

United To Jesus & Made Into His Image In The Holiest

Scripture Text:

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Message:

From the Garden of Eden through the Exodus into the church today, God's desire remains the same.

- And so THREE pictures from each of these three major times are found to stress the same thing.
- THE GARDEN, THE TABERNACLE or TEMPLE, and the CITY NEW JERUSALEM.

God had a RIVER He desired to flow to the entire world from THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

- And where the river of God split four ways to reach the entire world, THAT IS WHERE GOD PUT ADAM.

Gen 2:10 KJV And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

Gen 2:15 KJV And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Man had a vital role to play.

Adam failed, and God called out of the many nations that resulted from him a single man named Abraham, whose people became a NATION CALLED ISRAEL.

- But even in getting to this nation, God had troubles with Abraham since Abraham missed His will and took an Egyptian slave woman and fathered a child names Ishmael.
- Ishmael would become rival to the true child of Promise, Isaac, and show us a picture of the same trouble we saw in the garden.
- Just as Abraham, God presented to Adam the tree of life, and the serpent came along to thwart that and presented another tree.

Eventually, Israel became slaves in the very Egypt from which this SLAVE WOMAN came from, named Hagar.

- And God set Israel free by the blood of the lamb and proceeded to achieve what He desired.

All through the Exodus, God had a destination.

1Ki 11:36 KJV **And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.**

A city to put His name there.

1Ki 9:3 KJV **And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.**

THE HOUSE OF GOD in Jerusalem would be how He put HIS NAME THERE in that city.

But all through this issue, people always put idols up where HIS NAME should be.

2Ki 21:7 KJV And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

And when Israel came out of Egypt, precisely at the time Moses was descending Sinai to Give Israel God's law....

Exo 32:1-4 KJV And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. (2) And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. (3) And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. (4) And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

If you read back a bit in Exodus, God had just spoken to Moses about a tabernacle with golden and brazen altar and golden ark of the covenant, candlesticks and table of shewbread.

- And they were to take the jewels they took from Egypt and make this tabernacle and ark of the covenant,
- But they take the jewels and make a golden calf idol.
- And they say the IMAGE OF THIS BEAST took them out of Egypt instead of God.
- SATAN WAS TRYING TO ROB GLORY FROM GOD!

And all through history of the bible, God shows us people who were intended to praise God turned by Satan into people who praised the beast or worshiped idols.

God wants a LOVE!

- He intended us to LOVE him so much that we come into a veritable MARRIAGE with Him in the Spirit.
- We come into a unity with Him and manifest His GLORY through the world as though it's reproduced through us!
- THIS IS HIS WHOLE POINT.
- And the devil's WHOLE POINT is to rob this from God and have mankind adulterate with the devil's spirit and manifest the devil's spirit into this world.

When all Israel seemed to be so disobedient, God saw something in Moses that cries out to my heart today.

Exo 24:12 KJV **And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.**

Moses is to go and get God's law.

Exo 24:14-18 KJV **And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. (15) And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. (16) And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. (17) And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. (18) And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.**

Moses ENTERS THE CLOUD OF GLORY as though he PASTS THE VEIL OF

HEAVEN'S TRUE TEMPLE!

This is the place where He would get the law on tablets of stone.

- It is THROUGH A CLOUD.

And when Moses comes down the people worship a calf of gold!

- God says He will forsake Israel for it, but Moses cries out!

Exo 33:3 KJV **Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.**

Exo 33:7 KJV **And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.**

Moses removes the tabernacle of his tent, before the greater tabernacle was built, and separates it from the unholy people around him.

Exo 33:9 KJV **And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.**

The CLOUD descends and Moses talks with God.

Exo 33:13 KJV **Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.**

HE WANTS TO KNOW GOD!

- Paul noted this to be our ultimate goal.

Phi 3:10 KJV **That I may know him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Exo 34:4-6 KJV And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. (5) And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. (6) And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

God passes by Moses.

Exo 34:29-35 KJV And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that **Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.** (30) And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. (31) And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. (32) And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. (33) **And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. (34) But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out.** And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. (35) And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

MOSES SHINES LIKE GOD'S OWN GLORY!

Church, God's glory was behind the VEIL in the tabernacle Israel was supposed to make with the earrings of gold from Egypt.

