

NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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“Behold the former things have come to pass, and **new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.**” (Isaiah 42:9)

EXPLANATIONS

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Two Voices

Adam's original sin was the beginning of all of the problems of both God and man on the recreated earth. Because of Adam's sin, God's curses were pronounced on His creation, originally prepared for Adam and his descendants as a gift, for them to enjoy and manage. Specific curses were pronounced on Satan, woman (through Eve), man (through Adam) and the ground. Here are the curses pronounced on Adam as recorded in the third chapter of Genesis:

17 Then to Adam He said, “**Because you have heeded the voice of your wife**, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground. For out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

Notice the curse pronounced on Adam was *because he heeded the voice of his wife*. Although not inserted in the text of verse 17, it is clearly implied that Adam heeded the voice of his wife **instead of the voice of God**. The command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **was clearly given to Adam, before Eve was formed**,¹ who then obviously told his wife of the prohibition concerning the evil fruit.

Now let's fast forward approximately 2090 years to the birth of Ishmael. Here is the way that occurred, as recorded in Genesis, chapter sixteen:

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, “See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.” **And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.**

Notice that Abram (before his name was changed to Abraham) **heeded the voice of his wife Sarai** (before her name was changed to Sarah), resulting in the birth of Ishmael.

Here is the reason for calling your attention to the mistakes of these two men: They both heeded the voices of their wives instead of the voice of God. **Every evil that has befallen man and the earth, since Adam was created, has been caused by these two men heeding the voice of their wives in contradiction to the voice of God**. In case that is a shock to you, read that sentence again. It is God's truth, about which He has instructed me to write.

Eve was deceived by Satan. That deception was presented in such a subtle and beguiling way, she believed the deceiver. Adam then heeded (obeyed) the voice of his deceived wife instead of the voice of God, and the rest is history. Because of Adam's failure, Jesus appeared on the scene about four thousand years later to (1) undo the damage of Adam's sin and (2) accomplish the assignment originally given to Adam.

Adam's mistake in heeding (obeying) the voice of his wife instead of the voice of God was sin because he disobeyed willfully and knowingly while his wife was deceived. Because Eve was deceived, she was not charged with the sin.

God had prophesied to Abram that he would have descendants too numerable to count. Because Abram, at an advanced age was childless, he, Sarai and Hagar were attempting to do in the flesh that which God had prophesied to Abram. For that reason, Abram's mistake was not sin.

Here are three things to be learned from the sin, the mistake of these two men:

(1) God has appointed man to be head of his household. When the husband is devoted to the Lord, he must not, under any circumstances, heed the voice of his wife if it disagrees with the voice of the Lord, regardless of how appealing or tempting it may appear in the flesh.

(2) Man was not made from woman. Woman was made from (came out of) man. Creation was designed that way. When man is devoted to God first and the wife is devoted to God through her husband,

¹See Genesis 2:15-18.

innumerable blessings will befall that household.

(3) In the case of both Adam and Abram, God's instructions were given to the man, the husband, who then obviously informed his wife. A prophetic word from the Lord is most impressionable *to the one to whom it is originally given*. It will be less impressionable to a second party (the wife) unless she accepts it by faith to honor her husband in the Lord. God's blessings may then fall on that household without measure. Any other method will be a compromise to minimize God's blessings.

Iniquity Identified

In order to understand what God has shown me, we need to start with the ten commandments and zero in on the first two as recorded in Exodus chapter 20:

3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations** of those who hate Me,

6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

These commandments were originally given to the Israelites while they were still in the wilderness, not long after leaving Egypt. Since the Israelites knew these commandments God gave to Moses, disobedience would be **willful**. Iniquity, therefore, is intentional or willful disobedience.

The origin of Iniquity on the Adamic earth

The iniquity of **the father** is passed on to the children to the third and fourth generations (see verse 5 above). The reason iniquity passes to the children **through the father**, instead of the mother, originated with Adam's sin. He is the first man of record in the bible to disobey God's commandment willfully and knowingly while his wife was deceived and was therefore not accountable to God. Since Adam was God's prototype for mankind, as Adam went, so went mankind. Therefore, forever thereafter, iniquity (willful sin) is passed on through the father, not the mother.

