you could say. Furthermore we noticed there, that it had not rained, but what does it say? Verse 6, “But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.” It did not rain, before the time of the flood, and that was several hundred years. Those people had never seen a storm cloud; nor lightning streaks through the sky. Why? Because God had designed a perfect environment for the planet. He used two separate temperatures to produce the mist. When you have an air temperature of one thing, and a soil temperature of something else, when the sun goes down, and night takes over, the earth sweats, and that is where the mist comes from. God just

recycles the earth's water like that. God's perfect cycle would be to water the earth like that, without sending storms, and without droughts and such like. That is just my way of expressing it, but I think you understand what I mean. Therefore as time passed and the earth warmed up, it was time for grass to start to grow, for up to this point, we have been reading of what God designed, but none of it has been manifested, so let us go on into verse 7, where we will see God go back to work, after His Sabbath of rest. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul." Brothers and Sisters: This is a new creation; it absolutely is not some carried over species from the prehistoric hour. God did not need to hang on to any of that. That prehistoric creation had already served its purpose. The man God formed from the dust of the ground could have carried a certain physical likeness to the higher forms of the prehistoric animal kingdom: but we do not look just at the two legs, two arms and such like, we look at what God put inside of him. That which was put inside him, was already established in the domain of God. He is an offspring of God, endowed with intelligence, to know how to fulfill God's purpose once he has become a living soul. Naturally we do not know how long God was in the process of creating a body for His first man; that is immaterial, but one thing we are sure

of, he did not evolve from anything else.

MAN'S GARDEN OF EDEN

Since the greater part of man percentage wise, is water, some scientists believe that justifies their theory of man having his beginning in an old stagnant pond someplace. Well their theory is wrong, the way they teach it, but God may very well have mixed Him up a mudhole somewhere, and stirred it around until He got what He was after, but when He did, that body of clay and water began to breath, and become conscious of his earthly surroundings. All of those soulish qualities that were already put there in the spirit, became activated in that physical body. God's creation is starting to be manifested, so let us read these next verses and notice the process. Verse 8 "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed." Now Saints, do not try to picture God walking along with a sack hanging over His shoulder, broadcasting seed by hand, and gouging holes in the ground with a stick for plants. We may have done it like that, in Kentucky and Indiana, but this is a Sovereign Spirit at work. He has no hands, and does not need them. Furthermore these seeds are already there in the soil, just waiting for the ground to warm up enough to start growing; so by the time the man is standing there in physical flesh, the

garden is ready for him. Some people would like to think God created the man, and then just left him standing there, while He planted a garden, and got it ready for him. God does not work in an out of balance, out of harmony way, like humans are prone to do. When He does something, it falls right in with whatever it goes with. He had a certain geographical place prepared for the man, by the time he became a living soul, so he did not have to stand around, waiting for God to plant a garden to put him in. The garden was already there, and verse 9 only tells us the order in which it was brought into being. "And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; (He just simply made them come forth out of the ground, when the time was right, and now we are about to read the part that throws people for a loop, concerning the serpents seed) the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." We are not going to dwell upon those trees of the garden. If you have questions about them, get the papers that have already been printed, dealing with those trees. What I want to look at right now, is the geographical area of that garden. It was not just a little fenced in area, like so many people want to believe it is. We also have an article in print on this subject, titled, "In Search of Eden."

THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF EDEN

Verse 10 says, "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone." That is Saudi Arabia. I want you to know that this is the country from which the gold of Ophar came, in the days of King Solomon, a certain area of that Saudi Arabia, where there were tremendous gold deposits. But since the flood, it is desert country. "And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it which compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia." It sounds like these rivers completely encircle these areas, but this terminology only means that the whole plateau is drained by them. Gihon is the Nile, which flows north and west to the Mediterranean Sea, and drains the whole plateau country of Ethiopia. "And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. (It is called, the Tigris River also) and the fourth river is Euphrates." It carries that same name yet today. Now Saints, when we read this, and see how this great river flowed through these territorial areas, it gives us the geographical area, or dimensions of the territory of Eden. It runs all the way from the Nile, to the Tigris River on the far side of Assyria, so that is quite a large area of

land, I would say. That is why all of your secular history, dealing with man's progress, and the establishing of empires, agree that this same geographical area of the earth is the cradle of the present human race. Furthermore it vindicates the accuracy of the Bible, for Moses wrote these scriptures long before any European history was ever written. So as we look at this vast geographical area of land, and realize that this is where God put Adam, I think we would have to agree that this was a good size garden. There is where every tree, bearing fruit, and every herb, bearing seed, which God gave to Adam, was. Can you even begin to imagine, one little man, and such a huge garden? What did God tell him to do? Dress it, and replenish it. Verse 15 is a repeat of what we have already read. "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it." Adam received his first commission while he was still only a spirit, without a physical body to dwell in. Then when the garden came into the picture, he was told, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, for your food. Then when he was placed in the garden in physical flesh, Adam was told, Dress it and keep it. In other words, take care of all of it. He was given authority over certain reproductive laws, and God wanted a certain order kept, in the dressing and replenishing process. Now brothers

and sisters, Adam did not have to go to an agricultural school to learn how to control the reproduction of that plant life, there in the garden, for His Creator had placed that knowledge in the intelligence He gave him. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (Notice this next verse now.) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Adam had already been told this, before he even had a physical body, so God puts him in the garden, and tells him again. Then the Lord went ahead with the rest of His plan, calling forth the creatures that Adam was to rule over. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet (or mate) for him."

ADAM NAMES HIS HELPMATES

Back here in the sixth day of creation, we see where God has already created every beast of the field and creeping thing, and said that it was good, even before He made the man. This just lets us know that God's creation was all completed in the spirit, before any of it was every manifested. Every spiritual law was already established for every physical animal that would ever be on earth, but as the man Adam became a living soul, there was not at that time, any form of animal walking upon the

earth. So let us watch this, “And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.” There were two of every species, male and female, and they were not already on earth before Adam, so that he had to go looking for them and try to find out what they were. No, Sir: Adam was manifested first, and God allowed him to give names to everything else. “And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.” Let me say a few words about this animal creation, before we move on. I am convinced that God created an animal kingdom, male and female of every species, and established in them a genetic law, whereby they would reproduce themselves in the earth, and be help mates to Adam. Because Adam had a commission to fulfill, and they were going to help him fulfill it. They would help dress and keep the garden. He made a male and a female elephant, a male and a female giraffe, and all such like, and Adam did not have to wait around for them to evolve, before they could be of benefit to him. Of course we have cattle and horses, and all such like of various sizes today, and with various physical compatibilities, but if they are cows, they are all compatible, regardless of their size and physical structure. In other words, a

cow is a cow, and regardless of what they look like, they can still mate and reproduce offspring that might look a little different than the originals, but none of that would affect the law of every species reproducing of its own kind. That is why a male and female cow, could never bring forth a horse, or a dog; these are not of their kind. Nevertheless that genetic law allowed for a certain degree of evolution; that is why you see so many different kinds. Mankind has fooled around, and crossbred, until they can get what they want, almost every time, but that is not because of their great wisdom; it is because of the wisdom of our Creator. When God made an animal for Adam to ride, though, he did not have to wait for some little miniature creature to evolve into a larger one; He made horses and elephants large enough for that purpose in the very beginning. Time, conditions and environment, and the devil’s perversion has all worked toward various forms of what is looked upon as evolution. But in some instances the evolution has brought about a reverse effect. Instead of evolving into something bigger and better, they became smaller and smaller as the years passed. The miniature horses we now have, are a good example of this. They are the product of something that became isolated in the Grand Canyon, and that constant inbreeding year after year, has got them down to where they are nothing more than just toys. They survived, but not to their betterment.

