**THE CLIMAX AGE PART 16**

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**Now it says that "He hath chosen us IN HIM (Jesus) before the foundation of the world." That means that we were right there WITH Him in the mind and thoughts of God before the foundation of the world. That gives an ETERNAL quality to the elect. You can't get away from that.**

**quality**

noun, plural **qual·i·ties**.

**an essential or distinctive characteristic, property, or attribute:**

**character or nature, as belonging to or distinguishing a thing:**

the quality of a sound.

**character with respect to fineness, or grade of excellence:**

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Let me inject a thought in here. Even our natural birth is based upon election. The female ovaries produce many, many eggs. But why is it that at a certain time a certain egg comes down and not another one? And then amongst the male sperm, for no known reason a certain germ attaches itself to the egg while others that could have just as easily attached themselves, or had a better opportunity to do so did not do so and perished. There is an intelligence behind all this, otherwise what determines whether the baby is a boy or girl, blond or brunette, light or dark type of eyes, etc. With these thoughts in mind think about Joshua and Caleb.

Did not Jesus say in **John 6:49**

 "Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness and are dead?"

 Those parents that died were necessary as the forefathers of the people to whom Jesus was speaking. They perished, **yet they were in the election of God naturally as Joshua and Caleb were Spiritually.**

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**But to go on. These elect were not only the eternal thoughts of God which were to be expressed in flesh in their due season, but these same elect are called by another name.**

**Romans 4:16.**

 "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end **the promise might be sure to all the seed;** not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all."

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And not only this; but when Rebekah had also conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

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**It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.**

**As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."**

de·sire

[dəˈzī(ə)r]

noun

1. **a strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen:**

**"a desire for revenge" ·**

**"he resisted public desires for choice in education" ·**

**"a constant theme was his desire to protect his children" ·**

**"I have no desire to get a new phone"**

verb

1. **strongly wish for or want (something):**

"he never achieved the status he so desired"

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**142 Notice, now, but God is featured in character.** "There was no beauty we should desire Jesus," **but there never was a character like Him, on the earth.**

**143 Now we find out, today, that the--the church character, Satan and his group**, look after big, beautiful churches, beautiful things. That's what the world looks at today. "Oh, it's the pastor, the great so-and-so times so-and-so, so priestly and godly, walk out with his big robes, and things like that." They call that beauty.

**144 But the real saints of God looks for the character of the vindicated Word.**

145 That's what the saints did in that day, when they seen Jesus. He wasn't nothing to look at, but they seen God was in Him. They seen God was with Him.

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**« 146 † That's how that those, Joab and those characters with David, a little old fellow, They seen that God was in him, and they knowed he was coming into power someday.**

 **One slew them other five brothers of Goliath, single-handed.**

 **One killed three hundred men; when some women was picking some beans for dinner, and the army had gone away, and he took a spear and killed three hundred men, Philistines. Character! Why? They stayed right by David. They knowed the anointing was upon him, and they knowed he was coming into power.**

**147 A pure picture of the Church today that will stand by the Word! We know It's going to be made vindicated. We know It's coming into power someday. Although Saul... And he was a fugitive from the rest of the nations, but they knowed he was coming into power. We know He is coming into power, too, so we take that Word and stand right there, no matter what it costs. If we have to cut Philistines, or jump in a pit and kill a lion, as one did, we go anyhow, 'cause it's the... that's the way God designed it to be. We look for character.**

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**« 148 † You may now ask me, "Why did He permit her to be designed thus?" .**"**Why," the question might arise then, "why did God make this woman like this? Why did He permit her to be like that?" It was for His Own good pleasure. Sure.**

149 Now if you want to turn in your Bible just a minute, let's turn to **Romans 9**, just a minute, **and show you something, how God does these things**. **And we can see here what God does for His Own good pleasure.** **Romans 9:14.**

Then what shall we say then?

Is there unrighteousness before God?...

150 **When He chose Jacob and rejected Esau, before either boy could have a right to make a choice, himself, neither one of them; before they was born, still in the womb of the mother, God said, "I hate Esau, and I love Jacob." See? Why?**

For he said unto Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

For the scripture saith unto **Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up**, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

**Therefore, (Now watch here) he will mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

**Thou will say... unto me, Why then does he... find fault?** **For who has resisted his will?**

**Nay but, O man, who art thou that rilest against God?** **Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me this?**

**Has not the potter power over the clay**, of the same lump to make one vessel to honour, and the other to dishonour?

What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured... such long-suffering the vessel of wrath fitted to destruction:

... that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessel of mercy, **which he had afore prepared unto glory,**

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**« 151 † Now argue with That a while. God did it! He had to make it this a way. It had to be there.** Now listen now for about five minutes, I want to call your attention to something.

152 What is God? God is a great Eternal. At the beginning, way back before there was a beginning, He wasn't even God. Did you know that? God is an "object of worship," and there wasn't nothing to worship Him. He lived alone.

