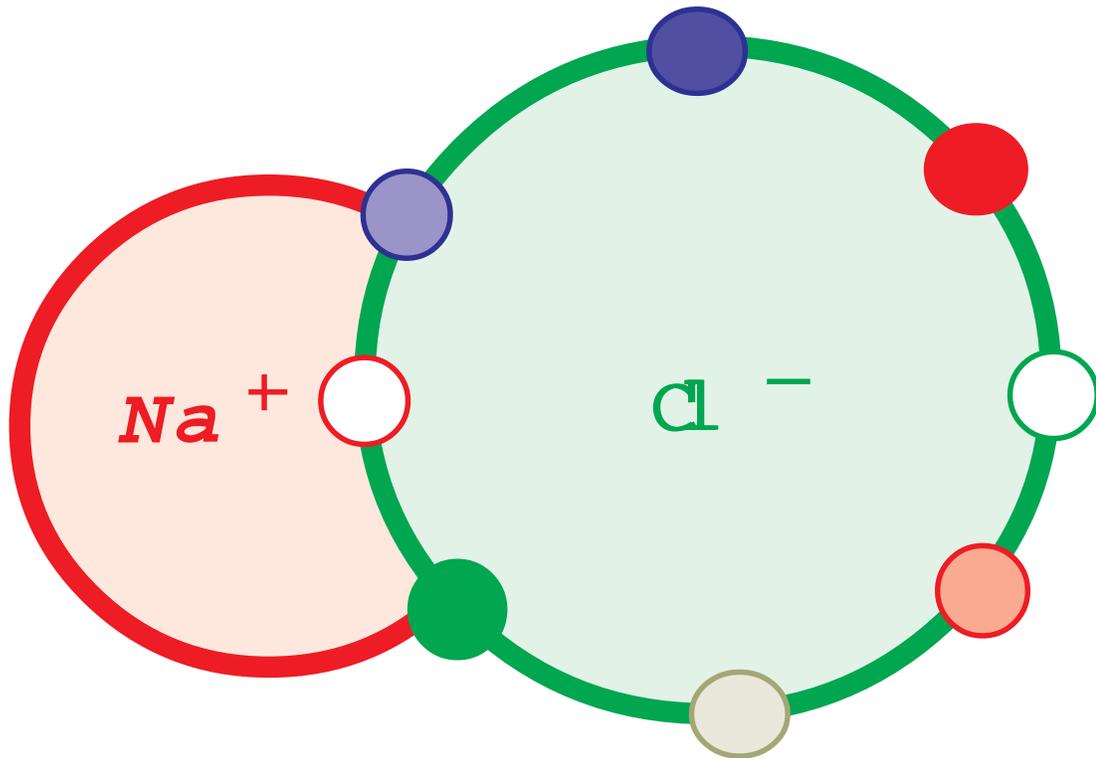


The Salt Covenant

Numbers 18:19



...for behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes ... ZECH 3:8,9

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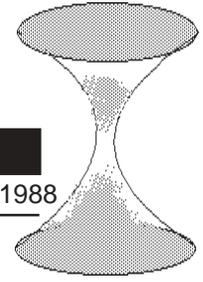
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A short recap in case you missed the first two acts of the play which are outlined in previous writings . . .

As we have pursued the mystery of God that encapsulates time, we found out about Job's pre-existence with the Lord in spirit form. We discovered that a group of sons and daughters were with the Lord as the earth was being created (Job 38:7). We then began to pursue the concept of the Volume of the Book which is mentioned in Hebrews 10:7. Did we, while yet in spirit form, agree to a pre-destiny to be lived out upon this earth (Ephesians 1:4 Romans 8:29, and Isaiah 40:21)?

Then we began to understand that a company of sons and daughters would be a first of the firstfruits group that would serve as a pattern for other groups to follow (Ezekiel 44:30). This was represented by the priesthood of Zadok which is an old testament pattern of the priesthood of Melchizedek. Thus, we have been studying the activities of the priesthood of Melchizedek - and even more specifically the beginning of the manifestation of this priesthood - the first of the firstfruits.