Nevertheless my reason for saying all of this, is to impress upon you the fact that every form of evolution is guided by a genetic law. One creature just simply does not give off baby creatures of its kind, that eventually become incompatible, by the mere fact that they go in opposite directions, and bear offspring that look completely different than their ancestors. You bring any male and female of them together and you will see that they are genetically compatible regardless of their size or appearance. Our present animal kingdom, regardless of what they may look like, are all a product of what was in Eden, and in Noah's ark. Now of course we realize that there were many creatures that survived the flood without being in Noah's ark. We do not have to believe that Noah had crocodiles, or alligators, or anything like that on the ark. Neither do we need to believe that those flood waters were as deep the world over, as they were on Mt. Ararat. They may have been only knee deep here in North America. But the fact remains, they destroyed what God wanted destroyed. There in the Middle East is where things got out of hand, and that is where God had the boat built, and preserved at least two of every kind of His animal creation. Of course there are atheists in the world, that will tell you a thing like that boat, is two ridiculous for intelligent people to even consider, but you believe me saints, That boat really existed, and I believe the day will come, that God will allow it to be verified, but not for

any salvational benefit to any one, no more than His intervention in the Ezekiel 38 & 39 war will be. It will just be, as the Bible declares, That God may be sanctified in the eyes of those who have denied that He even exists. I hope the day comes, that every living atheist will be forced to admit that there really is a boat up there on that old mountain, above the timber line. How many of you know what I mean by timberline? Timber will only grow, up to a certain elevation of so many thousand feet, and when you get above that, no timber will be found growing, and you do not expect to find a boat up there, for there is no water for it to float in. But there was water up there on time, and the evidence of it is still up there. Hallelujah! I am thankful to be able to believe the word of God in this evil hour of time we live in. I am also thankful to be able to reconcile some of these scientific reports with the word of God. For I would hate to react to scientific facts, the way they do, when Noah's ark is mentioned. I do not believe God will allow His true people to just simply close their eyes to things that can be proved, no matter how much they differ from what we have always believed. That is why we are dealing with this subject in the way we are. For when I am finished this time, I have no intentions of ever touching it again. If eel the same way about the message we printed, "Identifying the Antichrist." I am convinced, we covered the whole picture, using every scripture needed to establish the truth

of it; therefore I see no need to just continually hammer away at it. Let him, or her that has the Spirit of God in them, take heed, and let God deal with the rest as He sees fit. Furthermore once we get this message in print, it will cover the contents of some of our earlier messages, such as "The Testing and Fall of Satan," and also the one titled, "They Were Not Sons of God," as well as some of our messages dealing with the serpent seed.

ADAM'S HELP MATE FOR FULFILLING THEIR COMMISSION

I believe we have sufficiently established the fact that these six creating, or redeeming days of Genesis, chapter 1, were not days of 24 hours each, and I believe you should be convinced by now, if you ever wondered, that this present creation could not possibly have evolved from anything in the prehistoric world, but that there definitely is a certain amount of evolution taking place constantly, among God's creation this side of Genesis 1:2-31. Therefore let us pick up verse 21 here in chapter 2, and continue on. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof." Before we read the rest of that, I want to go ahead and get something off of my mind. Just plain common sense, ought to allow anyone to see that there is a sex law involved

in this creation. But Satan is a smart cookie; we all know that. Therefore even though he cannot create, he is a master mind when it comes to ways to pervert what God has created, and the sex laws that God set in effect, were the first things he went to work on, right there in the garden of Eden, with Adam's wife. The moment Adam opened his eyes, and saw Eve standing there, he knew who she was, and he knew what her role was to be, in the commission God had given them to carry out, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish (refill) the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over everything else. Now naturally we do not know how long Adam slept, but for too long, Christians have wanted to believe God did everything instantly. Therefore if we do not accomplish another thing, please let me help you see that God does not do everything instantly, in creation, nor redemption. He could have, and He still can, but in most cases, that is now the way He works. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. He will change our vile bodies into an immortal state. He will not leave that for any form of evolution to work in, but in all this other, He has. As for how long Adam slept: that is not important. The important thing is, when he awakened out of that sleep, he had an help mate, to help him carry out the commission God had given them, and I hope every preacher of this following of Bro. Branham, will somehow hear what I am going to say now. I am going to speak it plainly, and

I want it to be heard the way I am saying it. For years, you have traveled this world over, telling people that I went against the prophet. That I do not teach this, and that, and something else, the way he taught it. Well my answer to that, is this, I teach everything he taught, that lines up with the Bible. If you want to say he taught things that will not put you back in the Bible, go right ahead. That is actually what you have been doing all along. But let me go on record like this, once again. I refuse to take a bunch of quotes, and try to present some great revelation from them, in an effort to brainwash poor innocent souls that have confidence in me. All who are doing that, are going as far away from God as the Catholic Church is. As a matter of fact, you are worse off than the Catholic Church, for you have had your chance to follow a true revelation, and you have chosen otherwise. You condemn the Catholics for worshiping the Pope, yet you are doing the very same thing you condemn them for, worshiping a man born in sin, just like all the rest of us, as God. That is idolatry, and God hates idolaters. When God gave Adam a wife, it was not because he needed a cook. Are you listening to me? Adam did not need a wife to shine his shoes, nor to bring him a glass of water. He needed that wife to help him fulfill the commission God gave them. They were to be fruitful, and multiply. It took the woman to fulfill her part, if Adam was to reproduce himself. I know exactly

what Bro. Branham said. That is why I say, For goodness sakes, when you read or hear what Bro. Branham said, take those statements that will put you back into the Bible. You take it out of the Bible just because he was a prophet, and you try to make a Bible out of his statements, and they are leading you into oblivion. That is exactly why God allowed Bro. Branham to say things two different ways at times, to take those that have no respect for what the Bible says, and cast them out into outer darkness. Children of light, enjoy the light, and they will not follow the ways of darkness. We are all humans, and subject to human mistakes, but I want everyone who hears this, or reads it, to know. The female body that God made out of Adam's rib, was designed specifically, to bear children. No matter how many times Bro. Branham might have said, God's original design was for Adam to speak children out of the ground, you cannot take that statement, and make it fit the Bible. That is just a statement for you to run with. But when he would say, Before Adam could come to Eve, the serpent had already defiled her, you can take that statement right to the Bible, and God will help you see the truth of it, what it really meant.

