

Excerpt From *The Power the Son and the Glory*

.....We began this study to seek to learn more about Jesus. We started from the Christmas story of Luke 1 and we shall finish it therefrom. Before doing so, let us be reminded that our salvation, our freedom from death, and our gift of eternal life comes—not by claiming that Jesus pre-existed, but— by recognizing that He is the “only begotten son of God”. Therefore, who can claim that this study, this new light, this call to put away our “cherished fables” denigrates Jesus? The honest will admit that it exalts Him higher than the church has ever done. It shows His elevation from a prenatal embryo, to a “lowly servant”, and finally to an All empowered and Almighty Lord God. It explains why, in Matt 16, the following statement is recorded:

“Whom say ye that I am?...And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven...and upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” —Matt 16: 15-18

Imagine that! —a house or church is to be erected and victory over the gates of hell is to be bestowed upon it merely because its members will recognize what Peter foresaw, that Jesus is the Son of God. Truly, history forbids us from applying this triumph over hell to any of Jesus’ seven churches; it must portray the eighth. For most assuredly, something is wrong with His seven movement, for the last 2000 previous candlesticks —especially Laodicea, the seventh. For if the above promise of victory over hell is applicable to them, then why has His church, the Christian movement, for the last 2000 years since its inception, suffered from the onslaughts of the gates of hell? The devils, as they wanted to do with Jesus, have kicked the church from pillar to post — especially Laodicea. Where is the victory over hell? Why has death, misery, oppression, sickness, and tyranny continued to assault even the righteous within these churches? This is no exaggeration: No matter how zealous the saint, nor how powerful the preacher, regardless of the piety of the suppliant —let’s face it— if you have not escaped the grave, even with the hope of resurrection, you are still a victim of hell. Adam and Eve, before the fall, were not required to hope for resurrection.

No, Jesus’ promise to restore His church back to its Edenic state of peace is still true. The only reason why the seven pre-kingdom churches have been plagued by sickness, misery, and death, in the face of worshiping Jesus who promised eternal life, is because she has yet to fully embrace God’s remedy to death. She denies the cure proclaimed by the Lord; she refuses to embrace Jesus as the Son of God; she refuses to believe that He is begotten of the Father through the medium of insemination. Jesus’ promise of victory to His church has yet to be fulfilled simply because she has for two thousand years languished behind and has failed to embrace the counsel to abandon the milk and consume the strong meat, to leave *“the principles of the doctrine of Christ and move on to perfection.”* Thus, at the end of the day, you have the highest arm of His church, the last Gentile candlestick, Laodicea, proclaiming that Jesus was the son through some other medium, that He pre-existed, and that He came down from heaven and took on the form of humanity. They do not fully believe that He is the son, the only begotten, of God. But the angel Gabriel knew the truth. He told Mary, *“the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: THEREFORE,* —WHAT’S THAT LAST WORD? DID YOU MISS IT? IT’S THEREFORE ! Let’s say it again, therefore. The word, therefore, is a conjunctive Adverb. It fuses Mary’s impregnation by the Most High to the reason why Jesus should be called “the Son of God”. It shows the medium of insemination as the only method to connect Jesus to the Father as His son: *“...the power of the Highest shall over shadow thee: therefore also that holy thing*

which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” —upon this rock will He build His church. Any claim that asserts His sonship by some other medium, any claim of His pre-existence, is a denial of His conception and a refusal to know that He is the literal, genetic, and the only begotten of the Father. Consequently, there should be no doubt now that this message was scheduled to emerge at the last hour of time from within the last Gentile church, Laodicea. It has sprouted forth from this small *Mustard-Seed Advent* within her spiritual confines, to give her victory and to inaugurate the “church triumphant”, the eighth candlestick.

In closing, to hammer home this very important point, imagine living in Nazareth when Jesus was a child. Visualize seeing them in the market, in church, or at some gathering. A gossip whispers about Jesus and the faithful, “*you see that boy with Mary, she told her fiancée, Joseph, that she, as a virgin, was impregnated by God. And what’s funnier still, like a fool, Joseph believed her*”. Imagine, the church mocking and laughing at poor Mary because of her faith. Many then as well as today may laugh, but think of this, with your laughter, you are mocking and jeering God, the Father, the Highest; the same God, to whom, you offer your prayers. He does not like ignorant, self-righteous humans laughing at Him (see Gen 18:12,13 [Sarah rebuked for laughing], also Mark 5:40 [people driven out by Jesus, for their laughter], also Luke 1:20 [John the Baptist’s father made dumb for his ridicule]). What about you? —had you been there, would you have also laughed at Joseph and his faith in the Word? If not, why then do you deny the same truth today? Why are you so ashamed of the truth that you desire to change it into a fairy tale? If you, yourself, have legally begotten a son, it wins for you respect and honor providing that you and your son are upright! —why not show at least the same respect for God? The reason is because many have unwittingly formulated and abided by their own laws or traditions and, according to their “Victorian Ethic”, they find reproduction to be dirty and vile eventhough they practice its functions as often as they can. But according to their ethics, an Almighty God cannot reproduce Himself, so they disbelieve that Jesus is the Son through insemination. And because of this, the church, no matter how hard she prays and agonizes for deliverance, she continues to be victimized by the gates of hell. She refuses to fully believe, the way Gabriel pronounced that the church should, that Jesus is the son of God.

Now is the time to leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ, to consume strong meat, to come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, and to gain victory over the gates of hell. The seventh candlestick has out lived its purpose; her time is up; the eighth will prevail. It will soon receive its eternal power. When this occurs, Jesus’ exclusive work for the Gentiles will be finished —remember, only seven stars, seven Candlesticks. The faithless in Laodicea will, like the Jews before them, be left behind. Thus will Christ, the dove, having received His glory back, abide with the righteous in Laodicea. He will embrace the burgeoning Mustard-Seed Church, the people who have come *“in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man: unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”* He, like a lamp, a candlestick, will lighten their path to redeem Israel and save the world. For He will return; He will visit the world before Jesus’ second coming. He will “rise” upon His people and say:

“Arise, shine; for THY LIGHT IS COME, and the glory of the LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising” —Isa 60: 1-3.

What a marvelously splendid day and what a time of great rejoicing that will be, when Christ returns to Earth, abides upon His people, illuminates the world, and, through His Hebrew church, enlightens the Gentiles! Truly, He had this very same hour in mind when He said to the Father, “I Want My Glory Back.”...