This is a priesthood which is willing to present its body as a "living sacrifice" so that a transformation (or metamorphosis) may be accomplished by the **renewing** of the mind to that knowledge which existed in God before the foundation of the world (Romans 12:1,2).

THE SALT COVENANT - A SPECIAL COVENANT FOR THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTS

Note in the scriptures below that an oblation or offering is described concerning the firstfruits. A covenant of salt is described - and that salt must not be lacking from the fruitfruit offering. In the New Testament that salt is part of the living sacrifice that **renews** our mind - ye are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt 5:13, 14).

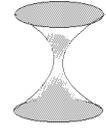
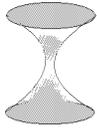
LEV 2:12 As for the **oblation of the firstfruits**, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

2:13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with **salt**; neither shalt thou suffer the **salt of the covenant of thy God** to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer **salt**.

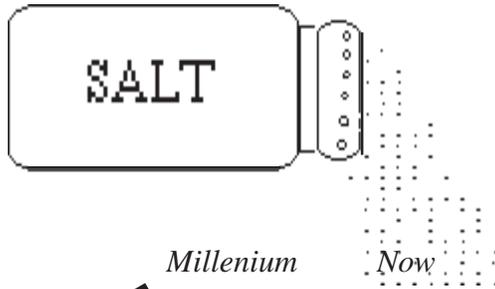
2:14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy **firstfruits** unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy **firstfruits** green ears of corn dried by the fire, [even] beaten out of full ears.

2:15 And thou shalt put **oil** upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it [is] a meat offering.

2:16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, [part] of the beaten corn thereof, and [part] of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: [it is] an offering made by fire unto the LORD.



THE TIME LINE



This hand took the salt shaker of lights and began sprinkling the lights across time.

A daughter of the Lord relates the story of an object lesson given to her by the Spirit.

Early one Christmas morning my husband and I were riding through Houston on our way to the airport. It had rained during the night and the roads were wet and glistening with lights of Houston shining upon them. It was cold out but as we drove by the large beautiful churches with their golden lights shining through the lovely stained glass windows - the churches seemed to be so warm and inviting.

I remember commenting to the Lord how wonderfully warm and cozy they seemed to be inside. But the Lord answered and said that though the churches seemed warm they were really cold places for there was no life within them. His life is within His people He said - not in buildings.

Then I saw before me TIME stretched in a line and above the line of time was a hand holding a large salt shaker filled with bright little lights - the way a jar filled with fire flies looked on warm summer nights when you were a child. This hand took the salt shaker of lights and began sprinkling the lights across time. The Lord let me know that morning that we are the light and life of the world that He has dispensed thru the ages of time. And, that we are in our proper places at this time because He has ordained it to be so.

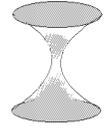
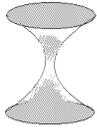
MATT 5:13 **Ye are the salt of the earth:** but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, bu to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
5:14 **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

What is this salt Covenant? Is it a covenant with those that God foreknew before the foundation of the world? Were these little lights of salt particles the spirits of those who were sent into the world in various times and dispensations?

Is the true and full meaning of the salt covenant enfolded in an everlasting covenant between the Most High God (El Elyon) and the king-priesthood of Melchizedek?

When a person enters into a salt covenant with the Lord - what happens? What changes can be expected? What is the practical, spiritual meaning of the salt covenant?

LUKE 1:31 And , behold, thou shall conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name YEHOSHUA.
1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the son of EL ELYON: and the YAHWEH ELOHIM shall give unto him **the throne of his father David:**



A COVENANT OF SALT WITH SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Now we know from Hebrews chapter 7 that the Aaronic priesthood is a type and shadow of the priesthood of Melchizedek.

