

In beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.

Wow! As I looked at the first sentence of the first book of the revelation of God, I was astounded, amazed, mind blown. I couldn't help but look at it again and again and wonder with awe at the most simplest and straight forward way that God, the Creator of all that is, would inspire or inbreathe through His instrument (Moses) in such a meek and humble way.

What a parallel, to His coming in the flesh, as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, hallelujah! He comes in the simplest and meekest form to us and in us if we are willing to receive Him. The question is who can receive Him and what stops us from receiving Him, Well? To the what, the obvious answer is our pride and to the question of who? Hear the words of our Blessed Savior, "blessed are the MEEK, for they shall inherit the earth".

Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lay in a manger. Who was this babe that is spoken of here but the Lord Jesus. Yes beloved, He comes to us in our innocent childlike Spirit, in our helplessness, our absolute dependence, He comes in a thought of humble origin, He comes as the Lamb out of the Spirit, silent and meek so that we will not be destroyed by His Brightness. Should He come as the Lion, we would not stand His coming. Praise His name. He comes as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The Lord of Heaven, who wraps Himself in light that no man can approach, humbled Himself and wrapped Himself in swaddling clothes. The swaddling clothes were no fashion statement but were simple strips of cloth that Mary was able to collect or put together. You see beloved, our mind is much the same, when the Lord makes Himself known to us, in us. The swaddling clothes represent the first forms of simple truths by which we know Him. The first mild ray of sunshine that begins to lighten up our surroundings. Hallelujah.

He, the Great Elohim is laid or lowered into a manger or eating trough. We are absolutely humbled by this magnificent reality that God lowered Himself. No wonder, it is written that a broken and contrite spirit, I shall not despise. No wonder, Jesus said "you must be born again", which simply meant that we must become dependant, willing to be wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid down. Can we? Remember, it is written, "God gives grace to the humble".

We have often pondered and sought the Lord's mind on what being laid down in the manger means and the only simple understanding that we have received from the Lord is that, He is willing to lay down His life that His life may be lifted up in us, hallelujah! He would, that we should eat from the eating trough (manger) or appropriate His life.

Once again, as I looked at the simplicity and continuity of such few words, they spoke volumes to me. Oh, how I would love to be able to express the infinity of this eloquent

and so magnificent a combination of words that are put together. What an immense picture they paint for us. With all the imagination of every imaginative artist, we still would fall short of the story that these few words tell us. Who could possibly have authored such a wonder except the GOD OF WONDERS, hallelujah!

The coming of the Lord of the universe, the creator of all, into man's awakened understanding is humble, meek and of the smallest origin. He is as the first ray of the morning sun over the horizon, just the dimmest of brightness, beginning to bring to light everything around him. How patient, kind and gentle is our Elohim. Ah, we don't know Him as "The Power" yet. He said to Moses, "I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them"(Ex 6:3).

Elohim (God), with and in His creation. This is the Name: the meek and lowly nature of Divine love and the simplicity of truth that is derived from that nature, the purpose and functionality, that He will make himself known to and through His myriad creation. Hence, He says, "Let us". And His word is, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Behold, children of the living God, renew your hope in the Lord, prepare to sound the trumpet of victory, behold He comes, it is written, "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.'

Hearken dear children, incline your ears and hear the heartbeat of the Lord, your King is coming. His entrance is lowly and meek. He comes sitting upon an ass. Though our natural understanding is as an ass, for that is what is meant by the ass in the spirit of the word, the Lord will find rest and progress, if we subject ourselves to Him. Again here we see that it is not an adult mature natural understanding that is subject to Him but "a colt, the foal of an ass", which means the natural understanding of a little child, filled with innocence and dependence, hallelujah.

Truly it is written, "Out of the mouth of babes and suckling's hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger." And again, "And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and suckling's thou hast perfected praise?" And again, "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

IN BEGINNING ELOHIM: Can we now see? Can our minds perceive? Can our ears hear that everything Good thing has a small, first form and little beginning? So turn back to Him, be not discouraged but be bold and be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. For though you do not see a great or larger effect at this time, though the light shining is dim and you are wondering if its going to get any brighter, though you want to hear it loud and clear but it seems like a lot of sound but no clear meaning, though it may sound like the gurgling of an infant, take courage and remember this, dear friend, that all GREAT THINGS have HUMBLE BEGINNINGS.

One more thing that the Lord would impress upon our hearts, is the name by which He is called at this stage of humble beginnings. God's name, which reveals His nature, His love, His wisdom, His good, His truth, His purpose, His personality, His intentions, His affections, His character and much more, also indicates the way He works to make all things. This is the reason, the root cause, the first phenomenon, that "GOD IS LOVE", and love cannot be contained. It must overflow, be poured out, multiply, be brought forth, be expressed. Hence the decree went out and it was, "Let us make man in our image".

And meekness is an expression of love, therefore God is not ashamed to be included, immersed and be a part of His creation, therefore He is called Elohim in the plural. It reveals the "us". It reveals that He is going to use all things, that is, His creation to make man in His image. Paul so eloquently expresses this when He writes to the Roman's, saying "And we know that *all things work together* for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." What are these all things and where did they come from? Again the Lord reveals to us through the mouth of Paul, "For of him, and through him, and to him, are *all things*: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Again it is written, "For in him were all things created". Holy script expressly tells us where all things came from, now hear the testimony of Divine wisdom regarding what all things are, for it is written, "that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through him, and for him".

God would have us know Him first as Elohim that is Deity known in the unity, one with creation. Not separate but very much a part of His creation, therefore creation can never be separated from Him. Paul speaking to the Athenians, says "the God who made the world and all things in it, since He is the Lord of heaven and earth.....He himself gives to all life and breath and *all things*.....for *in Him we live and move and exist*."

Once again we do not wish to get into a theological debate over the letter of the word 'Elohim'. But we would impress to your minds the Spirit of meekness in the deity. Did He not bear humility by emptying Himself or descending from the heights or Spirit and being found in appearance as a man and not only that but laid all that He was obediently to the point of death, even death on a cross. That which was uncontainable, infinite and Holy, became containable, limited, weak and a sin offering to be presented for all in due time. Glory to Him, who is, who was and who is to come.

It comes then as no surprise that meekness means to be humbly patient, docile as under provocation, gentle and kind. Meekness is fruit of the Spirit, a state of being that flows from Elohim to His children and comes from a knowing confidence that whatsoever is believed shall come to pass. One who is humbly patient will also inherit and that which he inherits will be his to give. That's why Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth". Meekness is one of the inherent essentials of Divine nature and when perfected in us is a fruit of the Spirit.

We have expressed in a limited manner, that which was revealed to us. There is much more to be said, but maybe at another time. For now if we can only hear our Savior say, “come to me, all, who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am **GENTLE** and **HUMBLE** in heart and you will find rest for your souls.”

Have you lately been to Him, have you rested upon His bosom, have you cast all your care upon Him? If not my friend, my brother, sister, my beloved in Christ, try Him and you will not be dismayed. Amen.