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THE TWO CREATION MYSTERY

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According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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In the beginning of this teaching, I want you to know that every word I share with you in this teaching is for your spirit; not for your body, nor for your flesh nature. It is not for your intellect, it is not for your mind, but it is for your spirit. Your spirit is the regenerated, recreated, born again Son of God. Your spirit is the one that God desires to feed and to strengthen. Your spirit is that part of your being that God desires to perfect. He desires to perfect its spiritual attributes, particularly that spiritual attribute called faith, and in doing so enable you to come to the point where you can transform your body into a glorified body. So our purpose is going to be strictly to minister to your spirit and since there is no word we are going to share that will be futile or useless, we would like you to get the benefit of every word.

I would like to repeat this as we said, we are going to be teaching your spirit, not your mind, not your flesh nature, but your regenerated, recreated, born again spirit, which is the Son of God, for it is your spirit which God desires to feed. It is your spirit that God desires to perfect. It is in your spirit that God desires to develop to its fullness its spiritual attributes, particularly its two chief spiritual attributes: faith and love, which are the two chief attributes of God Himself. The Bible says that your spirit is the offspring of God and these two chief attributes of God's nature are inherent in your spirit in their fullness; and it is God's desire, by feeding you the spirit of the word, to develop them to their highest potential so that your spirit may then have the power to transform your body, as the Bible says, into one fashioned like unto His glorious body.

Our scripture is the third chapter of John, and we are going to be teaching you the basic foundational mystery upon which the whole purpose and plan of God in Christ is founded, and that is the mystery of the two creations. The first Adam creation and the last Adam creation. Not only are we going to be teaching these pillar truths, but we are going

to be developing for you as we teach them the implications that they have for each of our lives. Therefore, we are going deeper into them than we ever have in the move of God before.

Here in the third chapter of John, we have revealed to us the mystery of the two creations that are in the divine plan of God: The first Adam creation, and the last Adam creation. Beginning with verse one, we read:

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night and said unto Him, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him." Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said unto him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born ?" Jesus answered, " Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said unto him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said unto him, "Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, we speak that we do know and testify that we have seen and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?"

Now when I was in the Baptist seminary I graduated from 25 years ago, when they came to this passage of scripture, they taught me only the basic elementary facts that are here. They told me that Nicodemus was a Jewish priest, which was very interesting; and they told me that Jesus said to him in the middle of the night, "Ye must be born again." They

taught me that fact and then they sent me forth as a Baptist preacher to teach others the fact that "you must be born again," but they never taught me what it means to be born again. In a kind of literal manner they taught me how to be born again. Baptists have a thing called "the Roman road." Three verses in Romans:

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God..."and then "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," and then the third one, Romans 10, "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

And it got me saved. Those Baptists do a good job on the letter level, birthing babies, but then they give you nothing to grow up on. They taught me "ye must be born again." They did not teach me what it means to be born again. They gave me no understanding of the ultimate end purpose of being born again.

Their teaching was in such a carnal letter realm that they even taught me that when Jesus said, "Ye must be born of water and of the Spirit," the water there referred to the natural carnal water that is involved with the birthing of a natural baby when the water breaks in a mother's womb and she births a baby. Therefore, Jesus was talking about the first birth and the second birth, saying, "You've got to be born first physically, the water in your mother's womb has got to break, and so forth, and that is being born of water; then you have to be born of the spirit." Of course, that was Babylonish foolishness.

The water here refers to the word of God; all the way through the Bible it is a symbol of the word of God. Therefore, the first principle that you see is: It is through truth that you are changed; through truth that you are born again; through truth that you enter into new realms of life. I'll be stressing this again and again in these teachings, beloved, for it is truth that changes you; it is truth that renews you; it is truth that recreates and regenerates you:

truth that is given by the Spirit of God. Therefore, as the Spirit of God gives you truth, and gave us truth in the beginning, and regenerated and recreated us, we were born of water and of the spirit.

Now another basic truth here is this: Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Then He went on to say in the next verse, "Except ye be born of water and of the spirit, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God." This is another basic truth too that we want to lay as a foundation for you. What this means is there is a difference between seeing the kingdom of God and entering into it. The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom operating on spiritual laws, the two chief of which are the law of faith and the law of love. These are abstract spiritual qualities. Therefore, you can't even see it, unless you first get born again, changed, regenerated, into a spiritual being that can look behind the natural and the physical and see the spiritual realities of God.

There is a world full of people today who aren't concerned about the spiritual attributes of love, only the physical experiences that go with it. Therefore, because they are down in that carnal creature, bestial, physical realm, they are not partaking of the life that comes from true love and its spiritual attributes, but they are partaking of the death. That is why they die, even physically. It comes with trying to eat the fruit off the tree without having union with the tree. Love is God and God is love. There are certain carnal, physical experiences which the physical senses can experience that are some of the lower fruits of him who is love. One can partake of them without having union with the tree, Him who is love, and of course, they are temporal, they bring death and not life.

The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom, and to partake of its life you must first get behind its fruits and have union with the tree. You must first come into union with that which is spiritual and then as a result of it you can partake thereof and live. So the kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom, and

you have to become spiritual in order to see it. That is the reason a world full of lost people out there cannot see it. It is all around them; it is growing as a mustard seed; it is progressing toward its full manifestation here in the earth. There is a wheel turning in the middle of the wheel, just as Ezekiel saw long ago; while the wheel of this world is turning clockwise, that is, toward destruction, growing more and more evil, there is a wheel turning counterclockwise in the center of that wheel; the spiritual kingdom of God, that is progressing upward into holiness, purity, perfection, love and life. But they cannot see it because they are carnal beings, not spiritual beings. You have to get born again; you have to get recreated to see it.

But then, just because you see the kingdom of God, it does not mean you have entered into it. All the born again Baptists have caught a glimpse of the kingdom, but they have not entered into it; they do not partake of its life, healing, gifts of the spirit and so forth, right on up to incorruptibility. But after you have been born again and you see it, then you must enter into it. If you are driving toward the city of Lubbock, out on the plains of Texas, you can see the city from miles away, but just because you see it, it does not mean you have entered into it. You then must enter into the city to begin to partake of the life thereof. So there are two stages of progressing into the life of the kingdom; first, getting born again so you can see it by the spirit, and then, service after service, line upon line, anointing upon anointing, growth upon growth, experience upon experience, entering into the kingdom. We are in the process of entering deeper and deeper into it now.