HEB 7:11 If therefore perfection were by the **Levitical** priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need [was there] that another priest should rise after **the order of Melchisedec**, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

7:13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

7:14 **For [it is] evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda**; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

7:15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

7:16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

7:17 For he testifieth, **Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

7:24 But this [man], because he continueth ever, hath an **unchangeable priesthood.**

We note from the above scriptures that the agreement with the priesthood of Melchizedek is an agreement "forever". It further states that this is an "unchangeable" priesthood. Could we be so bold as to say that it is a **covenant** forever? If so, could this be symbolized in the covenant of Numbers 18?

NUM 18:11 ... I have given them unto thee, and to **thy sons and to thy daughters with thee**, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

18:12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, **the firstfruits of them** which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

18:13 [And] whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat [of] it.

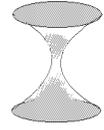
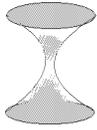
18:15 **Every thing that openeth the matrix** in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, ... shalt thou redeem.

18:19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and **thy sons and thy daughters** with thee, **by a statute for ever: it [is] a covenant of salt for ever** before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

18:20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them:: **I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.**

These scriptures from Numbers also describe a covenant of salt - a covenant that lasts forever. Note that these scriptures - like the scriptures from Leviticus 2 describe a theme of a covenant with the firstfruits.

But what is this? Does it not say sons **and** daughters? Did we not in a previous writing establish that the firstfruits consisted of ten thousand sons **and** ten thousand daughters? Could it be that this salt covenant is established with the church of the firstborn, registered in the heavens (Hebrews 12:23)?



IF THE SALT COVENANT WAS MADE WITH THE PRIESTHOOD, WHY WAS KING DAVID INCLUDED IN IT?

II CHRON 13:3 And **Abijah** set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, [even] four hundred thousand chosen men: **Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him** with eight hundred thousand chosen men, [being] mighty men of valour.

13:4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which [is] in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

13:5 **Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, [even] to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?**

13:7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

13:8 And **now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David;** and ye [be] a great multitude, and [there are] with you **golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.**

It seems strange that in the middle of this account of a battle between King Abijah (representing the southern kingdom of Judah) and King Jeroboam (representing the northern kingdom) that there is mention of a salt covenant. Furthermore, this salt covenant was made with King David and his sons. How could God take the salt covenant with a priesthood and extend it to those who were not of the tribe of Levi - instead they were of the tribe of Judah? Furthermore, they were not even priests - but kings. Then, it dawns upon us, Hebrews tells us the same thing. Our savior, Yehoshua the Messiah, was not of the priesthood of Levi - but was a king and priest!

GEN 14:18 And Melchizedek **king** of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the **priest** of the most high God.

If the salt covenant extended only to the priesthood, it would have been an incomplete covenant. It now becomes a complete covenant when it is with both the king and priest. And does not Genesis 14:18 tell us that Melchizedek was **both** a king and priest.

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So we see that the Levitical priesthood was not perfect. It was only an "in part" priesthood. It did not have the kingly authority of the priesthood of Melchizedek. David had the kingly authority but he did not realize that he had a priestly authority also. Else, why was not David struck down when he violated the ordinances concerning the shewbread? David had the higher law or order of Melchizedek!

MATT 12:3 But he said unto them, have ye not read what **David** did, when he was hungred, and they that were with him;

12:4 How that he entered into the house of God, **and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat,** neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests?

WHAT GOOD IS THE SALT CONTRACT IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT?

Let us take a look at some of the promises made to the House of David with whom the Lord made a Salt Covenant.

The Salt Covenant

Relating to the House of David

II CH 13:5 Ought ye not to know that the YAHWEH ELOHIM of Israel gave the kingdom over to David for ever, even to him and his sons by a **covenant of salt**?

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1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the EL ELYON: and the YAHWEH ELOHIM shall give unto him the **throne of his father David**.

1CH 17:24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and **let the house of David thy servant be established before thee**.

2CH 21:7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the **covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever**.

PSA 122:5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

ISA 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; **and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David**.

55:4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

ZEC 12:7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; **and the house of David shall be as God**, as the angel of the LORD before them.