- Later they built this tabernacle, and God's glory dwelt behind this veil in the MOST HOLY PLACE.
- GOD SPOKE to Israel from behind this veil on the ark of the covenant.
- **Notice that WHEN MOSES SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE, HE HAD TO PUT A VEIL ON HIS FACE.**
- ***IT WAS LIKE MOSES HAD BECOME ONE WITH GOD, TO A DEGREE, WHERE HE WAS SO MUCH IN THE HOLIEST OF HOLIES, THAT EVEN WHEN SPEAKING TO PEOPLE THEY HAD TO PUT A VEIL OVER HIS FACE, JUST AS THERE WAS A VEIL OVER THE HOLIEST WHERE GOD'S WORD was.***

Moses shows us that THOSE WHO WISH TO KNOW GOD, enter into a UNION WITH GOD.

That was where MOSES GOT THE TABLES OF LAW.

2Co 3:3 KJV Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; **not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

Here we read of tables ON OUR HEARTS instead of tablets of stone.

And speaking of tablets of stone, we even read:

2Co 3:13 KJV And **not as Moses, which put a vail over his face,** that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

THE VEIL Moses put on His face.

2Co 3:15 KJV **But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.**

But it is ON PEOPLE'S HEARTS!

The people of Israel had hearts that did not love the Lord.

- So they worshiped the image of the beast.
- And when Moses' spoke, THEY WERE TOO UNHOLY TO SEE THE GLORY OF GOD ON HIS FACE, AND HAD TO VEIL HIS FACE.

But when Moses spoke to God, he took the veil off.

- This means HE WAS IN A UNION OF SORTS WITH GOD, BEHIND THE VEIL IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

2Co 3:16-18 KJV **Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.** (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (18) **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory,** even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

And when your HEART TURNS TO JESUS, THE VEIL IS REMOVED.

- And YOU COME INTO A UNION WITH JESUS.
- WHEN THE VEIL IS REMOVED< WE ARE CHANGED INTO HIS SAME IMAGE.
- See verse 16 and 18.

Verse 17 says the LORD IS THAT SPIRIT.

- THIS SPIRIT your heart turns to changes you into His image.

Moses turned to see God's presence in a fiery bush and had to take his shoes off because he was on HOLY GROUND.

- HE ENTERED THE HOLIEST OF HOLIES.

Rev 1:10 KJV **I was in the Spirit** on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Like entering the CLOUD on Mount Sinai, John WAS IN THE SPIRIT!

Rev 1:12 KJV **And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;**

JOHN'S HEART TURNED!

John turned and saw JESUS BURNING AS GOD'S GLORY IN CANDLESTICKS SHAPED LIKE TREES, as Moses saw the BUSH BURNING.

Notice He walked in the midst of the candlesticks and these candlesticks are called the churches.

Rev 1:13 KJV **And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.**

The candlesticks were LIT WITH FLAMES OF FIRE.

- Seven of them.

Rev 4:5 KJV **And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

And around the throne in a new vision, HE SEES SEVEN LAMPS again!

Rev 1:4 KJV **John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;**

Chapter one calls these seven lamps SEVEN SPIRITS OF THE LORD.

Rev 5:6 KJV **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.**

We read the LAMB HAS SEVEN EYES, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.

- He just said these seven lamps before the throne were the seven Spirits, and now we read the Seven EYES of the lamb were SEVEN SPIRITS.
- And these spirits are sent into the whole earth.

7 candlesticks, seven lamps by the throne, seven eyes of the lamb....
seven spirits of God sent into all the earth.

When John ENTERED IN THE SPIRIT INTO THIS REALM, He was LOOKING INTO THE HOLIEST OF HOLIES in HEAVEN.

- HE SAW THE PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD ENTER AND UNITE WITH THE LORD AND COME INTO UNION WITH HIM.

He saw the SEVEN CHURCHES as seven branches on a candlestick IN UNION.

- He saw 7 spirits of God in the form of the candlesticks, the eyes on the lamb and seven lamps by the throne.
- We are reading about the EYES OF JESUS, or the 7 SPIRITS OF GOD, in the form of the CHURCHES when we read of seven candlesticks.
- God is trying to tell us that UNION TO JESUS IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE causes THE CHURCHES TO SHARE HIS SIGHT AND EXPERIENCE SEEING WHAT HE SEES.

- THERE IS A UNION in the most holy place!

Just like in Exodus, when Moses was in God's holiest of holies coming into union with God, on God's pathway to having a CITY OF HIS NAME, while others are worshiping the image of the beast, the book of Revelation shows churches that are IN the most holy place with Jesus, and in UNION WITH HIM that they share HIS EYES!

- But we also read of people worshiping the image of the beast.

We already read in 2 Cor 3 that God wants to go further with us than having his law on tables of stone.

