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**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8**

In 2010 and 2011, on a quarterly basis, I had written a teaching letter that I had translated into Farsi and Urdu. We received many testimonies regarding these articles. Since there are questions on so many subjects and topics as well as a great desire to learn and grow, I felt the burden and the inspiration to start it up again in the spring of 2016. My purpose is to stay faithful to the teachings of Brother Branham and make them clear from the Bible. It is my calling from the Lord to do this.

The August issue will cover three important subjects:

1. What Was Adam's Sin?
2. The Virgin Birth
3. The Significance of the Opening of the Seven Seals

## **What Was Adam's Sin?**

In previous Contenders and on our website we brought out the teaching of serpent's seed, showing that the original sin was sex, not literally eating apples. You can read more on our website at presenttruthmn.com. In this section, we want to deal more with the sin of Adam. He ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but how did he do so? Let's start at the beginning of the story and give a whole and as clear a picture as possible.

God commanded them not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve were already immortal. It was not necessary for them personally to eat of the tree of life. However, this was a principle that God ordained to govern life. The word eating is used to describe the sex act in Proverbs 30:20. "Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness." Adam and Eve were commanded to multiply and replenish the earth. This command was their great purpose along with raising these children to fear God. God placed two laws in the midst of the garden. There is the literal garden of Eden, and then there is the figurative garden. Song of Solomon 5:1, "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." The garden is the human body.

So, we have two trees in the midst of the garden. These trees speak of two laws governing the reproduction of life on earth. One way produces death, and the other way brings life. Now, this leads to the question. Which way creates life and

which way produces death? Let's read what brother Branham says in *The Spoken Word Is the Original Seed*.

“She brought death through a bastard-born child, which we all are children of. But God came in the flesh, to give us another Birth, to bring us back to original sons and daughters of God. See? There you are. The Life sperm of Eve never happened. It never did. Why? She mingled it. Kept it away, instead of Adam coming to her for a bride, when the time appointed would be. Just like Christ will, would have come to the group. Christ would have come to His Church. He promised to do it.

God promised to multiply them, but they had to wait until God's time.

That's what's the matter today. They don't want to wait God's time. They want to get something else. And so the devil has got the wisdom right there to give it to them, make an organization, be bigger than the rest of them.”<sup>1</sup>

There was a time appointed for Adam and Eve to come together, and they were not to come together until that time. God commanded them to multiply and replenish the earth, but they had to wait until His time. They could not do it in their way and their timing. This point is critical.

“And before they came together, Adam and Eve, she was pregnated with the corrupt seed from the serpent. And when Adam come to his wife, he found her pregnated to death.

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<sup>1</sup> 62-0318, *The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed*, Rev. William Marrion Branham

See? Death! How? Spiritually and physically dead.”<sup>2</sup>

Before Adam and Eve could come together sexually, Eve was beguiled and impregnated by the Serpent. This next quote is important in understanding what Adam’s sin was, we will continue explaining this in more detail.

“Notice, the reason that animals couldn’t do it, a female animal; they were in the original creation. But the woman was not in that original creation. Now we’re going back to dig this up, then bring you right down to the modern day, in the Testament.

She is designed, alone, for filth and unclean living. A dog can’t, and no other female can. It’s just the woman that can. A dog or any other animals, once a year, and that for her babies; not for sexual pleasure, but for her babies. The old sow hog, the old slut dog, once a year, one moment, that’s for her babies. But a woman is designed for any time she desires. I’ve got some stuff crossed out here now; you can imagine the rest. A dog can’t; woman can. I hope that the Holy Spirit reveals to you the rest of this I crossed out here.”<sup>3</sup>

This quote seems like an extraordinary and negative quote, but it is key to understanding the original sin, and in fact, it is not negative at all. Brother Branham is not condemning sexual pleasure between a husband and wife. The Song of Solomon is full of this and does not condemn it at all. It is condemning the woman that is misusing and

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<sup>2</sup> 62-0318, The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed, Rev. William Marrion Branham

<sup>3</sup> 65-0221M, Marriage And Divorce, Rev. William Marrion Branham

misplacing sexual pleasure outside of the will of God. Brother Branham also states that Satan designed Eve. Now, this cannot be understood in the sense that Satan created Eve. She was created by God, as a byproduct or a secondary result of the creation of Adam. Adam and Eve are ONE; Eve came out of Adam. But we see in Genesis 3, Satan through the Serpent began to design, or mold and shape Eve for his purposes. Design means to plan with a specific purpose or intention in mind. Satan started to work on Eve with a specific purpose or intention in mind, to inject a hybrid into the human race, using the animal most closely related to them, the Serpent. The Serpent was not a snake as I have shown in a previous article on our website. He walked upright, spoke and reasoned just as a man.