DIVINE PRESENCE REMOVED

When Adam awakened and saw the woman standing there, he did not have to say, Who are you? He knew who she

was, and he knew what her role was to be. He no longer had those female qualities in him; they were all in the woman. She was completely feminine, and he was completely masculine, and we will see what he said about her, when we read these next verses. We have already read what God said about the tree of life, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and as we have pointed out in previous messages. These were not trees of plant life at all. This is figurative language, incorporated into the natural language concerning the garden. The natural trees were those that grew in the geographical dimensions we read of earlier, but these other two trees that were referred to, as in the midst of the garden, were in no way related to those plant life trees. Though in our denominational Sunday school lessons. Adam and Eve were always pictured as being in a beautiful garden; and a huge apple tree, with a slimy old snake in it, always went along with such a scene. We just naturally looked at it as though all of this was in some beautiful setting somewhere, and when they sinned, God drove them out of the garden, and set an angel with a flaming sword, to guard the gate. Saints: That is a completely false picture. God did not drive Adam and Eve from the entire area, there in the Middle East, that we read of earlier. The whole human race was cradled right there. So now, from the Bible, tell me what kind of garden they were in. What were they driven from? They were driven from

the presence of the Creator. He removed them from the presence of divine order, thereby taking that divine nature from them. They had no knowledge of sin. Being children of God, they were not just merely earthbound creatures. Being offspring of God, they could see an angel just as clearly as they could see each other, but God stripped that ability from them. How long they lived in that divine order, in the presence of their Creator is not important. What is important, is that we understand what took place when they disobeyed God. The Bible says God sent him (Adam) forth from the garden of Eden. To till the ground from whence he was taken, and that cherubim were placed at the east of the garden of Eden, with flaming swords which turned every way TO KEEP THE WAY OF THE TREE OF LIFE (Not guard a gate.) God just removed that divine nature from him, and left him with only the five senses to direct his life. No more would he be able to enter into that heavenly realm where angels abide; he would be confined to his natural surroundings. But what caused him to be in such a shape? Well he could say, like we have heard many times, The devil made me do it. Of course that is only a half truth, but the devil sure was behind it. As we have already established, Lucifer, who was once a righteous angel, and knew what God had placed in the hands of Adam, was already a fallen angel when God made Adam from the dust of the earth.

Therefore Lucifer, having once ruled the earth himself, desired to regain what God had stripped from him, so he set about the task of enticing Adam to forfeit what he had. No, he did not approach Adam himself; he inspired the serpent to work through Adam's wife to get to Adam.

HOW THE DISOBEDIENCE CAME ABOUT

Let us read these other verses, beginning with verse 22, in chapter 2, to get the scriptural account of it, up to where we are. God put Adam to sleep, took one of his ribs, closed up the flesh, "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. (Adam gets his first glimpse of his wife.) And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: (He knew where she came from.) She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. (Listen to this prophecy) Therefore shall man leave his father and his mother, (He did not even have earthly parents himself) and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Chapter 3) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made." That word subtle, is a word that means cunning, crafty, or sly, usually used in the bad sense. But this serpent is not a snake, he is a two legged character at this time, standing at the

head of the animal kingdom, and no doubt, was Adam's servant. Not a slave; just a servant. Physically, I can believe he looked somewhat like what is referred to as the prehistoric man, but he was not a carry-over from that era. God gave Adam a completely new animal kingdom; for physically they were to be his helpmates; the horse to ride, the elephant for a crane, the serpent, to work as a man now does, and so on. But Lucifer, that fallen prince, filled the serpent's mind full of ideas. He knew about the law of reproduction, that God had given to this new creation, and he knew that this sex act was to be strictly for the purpose of bringing sons and daughters into the world, children that would be sons and daughters of God. That pure relationship is what the tree of life is all about. That perfect obedience to the will of God would have kept that divine Spirit of eternal life in them and all of their children. But the tree of knowledge of good and evil, speaks of that same physical act for pleasure, rather than just for reproduction purposes, as the animals still do. You do not see the animal kingdom having sex among themselves for any reason other than to reproduce themselves. If Adam and his wife had stayed like that, they would still be partaking of that tree of life. That was their test though, and Lucifer, the devil knew it, so he inspired the serpent to seduce Adam's wife, and that is what we are reading here in the first verses of chapter 3, where in verse

one, the serpent is speaking to Eve. "And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (All the natural trees) But of the fruit of the tree which is IN THE MIDST of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (That did not mean, MAYBE you will die; It meant, YOU WILL DIE. But notice how the serpent answered her back.) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat (or partake of for pleasure) thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (Yes, their eyes would be opened, but not to their betterment. The devil never tells a person what the consequences of disobedience will be; he just tempts you to disobey.) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." God's divine law had just been broken, so the tree of life would no longer be available to them, for God had already warned them of the consequences of that disobedience, so notice verse 7. "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." Where do you wear an apron?

Do you not think it strange, that if their disobedience was eating an apple with their mouth, they covered their loins with the fig leaves: They covered the part of their body that they had sinned with.

THE PRICE OF BREAKING GOD'S LAW

People through the ages of time have reacted in various ways to these scriptures. The Puritans of England, in their hour, held that a man and woman, even though they were man and wife, were not to live together intimately, except for the purpose of bearing children. Others also, have said, This intimate life is the cause of sin, so we will abolish the whole thing. That is why the Essen Jews were found in Qumran, isolated from everyone else, and that is the way the Shakers went, down here in Kentucky, but where are they today? They were a branch off the Quakers, that came from the British Isles, But how long can they last, when they look at life like that? God dealt with Adam and Eve, and the serpent, for what they had done, and the way to the tree of life since that time, has not been by that kind of restraints. Those people are trying to break through this veil of flesh, hoping that somewhere they can unlock this mystery, but they never will. Furthermore, for you who still think the tree of life was a plant life tree, where is that tree today? If it was a plant life tree then, it is still a plant life tree today. Then on the other