**153 And in Him was attributes. What is an attribute? A thought. Now you'll get something that will border on the lesson for tonight. Notice, He was His attributes that was in Him.**

**Now, it was in Him to be Father, it was in Him to be God, it was in Him to be Son, it was in Him to be Saviour, it was in Him to be Healer. And all these things here are just displaying His attributes. There is nothing out of order. You think God didn't see the end from the beginning? Certainly, He did. There's nothing out of order, it's just displaying His attributes.**

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**« 154 † Now, He could not be just and make a man to fall. He had to put him on equal basis, of free moral agency, to make his own choice, but knowing he would fall.**

**155 Now, He can't be a Saviour unless something is lost. He can't be a Healer unless something is sick. These things had to be that way. God made them thus so that His great attributes could be displayed. If there wasn't that, He'd have never been a Saviour. But we know He was, even before there was a time, He was a Saviour.**

**HIS ETERNAL THOUGHT**

**He was a Saviour, so there has to be something lost. How is it going to be?**

**156 If He takes and loses it, just in order to save it, then it isn't justice to His judgment. He couldn't send a man to hell, and be just. He is kind, gentle, true, honest, and He is a great Judge. See, He would be working against Himself.**

**157 So He had to put a man out here, and make him on free moral agency, so he would, knowing, would fall; and the man, in His Own image, how could he fall? Now you seeing daylight?**

**So, He had to make a by-product, something out of the original creation. Now you see it. See? There you come. See? Then, that's what fell. He made it, knowing it would fall.**

 **And it's put over in the hands of Satan, for a vessel of dishonor. Where is honor bestowed today? You think on that. Notice closely now.**

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**« 158 † Then again, why she was designed this way and not like other females, why was the woman designed so and not other females?** None of the other females was designed like that. They're not, today. They can't. Not being made that way, she can't do it. Why did He not make this female then, a woman, just like other females, so she would just be the same way, could just raise her babies? Then she would have her husband, and live; and when it come time for her baby, she would have her baby. Why, why didn't He make her like this?

159 I can't say these words. And you understand what I'm talking about, don't you? If you can understand, say "amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Yeah. See? There is young girls setting here, and young boys, see. But you know, the animal has to come to a certain time of the year, then her mate, then that's all. But, a woman, it's any time. And why did He make her like this?

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**« 160 † Now watch His great program unfold, as we go on through here now, just as perfect as perfect can be. I didn't know this till the other day.**

**161 Why didn't He make her like that in the beginning, like the rest of His females? Because it would be unbecoming to Him. He is the Fountain of all purity. That's the reason He had to let Satan get a hold of her, what he done in the perversion. Such a creature would be, would not be becoming to Him, originally designed for.**

162 All His works that He designed, **in the original, is in continuity. All of His original works was in continuity.** The female dog, the male dog; see, female cow, the male cow; everything in continuity. All nature is in continuity. Seed die, go in the ground; just like death, burial, resurrection. The sap goes down out of a tree, drops its leaf, comes back the next year with the resurrection of a new leaf. See what I mean? Everything, even nature, of God, is all in a continuity, in one; and **here is one designed out of the continuity of God. Nature is so designed so it can't sin. Think! The original creation, of God, could not sin.**

163 Oh, don't you see it now, in this view here, the perversion of the church? The original is God's Word! There is no sin in God. See what I mean? Here is a creature that come into existence by a perversion. God is going to have a Church, but look at this perverted thing they got out here.

**164 God has male and female. But, this woman, see, the very symptoms of it shows back what was in God's mind. We could take an hour, or two, and break that down**. **She, made this creature for that way, He made the creature and turned her so Satan could get a hold of her, and he did. He has still got her. She had better flee to the Cross, like man, too.**

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**« 165 † Notice, all nature runs in continuity. If He'd have made the woman in the same original creation, there'd have been no sin, because she couldn't have done it, she couldn't have done it. She is a perversion of the original creation.**

166 So is all sin a perversion of the original Truth! What is a lie? Is the Truth perverted. What is an adultery? Is the right act perverted. So there is the perverted creature, there is the perverted whole thing. And the whole thing is spelled s-i-n, laying right there. That's why the question is so great.

**167 Only a piece, scrap, made of a man, to deceive him by; God made it, right here has proved it. That's what she was made for.**

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 **Galatians 3:16,**

 "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."

 **Galatians 3:29,**

 "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."

