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A FOUNDATION

It was in the garden of Eden that the tragedy took place. I believe that there was such a garden in the earth at the time, but as Christ is revealed within we find that this same garden speaks of the area of our soul. “For the visible things of him from the creation of the world are CLEARLY SEEN, being UNDERSTOOD BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they (the unbelievers) are without excuse.” (Rom.1: 20)

We find Paul's words very helpful in our learning to interpret and understand the language and reality of “Spirit.” This means that God's entire creation is the most powerful school teacher of the realities of the spirit realm and of the kingdom of God in us and of God Himself. Our God made it so. Therefore, the garden of Eden and the trees thereof are types and shadows that teach us by the Spirit; they are God's tools for us.

We know that trees in the Scriptures represent “people.” We are the “plantings” of the Lord. God planted all manners of “trees” in His garden. Many trees produce fruit just as people produce fruit in their lives. Jesus warned of false prophets who are inwardly ravening wolves, “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?” (Matt.7: 16) Using the visible to reveal the invisible, Jesus was using the same principle of teaching.

This is an important rule to follow as the Holy Spirit uses this very same principle to speak to us through dreams and revelations. Jesus was not speaking of gathering literal thorns and thistles; He was speaking of the spirits in man. This applies to most of God's words to us. Jesus said, “The words that I speak are spirit and life.” As we convert the natural into the spiritual meaning we glean life. If we believe that Jesus was speaking of gathering actual thorns and thistles, we glean the literal letter, wild imaginations and death. False doctrines such as the “rapture theory” stem from interpreting the word with the natural mind.

THE INFAMOUS TREE

Having laid this foundation, let us look again to the trees of the garden. A question has been asked, “Why did God put the treacherous tree of knowledge of good and evil in the midst of the garden and then forbade Adam and Eve to partake of it?”

God has purpose. He did not carelessly place this forbidden tree in our garden; He had a purpose for this tree. Moreover, God knew that the woman would be deceived by the cunning serpent, for He created it as the MOST SUBTLE (crafty, shrewd, deceiving) OF ALL THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD. This scenario was not a mistake; God makes no mistakes; this was God's plan according to His wisdom and foreknowledge.

Beside that, the weakness of the flesh came into play. It is called “vanity.” It was vanity that caused Eve to yield to the serpent. “Ye shall be like God.” The dear apostle Paul declared by the Holy Ghost, “For the creature WAS MADE SUBJECT TO VANITY, not willingly, but by reason of him (God) who hath subjected the same in hope.” (Rom.8:20)

God made man (male and female) subject to vanity. The definition of the Greek word for “vanity” is...
“empty, of no profit or value.” Vanity is what we would call “hot air.” A lot of nothing trying to be something. The apostle James wrote, “What is life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away.” (Jms.4: 14b)

James was speaking of the life of the natural man. The Preacher of old declared, “Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.” ( Ecc.1:  2) He saw that under the sun, in other words, in all that pertains to THIS earthly life there is nothing of lasting value. It is all temporal and empty at best.

The serpent knew all about vanity, and he knew that because of it Eve would not resist his offer. The serpent had a job to do and showed no mercy. He was created for this and doing these things are his food. Eve fell for the ruse and Adam was so attached to his wife that he went for it too.

“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.” (Gen.3: 6) This happened in the first garden of Adam and Eve and it is happening each day ever since in the garden of man’s soul.

The creation which is recorded in the book of Genesis, is the “Edenic” creation, which is the Adam man of dust, fashioned to be the man AFTER GOD’S OWN IMAGE AND LIKENESS. The question begs an answer, “Why did God, who has ordained all things from before the foundation of the world, plant a toxic tree in the midst of the garden?”

Let us look at it this way. The fruit of the tree is “The knowledge of good and evil!.” God’s plan is to bring His man of dust into the image of His Son and so after this man had tasted of the peace and goodness of Eden, he needed to taste of hell and death and to overcome it.

God casts the man out of His presence saying “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 forever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he came.” (Gen.3: 22-23)

When they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the eyes of their carnal minds were opened and they could choose between good and evil. This is the way men have directed their lives ever since. But God barred the way to the tree of eternal life, lest man would live forever in that condition.

It is man's fervent desire to live forever even in his fallen condition. That would be a travesty, a mockery of the beautiful creation of our God. So man lives by his knowledge of good and evil each day, but man dies and cannot take knowledge with him. Civilization after civilization have crumbled and proven that man who does not know God has no permanent abode in the earth.