hand, if it was a spiritual law then, it is still a spiritual law today. Well how do people find that tree of eternal life today? By obeying God's word, of course. Lucifer's goal was to get Adam to disobey his Creator, and he accomplished his goal by taking over the intellect of the serpent, the most subtle of all the animals God had created. Then through the serpent he came to Eve, Has the Lord said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? That question was designed to throw her off guard, and the rest of the conversation was for the sole purpose of beguiling the woman, breaking down her conscience. She was the guardian of that law of conception, just like in the animal kingdom. But by the time the old serpent got through talking to her, the whole relationship was designed strictly for pleasure, outside of the purpose of God. Well regardless of whether the act is just for pleasure, or for the sole purpose of begetting offspring, if the cycle in the woman's body is in the right place, she will conceive, and that is what happened to Eve. It was that time for her, and right when she should have gone to her husband to obey God's commission to them; the serpent convinced her that it was all right to use that intimate relationship just to have a good time, and her first conception was by the serpent, and then by her own husband, but the acts were performed with the wrong motive, and God had to keep His word, and withdraw His Spirit of eternal life

from them. Therefore even the son of Adam, which was Abel, was born with death in him, rather than eternal life as it would have been otherwise. Satan did not stop at that though, he has still been doing the same thing, down through the ages of time. He got in the church boards, and the school boards, and in the courts of the land, and convinced them, that young children ought to be taught about sex in the schools. That was his first step in taking your children away from you. That sacred trust that God invested in you as a parent, has been taken away from you. They take that child, set it down at a desk, and they literally rape it's conscience. After eight, or twelve years of that, very few of them have any moral convictions left. They teach them all there is to know about sex, and they never tell them it is wrong. They never tell them what a tangled mess they can get their lives into; so how can they have any convictions about anything they think to do? The State Health Department is putting out literature and diagrams, showing the whole process, but they never mention the fact that hell is awaiting, or that there is any kind of price to pay for going against the will of God. Hospitals report every day, of little unwanted babies being born, to little girls who were too young and innocent to control their lives. Any time you take young minds, and begin to play with them, you only open up avenues of curiosity; you do not close any doors, as a safeguard. It is the devil's

business, to stimulate emotions and passions in people young and old, and as a result, people do things that place them far beneath any animals on the face of the earth. Furthermore, there is nothing that people will not talk about any more, right in front of everyone. No, they do not blush; That is normal for our day, they will say. Well I say, Someone is going to pay for this. I am not rejoicing about it; but they will burn in hell, and the devil just sits back, and laughs about it, for he has things going just the way he likes it. Mom and Dad are not even allowed to interfere with what their little children are being taught in these public schools of our day. They will lock you up, and in many cases take your children away from you, if you are what they call, too strict, and deprive your children of their rights. In other words, Educators of today, are doing to your children, exactly what the serpent did to Eve, presenting this relationship to them as a pleasure of life, without telling them of the consequences. The first act of fornication ever committed in this world, was between the serpent and Eve, in the garden of Eden. Then you read in the scripture, "And the woman saw that this tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired." That is language in disguise. Then, as if what she had done wasn't bad enough, carrying on like that with the serpent, she introduces this pleasurable act to her husband, the man her body and that law of reproduction should have been

solely for in the first place. But no, she did not go to Adam and say, I think it is time for us to come together for the purpose of having a little baby; she gave herself to him strictly on the basis of pleasure; completely bypassing the purpose of God. Then when Adam submitted to that relationship on the basis of pleasure only; that is when his conscience became activated, and they immediately set about, trying to cover themselves with fig leaves. But the lord had already told them, the day you do this thing, you will surely die, and the thing could not be kept from Him, but they felt that they should do something to try to cover themselves, and they had to turn to plant life, to find what they were looking for, something to cover the part of their body they had sinned with. They knew God would be coming at evening time, as He always did. Not walking on two legs, but by His anointing presence, so even after they covered their loins with these fig leaves, they looked for the thickest foliage they could find, and tried to hide themselves from the presence of God. They were just like a lot of people today; they were not ready for God to come. People today, are not looking for the Lord to come, because they are not ready to meet Him. Listen to me! He is going to come anyhow whether you are ready or not; just like He did when Adam and Eve were hiding. "Adam! Where art thou?" God knew where they were, and He knows where you and I are, but He

wants us to admit our position, and our need.

WOMAN'S CYCLE **MULTIPLIED**

Can you not just see Adam, the head of all God's creation, come sneaking out from behind the trees? What was the first thing the Lord said to him? Hast thou eaten of the tree I warned you not to partake of? Then instead of just answering the question, he began to make excuses. We see the very same thing today. "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." But do you think Eve was going to stand there, and take the blame? No. Never. She said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." By this time, the old serpent is really getting nervous. He knows he has done wrong, but the Lord God did not even give him a chance to blame the devil; He said to him, "because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; (Now right here, is where he lost his legs and arms, and became a crawling reptile) upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." All the other animals were still there in the garden, going about their normal routine, but here is one that will never be the same again. He will not even be restored in the Millennium. In the 65 chapter of Isaiah, where Isaiah is prophesying, th concerning the Millennium, you find in verse 25, "The wolf and the lamb

shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: AND DUST SHALL BE THE SERPENT'S MEAT." That one verse tells us that the serpent will still be a crawling reptile, after the other animals are restored to their original state, as it was in the garden of Eden. Please remember, That serpent that seduced Eve could talk. He was made to communicate with the Sons of God; but he himself, was not a son of God; he was an intelligent species of the animal kingdom that God gave to His son. I wanted to get that one verse from Isaiah 65, in here, because people are always asking. Is that serpent still here? Don't ask me which one he is, but the answer is definitely yes. In his cursed state, man cannot tell him from all the other reptiles out there. But let us come back to what God said to those three as they stood there trembling. After cursing the serpent, God said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." Right there, was the beginning of woman's mental, and psychological and emotional disturbances within her body, as she comes into womanhood. That cycle of life sets up in her, to enable her to be a mother. Furthermore God said, "And I will multiply thy

conception.” That makes one wonder if some of these preachers of the message, (as they refer to it) can even read the Bible. They go around talking about how God originally meant for Adam to speak his children out of the ground. What do they think God multiplied in the woman anyway? Was it her vocabulary? No, Sir: He multiplied her menstrual periods. Now I realize my language is plain, but by using plain language, I will expect to get the picture straight, that everyone may know exactly what I am saying. If God had not cursed the woman in this way, she would never have had a period every 28 days. The fact is, she is the only creature that does. Of course the whole animal kingdom is under the influence of Satan, and there is a certain amount of perversion going on out there; but the natural process within the females of the animal kingdom, is for that period to come about at certain times of the year for the purpose of reproduction only. But the point is, in order for God to multiply something in the woman’s body, it had to be there already. Do you understand me? He multiplied her conception. From that time on, she would have a period every 28 days, in which she could conceive. I have said many times, If sin had never entered the picture, no woman would have ever had to go through that pain and suffering, and that fear of death, that often accompanies child bearing. Jacob’s wife died, giving birth to a son, and many of us have seen her tomb,

just outside the little town of Bethlehem. Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin.

