

SATAN'S LEGAL DEFEAT BY THE GOD-MAN (OR, BY THE MAN WHO WAS GOD)

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We as Believers must have a solid foundation for our belief that Satan has been fully defeated by our Christ, and that His victory over him must now be enforced by the Bride. Until we see this in the Word, and take it into our hearts, we will not have the real Faith to exercise our authority over the enemy!

In once sense of the word, our God is a *legalist*, in that He works according to Laws that He, Himself, has made. We want to show in this sermon how our God made a Law, and how He used this Law to defeat Satan in the most legal sense. Was the Cross a VICTORY for Jesus Christ, or was it a defeat? You may hurriedly answer, "It was a VICTORY!" In saying it was a victory, we are saying we believe the scripture in I John 3:8, that says, ".....**For this purpose The Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**"

But, then we often go about our daily lives allowing Satan to BLUFF us. It is this sad condition that our God has set out to deliver us from. It is not pleasing to our Lord to testify that we believe Jesus destroyed the works of Satan, and then live a life that disproves our testimony. Satan's defeat was done *legally* in the Mind of God, and it is for Eternity! He is finished, the moment a Christian believes it.

Though Satan is defeated, he is not yet destroyed. God is using him to prepare a Bride for Rapture, as well as to bring Judgment on those who refuse to obey. God allows Satan to preach his gospel of fear and unbelief, then watches to see who we choose to believe. It is very sad, but also very true, that Satan has the world, and the biggest part of the Church, convinced that HE IS ALMOST, IF NOT

QUITE, as powerful as God! The motive of this sermon is to show God's legal defeat of our enemy through Jesus Christ.

The Prophet taught us that God only works by His own Laws.

QUOTE: C.O.D. BOOK, PAGE 416, "Or if you're standing out here in the middle of a field, and it's black dark, and you'd say, 'Oh, great electricity, I know you're in the field. Now, I'm lost, don't know where I'm going. Give light, so I can see how to walk! There's enough electricity to light the field up.' That's true. Yes, sir! There's enough electricity in this room to light it without even them lights, without that. But you have to govern it. Now, you might scream to that till you couldn't scream no more, it'd never light up. But if you work according to the laws of electricity, then you'll get light.

CONT. QUOTE: "Well, that's the same way it is by God. God is the Great Creator of heavens and earth, the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's still God. But He'll only work as you follow His laws and instruction. Friends, I say this, 'I've never seen it fail, and it won't.'" (End Quote) (We are not saying that God does not work miracles, where natural laws are set aside.)

Now, let's look at how our all knowing God used one of His Legal Laws to destroy Satan's power. In order to understand the Victory that was won at the Cross, we have to understand what happened at the Fall

in Eden. God originally made man to have authority over the whole Earth. When he was made in Eden, by the Hand of God, he was given *dominion* over the whole Earth.

Gen. 1:26, "And God said, let us make man in our own 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."

This was God's original plan and he has never changed His Mind. The Bride Revival is "God restoring Man (The Bride) to full authority on Earth". David spoke of this restoration in Ps. 8:1-6, "O LORD our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet:"

Yes, the Babes and Sucklings (The Bride) are receiving strength. Through them, God is *still* the avenger. All things are being put back under Her feet all for the glory of God, that He may finish His work on Earth! According to our Prophet and the scriptures, the entire Universe is governed by God's Laws. In the Book of Genesis we see the Law of "Free Moral Agency." God made Adam and gave him the RIGHT and the RESPONSIBILITY to choose his own course of action. Standing in this position, of being allowed to make his own choices, Adam was given the *gift of Dominion* over the whole earth. God had a right to turn the dominion of Earth over to Adam. God does what He wants with what is His. And once the gift was given to Adam, he also, in turn, was given the right to do with it as he saw fit. This was God's Law of Free Moral Agency. Dominion of the earth was legally transferred from God to Adam. Then, whatever Adam chose to do with this dominion was Adam's responsibility! When Adam chose to willfully disobey God, and by his sin turn that dominion over to Satan, God could not LEGALLY stop him. That would have violated His Law of Free Moral Agency. Of course, we know God could have stopped Adam, but we are seeing God abiding by His own Laws, he had a grand purpose in doing so!

The main thrust of our sermon is to see God's absolute, legal defeat over Satan through the MAN who was God, Jesus Christ. We will see that our God has left Satan without one single argument; he has no ground left to stand on. If God had gone over Satan's head and forcibly took back the dominion that Adam lost, God would have violated Satan's right to that dominion. The scripture says that

Satan had a right to rule over Adam, because Adam had chosen to obey him. Adam's wrong choice gave Satan the right to rule over man and the earth. Adam was our representative.

