

In these last hours of time, another *great mystery* is being unveiled before God's Bride. It is "The Mystery of the Inheritance of the Saints". The great Apostle Paul had much to say about The Sons of God obtaining an inheritance. We would like to give some of his teaching on this doctrine and also quote our modern day Prophet, Brother William Branham on the same subject. The inheritance that we speak of, has, for the most part according to the Scripture, remained a mystery. But in Paul's day, he declared that God had made known the Mystery of His Will concerning an inheritance that He intended to give to His Saints. We, who believe that God has sent an End-Time Prophet, do also believe that this Prophet preached the same Message as the Apostle Paul. And so, we will look into the doctrine of "The Inheritance of the Saints" as it was taught by the first Church-age Messenger, and also by the last Church-Age Messenger. In the beginning of our sermon, so that you will know in what direction we are headed, we will state the Mystery that has surrounded the Inheritance of the Saints. It is the fact that The Son's of God are to be given full authority over the earth even as it was given to Adam in the Garden of Eden. Is this a mystery? Surely it is to our natural minds, but it is also very Scriptural! In the mind of this writer, it is a revelation that must be received and acted on by the Bride before the Rapture takes place.

We will quote the Apostle Paul in Eph. 1:9-14, where he speaks of the Mystery of our Inheritance. "**Having made known unto us the Mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself; that in the dispensation of the fullness of times (in the end-time) He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in**

THE MYSTERY OF THE INHERITANCE OF THE SONS OF GOD

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Heaven, and which are on Earth, even in Him. In whom also we have obtained an INHERITANCE being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will (It was His will to give His Saints an inheritance in the earth, which inheritance was the earth, itself.), that we should be to the praise of His Glory who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, WHICH IS THE EARNEST OF OUR INHERITANCE, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory." (The Holy Ghost was the Seal that guaranteed us we would receive an inheritance.)

We believe the inheritance spoken of here is the same inheritance that Adam received when being placed in the Garden of Eden. Gen. 1:26-28, "**And God said, let us make man in 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 creepth upon the earth. So God created man in His own Image, in the Image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them and God said unto them be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue**

it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVETH UPON THE EARTH." This was God's plan from the beginning, that man should rule, and since God does not change His plan, we can know that He will not take His Sons and Daughters off the earth until His plan has been fulfilled. The Last-day Bride must receive their inheritance and act on it. This action, of ruling on Earth for their God, and under His authority, is what will allow our God to finish His overall plan and take His own up in a Rapture.

Many understand that God and His Bride will rule on Earth during the thousand year reign, but perhaps do not yet understand that this reign of the Bride for Christ BEFORE Rapture must also take place. In Rom. 8:19-23 Paul speaks of the manifestation of the Sons of God, which the whole creation is now waiting for, "**For the earnest expectation of the Creature waited for the manifestation of the Sons of God. For the Creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the Creature, itself, also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the Children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together unto now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the**

Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” Notice how the Holy Ghost set the time of the manifestation of the Sons of God. It was when the whole Creation is groaning and travailing in pain, needing spiritual help. This is before Rapture and before the Thousand Year Reign. There will be no pain and groaning during the Millennium. There will be no sin during the Millennium, but there will be sin afterwards, when Satan is loosed again for a little season. Looking at Rom. 8:19, it says, **“The Creature (or Creatures) waiteth for the manifestation of the Sons of God.”** This manifestation of the Sons of God will be the fulfillment of God’s plan for the End-Time Bride to rule the earth (under His direction). What kind of rule will this be? Will it be a rule that kings, presidents, and dictators are aware of? No. It will be a behind the scenes ruling. It will be a spiritual ruling over all the powers of darkness. Church natural will know nothing about it, and if told they will not understand. The Bride, the Lord, and the Devil are the only ones who will be aware of what is happening.