EVE’S DUTY ADAM’S CURSE

Alright, so God said to Eve, “And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” What was God actually saying to her? The physical knowledge of that relationship will now be fore pleasure, and through that relationship for pleasure, children will be born unto you, but from that day until now, no woman has ever been able to know exactly when that relationship would be strictly for reproduction of life. Why? Because God stripped her of that knowledge. Doctors and scientists have done everything they knew to do, trying to pinpoint that exact time, but to this day, they still cannot be exact; they still slip up. The female horse knows, and so does every other female of the animal kingdom, but not woman; that knowledge was taken from her. I hope you can see what is involved here. “And unto Adam, He (God) said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.” Why would God curse the ground? Simply because Adam had to pay for his part in this disobedience. God cursed the woman’s sex organs, because that is what upset His divine

order. Through her sex relationship with the serpent, would be introduced into the world, sons that would not honor their Creator. In other words, Cain was a son of Eve and the serpent, and God already knew that this would be the result of that relationship, before the child was ever born. That is why I say to you who still believe Eve's sin was eating an apple from a plant life tree: Why did God not curse her teeth, instead of her sex organs? But to Adam, God said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Adam had lost his servant. He no longer would be able to say to that serpent, God do this, and that, and so on. From that point on, he would have to till the ground himself, plant his own seed corn, wheat, and so forth, and then reap the crop himself, and while it was growing, he had to chop out weeds, and thorns, and all kinds of foreign growth. All of that came with the curse. That son of God who had been invested with authority to dress and keep the garden, now had to do the work of it himself, instead of delegating it to his servants. His responsibility was to keep divine order among all of God's creation, but in yielding to his wife, in that relationship for the wrong purpose, he forfeited that

position, and Lucifer was standing in the background, (so to speak) ready to take over, and run things his way. But as long as God's divine presence remained, the curse was not in effect, so that is why God said, (after He had clothed them with coats of skin) "Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from Whence he was taken." As I said earlier, People down through the ages have pictured Adam and Eve being driven out the gate of a beautiful garden, and angels set before the gate with a flaming sword, to keep them from going back in. But that is not the picture at all. They were never driven out of a geographical area at all. God just simply withdrew His divine presence from them, for as long as they dwelt in the presence of God, that divine law of life would still be in effect. They would still be able to carry out the relationship with the knowledge of knowing when, for the original purpose. But since this other has already been introduced into the picture, God cannot allow that. So this terminology that sounds like He drove them out of a geographical spot called the garden of Eden, is actually pointing to the fact that they will no longer be allowed to dwell in the presence of God, where they could still have that knowledge. God took that knowledge from them, of how to partake of the

tree of life, and it has remained in Him ever since. He shut himself off from them, and placed the cherubim between them and Him; not at a gate somewhere. They were not driven from those boundaries there in the Middle East, that we read of earlier. That is where all civilization sprang from. Furthermore there is hardly a foot of that ground, that men have not trod upon at one time or another, so if the cherubim were guarding that, where are they today? Why have men not been able to say they have found the garden? I hope you are getting this. There is revelation locked up in this strange sounding terminology. The moment God removed His presence from them, they died spiritually, and the process of eventual death took hold of their physical bodies. Their eyes were no longer open to the spirit world; they could no longer see God's glory in His creation. Where they once could see angels, they no longer could; they were strictly earth bound creatures of the earth. That is what caused Paul to write what he did, in 1 Corinthians 15:47, "the first man is of the earth, earthy: the second st man is the Lord from heaven," He only went back as far as the fall, for from then on, man has walked in this fleshly body, and has looked at the whole future through a veal of flesh. Sin became incorporated into their makeup, and that imputed sin became hereditary, functioning with the genes. Now Brothers and Sisters: Right there is where your scientists of today are

trying to connect this man with the prehistoric man, but they will never be able to make such a connection, because we did not evolve from that. I have said over and over. We do not rule out a certain amount of evolution; but it has all been this side of Genesis 1:2, as far as earthly creatures are concerned; and that includes mankind. CAIN - THE SERPENT'S SON Alright then, the serpent yielded himself, a tool of Satan, and as a result Eve brought forth one son, which they named Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Sure. She could say that. What other Creator is there? It took God to put the breath of life in that little baby, even if he was the son of the serpent. Do not forget; God created the serpent also, so where else could she have gotten that little son except from the Lord? But do not forget also, Eve was the one that made that statement. No one else did, so let us read the whole picture together, there in chapter 4, and pay close attention to the wording. Moses is writing this account of what happened, and says, "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, (notice the comma) and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. (Notice now) And she again bare his brother Abel." But it does not say, Adam knew Eve his wife again, and she bare Abel. Do you see anything there, in that terminology? It had to be, that she bare what would seem to have been twins, but they did not both have the same father. Bro. Jackson: Are you sure that

is possible? Yes I am. We have published articles that confirm the fact that such births have taken place from time to time; it is called "SUPERFETATION."

Newspaper Article

RARE HUMAN BIRTHS TOTS BORN 2 MINUTES APART ARE NOT TWINS CLEVELAND, Ohio - (UPI) - Doctors here said Tuesday that two babies, born two minutes apart to Mrs. Leonard Shaffer last Saturday, are not twins. Dr. Paul R. Zeit of the Cleveland Clinic called the case "one of the rarest occurrences in human births." Michelle Lynn, who beat her brother Michael Lee into the world by two minutes, is actually "younger" than Michael if age before birth is considered. Michelle was an eight-month baby, while her brother was a full-term nine-month infant. Doctors said the babies were not conceived at the same time. X-rays taken Tuesday of the infants confirmed that they were not twins, and a Pediatrician explained that the babies did not come from the same egg. Normally, after a woman conceives, she stops ovulating. Bother Mr. And Mrs. Shaffer's families have a history of twins. Dr. Zeit said such births were far more rare than quadruplets. Michael is a husky 6 pounds, 11 ounces, while Michelle,

who is in an incubator, weighs 4 pounds, 3 ounces.