However, the tree of knowledge of good and evil is very much a part of God's plan. Man had to taste of death so that he could overcome death and through the power of resurrection, become the man after God's image.

**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**

“In Adam, ALL DIED.” But God had no intention of keeping His creation in the realm of death forever. Reading Paul's teachings in the New English Bible translation, we read, “For I reckon that the sufferings we now endure bear no comparison with the splendour, as yet unrevealed, which is in store for us. For the created universe waits with eager expectation for God's sons to be revealed.

It was made the victim of frustration, not by its own choice, but because of Him who made it so; yet always THERE WAS HOPE, because the universe itself is to be freed from the shackles of mortality and enter upon the liberty and splendour of the children (sons) of God.” (Rom.8: 18-21)

The Lord God put HOPE in the garden of man's soul. He also put FAITH AND LOVE and He ordained that these three COULD NOT BE RE-
And now **abideth** (cannot be removed) faith, HOPE, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” (I Cor.13: 13) Man was cast into the realm of death but at the same time God set these three great powers at his disposal. What a mighty God and a loving Father!

The love of God is the greatest of these powers and it abideth with us even when we dwell in gross darkness. It is the “goodness” of God, His love that leads us to repentance. These three virtues are the catalyst that moved our forefathers who believed God and followed. And they are the catalyst that made us fall on our faces the first time we felt the need to repent before God.

It was God's love who lit up our darkness and introduced us to Christ, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” (Heb.2: 9)

Jesus, the Son of God in whose image we are to be, put on the seed of Abraham and came to earth to taste of this death Himself. The great difference between us and the Man Jesus is that He was born with no sin.. no vanity, yet He was also tested in ALL ways as we are. Jesus did not put on the seed of the first Adam; Adam is not His Father, Jesus put on the Promised Seed of Abraham which is Christ.

Then He offered Himself as the pure and spotless Lamb sacrifice unto God. By His sacrifice and the power of holiness that was in Him, Jesus overcame death in the flesh and imparted to us that very same Spirit who raised Him from the dead. This is our “So great salvation” purchased for us by the Lamb of God on Calvary's cross. This is for ALL of God's creation, but it is all in God's own order.

Our Saviour has tasted of death for all and He will bring all to the Father but each in its own time and order. “And when all things shall be subdued unto him (All things will be subdued unto Christ, none are too stubborn and left out) then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” (I Cor.15: 28)

**CHRIST AND THE CHURCH**

God is a God of order. He is not a magician. God is Life. All the dimensions of life are contained in God. There is the life of plants and trees and birds and reptiles and fishes and insects and microbes and so on...And there is human life...and the life of angels and the life of the flesh and the eternal life of the Son of God. All life comes from God and apart from God, there is no life.

God sent life to the earth in the form of seeds, and God created earth to receive and nurture the seeds and bring forth the life thereof. As a simple method of understanding the mystery of life Jesus used examples of the seed and the earth in many of His earthly teachings.

This opens our understanding of how God brought about His first Adam man and told him to multiply in the earth. God gave his man Adam, a seed, that would bring forth an entire population after his Adam image. He did it by giving Adam a woman and every man after him had to have a woman to reproduce his seed. A male absolutely needs a female to reproduce his seed.

The man holds the seed of life and the woman is the earth who has what is needed to nurture and bring that seed to life. Both male and female are vital to keeping life going in the earth. Just as God ordained His first creation man Adam to multiply in the earth, He also ordained His Last Adam man after His own image to multiply in the earth.

The first man Adam was taken out of the dust of the earth, but the last Adam Man is the Lord from heaven (spirit). “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening (life giving) spirit.” (I Cor.15: 45)

The first man Adam was made a living soul but found himself dead in trespasses and sins. God told the serpent that He would “..put enmity between him and the woman, and between thy SEED and her SEED; it shall bruise (crush) thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Gen.3: 15) What is the fruit of the serpent's seed? The fruit of the serpent's seed
is deception. It is sin and corruption that leads man to the grave. “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the OLD MAN which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (cravings of the flesh)” (Eph.4: 22) This is a perfect description of the seed of the serpent- The old corrupt Adam man.