Now we want to leave behind those basic foundational truths and we want to get into the mystery of the two creations that is here. Most of you are familiar with the third chapter of John. Most Christians are, even babes in Christ, because it contains that basic scripture where Jesus told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." And especially if you came out of the Baptist church or, if you were a Baptist

preacher like I was for many years, you are familiar with this chapter of scripture because this is about the only chapter of scripture the Baptist preachers ever preach on: "Ye must be born again, ye must be born again, ye must be born again." That is all a Baptist minister knows how to preach. He may say it a few different ways Sunday after Sunday, but he says essentially the same thing: "Ye must be born again." In fact, Baptist ministers in the Baptist denomination emphasize that scripture so much you kind of get the idea that was the only message Jesus preached when He was here on earth, that He just went around all the time teaching, "Ye must be born again, ye must be born again, ye must be born again," like a good Baptist preacher. But this is not really so; the message Jesus preached when He was here in the earth was not "Ye must be born again." It was not recorded that Jesus ever said, "Ye must be born again," but one time during all of His ministry, and that was in the middle of the night to Nicodemus, so nobody else ever heard Him. But the Bible makes it clear that the message Jesus preached is "The kingdom of God is at hand." You read the first chapter of Mark and you have a clear statement there that says that when Jesus came down from the mount of temptation in the wilderness, He went about everywhere preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." For many centuries, the Jews had long awaited the kingdom of God that the prophets had prophesied would come; that their Messiah would establish when he came into the earth. They did not expect it to be a spiritual kingdom so they rejected it when it came. Nevertheless, Jesus came to earth to bring into being and to reveal through his preaching the Kingdom of God that had come into the earth with His coming.

Therefore, the most important verse in this third chapter of John is not the third verse which everybody has made so much of, but the sixth verse, which practically everybody has ignored. That is the verse where Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." And never the twain shall meet.

This is the central truth I would like to implant in your consciousness. Most of you do not make a clear mark of distinction between flesh and spirit. The problem with all of us who are God's people is that we get the two mixed up and we do not know which is which and which descends from which and which is of which, because very few Christians know anything about the mystery of the two creations that are in the divine plan of God, the mystery of the two creations that are in each one of us. They do not understand that there are two creations inside each one of us, so they do not make a clear line of demarcation between these two creations. Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit."

Now this verse of scripture is the most important verse of scripture in all the New Testament as far as I am concerned. The reason this is so is because this saying of Jesus cuts right down to the center of this world and divides the kingdom of Satan from the kingdom of God. Everyone in this world who has only been born of the first physical birth, born of the flesh through the operation of the natural law, they are of the kingdom of Satan. They are ruled over by Satan, as Jesus said to the Pharisees, "They are of their father, the devil." They have inherited through their first physical birth the same fallen nature that Lucifer himself has; that he first brought forth in their ancestors, Adam and Eve, and that was handed down to them through birth from their ancestors, Adam and Eve, and they are of their father, the devil. This world is ruled over by the devil; they are ruled over by the devil; they are of the kingdom of Satan simply because they are born of the flesh.

All those who have been born of the second birth (the spiritual birth, since God is a spirit, and you can only be born of the spiritual birth through the operation of the Spirit of Him who is God) are of the kingdom of God.

Oh, that this verse were expounded into the consciousness of men, enlarged in their understanding and proclaimed throughout the earth; and above all driven into every one of

your consciousnesses so you would never forget it: that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. This verse cuts right down through the center of this world and divides the two kingdoms that are in this world: the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan.

But more important than that, this saying of Jesus cuts right down through the center of you and me and divides the two creations that are in you and me: the kingdom of Satan from the kingdom of God. For you see, our outer flesh man with our soul intellect that was born of the first physical birth, our natural birth through the operation of natural physical laws, is of the kingdom of Satan. It is completely under his domination and ruled over by Satan.

Your flesh has not yet been redeemed. Romans 8 says, "We are waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of the body." Our spirit has been redeemed, regenerated, born again, but our bodies have not. Our soul, which contains our mind and our will, which has been in subjection to our flesh and has yielded to the desires of our flesh up until now, has been ruled over by our flesh. And until your spirit becomes strong enough to take its headship over your flesh and over your will and bring the woman, your will, into submission to its true husband, your spirit, the Son of God within you, then your flesh, your body, your flesh nature, is still the kingdom of Satan within you. It is his dominion.

I want to make this point clear to all of you in the beginning of this teaching. God, when He created man, gave His spirit lordship over His body. Your spirit is the Lord; whether you believe it or not, whether you understand fully or not, yet it is Lord over your bodies and Lord over the whole earth. Your spirit God created to be Lord over your body and to be husband to and Lord over your soul, the female, the maid, the woman, the bride-in this bride-bridegroom relationship between the two main parts of your triune being, your spirit and your soul.

If your spirit was strong enough in its spiritual attributes, it could send out into your body at all times emanations of that

spiritual quality called faith that could renew every cell in your body and keep you alive forever, at least until you were changed into incorruptibility. That is what we are working for, the renewing of our spirits and the re-strengthening of them. The only reason people die physically is no love. Their spirit has been so weakened by harsh attitudes, harsh actions, harsh words, a harsh world, it gets a fresh shock every day. It is pretty hard for it to stay strong. Many people's do not, it is so weakened by that which it gets from its husband, its wife, its children, its neighbors, its friends, its fellow church members, the world around it, everything; and it becomes so weak that it cannot walk in its lordship over its wife your soul, your will, and your body, and you die. In this move of God we are finding the key to hell and death. The great key is love. When we stop wounding one another's spirit, weakening it, we will all go back up and conquer death and live forever.

Now, the outer flesh nature is of the kingdom of Satan; but this inner man of the spirit that has been born of your second birth, which is simply the renewing of your spirit, a re-creation, a regeneration of your spirit, which is what constituted your second birth, is of the kingdom of God. Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." Therefore, everything that descends from the flesh is flesh, it can't be anything else but flesh and Jesus said, "The flesh profiteth nothing."

It is just the house. Just as a natural woman is a channel through which the life of her husband is propagated into the world when she births a manchild; so our body is just a channel through which the life of our spirit is propagated, it has no life of its own. We would follow that mystery deeper, into when God first created Adam, and we could point out that the natural woman has no life of her own; the life comes from her husband. These stupid women who are pushing the women's liberation movement, if they were not so demon-possessed, they would realize that. God first brought forth Adam, the man, and then brought forth woman out of Adam,

the man. The life source was the husband. This is a principle of God that follows all the way through.

So you see, this saying of Jesus cuts right down into the center of and divides the two kingdoms that are in us; the kingdom of Satan, our flesh man, our outer flesh man that was born of the first physical birth, from the kingdom of God, your spirit which is born again. Nothing that comes from your intellect is worth two cents to you. It is of the kingdom of Satan, of your natural man. The wisdom that comes through your spirit, that inner knowing that rises up from your spirit, which is in communication with the Spirit of God, is all that will take you into life. That is the kingdom of God within you. It is in your spirit at this point, only in your spirit.

And so this statement of Jesus divides the two kingdoms that are within you, and it reveals the two creations that are within you. The first Adam creation that fell, that is fallen, and the last Adam creation that is in your spirit, that is risen again. Hallelujah!

Now, in order to understand the mystery of the two creations in depth, I want to teach you the most important word in the New Testament. We were just talking about the most important verse in the New Testament, verse six of John 3: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." Now let us talk about the most important word in the New Testament, which is the word "regeneration." This word is found only twice in the New Testament. A lot of other words are mentioned more times, but they are far less important. But this word, though it is found only twice in the New Testament, is the most important word in the New Testament. It is found once in the Book of Titus where the Apostle Paul, speaking of our new birth said, "You are saved by the washing of regeneration." The actual quotation of the scripture is "Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but by the washing of regeneration He has saved us." This word is found the second time in Matthew 19 where Jesus said to the

apostles, "That ye which have followed me in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." This word is only mentioned these two times in the New Testament and yet it is the most important word there.