In Webster's Dictionary, here is what it says about superfetation, "Successive fertilization of two or more ova of different ovulations resulting in the presence of embryos of unlike ages in the same uterus." Alright then, when you establish the fact that such a thing is possible, the next thing your critics come up with, is that the serpent was an animal, and therefore could not have mated in that way, with this daughter of God. But these same people will read over in chapter 6, where the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose, and they will say that the sons of God were angels, and the daughters of men were offspring from Adam's line. Now that really crosses the scriptures up, for Jesus referred to angels in a sexless sense. Over in the gospel of St. Luke, chapter 20, verses 27-36, you find where the Sadducees, that did not believe in a resurrection of the dead, sprang a hypothetical situation upon the Lord, trying to trap Him, and it was His answer to them, that we are interested in, so let us begin reading in verse 34. "And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain

that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: FOR THEY ARE EQUAL UNTO (or in that way like) THE ANGELS.” Therefore I say to you, it is more logical to believe God allowed that serpent to impregnate Eve, than to believe angels took upon themselves human bodies, came down to earth, and married daughters of Adam’s seed. I hope you are following me. If you think you know so much about genetic laws, that you can dogmatically rule out serpent seed, then please do not try to tell me that angels had sex relations with humans. Yet we know from the scriptures, that it had to be one of the two, and I believe we have other scriptures to prove that Cain was a son of the serpent. Furthermore John called him, or referred to him, as, of that wicked one, because he slew his brother. If Cain was Adam’s son, where did he get those murderous attributes? God did not impute murder into Adam’s genes. No. Cain was the son of something that had literally yielded to the devil, and had those yielding attributes in him also, and we know already, that the devil (Lucifer) is a murderer. We just have to realize, sin had to be the product of a disobedient act, somewhere, and I am saying, because Satan (Lucifer) learned something back there in that prehistoric age, he knows exactly what God means, when he puts the earth in this new dimension, and instructs His son and daughter. He knew perfectly

well, how to disrupt the whole picture. He knew if he could just get in control of certain genetic laws, he would have the whole thing in his hand, and that is exactly what he did.

GOD’S GENETIC LAWS STILL THE SAME

This modern society looks upon mankind as having crawled and struggled to pull themselves up from some primitive prehistoric existence, but I want you to know, that what man has had to pull himself up from is the result of what Satan did to mankind after the fall in the garden of Eden. God placed His son and daughter in the garden, as intelligent beings, endowed with His very own nature and attributes, and with authority to rule over all His other creatures. Then He gave Adam an animal kingdom, even before Eve was made from the rib taken from his side, that lay at his feet, and was subject to his every word. But when Satan got himself in control of this beautiful creation of God, he began to pervert everything. He turned the animal kingdom against Adam, and against each other, and drove all of them into the wild. Some animals are tame today, because man has been able to conquer and reverse what Satan did to their nature after the fall. Not only did he drive the animal kingdom into the wild, he did practically the same thing to mankind, after the era of Genesis, chapter 6, where the two seed lines of mankind began to intermarry.

As lives became more and more perverted, and the knowledge of a Creator became almost a forgotten thing, that is when mankind reached a depth of degeneracy, that finally became intolerable to the great God from whom they all had their beginning, and eventually caused Him to send that great flood, to destroy them from off the face of the earth. I do not know how many of you realize this, but the very name of this first book in our Bible, means, The history of the genes. Genesis points to the beginnings of all these various creatures of the earth today. Therefore I ask you, Why do some people get so upset, when you get on a message that deals with the genes? Every creature upon the face of the earth today, is still subject to this genetic law, God put in effect, there in the garden of Eden, regardless of how perverted they become in their individual lives. Whenever male and female come together during that mating cycle, new life will spring forth from that relationship. But the big difference is, in the human family, woman's cycle is now every 28 days, as a result of the curse for disobedience, and pregnancy slips up on them, because they no longer have the knowledge of the exact time that this can take place. Furthermore Satan has taken this intimate act, that God allowed for pleasure, and has turned it into an entertainment thing, that degenerate minds will pay to watch, or to partake of, and to make matters even worse, he

injected homosexual acts, and sodomy into the entertainment picture. In other words, What started out as just an illegal act of fornication (sex for pleasure between parties other than man and wife,) has reached a depth of perversion, that God just tolerates so long, and then He just wipes it all out. He did it with the flood in Noah's day, He did it with fire and brimstone in Lot's day, and the day is fast approaching, when He will do it once again. But regardless of all of that, the genetic law He placed in effect in the beginning, will always function the same way. That intimate relationship in its season will always reproduce of its kind, among healthy, normal, male and female. Therefore if this relationship was designed by the Creator strictly for that purpose, can you not see why Satan wanted to get control of it? The law of life will still work, to bring forth new life into the world, but Satan likes to have everything out of control, and in utter confusion, so that is the end he works toward, always.

MAN'S CONTINUAL EVIL

In my younger days homosexuals and sodomites were hardly ever mentioned, and most people did not even know what the words meant. But in my short lifetime society has changed to the point, where you can hardly read a newspaper without seeing them, or turn on the television for more than a few minutes without

hearing something about them. That just goes to prove, that we are living close to the end, when God's judgment will again strike the human race. In Matthew 24, and in Luke 17, Jesus told His disciples, That as it was in the days before the flood, when people were eating and drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage, (fulfilling every desire of the flesh, and just completely ignoring God and His moral law,) until the day of God's judgment struck them, and destroyed them, so would it be also, in the day of the coming of the Son of man. In other words, when judgment will again strike wicked mankind, and destroy them all once again. The only difference is, this time Satan will be chained up, and will not be allowed to go out and pervert the minds of upcoming generations that will be born in the Millennium. What the apostle Paul wrote in the first two chapters of Romans, fits our day and hour perfectly. He was speaking of how it was in former times, before the judgment of God struck ungodly mankind, and how those who were so contrary to God's ordained way, were without excuse, and in verse 21, of chapter 1, he says, "Because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and

creeping things. (I am just going to read a few verses here, and I want you to notice, and see if it is not exactly as it is in our day.) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (talking about perversion) and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; (Every time they show something on the news about those homosexuals out there in San Francisco, California, and I see two men walking down the street with their arms around each other, I think of this scripture, and know that one day they are going to burn in hell because of that, and there is not one thing that anyone can do to prevent it.) Men with men working that which is unseemly, (indecent) and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. (Or fitting) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, (That is what your atheists are working toward today, to erase all knowledge of God from the memory of upcoming generations.) God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (or right) Being filled with all

unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, maliciousness: full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, (We certainly see those proud boasters on every hand) inventors of evil things (It seems that there is just no end to what these inventors of evil things will come up with) disobedient to parents, (and society encourages this disobedience) without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” To me, this is a perfect picture of our generation, and I am fully persuaded, that this generation will see the wrath of God poured out upon all this ungodly, degenerate mess, for all signs points to that as a fact. So let us read verse 2, in chapter 2, while we are here. “But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.” I do not see how Noah’s generation could have been any more wicked and perverted than our present generation, but I do know that God is longsuffering, and that by His great foreknowledge He has already seen where this thing is going to, and He knows exactly when He is going to judge it, so all we can do is keep ourselves clean, and pray for our little children and grandchildren, that somehow they will be able to hear the

voice of God, when He calls to them individually in the midst of all of this. Every condition that now exists, will be ever so much worse a year from now, no matter how much you hear about a great revival sweeping around the world. My Bible lets me know, that there is not going to be any more of those great revivals where lost sinners fall under the presence of Almighty God; for these people who are always harping about a great revival in the making, have already rejected the truth, and God Himself is sending them strong delusion, according to what the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonika, in his second epistle, chapter 2. God cannot be deceived; He knows our every thought, and our every motive, and He will not deceive us, but He will turn us over to a spirit of deception, if we reject the truth of His word; it is just as simple as that.