It will be the Born-Again People taking full authority over the Devil and his kingdom. It will be a faith reign by God’s Bride. It will be the **“Binding of the strong man, and the loosening of his captives here on Earth. Matt. 16:17-23, “And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven. And I say also unto thee, thou art Peter, and upon this Rock (Rock of Revelation) I will build my church, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”** Notice! The gates of Hell

shall not prevail against those who have the keys, which keys are the revealed Word. Can we see that the last-day Bride has these keys? We have them through the revelations given to the last-day Prophet, William Branham.

A fact that we must not overlook is that before we can rule over the powers of darkness on Earth, we must have personal victory over the Devil in our own lives. One who has not learned to rule Satan out of his own life cannot hope to bind him on the whole Earth. What then does this personal victory consist of? It is perhaps more simple than many realize! It is knowing that Satan cannot move against us unless God has given permission. It is knowing that when our Lord does give such permission that He has promised to go with us through whatever the trial may be. Personal victory is not the faith to avoid trials, but the faith to trust God through each one. Personal victory understands that when we resist the Devil he will eventually have to obey God’s Word and flee from us. Victory is holding on and continuing to resist while every circumstance seems to prove that our answer is not coming. Personal victory is trusting fully in the *sovereignty of God*.

After Peter and the Disciples had been given The Keys to the Kingdom, they had to learn a very important lesson, and Peter learned it immediately after he had received the keys. When Jesus told them that He was to suffer and be killed, Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, **“Be it far from Thee, Lord, this shall not be unto Thee.”** No doubt Peter thought he would just bind the evil power that was to harm his Lord. After all, he had just been given the keys to the Kingdom, which power was to bind and loose! But the lesson to Peter and to us today is that when we, as Sons of God, are given power to rule on Earth, it is not the power to stop *all* evil on Earth. It is only the power to put all devils under the authority of God. When this power is

exercised by the Church (The Bride) then God will use evil in fulfilling of His overall plan. Pro. 16:4, **“The Lord hath made all things for Himself, yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”** Isa. 45:7, **“I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and create evil. I the Lord do all these things.”**

Even now, the Lord is giving His Bride the faith to bind the *power of the strong man, and loose the captives*. But, they will not stop *all* evil on the earth, for the Lord is using evil to bring to pass His own plan for good. This is the Scripture. Rom. 8:28, **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and who are the called according to His purpose.”** Thus saith the Lord, all evil must work together for good. God used evil men to bring to pass the Crucifixion, which was the most evil thing that ever happened on Earth, but the result was the most blessed thing that every happened on Earth, the Redemption of mankind! God is using evil in these last days to bring to pass His will and plan. Therefore, when we declare that the Sons of God are now manifesting their authority over all Devil power, we are not declaring that they will stop all evil, only that they, by faith, will put all evil under God’s control. The Prophet and the Scriptures declare that God only works on Earth as His church believes. This is going on right now. May I quote some very powerful Scripture? Ps. 76:10, **“Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee, the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.”** This is God’s own testimony that He will use evil to bring Himself glory, and if evil arises that He does not wish to use, He will restrain it (stop it). Pro. 21:1, **“The king’s heart is in the Hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water He turneth it whithersoever He will.”** God is sovereign and is in control of all things in Heaven and on Earth, but we must remember that God has turned the affairs on Earth over to His Church.

The End-Time Bride is now receiving Her inheritance, which is His power

to usward who believe, that they might control the earth under His leadership. The Lord Jesus came to Earth and destroyed the works of the Devil, then gave His authority over all Devil things TO THE CHURCH. This is the teaching of the Scripture in Eph. 1:19-23, **“And what is the exceeding greatness of HIS POWER TO USWARD WHO BELIEVE, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right Hand in the Heavenly places, far above all principality and power, and might and dominion, and ever name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; WHICH HATH PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET, AND GAVE HIM TO BE THE HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH.”** Can we see what the Holy Ghost is saying here? God gave Jesus, who was the Head over all things, to the Church. Now, through His Holy Name, the Church, by faith, is the Head over all things (under the leadership of Christ.)