Back to our discussion on a woman vs. the animal kingdom. In the animal kingdom, the females ovulate once a year, as brother Branham stated. Their ovulation time varies depending on the species, but in general, it is once a year. Scientists are demonstrating now that animals do in fact experience pleasure during mating, but they are doing it according to the time of life, when the female is in estrus, like the elk and the deer in the rut season. But it is the woman that can choose to have sexual relations any time for pleasure and is in estrus every 28 days instead of once a year. In an article from the BBC website <sup>4</sup> it states, "Humans can copulate anytime during the reproductive cycle, unlike many other mammals that copulate right around ovulation."

Let's start to tie this all together so we can come to an understanding. Notice this verse.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20150420-why-do-women-have-periods>

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” Genesis 3:16

God said that he would greatly multiply the woman’s sorrow, that is pain, AND conception. He multiplied her pain AND her conception. She would now have increased pain in childbearing, and she would have increased conceptions. Before the fall God ordained that a woman brings forth children, but that “they had to wait until God’s time,” as brother Branham said. Now, after the fall her conceptions are multiplied or rather that her ability to conceive is multiplied to every 28 days.

Adam came to his wife, Eve, who was impregnated by the Serpent, knowing his wife would be judged and destroyed, and took her to himself and redeemed her by becoming one with her sexually. They did not wait until God’s appointed time and not only that, but Adam was talking to himself a woman that became ONE with another man.

In the curse of Adam, we find a clue to the deeper understanding of Adam’s sin.

“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;” Genesis 3:17

So God cursed the ground because of Adam’s sin. Instead of following the command of God to bring forth life in God’s time he listened to his wife, openly knowing it was sin.

“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” 1 Timothy 2:14

So here the sin of having sex with his wife out of God’s appointed time and apart from God’s chosen way results in a curse on the earth. Notice what brother Branham wrote in the Church Ages book.

“Now, I know in answering one question another one is apt to come up, and people ask me, “If Eve fell that way, what did Adam do, for God lays the blame on Adam?” That is simple. The Word of God is forever settled in heaven. Before one speck of stardust was made, that Word (God’s law) was there EXACTLY AS IT IS WRITTEN IN OUR BIBLE. Now the Word teaches us that if a woman leaves her husband and goes with another man she is an adulterous and is no longer married and the husband is not to take her back. That Word was true in Eden as it was true when Moses wrote it in the law. The Word can’t change. Adam took her back. He knew exactly what he was doing, but he did it anyway. She was a part of him, and he was willing to take her responsibility upon himself. He would not let her go. So Eve conceived by him. He knew she would. He knew exactly what would happen to the human race, and he sold the human race into sin that he might have Eve, for he loved her.”<sup>5</sup>

The result then was the loss of immortality for both Adam and Eve. The moment they sinned immortality was lost, and they realized now that they were naked and they felt guilty. Therefore they sought to cover themselves with aprons, or a

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<sup>5</sup> An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (7 AGES Ch 3 – The Ephesian Church Age), Rev. William Marrion Branham

loin cloth. This covering must have provided some relief to their sense of shame, but then the LORD God started to walk in the garden, and they went and hid again. And they told God that they hid from him because they were naked. Even with the loin cloths on, they felt naked before God. God took animals as a sin offering and killed it and provided a long coat for them both to wear to cover their nakedness. Then God states that man has now become like himself and the angels knowing both good and evil and in this condition he should not be allowed to partake of the tree of life and live forever. Therefore God placed an angel at the garden of Eden to prevent them from taking part of the tree of life. In fact, there is no place on earth where a man could not access due to an angel standing there to guard them from eating of the tree of life. The garden was a paradise and was heaven on earth. In the New Jerusalem, heaven and earth will be one again. The garden of Eden was the place on earth where heaven and earth were one. God shut man out of his presence, he removed our access to that other dimension, and he took away the principle of coming together in God's appointed time and producing an immortal, spoken word, son or daughter of God. Now, all children are born from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All possess both natures, a corrupted nature and also a nature that cries after God. But that corrupted nature overrides any sense of seeking after God and causes us to live and walk in total depravity.