DECEIVED PERVERTS

As for what we are saying about all of this perversion, men with men, and women with women: they think this is the only way. Yet if they were the only ones, or if everyone were like that, the human race would be extinct in one generation, because there is no way in the world that two men can reproduce themselves without the woman, and likewise the women, for that law of life only works between male and female. Some of these women who think they are so smart, are going to the places

that are now numerous, and having this germ of life implanted in them, to keep man out of the picture, but let me tell you. They are not keeping man out of the picture at all, for where do they think that germ of life came from? There had to be a man somewhere, to supply it. They are just poor degenerate products of Satan's perversion, and there is no way they can reproduce themselves except in the one way God has provided, and every reproduction between a man and a woman already has that death sentence in it. That is why every individual soul that has ever been born upon the face of this earth since Adam and Eve, stands in the need of partaking of that tree of life, (except God's only begotten Son) and it is available to all who will come God's way to partake of it; for it is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, given to repentant sinners who obey God. Of course whenever you say these things, someone always says, Now Bro. Jackson, what about little babies, that know nothing at all about sin, and its consequences? Well you believe me: God is not unjust; He would never send a soul to hell, that had never had a chance to repent and obey the gospel, and furthermore it is vain to baptize little babies, for salvation is an individual matter, and no one else can settle that with God for you. The most young parents can do, is just pledge to God, that they will raise the little child to be God conscious, and teach it the difference between right and wrong, and then they just

have to leave the rest to God and that little child. One thing is sure, Every person who will ever partake of God's salvation, was foreknown of Him, and He will never lose one, young or old, so that should furnish comfort to anyone who has faith in God. Just be sure you understand, that there is no plant life tree that one can eat of, to gain eternal life, and there never has been; not even in the garden of Eden. Eternal life has always been tied to obedience to the perfect will of God, in whatever that provided way has ever been. There were no substitute ways, giving people a choice as to which way they wanted to gain eternal life. Furthermore when the apostle Paul said, "Work out your own salvation, he was not even suggesting that soul salvation is something you can work to get. It has always been a gift from God, but you have to work out the affairs of your life, to fit into the life God expects you to live, once you have that gift of eternal life abiding in you.

CAIN AND ABEL CAME TO WORSHIP GOD

Let me get back to Cain and Abel now, though, for there are points here in these verses, that clinch the revelation for you, once you see them. "Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. (As I said, that much was true because of God's creative law.) And she again bare his brother Abel. (Notice now)

And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.” There was Adam’s original nature in Abel: he was a keeper of sheep, but the serpent’s nature showed up in Cain, for the serpent was the tiller of the ground before God cursed him, and stripped him of his arms and legs. So the very nature of the two boys, lets you see who they took after. Cain was born with the very nature to do earth-wise, what his father did, a servant’s type of work. The serpent did not have to go to agricultural school, to learn how to grow vegetables, melons, and so forth; the Creator instilled that knowledge in his very nature, and by natural instinct, he knew exactly what to do, and Cain inherited his daddy’s trade, or nature. The young men grew up like that, and they were both God conscious, for you must remember that half of Cain’s genes came from his mother, who was a daughter of god, and furthermore, you have to believe that Adam and Eve taught them about the Creator. “And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. (Plant life, which he had raised with his own two hands) And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.” It was time to go to church; time to bring some kind of sacrifice as an atonement offering because of that consciousness of sin within their makeup, so what did they bring? Abel did not bring just any old lamb he could first get his hands on. He brought the firstborn of the best of the flock, so

what does that tell us, as we look at the two young men? Certainly we would have to say they were both religious. Would you not say so? Is that not the general picture of most nominal church going people today? They are as religious as they can be, but they are without revelation as to what God requires. What did Cain bring? Only that which he could see in the natural; all by his own works. There was no work involved in bringing the little lamb into the world. That took place as a result of that law of reproduction on the part of God Himself. The only thing Abel had to do, was just sit on a rock somewhere, and watch them graze. For that matter, that soon after the fall, I do not believe the animal kingdom had gone too much to the wild, so they probably did not require too much of even that. But what we see here, is the beginning of two spirits, that would be projected throughout the whole earth, to affect all of mankind. Cain was a perfect picture of most of the people that go trotting off to a church building every Sunday morning, or whenever their regular church services happen to be. They dress up, to look their very best, and they go to participate. They will contribute time or money, or both, to the next chicken supper, fish fry, rummage sale, or any kind of social gathering. That is how they keep their organization going, and the natural thinking of the average church-going person, is that this is all, all right, just as long as it will get people to come to

church. What a shame! What Cain started way back then, is really in full swing in our society today, and there is not one ounce of salvation involved in any of it. It is their works, that they have determined to do for the Lord, and they do not want anyone interfering. They will get as mad as Cain did, if you do. Of course Cain portrayed all of those attributes you see out there in the world today. He was the very image of hate. Jealousy was first seen in him, and he committed the first murder this side of the garden of Eden. All of that, lay right there embodied in that young man, and he is the daddy of all that you see going on our here today. Brother Jackson: I thought you said Satan was the spirit that was a murderous spirit, and in that sense, he is the father of them all, but Cain was the first man that these attributes showed up in, and it was from his seed line that these evil deeds were continued, until finally through inter-marriage, it became commonplace, because when the sons of God took wives from Cain's line, their children had both righteous and evil attributes in them, just like Cain did in his beginning, but eventually the evil outnumbered the good, and Noah was the only one left, that really served God. He managed to save his three sons and their wives from the flood, but all the rest left alive at that time, perished.