QUOTE: THE GREATEST BATTLE, PAGE 8, “So much as we have here, a Devil is almost harmless unless he can have something to work in. He’s got... you remember those devils that were cast out of Legion? They had—they want to do more mischievousness, so they wanted to go in the hogs. So devils must have something to work in, somebody to work through. And that’s the way God does too. He has to have us; He’s depending on us to work through us.” (End of quote)

Yes, God is going to work through his manifested Sons of God in these last days. The Lord is even now giving His Sons their inheritance. Their inheritance is dominion over the earth that was lost through Adam. Brother Branham declared that the Sons of God must take over dominion of the earth again.

QUOTE: ADOPTION, PAGE 114, “Look, ‘has predestinated us unto this

inheritance.’ If I’m a right inheritance of something, if God is knocking at my heart and saying, ‘William Branham, I called you a long time ago, before the foundation of the world, to preach the Gospel,’ I have an inheritance, an inheritance of Eternal Life. Now, God sent Jesus to make that inheritance real to me, because there was nothing I could do to—inheriting it. It was blank, it was valid, there’s nothing I can do. But in the fullness of time, God sent, in His own good time, Jesus the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. His Blood was shed that I might go to my inheritance. To be what, what inheritance? The Son-ship, to be a Son of God.

And now this may just choke you to death. But did you know that man that are Sons of God are *amateur gods*? How many ever knowed that? How many knows that Jesus said so? The Bible, Jesus said, “Did not your law say itself that you are ‘gods’? And if you call them gods...” Which, God said in Genesis 2 that they were gods, because they were, had full domain over the dominion of the world. He give him dominion over all things. And he lost his God-ship, he lost his son-ship, he lost his domain, and Satan took it over. But, glory, we are waiting for the manifestations of the Sons of God who will come back and take it over again. Waiting for the fullness of time, when the pyramid gets up to the top, when the full Sons of God will be manifested, when the power of God will walk out (hallelujah) and will take every power that Satan’s got away from him. Yes, sir, it belongs to him.

He’s the Logos that went out of God, that is true, that was the Son of God. Then He made man that *little god*. And He said, “If they call those who the Word of God came to, the prophets, if they call them ‘gods’ who the Word of God came to...” And God said so, Himself, that they were gods. He told Moses, “I made you a God, and made Aaron your prophet.” Amen. Whew! I know I act like a religious crank, but I’m

not. Oh, your eyes can come open and see those things. All right, He made man a God, a God in his domain. And your domain goes from sea to sea, from shore to shore, he has the control of it.” ((End of quote))

QUOTE: ADOPTION, PAGE 115, “Go right back to Genesis, to the original, what is it? Now the world and nature is groaning, crying, everything’s a-moving. What? For the manifestation of the sons of God, when true sons, born sons, filled sons speak and their word is backed. I believe we’re on the border of it right now. Yes, sir. Say to this mountain, let it be so.

“Brother, I—desire so and so, a certain thing done. I’m a believer in Jesus Christ.”

“I give it to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.” amen. There’s a manifestation.

“Oh, brother, my crops are burning up out yonder. I haven’t had any rain.”

“I’ll send you a rain in the Name of the Lord, bless your crop.” Oh, waiting, groaning, all nature waiting for the manifestations of the Sons of God. God ordained it at the beginning. He gave man the domain.

He gave Jesus Christ, and Jesus gave it in His Name with this assurance, “Ask the Father anything in My Name and I’ll do it.” Oh, Brother Palmer! Waiting for the manifestations of the Sons of God, the position, the church!

How you going to do it? Stand still! God’s the one that placed His Church, Sons and Daughters of God. God, let me live to see it, is my prayer. So close till I can just feel it with my hands almost, brother, it’s right there. That’s what I’ve longed to see. Waiting for the time when walk down the street; there lays a cripple laying there, from his mother’s womb. “Silver and gold have I none.” Oh, waiting for the manifestations of the Sons of God, hallelujah, when God will make Himself known, when it’ll stop sickness, it’ll stop cancer, it’ll stop diseases.