## **The Virgin Birth**

“<sup>34</sup> Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and

said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:34-35

It is very critical that we understand the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. I had dealt in past issues of the PTM Contender with the subject of when did the Son of God have his beginning. This topic will not be addressed this issue. Our purpose is to look at genetics.

Our genetics are produced completely by our two parents. We are not merely the genetics of our father, but we are the total of the genetics of our two parents. There is nothing in us that did not come from our parents DNA.

Speaking in biblical terminology, we come with the same nature as our parents.

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.” Psalm 51:5

This verse does not mean that David was born outside of wedlock, but that since his two parents were sinners. As a result, he also is a sinner. He inherited the genetic trait of a sinful nature. Now, let’s apply this to the virgin birth. There are many who believe that the flesh part of Jesus was from Mary. They say this because the Bible tells us that the Messiah would come from the loins of David.

If Jesus Christ were born from the genetics of Mary he would also have been born with a sinful nature. Mary was a sinner, and her genetics could only produce a sinner. As a result, Jesus would be a sinner, and then his blood would not be spotless.

“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” 1 Peter 1:19

This fact could never be the case since the entire human race has blood that is with spot and with a blemish. Without blemish means to be faultless and without spot means to be without any moral stains.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” Acts 20:28

We read that we are purchased with the blood of God. God is a Spirit and doesn't have any blood. To have blood God needed to beget his own Son. We are the blood of our father, and therefore Jesus was the blood of God. I want to examine this based upon science so you can see a great miracle which God performed.

Science informs us that the baby has his own circulatory system that comes from the genetics of both parents. Since Jesus was begotten from a distinct sperm and egg that was made directly by God himself he had his own circulatory system and blood type from God, hence, the blood of God. However, to survive in utero, he would receive blood in through the blood vessels in the umbilical cord and transfer blood out through the umbilical cord into the placenta. The placenta is a trading post between the baby's blood and the mother's blood. The mother's blood does not enter the blood stream of the baby. The nutrients that the mother has in her blood stream flow into the placenta which acts as a filter, iekidney, liver, etc. for the baby and the nutrients flow out of the placenta into the baby's bloodstream. Then that gets

processed by the baby, and it flows out of baby back into the placenta, into the mother and through her kidney, liver, etc. Quite amazing and miraculous! We see therefore that Jesus truly was a lamb without spot or without blemish.

The genetics of Jesus Christ were 100% human and yet 100% from God. They had no sinful nature upon them. Rather the nature was wholly divine, the nature of God. This divine nature within Christ produced perfect obedience and submission to the Lord God Almighty.

## **The Significance of the Opening of the Seven Seals**

I want to take a few moments of your time to discuss the significance of the opening of the Seven Seals of Revelation 5. As believers of the end time message, we rejoice that these seven seals have been opened and revealed to us by the grace of God. It was in 1963 that the seven seals were opened by the Lord Jesus and then revealed to us by the prophet of Malachi 4:5-6.

This is a tremendous Biblical event which first leads to John weeping when he discovers no one is worthy to loose the seals and open the book. Next, it causes a Pentecostal revival in heaven of shouting and rejoicing that there was found one worthy. This should give us a moment to pause and consider the significance of this book and its contents.



I want to review the Scriptures here and take the time to grasp the reality of its contents fully.

“<sup>1</sup> And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? <sup>3</sup> And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. <sup>4</sup> And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.”  
Revelation 5:1-4

We want to determine what this book is. As we do so let's examine each aspect of these verses. The book is in the right hand and the right hand signifies power or authority. John saw this book in the right hand of God himself, the original owner of all things. The KJV calls it a book, but it, in fact, is a scroll, as in the ancient means of writing. The book was written within and on the backside. The normal procedure

is that the book would just have writing inside of it. But this scroll has writing inside and outside. This seems to signify to us that there is a great deal of information contained in this scroll. Finally, in verse one we see that the book was sealed with seven seals. As in the picture above, there are seven sheets of paper, each having been sealed with seven seals.