THE LAMB’S WIFE

The first bride of God in the earth was Israel of the Old Testament. However she sold herself to other gods. She succumbed to whoredom in the worship of the gods of the nations around her at the time. God picked her up and cleansed her many times, but she returned to the love of other gods and allowed them to plant their seeds of deception in her every time.

Jesus was given a bride as well. This bride was chosen for Him by the Father. She heard the words of truth and fell in love. She is as Mary Magdalene who loved much because she was forgiven much. She is a Gentile bride as well as a tenth of the Jews who were saved out of whoredom (in Christ there are neither Jews nor Gentiles). She was made virgin by the washing of the water of the Word. She was cleansed from all earthly concepts, ideas or inspirations that her wicked lovers had sown into her. She was sanctified and made virgin pure to receive her bridegroom’s seed of life.

Paul writes about the great love that Christ has for His Church, “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Eph.5: 26-27) This is the bride who has made herself ready and who is arrayed in fine linen “And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.” (Rev.19: 8) This bride is a consecrated virgin.

THE TEN VIRGINS

Jesus wants us to know something more about this virgin bride. We know that, being virgin means that she has been separated from any of man's organiza-
edge and even understanding of the word. We may marvel at the word that we hear or read that thrills us, but if we don't have the oil or the anointing to know that it is “we”, ourselves, who are now the Word being raised with Him in the earth, we cannot be made one with the Bridegroom. Our union with Him is our becoming as He is.

We buy this oil by laying down our lives each day. We let go of our stubborn and proud ways and take the low road. We let go of traditions of men. The foolish were told that they must go out and BUY the oil. Jesus said, “He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.” (Matt.10: 39)

The life we lose is the psuche (carnal mind) life which is directed by the lust (appetites) of the flesh and the reasonings and attitudes of the natural man. As we yield ourselves to God's Holy Spirit, He works in us daily to cleanse us from our worldly desires.

We are finding that the things we used to love, we do not love anymore. The things that attracted us have lost their power over us. The fears that religious men had put in us have been replaced by the fear of the Lord. And as a result, our vision in Christ is much brighter and clearer; we have been stashing oil in our vessels.

We have found ourselves behind closed doors with our Bridegroom. He has given us Word that the worldly church can no longer hear. We have heard the midnight call, “Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him.” We have gone in and the door was shut behind us. “And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.” (Matt.25: 10)

**THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN**

As His called out bride, we have been having a love feast with the Word that His Holy Spirit has been pouring into us. The marriage supper has been ongoing in us. We are that woman clothed with the sun that John saw while He was transported in THE DAY OF THE LORD. Now is the Day of the Lord and the true church has been birthing sons who are caught up to the throne (authority) of God. But there is a part of this woman who still has to fight the dragon in the wilderness.

If we read all of chapter twelve of Revelation, we find that the glorious woman who overcame the shadows and the law (moon under her feet) and is clothed with the sun (the life of the Son of God) and has the crown of twelve stars upon her head (perfect mind and authority of the heavens) is also the same woman who is found fleeing in the wilderness from the face of the dragon!

This woman is the same who has given birth to a Manchild. She is also the woman whose seed is given the mandate to bruise (crush, pulverize) the head of the serpent! The same woman who was once deceived is now giving birth to the Manchild who shall rule the nations. She is also the woman who will overcome the dragon (serpent of end days) in the wilderness (natural realm). Keep in mind that this is taking place in the Spirit not in the natural. The sons are not manifested at this point.

We are this woman- the Church. We have been separated from all the lovers who had us mesmerized for a time. All the beautiful rites and rituals that we thought were our true worship to God were no more than lovers and idols in our lives. Even the beautiful meetings with the great praise to God could have become an idol to us.

But we have been made pregnant with the Word of Truth and now we have been giving birth to the Manchild. And who is this Manchild? This is not a INFANT child, it is the Manchild company of sons who are caught up to the throne (authority) of the Father. They are ready to lift the load and take their place to deliver creation. I say “lift the load” because the Greek word here for “Man (child)” means one who “lifts” or has the strength to lift.

This Manchild is not Jesus who was born as a babe in a manger of Bethlehem. The book of Revelation is very clear that all that John saw and heard by the Spirit on Patmos, were things that were about to come to pass at the time. Jesus' time on the earth
had already passed and gone.