THE DIFFERENCE REVELATION MAKES

As I said, That God consciousness in Cain, came from his mother, for she was a daughter of God. But to him, there was nothing wrong with offering God a basket of vegetables, or whatever it was, from the works of his own hands. That is the difference between having a true revelation of what God will accept, and in not having one. I have actually heard people say, I have been loyal to my church all my life; I have worked my head off, so tell me, what more can I do? That is that Cain religious spirit. But little old Abel, because he had a complete soul which he received, both from his daddy and his mother, he saw things differently. He had a revelation of what it was going to take, to approach God, so he brought an offering that required the shedding of blood. Just imagine, that early in the total picture, a blood offering. No wonder Cain was upset; his natural thinking just simply could not conceive of anything so crude as that was. It is just like what people think about Faith Assembly, sitting down here at the dead end of Potters Lane. Some of the people that come here, drive for more than 100 miles to get here, and many times they are approached by people who live close to them, and are asked, Why do you drive so far to church, when we have so many churches close to home? I can just imagine what goes on in their

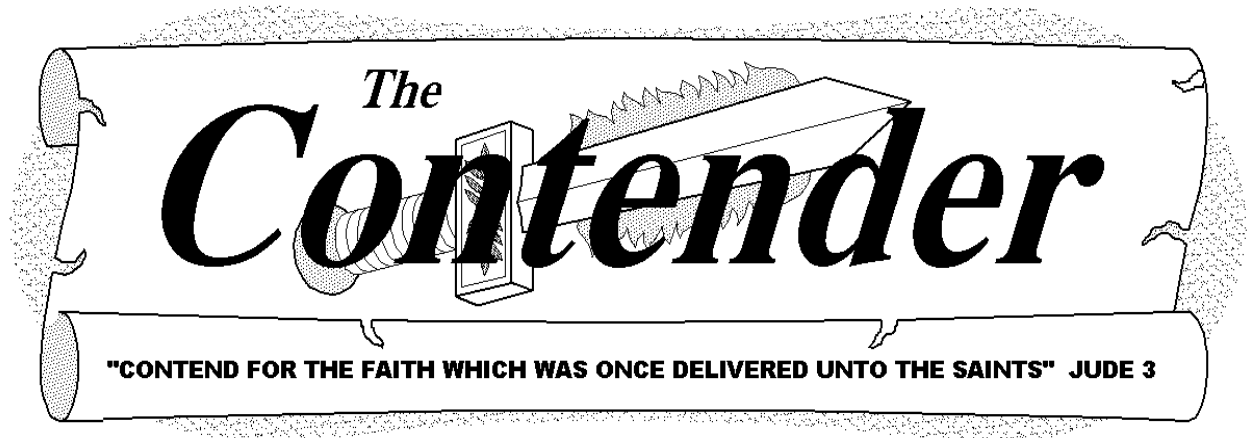
minds: Don't you think that is being a little too fanatical? They see all churches the same; they are all good, and we are all going to the same place. Is that the truth? Are we? Brother! My Bible tells me, in Hebrews 11:4, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." His soul was somehow capable of contacting, and reaching that understanding from his very Creator, that he was seeking to approach, and because of it, he received the understanding of what it was going to take. I tell you, it is wonderful, when you look at that, and see the choice Abel made, when there was no one else around to view this sacrifice. There was no congregation to sing, and no onlookers at all; just these two young men coming to approach their Creator. Abel brought the lamb, and offered it for himself, and that so pleased the Creator, his heavenly Father, He caused His divine glory to come down, and overshadow him and his sacrifice. But there stood Cain off in the distance, (of course we speak of his fruit basket, or his vegetable basket, but I imagine he had those things piled high) really feeling good about all the beautiful things he had there to offer to the Creator. He probably had pumpkins and cucumbers in a huge pile, the best of everything he had raised maybe. Is that not modern Christianity today? Flesh displayed,

orthodox at its best. What is wrong with it? After all, we are worshiping God. Well Cain offered the best of the works of his hands, and the Creator would not accept it, so you tell me why. I just have to believe that God's presence made such a difference between the two offerings, Cain knew Abel's was accepted, and his was rejected, and something inside him began to boil. "But unto Cain and to his offering He (God) had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? Why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him." Let me just say, Religion is still like that today. You let God begin to bless a certain element of people, because they are seeking to follow Him in truth, by faith, and as soon as other church people start hearing about it, fire begins to fly. The devil will always stir up jealousy, strife, and contention. No, it will not be from the town drunks; it will be from people who profess to be Christians. People who go to church every Sunday, and never feel the Spirit of God move upon them. That is the same feelings old Cain was having. I can just imagine what he was thinking, when the Lord said, If thou doest well, (In other words, bring a proper sacrifice.) Shalt thou not be accepted? He was probably thinking to himself, I am sure not going to bring a bloody old

lamb, I hate the sight of blood, and I do not believe in killing those innocent little lambs. As far as being humane, he was no doubt more so than Abel. But in this particular case, God was not looking on that animal, as having been treated inhumane. He was looking upon the sacrifice of an innocent little animal, that was being used as a substitute, because Abel was a sinner. As a matter of record, please remember that God had to slay some animals in order to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness with skins, and this is the same thing, so some things take priority over humane feelings. Nevertheless you have heard the statement: He was stomping mad. I believe old Cain was stomping mad. So the Lord said, Why art thou wroth? Why is thy countenance fallen? He was no doubt, in a pitiful shape. He had worked hard growing all of that, and he expected the Lord to be pleased with him, and then learned that God would not even accept his offering at all. In his heart, he probably said, I have brought the best I have. What else can I bring? It just goes to show, he had no revelation, as to how sin was to be atoned for. So God said to him, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." In other words: Cain, If you do not bring a proper sacrifice, your sin is still going to be held against you. It will not be forgiven. I am trying to move on, but there are just so many points to bring in concerning Cain and his sacrifice, I hope you will just bear

with me for a few more minutes. We know he could have brought an animal sacrifice, but he just simply did not have the nature to know how to go about it. Nevertheless the Lord did say, "And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him," simply meaning, You are the first born in Adam's house; therefore if you bring a proper sacrifice, you will also be accepted; and therefore fall heir to whatever Adam has to leave to his heirs, and Abel will look to you as such. All through the Old Testament, that was the custom. The first born of every house was the main heir, even though the father could give portions to the younger children, as Abraham did, before the main inheritance went to Isaac. Anyhow that is what God was establishing here, in what He said to Cain, If you do right, Abel's desire will be to seek after you. In other words, Brother, will you help me a little, and son on. That is why the elder brother stood out, in the Old Testament. But we all know, Cain did not do well, and as they talked together in the field, Cain rose up against Abel and slew him. I do not know how much time elapsed after Cain's offering was rejected, but I am persuaded it tormented him something awful just thinking about it, and every chance he had, he would bring up the subject to Abel. Some people are like that; they always want to argue religion. Hate and jealousy builds up in such arguments, and that no doubt, is what happened here between these two

young fellows, until Cain could stand it no longer; then he just rose up and killed that little holy roller, that always seemed to have all the right answers in every argument. That is why Jesus said, Take no thought, nor premeditate what you will say, God always sees to it, that His true people have an answer for their critics. They may kill you, but they can never take a true revelation away from you. We will never be able to conclude this message without having a third part, so we just as well stop right here, and save the rest for our next issue.



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