The Iniquity of Adam

As I have written previously, Adam and Eve were

prototypes of man and woman. As they went, as they behaved, as they acted, so went mankind. They became models for the human race. In the initial sin, Eve was deceived but Adam, who heeded the voice of his wife instead of the voice of God, sinned willfully and knowingly. Since the wages of sin is death, Adam's willful sin became an iniquity that was passed on to the whole human race, not for three or four generations, but until the Advent of Christ. As the apostle Paul wrote, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."²

Two Economies – Two kingdoms

Notice from page one, column one of this letter, the Genesis account of God's *curse* on Adam (thence to man) was:

(1) The ground was cursed. The supernatural abundance provided for Adam to "tend" was therefore destroyed by sin.

(2) Adam (man) would, 'toil by the sweat of his face' and thereafter be required to work for his physical sustenance.

(3) The complete disruption of God's supernatural provision of all life to include the earth itself.

(4) Obstructions (thorns, thistles) to Adam's (man's) newly mandated effort to obtain from the soil by hard work, his complete sustenance, maintenance and provision.

The whole economy of God was obliterated by Adam's single sin, wherein man would thereafter be required to provide for himself in the total absence of the supernatural abundance previously provided by God.

The economy of the world then changed from the supernatural provision of God to the "natural" provision by man. Said another way, God's way gave way to man's provision, or self replaced God.

Now let's look at the economy of the world today in the light of God's record.

Lucifer, who became Satan when he fell, was created to rule the earth. I have written about this in some detail in Jim Ash letter No 16, entitled, **Earth 101**, dated January 10, 1999. I therefore refer you to that publication for details omitted in this letter on that subject. For the record, however, here are bible references citing Lucifer's original reign over the earth and the reason for his fall: Isaiah 14:9-21; Ezekiel 28: 12 (b)-19; Jeremiah 4:23-26; Genesis 1:1-31.

Part of the reason for Lucifer's failure is recorded

²1 Corinthians 15:22.

in these two verses of Ezekiel, chapter 28:

16 By **the abundance of your trading**, you became filled with violence within and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub from the midst of the fiery stones.

18 You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your *iniquities*, **by the iniquity of your trading**; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you. And I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.

The word “trading” that appears twice in the above two verses is translated from the Hebrew word “rekullah” (rek-ool-law), Strong’s #7404, the meaning of which is: “merchandise, traffic, trade, peddle (as a peddler). The NKJ Version translates *rekullah* in both verses as “trading.” while the KJ Version translates them as “merchandise” in verse 16 and as “traffic” in verse 18.

My point is this: Satan’ economy in the pre-Adamic earth over which he had authority, was based on “buying and selling,” or “merchandising and trafficking” or as a “peddler,” through which he became rich. “The iniquity of your trading” means he deliberately had his hand in the till. He controlled the buying and selling and got a “rake-off” on the transactions. That means he “raped” the economy for his own personal benefit.

Notice also the statement in verse 18, “. . . by the **multitude of your iniquities . . .**” From this statement we learn that Lucifer repeatedly, knowingly and willfully disobeyed his instructions from the Lord. That means he “raped” the economy for his own personal illicit gain. This is one reason God in His fierce anger destroyed the pre-Adamic earth.³ This is also evidence that *iniquity*, or disobeying God willfully and knowingly, originated with Satan on the pre-Adamic earth.

Once more, let’s change the scene and fast forward some six thousand years or more from God’s destruction of the pre-Adamic earth in his fierce anger, to the soon coming three and one-half year Great Tribulation.⁴ The Antichrist will be in charge of the earth, as recorded by the apostle John in Revelation, chapter 13. Listen to

³See Jeremiah 4:26.

⁴The Great Tribulation is the last three and one-half years of the seven-year Tribulation.

these words that may be descriptive of planet earth within an estimated seventeen years from today:

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak **and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that **no one may buy or sell** except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

From these words of scripture we learn that,

(1) Those who will not worship the image of the beast will be killed.

(2) Everyone is required to have his mark on their right hand or forehead.

(3) **No one may buy or sell** except those who have the mark of the beast or the number of his name, 666.

We see from this that Satan is up to his old tricks once again. The basis of his economy (the economy of this world) is buying and selling. During the Great Tribulation, Satan will once again have absolute control of **buying and selling** as he did in the pre-Adamic world. The iniquity of his trading will once again put huge revenue into his coffers as he gains absolute control of the economy of the earth *again*.