In verse two we find a strong angel asking the question "who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals?" This verse shows us that the book has a specific purpose and it cannot be opened by merely anyone. Since the book was in the hands of God we deem that the book itself is not even for God himself, the eternal and invisible Spirit to open. The strong angel made the proclamation and so we assume that this book is not even for the angels. A man has to be found worthy to open the book.

In verse three we find exactly that, no man in heaven, earth or the grave was found worthy to claim and open the book. The 24 elders were not found worthy, John was not worthy and neither were any of the prophets of old. No one was worthy. As a result in verse four, John weeps much. The word "weep" means to sob or wail aloud. This was on the order of alligator tears, snot bubbles, and loud lamentations. All humor aside this book was so significant that it caused John to lose all hope that no one was found worthy. The next word is much, in the sense that John "wept much", however, this word could also mean "many", that is, many around the throne wept as a result of no one being found worthy. What is the significance of this book? Let's keep reading in the Scriptures.

**“<sup>5</sup> And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed**

to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. <sup>6</sup> And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”  
Revelation 5:5-6

Amen! One of the elders informed John that he didn't need to weep. There was a solution to the problem and the need to open and reveal the contents of the book. The elder informs him that the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has prevailed. The role that Jesus Christ plays as the Lion signifies him as King of kings and Lord of lords in his position during the millennial reign. It shows that judgment is coming and that the kingdom is at hand. It says that the Lion has prevailed, subdued or conquered to open the book and loose the seals thereof. So, in order to have the right to claim and open the book, you had to conquer. Prior to this time in the book of Revelation John had not seen the Lamb at all. Then out of nowhere standing in the middle of the scene of the throne, the four beasts and the elders was a Lamb that had been slain. John was told a Lion had prevailed and when he looked there was a Lamb standing in the midst of the throne and beasts and elders as it had been slain. He had been hidden from the scene. He had been seated to make intercession "for the ignorance of the people." This is the role of Jesus Christ as intercessor. This harkens back to the work of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement. He took the blood into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled the mercy seat seven times. Each sin had a specific sacrifice attached to it, therefore, when they people knew of their sin they were to make an offering as quickly as possible. But for those sins done in ignorance, the High Priest went in once a year and made an Atonement for them.

Jesus Christ had fulfilled his time as an intercessor and now stood to claim his rightful possession, the seven-sealed scroll. It is clear that Jesus Christ is neither literal Lion or a literal Lamb. These are prophetic symbols. Jesus does not appear slain still, he is in his resurrected body, only with pierced hands and feet, to remind us of his work of redemption for us. Jesus does not have seven eyes and seven horns. These are symbols. Christ has seven Spirits that are sent forth into all the earth. These are seven messengers that are sent out with specific work to do. That is another subject for another time.

The weeping of John leads us to understand the extreme significance of this book. Then the connection of this book with someone being worthy to open it brings it more into the light, but I want to continue on in the chapter to really get the full sense of the purpose of this seven-sealed book.

*“<sup>7</sup> And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; <sup>10</sup> And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”*  
Revelation 5:7-10

So, the Lord Jesus Christ came forward to take the book out of the hand of God. The man Christ Jesus had been interceding for our sins in the throne of God and now he stands in the midst of the throne, beasts, and elders and then

comes forward to claim the book as his own. This is a prophetic book and this is a prophetic scene that John witnesses. He was not seeing a contemporary event, but a prophetic one to take place at the end of the age. It must be so, for look at the words of God to Daniel.

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” Daniel 12:4

“<sup>8</sup> And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? <sup>9</sup> And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. <sup>10</sup> Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Daniel 12:8-10

It is only at the time of the end that this book will be opened and its contents revealed. It remained a hidden mystery until the last and seventh church age. So, back to the significance of the book. The angels and the elders fell down to worship the Lamb of God and their song of worship was that "you are worthy to take the book and open the seals because you were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood." The word redeemed in the Greek is *agorazō* and it means "to purchase." Jesus paid the purchase price for us. But there is a second part to redemption and that is to claim your property. You first pay the price and then you claim your property. Redemption was not complete at Calvary. The price was paid, but the claim was not made. Notice what Paul writes to the Ephesians.