To understand why, the first thing I would like to do is give you a definition of this word "regeneration." The word "regeneration" means recreation. To generate means to create. That is why they call electric generators, generators, because they generate or create electricity. Therefore, to generate means to create, but to regenerate means to re-create. Therefore, the word regeneration means recreation.

Now there are three parts to this word, and it is upon the three parts of this word that the whole plan of God is founded. The three parts to this word are, first, the word generate, which means to create; then the word degenerate, which means to de-create. You have read of a degenerate person; you are talking about a de-created person. So first there is the word generate which means to create, then there is the word degenerate which means to de-create, and then there is the word regenerate which means to re-create. And so it is on the three parts of this word that the whole plan of God in Christ is founded.

For you see, in the beginning when God first brought forth man in Adam, He generated him; He created him. That is why you read in the Book of Genesis, "These are the generations of Adam." And so, in the beginning when God first brought forth man, He generated him, He created him. When God first generated man or created him, He generated him a completely spiritual being with a completely spiritual nature. One who walked and lived in the spirit all the time before the fall, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He did not walk part time in the flesh and part time in the spirit as we do now; but the state in which God first generated man before his fall was a completely spiritual

being; one who walked and lived in the spirit all the time, twenty-four hours a day.

But you see what happened was, through the fall man degenerated downward into the nature of a beast, a creature, and that is why the Bible says we must be saved by the washing of regeneration, we must be regenerated in order to be saved. Hallelujah! Recreated, re-created, re-created, beloved, there is no other way. A person therefore, must be born again, regenerated, recreated, simply because he degenerated, he de-created from the state God made him in or generated him in in the beginning; and in order to be saved he must be regenerated back into the spiritual nature that he had before the fall. It is as simple as that.

This is why it is such a tragedy that so many people get concerned about the way they are and they decide they are going to reform their lives, make themselves better, take their old man and work it over, and make resolutions. They go down and join the church, they get baptized, they take the sacraments, the whole business. They go through the rituals of the church, and they think through all this they can make their old man better.

But you see, what happened was, our first Adam man, our old man, fell so far that it was impossible for God to restore him and God did not even try. He just set your outer man aside and re-created a new man in you. Therefore, you cannot make the old man better. A leopard cannot change his spots, as the Bible says. With all of your willpower, with all of your self effort, you cannot overcome the lusts that are in this flesh and the weaknesses that are there, no way. You have no strength whatever, just flesh struggling against flesh. All you can do is keep feeding your spirit, letting God grow your spirit up until your spirit man has power over that beast, to put his foot on its neck; as Joshua put his foot on the necks of the five kings of Canaan; and slay them. Type is all there.

Those who go out and join the church, get baptized and take the sacraments, go to church, make resolutions, the whole business, and then kid themselves that they are saved,

are like a guy who has an old 1929 automobile. The pistons are burned up, the bearings are shot, the rods are all gone, and he goes out and gives it a new paint job and then kids himself that he has a new car. He does not have a new car, the engine is shot. He has to get a new engine and start renewing from within out. So do we.

This is why the word regeneration is the most important word in the New Testament, beloved. You have to be regenerated, recreated. Paul says, "We are saved by the washing of regeneration." Man was generated with a spiritual nature. He degenerated downward into the nature of a beast. Therefore, he must be regenerated back, created back into the spiritual nature he had before the fall in order to be saved.

This brings us to another very important point. When you do get born again, when you do get regenerated, the purpose of God for you is not finished or fulfilled, like the Baptists teach. It is not all over; the purpose of God for you has not been finished. All that has happened is that you have been re-created back into that state that man was in before he fell, a spiritual nature, so that we can then go on to fulfill the purpose for which God put man here on the earth in the first place.

For you see, beloved, many people seem to think God put man here on the earth just for him to play marbles or something. But He did not. When God placed man here on the earth, He put him here for a very definite purpose. God's purpose is revealed in the first few verses of Genesis where the Bible tells us that when God generated Adam and placed him here on the earth, He told him to be fruitful, and multiply, and subdue, and take dominion over the earth. How many of you have read that scripture in the book of Genesis? You see, the purpose for which God put man here on the earth was to subdue the earth and take dominion over it.

But we ask ourselves the question, subdue what? At the time that God spoke that word to Adam, the fall had not yet

come. The curse was not yet on the earth. There were no thorns or thistles yet in the earth. The earth was a garden. What was God telling man to subdue? What was He telling him to conquer when He said, "Subdue and conquer and take dominion over the earth?" What He was telling him to subdue and conquer was sin, sickness, suffering, death, and the devil. For you see, these things were already here when God placed man on the earth because Lucifer was already here, and sin, sickness, suffering, and death were in him.

Have you ever asked yourself where that serpent came from that deceived Eve? The Bible doesn't say he dropped down out of the sky; he was already here. Satan had already fallen out of heaven. He had already set up his dominion here on the earth. God brought forth out of His being, man, to be His champion, to take back the earth for the name, the nature, the spiritual nature of the Lord.

And God's purpose for putting the first Adam man, and the first Adam creation here on the earth, was to conquer and subdue sin, sickness, suffering, death, and the devil. Now these things had not yet manifested in man, but they were here in the earth because Lucifer was already here. They were in him.

But the problem that we see is that the first Adam creation, the first Adam man failed to fulfill that purpose for which God had put him here. Instead of conquering Satan, he was conquered by Satan. Instead of subduing, he was himself subdued. Instead of taking dominion over Satan, he allowed Satan to take dominion over him. The first creation man, the first Adam, failed to fulfill the purpose for which God put him here, and that is why 2,000 years ago God had to bring forth that second Adam in you and me to fulfill the purpose for which He put man here on the earth in the first place, to conquer and subdue and take dominion over the earth.

Therefore, when we get regenerated, re-created, born again, it is not all done as the Baptists say; it is just beginning. We still then have to grow up to incorruptibility

like God intended for the first Adam man. Grow up into manifested Sonship, conquer and subdue and take dominion over first this body and then the earth out there.

Now we want to go back and establish another truth here for you. That is, as we pointed out, when God first generated man, He generated him with a spiritual nature. Through the fall, man degenerated downward into the nature of a beast. That is why he must be regenerated.

Now that truth reveals a shocking truth that few people in this world know, and if you would tell them they would not believe it most of them, and that is, the definition of a man is what Adam was before the fall, one who lived and walked in the spirit all the time. That is the Bible's definition of a man, one who has a completely spiritual nature and who walks and lives in the spirit all the time.

Now since that is so, the shocking truth this reveals is that all those people out there in the world who wear pants, who think they are men, they are not men; they are beasts. They dress up like men, they put on fancy suits, they sit in their conferences throughout the world, they try to act like men; but let any one of them press the other into a corner and their beast nature manifests itself and they start snarling at one another and biting and devouring one another as the beasts that they really are. It is all one big master game they play, one big deceit. They are not men; they are beasts.