- He wants His law on the fleshly tables of our hearts.
- And there is a veil on our hearts.
- This means HIS LAW IS IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE, AND OUR HEARTS MUST PASS THE VEIL AND HAVE THE LAW PUT INTO THEM.
- Like Moses went into the CLOUD and got the tables of law, and shone with glory, our hearts must be unveiled and changed into His image AND THEREBY GET THE LAW OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS.

When WE ARE LIKE HIM, IT IS BECAUSE HIS LAW HAS BEEN PUT INTO OUR HEARTS.

- Changing us into His image when our HEARTS are unveiled, is like PUTTING HIS LAW INTO OUR HEARTS.
- But you have to be like MOSES AND WANT TO KNOW HIM!
- SEEK HIM WITH EVERYTHING IN YOU!

Exo 33:23 KJV **And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.**

2Co 4:6 KJV **For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory**

of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

WE SEE HIS FACE!

Jesus had not yet come, so Moses could not yet see His face!

- Imagine how Moses would have shone had HE SEEN JESUS!

MOSES DID LATER!

Mat 17:2-3 KJV **And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (3) And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.**

So the LAW needs to get into our hearts.

Deu 6:4-6 KJV **Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (6) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:**

Deu 6:8 KJV **And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.**

Notice that PUTTING LAW ON FOREHEAD AND HAND IS ASSOCIATED WITH PUTTING IT IN HEART!

- **HEART, HEAD AND HAND.**
- **Heart, Soul and Might.**
- **These three are associated in intertwined!**

That is where God wants His law!

- Not on tablets of stone!

- IN OUR HEARTS!

And all of this was in the Exodus after the GOLDEN CALF episode.

Rev 13:15-16 KJV **And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. (16) And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

We see the same pattern in revelation.

- THE DEVIL TRIES TO ROB GOD'S GLORY from the people.
- ...instead of the LAW OF GOD IN **FOREHEAD** (soul) AND **HAND** (might), IN **HEART**, MARK OF BEAST.

Our hearts are to be MARKED by God's LAW.

- Like MARKING or INSCRIBING ("mark" in Greek means "scribing or etching" - ***which is what was done on tables of stone with law***) God's law, the devil gets a counterfeit love going on.
- An adultery, if you will, occurring with God's people.
- The law of God meant to go in our HEARTS, represented by FOREHEAD AND HAND is replaced by the devil's ETCHING OR INSCRIPTION!

Strong's No. G5480 "**MARK**"

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charagma

khar'-ag-mah

From the same as G5482; **a scratch or etching**, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): - **graven**, **mark**.

Hearts of people are not towards the Lord, but towards the devil's image

in this picture!

Jesus is the image of God, and we are to be conformed to HIS IMAGE!

- We should not be worshiping the image of the beast, as Israel did when the LAW WAS ENGRAVED ON STONE TABLES!

But a faithful few stand out as virgins who did not commit adultery with other false gods, but were faithful to Jesus!

- When Moses came down and saw them worshiping the image of the beast, he called for those on God's side to come to him.
- Watch the same pattern in Rev 13 into 14.

Rev 14:1 KJV **And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

Rev 14:4 KJV **These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

Just as Moses had people come to his side, apart from those who worshiped the image of the beast, we find believers separated from those who have the mark of the beast in their foreheads or hands, and these have their Father's name, INSTEAD, on their foreheads!

Jerusalem is called a GREAT CITY where Jesus was crucified, and is later destroyed...

Rev 11:8 KJV **And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

Rev 19:2 KJV **For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath**

judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

We later find a **NEW** Jerusalem with RIVERS OF LIFE FLOWING FROM HER.

Rev 21:2 KJV And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 22:1 KJV And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

VEILS are on BRIDES.

- The veil was over the most holy place, because it represents the VEIL A BRIDE WEARS.
- ***She wears it until she is married and her groom removes it to show THEY BECOME ONE FLESH.***
- THEY UNITE.

The veil in the temple had cherubims on it, which were first seen blocking the Garden entrance.

- SIN put the blockers of cherubims up in the Garden entrance.
- SIN put a veil on our hearts.
- And the devil keeps this blinding veil so we cannot see the glory of Jesus.
- Our sins separated us from our God.

2Co 4:3-4 KJV But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The god of this world wants the image of the beast to be worshiped... not the image of God!

Let us ensure all our hearts are given to JESUS!

- Go past the veil, into the holiest, where we see with HIS EYES, and we share what He sees and he TOUCHES THROUGH US IN MINISTRY -- which is the rivers of living water flowing from the city to all the world!