This Manchild is indeed the harvest of the work of the Son of God on the cross. He is the Seed that fell into the ground and died to bring forth much fruit. The Manchild company are the sons who are the firstfruits of Jesus planting His seed in the earth through His death and resurrection. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, ‘Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.’” (Jn.12: 24)

Indeed Jesus is the precious seed that died and is bringing the fruit of His dying as He is arising in many sons. These sons are in His image and are now caught up to the throne of God. This is where we are in Spirit, but in the body we are in great warfare. However, we have much help.

The wilderness speaks of the earthly realm where we live in our flesh-and-blood bodies. It is also the place where the dragon has been cast down and where the woman must overcome Him. She is ready and she is aware that this calls for “boots on”combat, for she knows that “this corruptible MUST put on incorruption and this mortal MUST put on immortality.” (I Cor.15: 53)

In the Spirit, she is a son who is one with the Father and rightfully seated in Christ, while in the body she must overcome the dragon through the Christ that gives her power (two wings of a great eagle). The dragon is after her mortal body. She is in the wilderness which means she is subject to the beasts of the wilderness but she is well fed.

Indeed, our Father has not left us alone to cope miserably...Oh!No! He feeds us by the Spirit and He has surrounded us with innumerable company of angels...messengers on both side of the veil who bring us the daily living Word. He has also placed us with others who are in the same walk and who pray for each other. We are never alone and forlorn.

Yet the woman in the wilderness is still dust which is the serpent’s meat. The dragon has lost his power to influence us but he still hits our earthen bodies. He knows that “this mortal body” of flesh and blood MUST put on immortality. The sons are not yet made manifest. The Christ creation has not yet appeared in the earth. This will happen when the woman has fully overcome the dragon which will fulfill her mission of crushing the head of the serpent. This is where we have been and where we find ourselves now.

On one hand we are caught up as sons, seated at God's right hand in Christ. On the other hand we are led by Michael, the warring angel in the final fight to overcome the dragon in our own human flesh.

**THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS**

As soon as the Manchild was born and caught up to the throne of God, the woman fled into the wilderness where she has a place prepared of God for her sustenance.

In the meantime “There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed NOT; neither was there place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Rev.12: 7-9)

We know by these words and by experience that the dragon whose expertise is to deceive, has been a strong force in the minds and hearts of all humanity. He has been able to deceive us all except Jesus, and now he is out to exert one last big push at deceiving the church into worshiping him and the beast (man’s systems).

We were once worshiping and paying homage to the Devil in the form of our pride and our self-esteem and much more. “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan) the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” (Eph.2: 2)

We have all been there “But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us
together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved.)
(Eph.2:5) And now we have come to the Day
when these things are being revealed to the children
of the Day and we are children of the Day.

The deadly dragon has now lost his foothold on
our minds and hearts but he is coming in full force
against our bodies but we are prepared. No need to
run anywhere; the place prepared is in the Spirit.
This is the time we all have been looking for. If we
tune our ear to the Spirit, we will hear the chorus of
voices as a "...loud voice saying in heaven, Now is
come salvation (deliverance) and strength, and the
kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:
for the accuser of the brethren is cast down, which
accused them before our God day and night." 
(Rev.12: 10) It was the dragon that accused and
condemned so that we felt unworthy and unsuitable
to come boldly to the throne of grace.

As soon as the Manchild (sons) are birthed, they
are caught up to the throne and take their place in
God's authority. They right away move the hand of
Michael the Archangel to cast the dragon out of the
heavens so that the accuser of the brethren loses his
power in heavenly places (the minds and hearts of
God's called out people).

Paul by the Spirit declares, "For the earnest ex-
pectation of the creature (the creation) waiteth for the
manifestation of the sons of God." (Rom.8:19) This
is what all have been eagerly waiting for. And it has
begun in the Spirit even as we speak. Since the be-
ginning of the last great wave of God's Spirit in the
earth, the warfare to dethrone the Devil from his
place in the hearts and minds of men has been ongo-
ing.

The sons have not yet been seen or manifest in the
world but they are coming into power in the Spirit.
Recently I had this dream, "I went to a house
nearby where there was a gathering of God's peo-
ple. I told them that my house had been remodeled
and made ready except that the power had not yet
been turned on. A crowd of these people came with
me and we walked toward my house. We gathered at
the door of the utility room and I listened for the
signs of the power coming on. I had my hand on the
doorknob ready for us to enter. Then I heard it. As
when power comes on, the hum of the refrigerator,
the air conditioner is heard and the lights go on.
All of a sudden I heard it as it came on. I stood
ready to open the door." (End of dream).