I would like to give you a clear distinction between the nature of a man and the nature of a beast. The supreme, clear mark of distinction between the nature of a man and the nature of a beast, and when I say a man, of course, I am using the Bible's definition of a man, is that a man has reasoning power, he is made in the image of God and he has the reasoning powers of God, and his every action is motivated by the reasoning powers of God. So I will give you a little clue, when you find yourself with all these desires to do this and that rising up from within your beast nature, and then there is a still inner voice down within that begins to whisper to you, "If you do this, this might be the

consequence over here and this will be the consequence over there," that is the man, the regenerated man, your spirit within you manifesting the reasoning powers of God. Your beast nature is just desiring to move in his beast instincts to fulfill his beast desires and he does not reason things out. A man has the reasoning powers of God, and his every action is motivated by the reasoning power of God within him, but a beast does not have reasoning power and, therefore, his every action is only motivated by his beast instinct for self-preservation. That is why beasts do not mind devouring one another, eating up one another, to preserve their own life; they do not have reasoning power and they do not reason that if they follow that principle of devouring one another to preserve their own lives, they will eventually destroy themselves. That is why the fox does not mind eating the rabbit to preserve his own life. It never occurs to him that there is anything wrong with eating his own kind. Then the larger animal does not mind eating the fox to preserve his life. Since they are all beasts, they have no reasoning powers to reason that if they continue to follow that principle, they will destroy themselves, because while the fox is stalking the rabbit to eat him to preserve his life, there is a larger animal behind the fox stalking him to devour him.

That is why the rulers of the nations of this world, who think they are men but are not, are beasts. They do not mind going to war, killing their own human kind, devouring one another. That is why the Chinese recently were trying to devour the Vietnamese, and the Vietnamese were trying to devour the Cambodians; it is a perfect example of what I am talking about. While the Vietnamese, who were a little stronger, were stalking the Cambodians to eat them up and devour their territory (because that is the only reason men fight wars, they want the other country's territory to feed their people more and to sustain their own country), the Communist Chinese were right behind them, and old mother Russia was right on the back of the Communist Chinese, and Uncle Sam was right in there, all the beasts are stalking one

another and none of them has the reasoning powers of God to reason that if they continue following that principle they will destroy themselves someday. Jesus knew they would, that is why He prophesied long ago that such a destruction would come, that except those days be shortened, no flesh could be saved, all flesh would be destroyed. But because God foreknew it would be that way, and generation after generation has called out an elect remnant to preserve for a new age after it is all over, God will shorten those days.

So all the beasts are out there stalking one another, and they excuse themselves by saying, "Well, I have to defend myself." They do not realize that somebody somewhere must be willing to lay down his life in love to establish a new principle in the earth. You see, the second creation man, the first man that ever came into this world, did not fight and kill someone even to save His own life. He established the other principle of laying down His life to save his enemies. But no nation can understand that the trend has to be reversed, somebody has to be willing to lay down his life to save the other's.

You know, Uncle Sam has his guns all sharp, saying to Russia, "If you don't tell me you love me, I'm going to blow you to bits." And Russia has his guns all posed saying, "I want to have detente." What they are really saying is, "I want to have a love union with you, Uncle Sam, but if you don't tell me you love me, I'll blow you to bits."

They are all like a young Baptist couple that got saved in my church about 25 years ago when I was a Baptist pastor. He had been a pretty rough fellow, and he and his wife were still having some problems after he became a baby Christian. One night his wife called me up and said, "Pastor, come out. We need help. My husband and I are arguing and if you don't come out he's going to half kill me." So I jumped in my car and rushed out to his house. When I arrived, he had his wife down on the floor and he had his fist drawn back and he said, "If you don't tell me you believe I love you, I'm going to punch you right in the nose." They had gotten started in

an argument and then they forgot the issue they were arguing about and his wife said to him, "I don't believe you love me." That made Kim so mad, he threw her on the floor and said, "If you don't tell me you believe that I love you, I'm going to punch you right in the nose." And, of course, they were two beasts who were having a rough time of it.

Now the point is, beloved, somebody has got to reverse the trend. Two thousand years ago, a second Adam came into the world with a completely different principle. He would not kill His own kind or even scratch them, even to preserve His own life. He just hung on the cross and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Now here is what that means. You see, I pointed out to you that all the people out there in the world who think they are men; they are not men, they are beasts. And even you and I. This is what I really want to drive home to your heart, do you think you are a man? Or even the sisters who are the female part of man, do we all think we are man? Even we, as far as we have come in our growth in the spirit, we are not yet man. We are part man and part beast. What time we walk in the spirit and in our new man, our inner man of the spirit, we are man; but what time we drop into our flesh, beast nature, we are beast. In other words, what time you walk in the flesh you are a beast.

And so even you and I are not a man yet. Some years from now, when we have grown up into manifested Sonship, and like Jesus, when He moved out in manifested Sonship, when we are walking and living in the spirit twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, when we have come to the step of overcoming where Jesus said, "They shall go no more out," then we will be a man, wholly a man.

So you see, from the time of the fall until Jesus walked out as a manifested son of God, there was not a man in this world. Jesus was the first man to come back into this world after the fall. That is why the Bible calls Him the "second man." And from the time of Jesus until now, there has not been another man in the world.

Over in the book of Revelation, John saw Him that sat on the throne with all the elders around Him from the heavenly realms, and then he saw four living creatures. The King James translation calls them beasts; they hit the nail right on the head. One of these four living creatures had the face of a lion, one had the face of a calf, one had the face of a man, and one had the face of an eagle.

This panoramic picture that John saw in the book of Revelation was of the whole creation here in the earth. First he saw God sitting on the throne, but he did not see an individual. He saw lights and colors like a rainbow and crystal and all the symbols which reveal the different attributes of God's nature; because God does not exist in an individual form. Then he saw the elders, the more spiritual ones from the heavenly realms, around Him. But then he saw the four living creatures that are here on the earth. A wild beast, the head of a lion, that is the lost people who are still wild beasts; one with the head of a calf, that is, a domesticated gentle beast, that's the saved people who are still walking in their beast nature. Then he saw the third with the head of a man, that is us, when we have become manifested sons of God a few years from now and we are walking and living in the spirit all the time. At last there will be a man in the earth again, besides Jesus. Then last of all, he saw the head of an eagle, this is us, when we have passed through manifested Sonship into the incorruptible nature of God and we will be the eagle.

So the point I am driving home to your heart now is that your outer flesh man is of the old creation, the first Adam creation that fell. He is not a man at all. He is a beast, he is a living creature. The inner man of the spirit which has been birthed within you, the second Adam is a man; but he is not manifested as a man yet. He just shows up once in a while. He will be manifested to the world when we go forth in manifested Sonship.

When Jesus went forth in manifested Sonship and He grew up to full stature in His Christ nature, what He really

was was the perfect man, the second Adam, man perfected. Adam never made it to man perfected. He went the other way and fell to corruption. But Jesus, having come forth as the second Adam, the Bible clearly states, the same nature the first Adam had before his fall, went on up, a man perfected; then through His resurrection and ascension, He became the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

The old Babylonish baloney that the old order church taught us, that when Jesus was here on the earth He was fully God, is just that, Babylonish baloney. He was man who was the manifestation through the spirit of the nature of God. He was one point less than fully God. The Bible clearly declares that God in His nature cannot be tempted. James said, "When you are tempted, do not say that you have been tempted of God, because God cannot be tempted." But Jesus could be tempted; the Bible clearly declares that Jesus was tempted in all points just as we, yet without sin. Therefore, at the fulness of His growth He was man perfected, and at His resurrection and ascension he became the fulness of the Godhead bodily. People read the scripture in the book of Colossians where Paul says, "Jesus is the fulness of the Godhead bodily," and they do not realize that Paul said it many years after Jesus ascended. He did not say He was the fulness of the Godhead bodily while He was here on the earth. That is the declaration of the Babylonish, Catholic, Nicene creed council back in the fourth century.