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

The day of redemption was a future time in the days of Paul. Look at what Peter writes.

“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:5

Here we see salvation as something that will be revealed to the church in the end time. This is precisely connected together with the words given to Daniel. There will be an opening of the sealed book at the end time and it will cause that many shall be purified and made white and the wise will understand it.

In 1963 as Brother Branham prepared himself to receive the revelation of each of these seals the Lamb came forward and made his redemption claim. This book, therefore, is the title deed of redemption, containing the names of the redeemed and the mysteries of redemption to be revealed in the last time. He died to purchase the right to this book and its contents. Without taking this book all was lost. The Lamb takes the book and breaks the seals one by one. He looses them and John then writes down a vision connected to each of them. In 1963 Brother Branham revealed the meaning of each of them. This could only happen when those seals were opened. As soon as the seventh seal is broke open the whole book can be revealed.

So, the significance of the seven-sealed book is that it is the title deed to redemption and it contains the names of all the redeemed and the mysteries of redemption that must be made known in the end time in order to complete the work of redemption. When Jesus Christ claims, opens and reveals the book then he is no longer interceding for the ignorance of the people. The whole mystery is made known and revealed.

Ignorance cannot be claimed anymore. There is always grace and mercy for God's elect, but now in the plan of redemption, there has been a transition. Salvation has been revealed in the last time. We no longer have a Lamb as though it had been slain, awaiting the time to make redemption claims. Revelation 10 shows us the whole picture. This is a complete article in itself which we will go into detail on in the future.

We see from Revelation 10, that in 1963, Christ comes down in Angelic form with an open book, seven thunders utter their voices and the seventh angel messenger reveals the mystery of God and then this book is given to John, representing the Bride, and she is to eat the book. The fact that it is an open book shows that once it was sealed. Now, Christ comes down to reveal that book and it comes from seven thunders down to the seventh angel messenger, William Branham. Now, the book goes from the hands of the one that claimed it, Christ, and is given to his Bride to eat. She is to become one with the book. This is a new phase of redemption. If we don't eat the open book then we aren't experiencing the full process of redemption that Christ paid for at Calvary. If we refuse to eat this book we are refusing the Atonement made by Jesus Christ.

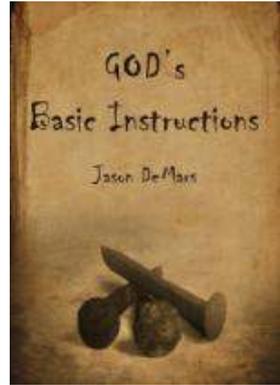
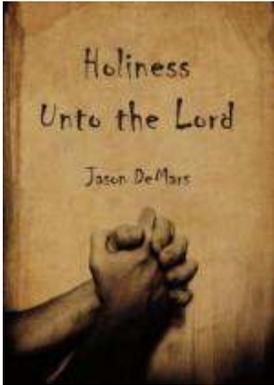
## **Missions News**

By God's grace, I was able to go to Turkey to visit the cities of Kayseri, Tokat, and Sivas. In Sivas, the missions team planted a church that is following this message five and a half years ago. It was great to go there and see the believers growing in the Word. In Kayseri, we are in the beginning processes of planting a new church. There are about 20 attending now. Most of them are new believers, and we are establishing the ABC's with them. During our stay in Kayseri, we were privileged to lead a Muslim family of three to the Lord Jesus Christ and also baptize them in that lovely name. There were seven who were baptized in total in Kayseri.

After being in Kayseri, we went to the city of Tokat. The Lord has opened a door for working with Arabic speaking Iraqi's. There are several families in this city that wish to fellowship with us. Our only problem is that we lack an Arabic translator. My Farsi translator, Brother Omid, also speaks a little Turkish. So we were able to communicate with this family through a mix of Arabic, Turkish and Farsi. It was quite difficult, but we could get the basic understanding. We ask for your prayers for an Arabic translator since we now have an open door to work with the people.

In Sivas, we held a service and spoke about spiritual warfare. Three Muslims came forward to give their hearts to Jesus Christ. We had a blessed trip.

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