But that is not the end of the story! Our Lord will once again get to the point when He says, “Enough is enough!” He destroyed the pre-Adamic earth quickly in his fierce anger. This time Our Lord will return to the earth and slay with the breath of his mouth massive armies marching against tiny Israel in the battle of Armageddon.

The following prophetic word, given to me the morning of January 23, 2008, confirms some of the things about which I have written in this letter. Bold fonts, italics and underlining are added for emphasis. The Holy Spirit’s method of presenting these facts is simple but profound and clear. Listen to what He has to say:

“Yes, My son, the hidden things are there to be revealed to My Rapture generation prophets. That is

another **NEW THING** of this last generation. And do you now see how simple are the hidden things when revealed by My Spirit. They (the hidden things) are there to be revealed to babes but hidden from the worldly wise, those of the economy of the enemy.

“You are now beginning to see how Satan’s economy of this world is so different from My economy, where everything is generously supplied. In the economy of this world buying and selling are fundamental. In My economy I furnish everything. When you ask Me and I respond, I get the glory. When you, through your own efforts, provide for yourself and others, you get the glory.

“That economy (of this world) is not inherently wrong but it gives rise – it gives access to wrongs. That economy is also deceptive, the way of the enemy.

Buying and selling are the ways of the enemy.

“Because of the laws of the creation of Cherubs, My hands were tied for almost 4000 years. Then came the cross when I took from Satan the world-wide authority over My earth and all life thereon.

“My refurbished earth and re-created life were perfect **AGAIN** until Adam sinned.

“And My son, My revelation of the cause of Adam’s sin and that of Abram is important. The man was originally designated to be head of his household. Adam’s mistake of heeding the voice of his wife instead of My voice needs to be made known. When man is devoted to Me first, the wife’s voice **MUST NOT** be heeded instead of Mine. When that occurs, it is sin and will cause confusion in the home.

“Man was not made for woman. Woman was made **FOR MAN**. My creation was designed that way. The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are likened in principle to the husband, wife and the children. When the Father is completely in charge, as He was in My earthly ministry, the kingdom of God was reestablished on the earth.

“When the man is devoted to Me first and the wife is devoted to Me **through her husband**, order (instead of chaos and confusion) is established in the home. As that occurs, I get the glory.

“Everything is established on that glory principle. That glory principle was established by Me. As it is followed, it will work even in the kingdom of this world.

“In Satan’s kingdom of this world, his deceit is to glorify self. That’s why every gift glorifies the giver. If in his (Satan’s) kingdom, I become the Head instead

of the husband’s self, My plan will work even in the kingdom of this world. Otherwise man is glorified.

“That is why the names of men and women on buildings do not glorify Me. They glorify the giver and *that is the way of this world.*

“In My kingdom, I provide EVERYTHING. Then as I become EVERYTHING to My servants, I provide EVERYTHING to and for that servant and I get the glory. Any deviation from My plan opens the door for the intrusion of the enemy.

“My son, you will see this more clearly as we travel together. You can only assimilate so much at one time. That’s why your training has taken more time than I had originally planned. Your boldness in prayer and willingness to be given totally to Me for My use *changed My objective for your life twice.*

“That’s why one’s prayers for himself (not for others) may determine My objective for his life. *There is more flexibility in My call on one’s life than most realize.*

“The reason Abram’s mistake was not sin is because he was trying to obey My instructions. The reason Adam’s mistake was sin is because he heeded the voice of his wife instead of My voice. That’s the only difference. In this case, there is a fine line between sin and a mistake. Adam was heeding the voice of his wife instead of My voice. Abram was heeding the voice of his wife to attempt to do My will in the flesh.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labor labor in vain. Abram’s effort was in vain because it was fleshly.

“My only begotten Son’s efforts were not in vain because He was guided and directed by Me.

“There in a nutshell, My son, you have the difference. One was trying to please his wife, the other was trying to please Me. Both were mistakes but only one was sin.

“Now do you see why My truth must be given in ‘layers’ that your understanding may be complete. That’s why ‘slower progress equals greater retention’ is the best way to reveal My knowledge to My servants in these last days. That is also why time spent alone with Me is a quantitative and qualitative resource.

“I choose to reveal knowledge to My prophets in these last days so that they may retain more to become more efficient, even as I taught My only begotten Son.”