 **According to Romans 4:16 we find that God has given a Sure Promise to ALL of Abraham's seed, and Paul puts himself and all believers under that designation because he says** "Abraham who is the father of us ALL**." Then he goes on to not only narrow down his definition, but rather to finalize it for in Galatians 3 he identified the SEED (singular) with Jesus, and counted "**the seed children**" as children of promise, and promise as having to do with "election", or "the choosing of God". And that is exactly what we have been saying. These who are of the Royal Seed are the elect of God; are the predestinated, fore-known of God, and were in the mind of God and His thoughts.**

**In very plain language the True Bride of Christ was in the mind of God eternally, though not expressed until each came forth in the designated, decreed season. As each member came forth it became EXPRESSED and took its place in the body. Thus this bride is the literal SPOKEN WORD SEED BRIDE. And though she is feminine in designation she is also called the "body of Christ". It is very apparent that she ought to be called that for she was predestinated in Him, came from the same source, was eternal with Him, and is now manifesting God in a many membered body whereas once God was manifested in ONE MEMBER, even our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Now then, here we are coming to a conclusion. As the eternal Logos (God) was manifest in the Son, and in Jesus dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that Eternal One was the Father manifest in flesh, and thereby gained the title of Son, even so we, eternal in His thoughts in our turn became the many membered Spoken Word Seed, manifest in flesh, and those eternal thoughts now manifest in flesh are the sons of God, even as we are so called. WE DID NOT BECOME SEED BY THE REBIRTH, WE WERE SEED AND THEREFORE WERE REBORN FOR ONLY THE ELECT CAN BE REBORN. Because we WERE SEED is the reason we could be quickened. In NON-SEED there is nothing to quicken.**

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**Hold this carefully in mind. Now take the next step. Redeem means to buy back. It restores to the original owner. God, by His death, the shed blood BOUGHT BACK HIS OWN. He bought back the Spoken Word Seed Bride.** "My sheep hear My voice (Word) and they follow Me." **You always were a sheep. You never were a pig or a dog turned into a sheep. That is impossible for every kind of life produces the same kind and there is no change in specie. As we were in the thoughts of God and then expressed in flesh, there had to come a day when we would hear His voice (the Word), and hearing that voice become aware of our Father calling us, and recognize that we are the sons of God. We heard His voice and we cried out as did the prodigal son, "Save me, Oh, my Father. I am returning to Thee."**

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**A son of God can go a long time before he recognizes that he is a son. In fact a lot of true Christians are like the story of the baby eagle that was hatched out under a hen. You know that the eagle is a type of the true believer. Well, a farmer took an egg from an eagle's nest and he placed it under a hen. In due time all the eggs under the hen hatched out. The baby chicks got along fine with the mother hen but that little eagle could not figure out the clucking and scratching for food in the manure pile. He managed to make a living but he was pretty confused about it all.**

**But one day, from way up in the air the mother eagle that had laid the egg spied that little eagle on the ground. She swooped down with tremendous speed and screamed at the top of her voice for him to fly up to meet her. He had never heard an eagle cry, but when he heard that first scream something in him stirred and he longed to launch out toward it. But he was afraid to try. Again that mother screamed for him to arise in the wind and follow her. He screamed back that he was afraid. Once more she called out, screaming that he try. Beating his wings he hurled himself into the air, and answering the cry of his mother, he soared off into the blue skies. You see he always was an eagle. He acted like a chicken for a little while but he could not be satisfied. But when he heard the call of the great eagle he came to his own place. And once a true son of God hears the cry of the Spirit by the Word, he too, will realize who he is and run to the Great Prophet Eagle and be with Him forever seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

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**NOW COMES OUR TRIUMPHAL CAPSTONE on the Baptism with the Holy Ghost.**

**Galatians 4:4-7,**

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

 **There it is. Jesus Christ came forth, died upon the cross, and accomplished Redemption (restoring to original owner by means of purchase, or paying the price) and thereby PLACED US AS SONS. He did not make us sons, for we were already His sons, but He placed us as sons; for as long as we were in the world, in the flesh, we could not be recognized as His sons. We were held captive by the devil. But we were sons, nonetheless. And hear this:** AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS WHEREBY YOU CRY, FATHER, FATHER." **Upon whom did the Spirit fall at Pentecost? Sons. At Corinth? Upon Sons while they HEARD THE WORD.**

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**What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth. It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.**

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**What we have just set forth would be much easier for all to understand if all believed the doctrine of the oneness of the Godhead. For there are not three persons in that Godhead but ONE. Thus we are NOT born again by the Spirit of Life of Jesus coming in, and then subsequent to that the Holy Spirit coming in to give us power. If that were true, why are we dishonoring the Father by not giving Him a part in our complete salvation, for if salvation is of the Lord and there are three Lords, then HE (Father) must have something to do, too. But surely it can be seen that Jesus made this very clear that it was He and He alone Who is God and it is He and He alone Who is coming into the believer.**

**John 14:16** says that the Father will send another Comforter.

**But verse 17** says that He (Jesus) dwelleth with them and should be IN them later.

**In verse 18** He says He will come to them.

**In verse 23 in speaking to the disciples He said,** "We (Father and Son) will come unto him." **Thus it is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost all coming in at the one time for IT IS ONE PERSON comprising the Godhead. That advent took place at Pentecost. There aren't two comings of the Spirit, just one. The trouble is that people don't know the real truth, and they simply believe in Jesus for remission of sin but never go on to receive the Spirit.**