When Adam chose to obey Satan, he became Satan's servant. Rom. 6:16, "**Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants (slaves) to obey, his servants ye are.**" If Satan's rule and dominion over the earth was to be broken, there had to be a legal way found to redeem fallen man without violating God's own Laws. No angel could do it because God had never given an angel dominion over the earth. Heb. 1:13, "**But to which of the Angels said He at any time, sit on my Right Hand until I make thine enemies Thy footstool.**"

It wasn't angels that God had ordained to rule the earth, but Man. It was Adam and his offspring that God had ordained to rule. The government of the earth had been given to a man, and had been lost by a man, and it could only *legally* be taken back by a man. We remember the teaching of the Prophet that said the Redeemer had to be our *kinfolk*. He had to be a flesh and blood man. We also remember the Old Testament type of how Ruth had to be redeemed by a near Kinsman, showing in type that God was going to work by His Laws, and no other way. Our Redeemer would have to be a man like ourselves.

But, where could such a man be found who was actually a member of the human race (Our Kinsman Redeemer), and who still had the legal authority to take Satan's ruler-ship away from him? Now remember, we are studying Satan's LEGAL defeat, and how he has no way under the Creator's Laws to squirm out from under his defeat!

This man, our Redeemer, would have to be one who could have

sinned, had He chosen to do so, but whom, His whole Life, chose not to! He would have to also have the ABILITY to live above all sin. This Man would have to be *born of a woman* in order to be our *kinfolk*, our "**Kinsman Redeemer.**" Now don't let this stumble you, but He would have to have a flesh body like ours, in which was "**THE LAW OF SIN.**" In Rom. 7:23, we see Paul saying that he found in his members, "**The Law of Sin.**" Since the scriptures say that our Lord was "**IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE**" (Heb. 4:15), then we are to understand that He was in a body that could be TEMPTED by sin, and that amounts to Christ having "**A Law of Sin**" in His flesh, just as we do!

Do the scriptures teach such a thing as this? Yes, and so did our Prophet.

Rom. 8:3, "**For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.**" In this powerful scripture, we notice two things: First: We cannot keep God's Laws perfectly because of the weakness of our flesh. Unless a MAN who was *kin* to us would come and do it for us, we were lost. There is a Law of Sin in our flesh that we cannot overcome (Except by FAITH, and believe that we are forgiven moment by moment as we repent.)

Second: We read that God sent His own Son, "**IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH**", or that is to say, "He sent Him in sinful flesh like ours." His flesh was not above being tempted. The Scripture says, "**He was TEMPTED.**" not in His Soul and Spirit, but in His flesh. But, because of His Blood Line (God's own Blood), He could, and did live a SINLESS life, in a SINFUL body. This is what made the victory that Jesus Christ won over Satan LEGAL in every

respect. *A man* had lost the dominion of Earth to Satan, and now one who was *very man* had taken it back.

This Man (Christ) had to be a man who could have sinned, being tempted, but who, being a free moral agent, as the first Adam had been, chose every day of His life to yield to His Father God and not to Satan! Had he ever yielded and committed one sin, you and I would still be lost! That is true. Because of our blood line (from Adam), we cannot keep God's Holy Law perfectly. His sinless life was a matter of physical *fact*; no man could accuse Him of sin. Our sinless life is a matter of FAITH. We have to repent and wash away our sins in His Blood as we have need to do so (moment by moment).

Surely, you understand that we are not teaching that Jesus Christ was only a man. We know He was both Creator God and man. Because Jesus was the result of God's Seed being planted in Mary, then God's Divine Nature was fully in Him. But, because His body was produced in a woman, by the food she ate, He was also a man who could be tempted by sin.

Heb. 2:14 again points out the fact of His flesh being the same as ours, **"For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise TOOK PART OF THE SAME; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."** Please note the phrase, **"TOOK PART OF THE SAME."** Jesus, through being born of a woman, took part of the *same kind* of flesh that we have.

Acts 2:29-30 shows forth this truth. **"Men and Brethren let me freely speak unto you of the Patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day."** Verse 30, **"Therefore being a Prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, THAT OF THE**

FRUIT OF HIS LIONS, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, He would raise up Christ to sit on the Throne." Notice that Christ, in His man part, was to come from the loins of David, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH. He would be a *fleshly* descendant of David. He would be in a *flesh body* like David's.

Some might want to say that there is more than one kind of human flesh, but the scripture says there is only one kind of flesh of man. 1 Cor. 15:38-39, **"But God giveth it a body as it has pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh, BUT THERE IS ONE KIND OF FLESH OF MEN, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds."** Here we see that God did not give but one kind of flesh to men, and Jesus partook of that *same kind*.