The point is, beloved, your outer flesh man, the old creation is a beast. That is what I want to drive home to your heart. It is a beast, do not kid yourself, it is a beast. It has all the beast inclinations, so does mine; all the beast instincts for self-preservation, and that is what you are seeking to overcome, through yielding to this inner man of the spirit, this regenerated new creation man that is within you. And the battle is all inside.

For God's sake, all of you beloved, stop trying to battle the world out there, stop trying to conquer the beast out there. It is not time for us to conquer the beast out there. Our calling

now is to conquer the beast in here. We can boast, talk all we want about what we are going to do to the beast government and so forth. We are not going to do anything to the beast government until we do something to the beast in here.

Joshua long ago, fighting the battle with the five kings of Canaan, putting his foot upon their necks, finally chopping their heads off, was only a type of us fighting the five king spirits to which this beast in us responds. The five kings of Canaan that Israel had to conquer to possess the promised land were a type of the **five king spirits** that rule in our lives, our beast lives, with which we have been born: The spirit of **pride**, the spirit of **fear**, the spirit of **unbelief**, the spirit of **lust**, and the spirit of **rulership**. Not that all five of these spirits are in us; but this beast nature within us can respond to the temptations of all five and, therefore, they rule over us.

Now therefore, that is the great truth I want to establish in your hearts: The two creations within you, the first Adam creation that is in the creation part of the creation, and the second Adam creation who is not in the creation, but in the creator and a part of the creator. You must overcome your beast. The spiritual man must live.

Now let us go a little deeper. You see, beloved, what the Bible reveals is that in the divine plan of God, God planned two creations for this earth, the first Adam creation and the second Adam creation. He foreknew that the first Adam creation would fall, and He planned that the second Adam creation would fulfill His purpose. God planned two creations; there are two creations revealed in the Bible, the first Adam creation and the second Adam creation. Adam was the head of the first creation, and Jesus is the head of the second creation. The first Adam creation begins in the book of Genesis, and the second Adam creation begins in the book of Matthew.

The first Adam, the Bible says, was of the earth, earthy; but the second Adam is the Lord from heaven. I am sure you have read that scripture in 1Corinthians. The first Adam was

of the earth, earthy, but the second Adam is the Lord from heaven. When the Bible says, the second Adam is the Lord from heaven, it is not talking about the Lord Jesus up in heaven, but it is talking about the Lord having come down from heaven and dwelling in his many-membered body today. That is the second Adam in you, who is the Lord from heaven, not the Lord in heaven.

The first Adam had a fleshy physical birth; therefore, he was supposed to have a fleshy physical growth and a fleshy physical life. But the second Adam that has been birthed within you and me has had a spiritual birth; therefore, he is supposed to have a spiritual growth and a spiritual life.

The first Adam had a natural birth; therefore, he is supposed to have a natural growth and a natural life, using all the provision that God has put in nature for the natural man. The doctors, the medicine, the hospitals, etc., but the second Adam that has been born within us has had a supranatural birth, born of the spirit from above; and therefore, he is supposed to have a supranatural growth and a supranatural life, no longer using the natural provisions, natural knowledge, natural ability, natural medicines, nothing but using the supranatural provisions God provided for the supranatural man. They are listed in 1Corinthians 12: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, faith, gifts of healing, miracles, tongues, interpretations, discerning of spirits, prophecy, all supranatural.

Now let me establish this in your consciousness. The word is not supernatural like the Pentecostals use it; not super. The word is supranatural; supra and supranatural simply mean above natural, that is all. Supranatural laws are above natural laws. They are supranatural. The spiritual laws of God, the chief of which is God's spiritual law of faith, second of which is God's spiritual law of love, are above all the laws of nature and, therefore, supranatural.

Do you know why people die, beloved? Violated spiritual law. All the problems that people go through on earth, their sicknesses, their deaths, their everything, are simply a result

of violated law, either natural or spiritual. When we stop violating God's eternal laws and start fulfilling them, we will stop dying. The Holy Spirit did not come to abrogate our responsibility to fulfill them, but to give us the power and leadership and the strength to fulfill them and thus live.

Nothing is supernatural, there aren't really any miracles; although God uses that term to meet us where we are. Somebody gets prayed for and his eyes are instantly opened, it's not a miracle, it is just the operation of higher spiritual law, supranatural law which is above natural law, which also men know little about. A hundred years ago, if you saw an airplane flying overhead, everybody would have said, "Look, that's a miracle." It was not a miracle; it was just the operation of the laws of aerodynamics that men knew little about. Now, when an airplane flies overhead, nobody looks up, because we have had eighty years since the Wright brothers discovered those laws and nobody gets excited. Some years from now we won't get excited when somebody's blind eyes are opened; it will be normal for us, just the operation of higher spiritual law that God is revealing to our spirit and enabling us to walk in. This is the spiritual man.

The natural man had a natural birth, so he is supposed to have a natural growth and a natural life using the natural provisions God put in nature for the natural man. This solves the problem that Christians have had, "Does God heal through the doctors?" "Are the doctors God's provision for healing for man?" The doctors are God's provision for healing for the natural man. They will tell you very quickly they cannot heal anybody. Nature heals and they just provide the right conditions to let nature do the healing. They are God's provision for the carnal, natural man; but they are not God's provision for sons of God, 1Corinthians 12 is.

Now let us pause a minute and say again, the second Adam had a supranatural birth; therefore, he is supposed to have a supranatural growth and a supranatural life ultimately, no longer using the natural provisions in any way whatever,

but rather the supranatural provisions. First the earnest of the spirit, the gifts; and then through the gifts, until we come to the point where we get the whole fortune and all of the spiritual nature of God comes forth in us in all of its corporate fullness and then the gifts will be swallowed up in the whole fortune, mortality will be swallowed up in life.

What confuses people is that while we are in the transition, right now we are in the transition from natural to supranatural, from the carnal flesh man that we were, to the spiritual son of God, God allows us to use the natural until we can grow up to where we leave it behind, and use only the spiritual and supranatural. I am not a fanatic; I don't teach that all Christians, even in the move of God, should never go to doctors. God's people are coming to me all the time wanting advice, "Brother Sam, should I go to the doctor or just believe God?" And, of course, I tell them, "If you've got the faith just to believe God then I'll stand with you to the end."