You think cancer’s something? The Bible said there’s coming a time when

men will rot right in their flesh, and the buzzards will eat off of carcasses before they even die. Cancer's a toothache to what's a-coming. But, remember, that horrible thing was forbidden in that day to touch those who had the Seal of God. That's what we're striving for now, to get in and be positionally placed into the Kingdom of God before these horrible plagues strike. Oh, how good! The dispensation of time, fullness of time, the inheritance.

In whom we also...obtained an inheritance, being predestinated... ((End of quote)

QUOTE: ADOPTION, PAGE 104, "God, since the beginning of the world, predestinated us to the adoption of sons. Now the whole creation groaning, waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God. Oh, I'd imagine Paul had a wonderful time. I-like to have been there with him. Wouldn't you?

Now he said, "He made known to us the mystery." Get the Holy Spirit on you sometime and start running that and just watch how it goes. This afternoon I had, oh, about thirty minutes to study. Just to look the lesson over; maybe not, I'll say half of that, fifteen minutes between the time. And I got to running, and I thought. "The mystery, how mysterious!" And the Scripture packed me back into the Old Testament, then back over into the New Testament. How it's something together, see the mystery of His Coming, the mystery of His will, the mystery of us sitting together. Remember, it cannot be taught in any seminary. It's a mystery. You cannot know it by education, by theology. It's a mystery that's been hidden since the foundation of the world, waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God.

Tell me, my brother, tell me, my sister, when was the time that the Sons of God was ever to be manifested out-

side of this time now? When were there ever a time in the history, those that manifest the time to deliver all nature? Nature, the nature itself is groaning, waiting for the time of the manifestation. Why, before the atonement was made, before the Holy Ghost was ever poured out, before all the – all the Old Testament on down there, there couldn't have been manifestation. It had to wait till this time. Now all things been brought, coming, shaping up to a headstone, to a manifestation of Sons of God coming back, and the Spirit of God coming into these man, so perfectly, until their ministry will be so close like Christ's till it will join Him and His Church together. (End of quote)

Why did the manifestation of the Sons of God have to wait until this time (Our time)? Because God had determined that there should be Seven Church Ages, and the Bride of the *last age* had to be given the full revelation that Paul had in the *first age*. The revelations had been lost through the dark ages, but in the scriptures it was prophesied that the Prophet Elijah would come and turn the heart of the children back to the faith of their Pentecostal Fathers (Mal. 4:6) The return of that faith would result in the manifestation of the End-Time Sons of God. This is the mystery: The Sons of God ruling on Earth for their Father. For 6000 years God has been in the process of placing His Creation back into the hands of His predestinated Sons.

Now let us look at *how* God will rule on Earth through His Sons. It will be through their effectual, fervent prayers (James 5:16). The prayers of the righteous people will avail MUCH with God. They will have received "The Gift of Righteousness" as seen in Rom. 5:17-19, "**For if by one man's offence death reigned by one (Adam), much**

more they which receive abundance of Grace, AND OF THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ. Verse 19, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made RIGHTEOUS."

The earth was man's inheritance in the Garden of Eden, and the Lord is determined to give it back to His Elect. A very important part of man being returned to his inheritance is that he realizes that this is God's plan. The Lord has already "Blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ." (Eph. 1:3) All the goodness of the past ages and of the present age, God has bestowed on His End-Time Bride. In His electing Her, He had, from all Eternity, planned Her regeneration and then adoption. He has given His Bride "**Power to become the sons of God.**" The placing of these sons is now in progress; their destiny is fixed, based on God's predestinating wisdom and decree. The Eye of the Lord was ever fixed on us, and we may rest assured that no enemy can interfere with our betrothal and obedience to the Prince of Glory. All that was gained by His coming down to Earth, his perfect obedience, His life void of any sin, His death, and resurrection, are all ours by His own gift to us. Our names are engraved on the palms of His Hands. His dominion over principalities and powers is now given to those who trust Him. He who gave Himself for us in the depths of sorrow and death is now revealing His purpose to return man to his high estate, through "**The Gift of Righteousness.**" (Rom. 5:17) From this place of imputed Righteousness, the Bride will regain dominion over the earth that was his lot in Eden.

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