QUOTE: BLASPHEMOUS NAMES, PAGE 34, "Now, they were looking at that little body that was born of Mary. See? THAT WASN'T GOD! That was the Son of God, but God was in that body." (End quote)

And so we see that God, Himself, was going to keep His own Laws by coming down and defeating our enemy, and His, by living a perfect life in a body just like ours. This being the only legal way that Satan's dominion over this earth and over men could be regained. But, thanks be to God, it has been regained. Now, hear the next step. Although dominion has been regained, and the victory of Jesus over Satan was total and complete, this Victory must be *enforced* by the Bride. This is a most important statement! We see the truth of it as it is written in Eph. 1: 18-23, **"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward

who believe according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

So, as to better understand this scripture, we will say it in our modern way of speech. I am referring now to Verses 21-23, "God has set Jesus Christ far above all other powers, and has put all things, and all creatures, including Lucifer and his demons, under His feet. Then God gave Him, Jesus, who is the All Powerful One, God gave Him and all His great power TO THE CHURCH (Bride). God gave this power and authority to the Church, which is the Body of Christ. They are now filled with the fullness of His power that fills them all together. Jesus and His power was given to the church by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!"

Here we have the delegation of authority to the Church (Bride), by the One who won the total victory. Because of this, it is now our responsibility to use this authority and enforce God's will and plan on Earth. We do this by **"Binding the strong man"** so that our Lord, by His Spirit, can spoil his goods (his works) (See Matt. 12:28-29) Now we MEN have legal authority over Satan through the Name of the MAN Jesus Christ. It would not have been legal, according to God's Law of Free Moral Agency, for God to have defeated Satan on Earth. God had already defeated him in Heaven and cast him out. But now the MAN, who was God, has defeated

him on Earth, and delegated that same power to OTHER MEN.

His victory is now our victory, because it was won in a flesh body like unto ours. Our authority over Satan is perfectly legal, and is being backed up in Heaven by the One who came down and lived as a Man!

QUOTE: THE KINSMAN REDEEMER, PAGES 33-34, "Oh, I'm so glad! I am so happy to know that our Kinsman Redeemer, that the God of Heaven, who is Spirit, came down to Earth and was made flesh, made like I am, made like you are, and TOOK ON THE FORM OF SINFUL FLESH, knowing no sin, that our sins might rest on Him and become Kinfolks to us, made a public testimony of dying, paying the full price." (End quote)

This statement of the Prophet is exactly the scripture. It does say that our God came down, took on the form of sinful flesh, and in such, defeated the devil.

I John 4:1-4, "**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false Prophets are gone out into the world.** (Saying that Jesus Christ was only God and not Man.) **Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God. And this is that spirit of Anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now is already in the world. Ye are of God,**

little children, and have overcome them. Because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

All Hell is against the teaching that Jesus Christ, *as a man*, came to Earth and defeated Satan, showing forth the powerful truth that other Holy Ghost filled men now have the authority to enforce the victory Jesus won *as a man!*

Do we now have the revelation that God came to Earth in *a man's flesh body*? If we can see this, let's move another step up the spiritual ladder. The MAN, Jesus Christ, did not minister on Earth as God, but as a MAN, filled with the Holy Ghost. He ministered by the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost, even as we must. He did not minister as the Great Creator, but as a Brother to us, raised up from the Seed of David. In Matt. 22:41-46, Jesus asked the Pharisees, "**Whose son is Christ?**" They replied, "**The Son of David.**" Jesus said then, "**How does David in the Spirit call Him Lord. If David call Him Lord, how can He be His Son?**" Trying to show them that Christ was BOTH MAN AND LORD GOD! But, they missed it! (So have many today.)

The next step is to see that God raised up a Prophet in our day, who through the power of the same Holy Ghost, did the exact same works that Christ did 2000 years ago. Can you believe that? This is what the Third Pull Ministry was. It was the Mystery under the Seventh Seal. It was the Seals pulled back, revealing what the Thunders had uttered. But, what does this mean to the Bride in these last

hours? Just this! She has the very same Holy Ghost that Jesus Christ and His Prophet, William Branham, ministered by.

In John 14:12, Jesus said, "**The works that I do, shall you do also.**" (My Brothers) God is in His Bride in the same way He was in Christ, and the same way He was in His Prophet. This is the End-Time Bride Revival! We know the works that God did in Christ and in the Prophet. Now we are seeing the same works being done in the Bride. Incurable diseases are being healed, the dead are being raised, devils are being cast out, and some are being filled with the Holy Ghost. We are seeing the fulfillment of the words given to Brother Branham that were to be given to the Bride.

QUOTE: CHURCH AGE BOOK, PAGE 172, "Those in the Bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. They have 'Thus Saith the Lord' or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word. He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry so now He works in and through the Bride. She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill, through the Bride, that work which He left for this specific time." (End quote) This was spoken over 40 years ago. We have been on the back side of the desert 40 years. It's time to go down into Egypt and demand the enemy to turn God's people loose. Amen!

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