We arrived at the Caqueta River down in the jungles of South America a few weeks ago and Sister Sue Hesser from the Philadelphia body, thirty minutes before my plane landed on the jungle strip, had been bitten by a poisonous snake. The Colombians down there call it the twenty-four-hour snake. That is the only name they have for it, because everyone else who has ever been bitten by the snake has died within twenty-four hours. As I landed my plane, the elders sent over a note that said, "Sue has just been bitten by the twenty-four-hour snake." The first thought that entered my mind was, "Well, it's good that my plane is here, I can fly her to the hospital." But I looked down at the note again and Roger Dehaan, one of the elders said, "But Sue doesn't want to go to the hospital, she just wants to believe God." I said to Brother Gary, "I want to go see Sue, and I want to be sure that she has the faith to believe God before I agree for her not to go to the hospital." So I walked over; she was sitting in a chair. Brother Roger had slit the wound with a knife; he had a couple of little suction cups and was sucking out the

venom, and Sue was sitting there, quietly praising God. She looked me in the eye and said, "Sam, I want to just trust God." And I saw that she had it; and if I see you have it, I'll believe God with you to the end. I said, "Okay, Sue, we'll stand with you." Her leg was swollen up really big. Within two hours the swelling had gone down. Next morning she was sitting in the service, and two days later she had her shoe back on her foot going about her normal duties. I just got a letter from her saying that her foot is completely normal again.

It works. It is there for us, beloved, if we quit playing around in this world. We are in the transition period. So I always tell people, "If you've got the faith, I'll believe God with you, but if you haven't, you'd better go to the doctor." Of course, then the next thing they ask me is, "How do I know if I've got the faith?" And I answer, "If you have to ask me if you've got it or not, you haven't got it. You had better go to the doctor."

So if you have it, you know it. Sue knew she had. She looked me in the eyes and she knew she had it and I took one look in her eyes and I knew she had it. If you have the faith, there is that inward assurance within you that no matter what happens, if you come down to the moment you are breathing your last breath, (I know, I have been there about four times in the last 15 years), God's still going to heal you. It cannot fail; it is God's provision.

So, while we are in that transition period, God allows us to use the old creation we are coming out of; but you had better get down to business, beloved, because there is a scripture in the Bible that reveals a principle of God. That scripture says, "He taketh away the first, that He might establish the second." What that means is that God lets you use the first for a while; but if you are lazy and fool around, there comes a day that He is going to take it away from you in order to establish the second. The way He is going to do it is when a Babylonish beast system takes over the world so that one day you will not be able to use doctors and the hospitals and the

medicines, and so we had better get down to business and go on into the second; the new creation, the second Adam creation.

So here is your principle: The first Adam was born of a natural birth, he was supposed to have a natural growth and a natural life, using natural provisions for the natural man, but this second Adam that is within us has had a supranatural birth; therefore, he is supposed to have a supranatural growth and a supranatural life, ultimately using only the supranatural provisions that are listed in I Corinthians 12.

Now let us look deeper into these two creations. There is a scripture in the Bible that says that the first Adam was of the earth, earthy; but the last Adam was the Lord from heaven. Now, the reason the Bible says that the first Adam was of the earth, earthy; is that he can only operate in earth with natural laws, the laws of nature. The reason he is earthy and can only operate in the laws of nature is because he is of the earth; which means he was created out of the dust of the earth. The Bible clearly declares that, and even all the little natural babies that are born today of the first physical birth are still being created by God out of the dust of the earth. Any doctor will tell you that when a natural baby is born today, the seed that his father planted in his mother's womb by which his life was conceived came from his father eating certain vegetables that came right out of the dirt, dust. You know it is kind of funny, the people out there in the world, they think we who speak in tongues are dirt; I have news for them, they are the ones, they are the ones who are literally dirt. They are made out of the dust of the earth still today.

So, the first Adam is of the earth, earthy. He cannot be anything but earthy. He has to operate in his intellect, carnal wisdom, carnal natural strength, natural ability, natural methods, natural instruments, everything. He is of the earth, earthy. But the second Adam that is within us is not earthy; he is the Lord from heaven simply because he is not made out of the dust of the earth. The reason the first Adam is of the earth, earthy, is because he is made out of earthy

elements, dust, dirt. But you see, the second Adam that is within us, the second creation man, is not made out of earthy elements, dirt, he is made out of heavenly elements; the word of God and the Spirit of God. For Jesus said, "Except ye be born of water and of the spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God." This second Adam is not made of earthy elements. He is born of two heavenly elements: the word of God and the spirit of God. Therefore, we are not of the earth, earthy; we are of heaven, heavenly. That is why we can do things the lost people cannot do: Speak in tongues, prophesy, see visions, dream dreams, heal through faith, ultimately conquer death and go on to incorruptibility, for we are not of the earth! We are not of the earth!

Oh, that God would engrain it in our consciousness. We are of heaven. We have no affinity with this earth whatsoever. You are not a natural body; you are a heavenly body, a spiritual body, and though you are in the earth, you are not of the earth; you are of heaven. We do not have any relationship with anything earthy. We do not have any relationship with any earthy experience. Most of the young people in the move of God today are only concerned about earthy love, earthy life, earthy pleasures. God wants us to understand heavenly love, heavenly life, heavenly pleasures.

I was traveling down the road in my car some days ago and the Spirit spoke to me and said, "The rules of earth don't apply when you are walking in heaven; there are different rules." There are some sons of God that are coming to the point where they are starting to walk in heaven, because when you are walking in the Spirit you are in heaven, though your feet are still here on the earth. We have got to get it into our minds, beloved; we are the second creation.

Some of you are still bound by the pull of your earthy houses, earthy needs, earthy desires, earthy ambitions, earthy hopes, earthy dreams. It is so hard to let them go. Earthy relationships, beloved, we are not of the earth. We are of heaven. God is progressively, line upon line and precept on precept, lifting, lifting us up into a whole other realm of life,

and it is not just some weird doctrinal theory; we are called to bring it into being and manifest it here in this earth. It is going to get you crucified. The people of the earth do not understand it. You just start to walk in it and manifest it and they are going to turn on you like the beasts that they are. It is probably your brethren that are going to crucify you, too, just like they did Jesus; but get it, you are not of the earth, earthy, you are the Lord from heaven. Pray that God will enable you, that the Spirit of God will lead your thinking through all the implications of that. If I were to tell you some of them, some of you would not come to hear Brother Sam preach any more. But it has got to come, and we have got to go, until it is God who reveals it.

Now, there is another scripture in the Bible that says the first Adam is created out of the dust of the earth, and God breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul; but there is a scripture in the book of 1Corinthians in the New Testament which says that the last Adam in us is not a living soul, but a life-giving spirit. Paul wrote it in Corinthians and he said, "The last Adam was made a quickening spirit." That word "quickenning" is an old English word which literally means life-giving. The first Adam was made out of the dust of the earth. God breathed on him the breath of life and he became only a living soul, with no power whatever to give life, but only power to receive life as long as God was willing to breathe on him. But the second Adam in you and me, the real you and the real me, is not a living soul; but we are a quickening, life-giving spirit. What that means is, we have power to give life; not just to receive life from God as the first Adam, but to give life, to literally create new life. We are a life-giving spirit.