In the dream my house represents the spiritual di-
imension in Christ where we dwell as sons. The
house had been completed made ready but the
power has yet to come on. Indeed, we have been
made ready by the Word and the Spirit but we have
not yet received power as sons. This is the power to
fulfill our mission of kings and priests and do the
greater works in the earth.

The sons are indeed entering into their position in
Christ. This is a spiritual event. But the woman who
is the visible earthly church is still fighting for her
life in the wilderness.

THE DRAGON AND THE FLOOD

The dragon knows that his time is very short so he
sends out a "flood" out of his mouth. What could
come out of the dragon's mouth? Cunning de-
ception is his craft. He deceived the woman in the gar-
den and now he has deceived the whole world. He is an
expert deceiver. Smooth deception is the flood to
swallow up the woman.

"For there shall arise false
Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great
signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possi-
ble, they shall deceive the very elect." 
(Matt.24: 24)

And today they are all around us doing what they
do best. Prophets filling their pockets with filthy lu-
cre by prophesying of gloom and doom for this
country and for the earth. You may have been con-
vinced by their charisma and truly believed that
they are godly men or women.

But their prophesying is no better than the news
on CBS or CNN. They know absolutely nothing of
what God is doing in the heavens and in the earth
today. They are beguiling their victims with signs
and wonders or what could be called "sensational"
predictions. Some are leading the people to store up
food and emergency goods in their houses...even
guns! What a fear driven tactic!

These prophets are spewing out the flood from the dragon's mouth. They cannot tell you about the Manchild that has been birthed and the sons to whom God has given authority to release His power in the earth. They can only tell you that the monetary systems are falling and that the world is being taken over by thugs. They can only fill the “woman” with a flood of fears and doubts to attempt to trip her and keep her from taking hold of the Son within and overcoming the Devil and his lies.

The earth helped the woman. How is that? I do not really know but I know how the earth helps me. When I had bronchitis, I prayed but I also went to my earthly doctor for help. I enjoy the fellowship of the “wire” church. I go to the gym, I cook dinner. I enjoy reading. I clean and take care of my house. These are some of the earthly things that keep me occupied and away from the flood of lies and politics that flood the airwaves and some of the people around me.

Then we read that the dragon, in a last ditch attempt to survive a little longer, goes to the remnant of the woman's “seed”. “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Rev.12: 17)

The warfare is not over yet. Even though she is in the wilderness, the church is in a secure place. But she has planted her seed in men all over the world and so they bear the name of Christians. These people are facing the greatest danger. This is not future, it is even now. We hear of Christians everywhere being persecuted, tortured and killed.

At the same time that the sons are caught up to the throne, Michael (the warrior Angel) and his angels are in the thick of the battle. The dragon is being flushed out of the all heavenlies realms. Today, the Spirit is revealing these things in a clearer and more vivid and real way. We are no longer hearing words that are yet to be fulfilled, we are becoming the fulfillment of the prophecies.

There are yet other great events at hand, the New Jerusalem that John saw in chapter twenty-one has yet to come DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN. Who is she? Remember that the book of Revelation was not written in chronological order. All that John saw was by symbols in the Spirit. John saw visions of things taking place in the Lord's Day which is now. We know that we are living in precipitous times. We are truly seeing the “stone cut out of the mountain” that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his day. At the time, the stone was still rolling toward the head of the statue that men had set up in the world (men's kingdoms) but the stone has not stopped rolling down.

The great empires and nations that men set up in the world are the statue. The stone rolling down the mountain is the Christ creation who is cut out without hands and is rolling down to crush all of man’s systems of governing nations. We are witnesses of this even now. The feet of the image are of clay and iron mixed. The last great Empire in the world was the Roman Empire. It is now divided into nations which are the feet and toes of this image.

The stone which is Christ and the Kingdom of God has been rolling ever faster toward the feet of the image which is now on the brink of total collapse. The next kingdom in the earth is the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

No wonder the dragon is wroth with the SEED of the woman. The Seed is Christ and so the dragon is using every ruse and every possible way to destroy anyone or anything that names the name of Christ. Christians and Jews are the target.

It is my strong belief that our God is releasing His Christ with full authority and power at this crucial appointed time, and that the woman’s Seed will crush the head of the serpent forever. This is the vision before us now. He who has ear to hear, eyes to see and heart to understand, let him hear and see and understand. Amen.

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