God is not making creatures out of us, He is making creators. The first Adam was a creature because he was created by God out of the dust of the earth and he was a creature, but the second Adam that is in you and me, the second creation man, he was not created; he was born of God's spirit. Therefore, we are not creatures; we are a part of

the Creator. We are not even in the creation, trees, rocks, mountains, birds, bulls, cows, calves, sheep, goats and lost people out there in the world are in the creation; but you and I are not in the creation, we are in the Creator. We are not creatures, we are creators. We literally have the power to create new life.

Do you know how? It is because we have an anointing by which we are able to draw by revelation out of the pneuma, the spiritual heavenlies, the creative word of God, which, when we preach it into one another, it creates new life. God creates everything by His word. It is the word of God alone that is creative. The Bible says that in the beginning God spoke the world into existence. So the things which are were not made of things which do appear, but God brought them right out of the pneuma, right out of His being. You see, it is the word of God that is creative, and you and I have an anointing that enables us to draw by revelation the creative word of God out of the spiritual pneuma, which when we preach it into one another, it creates new life.

Every one of you is a different person than when you were born again. Amen? A far different person. How did you get that way? Through some ministry preaching into you the creative word of God that created you into the new being that you are now. We have got power, people. The only reason God's people do not remain aware of it is because their minds are geared to think in terms of carnal physical power. Spiritual power works more quietly, sometimes over a longer period of time than natural power.

Water is a type. A while ago I was in a canoe traveling down the Caqueta River in the jungles of South America to get to a group of people on a farm down there. We had to travel through some rapids, and as we went through them, we looked up and for five hundred feet above us there were sheer cliffs where that river had, over the centuries, cut right through that mountain. Great stones lined each side of it; it was a majestic sight. The river had pressed its way through it; nothing stopping it. And as I thought about the power of

that water over the centuries, I thought about the power of the Holy Ghost that operates in you and me.

But that water did not cut that channel through the mountain in a day. Sometimes we get so impatient for the power of the Holy Ghost to work. We do not understand that it does not operate like carnal natural power, but it is a lot more powerful. It is a lot more invincible and we have it!

There is no doubt in my mind that I am going to, with the help of God, and with the grace of God, and the rest of this body, turn this world upside down. I am going to conquer death, bring forth glorified bodies, and change myself and everybody else around me into incorruptibility. There is no question, there is no concern, there is no doubt in my mind, it is only a matter of time. It might take a little longer than it does to pop off a firecracker, but it is going to be done, and we have it. Another dream, another vision, another word from God, another inspiration, another strength, another love, another truth, another life, we are in no hurry. We do not live in time any more; we live in eternity. We are not a body; we are a spirit.

Come on, people, let us go change the world. We are the sons of God. We sing the song, "I'm a New Creation, I'm a Corporate Man, I'm the Resurrection, I'm the Great I Am," and we are all of it. We have the anointing that enables us to speak the creative word of God that is invincible. We are going to keep preaching it into one another until we birth and bring into being a many-membered, corporate manchild with a new form of life in this world, incorruptible life that we created, and then we are going to know how it is done, and whatever God creates and puts on those other billion worlds out there, He is going to create through us, God's priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Come on, people, let's wake up and get a revelation of who we are. Let's walk in it. Let's live in it. We have a world full of Christians that are still going around saying, "Well, after all, I'm still human, you know." You have heard them say it again and again. They want to excuse

themselves for walking in the flesh; for not rising up and measuring up to what God has brought forth in them, justifying their flesh. It is only a matter of staying in the spirit, waiting in faith in the spirit, singing in the spirit, walking in the spirit, loving in the spirit, living in the spirit, in the new creation, the second Adam.

Let us go just a little deeper. The second time this word regeneration is used in the Bible, we have been dealing with the first time, the re-creation the new birth, It is found in Matthew 19 when Jesus said to the apostles, "Ye which have followed me in the regeneration." The word regeneration, remember, means recreation, so what Jesus was saying is, "Ye are they which have followed me in the recreation. Some years ago when God burst that truth on my soul, the implication and meaning of it changed my life and got me into a lot of trouble, because it revealed a shocking truth that few Christians at that time had ever realized, and few preachers, and that is that Jesus did not come into this world to save a bunch of people and take us to heaven; but He came into this world to build us into his new creation right here in this earth, His regeneration.

It is very simple. Jesus came into the world to start a new creation; the first creation had fallen. The twelve apostles were the first citizens of that new creation. Therefore, Jesus said, "Ye are they which have followed me in the re-creation." It is as simple as that. It reveals the purpose Jesus came: Not to save Christians and take them to heaven and keep them out there forever, but to bring forth God's new creation right here in this earth. First by birthing us of the Spirit, then by baptizing us in the Spirit, then by growing us up in the spirit, until we come to incorruptibility and bring in that new creation right here.

When God gave me that truth years ago, He compelled me to go about everywhere making a statement that so shocked Christians; and it was so shocking even some of our brethren said, "Sam, I know it's the truth, but don't say it that way, it shocks people too much." Yet God compelled me to say it

that way because at that time God's people needed a shock treatment to wake them up. The statement He made me say everywhere was, "God did not save you to take you to heaven." When Christians heard that, it drove them crazy because for centuries they had been preached to by the old order church a shallow, surface, go-to-heaven gospel that gave them the idea that the only reason Jesus came into this world was to take everybody up to heaven and keep them out there forever; but that is not why He came. He came to bring forth God's new creation right here in this earth.

Then, worse than that, God made me to make another statement that really got me in trouble and I had to tell the people; this does not mean I don't believe in heaven. Heaven is a wonderful paradise out there for Christians who have died in generations past. My dead father has gone there, and I am glad; but I had to say, "I don't want to go to heaven because heaven is a place for failures." That really used to get me into trouble, except with those who had sincere hearts. I went on to explain that the reason heaven is a place for failures is because it has been the desire of God since Jesus left this earth that each generation of Christians, in its generation, bring in the kingdom of God in the earth in its generation, by conquering death and growing up to perfection in its generation. But each generation of Christians until now has failed to attain to that purpose in its generation.

The reason is because they did the same thing that the first generation of old Israel did; they went so far and they came to the borders of the land and refused to go all the way to possess the land. You know the story. The first generation of old Israel came out of Egypt, came through the Red Sea and went through the wilderness. When they got to the borders of the land, they sent out the spies, and when the spies came back, they gave a faithless report, and said, "There are giants in that land and we look like grasshoppers in our eyes beside them. We cannot go up and possess it." God said, "You are right, because you failed to trust me, you

will not go up and possess it; you will wander in the place that you have attained to in this walk until you die and go to heaven, and I will raise up a generation of your children that you did not believe I could take care of, and I will take them in to possess the land.

Every generation of Christians, until now, has done that. They came out through the red blood of Jesus, the Red Sea; they came out of Egypt, went so far and stopped. Pentecostals of the last generation got to the borders of the land with the latter rain move of God, they looked over and saw it. We find the borders of the land in Ephesians 4, where God said that when Jesus ascended He gave five spiritual ministries to the church for the perfecting of the saints, for the building up of the body of Christ until we all come to a perfect man. The Pentecostals looked over and saw the giants of sin and sickness and suffering and death. They said, "We look like grasshoppers in our eyes beside those giants. There is no way we can go up and conquer them here in this earth; nobody can grow up to perfection here; nobody can conquer death and live forever." They went and built their Pentecostal denominations and their organizations, and God said, "You are right because you failed to trust me and believe in me, I'll let you wander around in the wilderness of your baptism in the Holy Spirit experience, and your bawling and sprawling at your Pentecostal altars Sunday after Sunday until you die and go to heaven; and I will raise up a new generation to take in." In the last 15 years there has been a new move of the spirit. From all the denominations God has called out a new generation, Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, a few Calebs from the Pentecostal realm who held over, and you are it. You are to go in and possess the land.

The point is, beloved, every generation until now failed to fulfill the purpose of God in their generation. Therefore, God provided a wonderful place called heaven for them to go to rest and wait until the generation of sons of God fulfill God's purpose, grow up to perfection, bring in the kingdom

of God here in the earth. Then all the failures are going to return in the resurrection, and God's not going to blame them because they were failures, His grace covers it. We are not going to blame them, we are going to be so happy to see them back, but let us not kid ourselves, they were failures. I am not sentimental and I cannot be influenced by sentimental thinking. My father was a Christian and he was the biggest failure of a Christian of anybody I know. He died and he went to heaven and I thank God for it. But if I had to depend on my father's testimony to bring me to Christ, I would be a lost man today. He was the kind of man who would cry every time you mentioned the name Jesus, read his Bible every night, go down to his church, but nothing kept him at times from losing his temper and swatting my mother across the table. When I was a child it did such a work in me that I swore if I ever grew up and got married, the one thing I would never do is lay my hands physically upon my wife. It scared me to death. I love him. I am glad he went to heaven; but I do not want to join him, I do not want to be among the failures. I want to be among David's mighty men. David had his men and he had his mighty men. God has had his men, but in these last days He is going to have His mighty men who are going to stay right here, and at last fulfill the purpose of God right here in this earth by growing up to perfection and being changed into incorruptibility, right here. The object is to live forever, beloved. That is my goal. I do not want to get mixed up in lesser tangents, off on lesser hang-ups-evangelism, healing, kingdom building, the whole business. I am going to let God perfect this spirit, and I am going to change this vile body into one like unto His glorious one. The revelation of God is a balanced revelation. I have seen them get hung up on healing, on gifts, kingdom building, even love, and get so hung up on those things that they die and join the rest of the failures in heaven. Everything has its place, but the ultimate end is to break through the veil into life; that is what I want. I want life

because that is what God is, and that is what we are promised in Him, and nothing less than that will do the job.

We have a real paradox in this earth. We have millions of Christians whose highest ambition in Christ is to die and go to heaven, and spend their last dime in the hospital to keep from going to there. Nevertheless, that is their heart's desire, so they proclaim, and that is their ambition, and they do not know that Peter, and James, and John, and Paul, and Noah, and all the great ones out there are waiting to come back here. It is real funny, all the Christians over here want to go over there, and all the sons of God over there want to come back here. Somebody ought to get together. But you see the great ones out there, they know something the carnal Christians on this earth do not know, and that is that God's highest provision in Christ for us was never to die and go to heaven, but to be changed into our glorified bodies and to rule and reign over this earth and over God's whole universe from this earth as God's priests forever after the order of Melchizedek.

So we are the new creation; we are the corporate man; we are the resurrection; and we are the Great I Am. We are the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. We are the last Adam; we are the new creation, not the old creation. Old things have passed away, and behold all things are become new. The Pentecostal preachers got hold of that verse and they said, "Sister, stop wearing lipstick, and stop cutting your hair, and wear long dresses." Of course, I am not a clothesline preacher; anybody who wants to dress like that and look that drab, it is perfectly all right with me, if that is your conviction. But do not use this verse for it. It has nothing to do with a bunch of low-level carnal things like that. When it says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," it means he is a new creation creature, and when it says, "Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new," it means that there is a new level of experience for you to trade in your old level experiences that you have had. It is the same commodities,

faith, truth, love, the same commodities, but a new level of all of them. God is just calling us to trade in the old for the new. You will not lose anything people, lay it on the altar and give it all up and you will get it all back, incorruptible, in a new age.

The problem with God's people is they get the two all mixed up. God calls them to a higher level of life experience, love experience, and faith experience in Him and they try to drag it down and fit it into the old creation context that they have known and the two do not fit. Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit," and the two cannot get together -- no way. The problem with all old order preachers today is they are trying to build God's new creation kingdom with old creation instruments: Doctor's degrees, university educations, all that fleshy garbage. You cannot build God's new creation kingdom with old creation instruments. You can only build it with new creation instruments: The new birth, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, nine supranatural gifts of the Spirit, nine supranatural fruits of the Spirit, these are the only instruments with which you are going to build God's new creation kingdom, because that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

Jesus tried to explain these things to Nicodemus and all of a sudden Nicodemus' eyeballs started swimming. He got so confused that he said to Jesus, "How can these things be?" Jesus said, "You are a teacher of Israel and you do not know these things?" Okay beloved, here was Nicodemus' problem. He lived in that transition period between two dispensations and he was not walking close enough in the spirit to discern what God was doing. He lived in that transition period between the closing out of the old dispensation of the law and the prophets, and the bringing in of the new dispensation of the spiritual Kingdom of God through grace. Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John, and since then the Kingdom of God is preached."

A dispensation is a period of time in which God deals with humanity and His people in a certain way to fulfill a certain portion of His plan. The Bible reveals that there are four dispensations in the plan of God for this earth. First was the dispensation of the law and the prophets, which lasted until the coming forth of John the Baptist in his ministry as the forerunner of Jesus, who brought in the second dispensation. Thus, Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John." Second is the dispensation of grace through which God is bringing in the spiritual Kingdom of God. The third one is a much shorter dispensation. A seven-year period of great tribulation, which is called in the Bible the judgment day; the dispensation of judgment day. And after that is over, the fourth one will be the dispensation of the thousand year millennial reign of Christ in this earth, the manifested Kingdom of God.

The problem with Nicodemus was, although he was a good priest, faithfully living up to all the light that he had at the time, he could not break free of the darkness of the religious system he was in and hear the voice of the Spirit to discern what God was doing. He lived in that dispensation period between the closing out of the dispensation of the law and the prophets, and the bringing in of the Kingdom of God, and he was not walking close enough in the spirit to see the change God was making and to move with it. The Kingdom of God, the spiritual Kingdom of God, was all around him and he could not see it. The little people were experiencing it, the sick were being healed, the lame were walking, and the eyes of the blind were being opened through God's spiritual law of faith which the spiritual Kingdom of God operates on.

So the Kingdom of God was being made visible all around Nicodemus and all the rest of them; but they could not see it. Just like a lot of old order preachers today with their denominations and their religions and their legalistic forms and programs and their church liturgy and their rituals and their religiosity, and the Kingdom of God is being made

visible all around them and they cannot see it because they have the same problem Nicodemus had. We too, today, are living in the transitional period between two dispensations, the closing out of the two thousand year dispensation of grace which began back there in Nicodemus' time, and the bringing in of the dispensation called the judgment day and then the thousand year millennial kingdom of God. We are going to see all three of them. Many preachers are not walking close enough in the Spirit to follow God through in the change, so they are going to be left behind as it was with Nicodemus and all the Pharisees and all the Jews.