13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

LUK 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, **of the house of David**; and the virgin's name was Mary.

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Relating to the House of David

ACT 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, **now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.**

EZE 34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

34:24 And I the LORD will be their God, and **my servant David a prince among them;** I the LORD have spoken it.

34:25 And I will make with them a **covenant of peace**, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

EZE 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: **and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.**

37:26 Moreover I will make a **covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them:** and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

37:27 My **tabernacle** also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

AMOS 9:11 In that day **will I raise up the tabernacle of David** that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in days of old.

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15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

15:16 After this I will return, **and will build again the tabernacle of David**, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

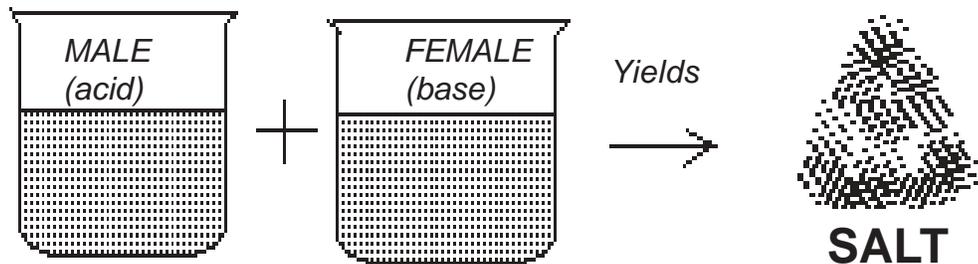
15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

REV 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath **the key of David**, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

It is clear that David was a pre-figure of the Order of Melchizedek that was fully manifested in Jesus. Also, it is clear that David will have a key role in endtime events. After all, do you not think that David was included in the group of old testament saints (Matthew 27:51,52) that came out of the graves and appeared unto many? Perhaps, some of us have had visitations from these resurrected saints and did not realize who they were - nor did they tell us.

MY SON, I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT MY PEOPLE.



An Engineer trained in chemistry is abruptly awaked at about 3:30 A.M. in the morning by the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord begins to talk about His people and the balance of Salt..

The two chemicals had become one. One had neutralized the other in a perfect balance. They were no longer an acid or a base. They had become a salt. A salt is neither an acid or a base - but it is an acid and a base joined into one.

In mid- September of 1987, I was awakened early one morning by the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord began to speak to me about His people.

"This is the way I want my people to be", He said, " - perfectly balanced."

"My son, I want to speak to you about My people.", He began.

By this time I was very much awake and I began to ponder His words. As I thought about the beakers of acid and base making salt, scriptures I had read long ago about the salt covenant began to come to mind. Is this what the Lord had in mind I wondered?

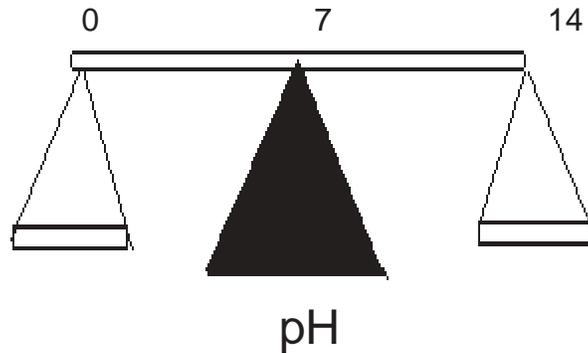
"Yes, Lord", I responded.

He then continued, "My people are out of balance." I was then shown two beakers of chemicals. He then showed me a beaker of hydrochloric acid and a beaker of sodium hydroxide (a base). "This is the way my people are," He said, "some are very acid and some are very basic. The way I want my people to be is like this."

So I arose in the night and went into the living room and found a Strong's concordance and found three scriptures concerning a salt covenant. Somewhat surprised by the Lord's visitation, I began to reflect upon the meaning of what He said. What did He mean by balance and what was the meaning of the chemicals? Then, I began to see the acid as the male attributes and the base as the female attributes. These separately were out of balance and incomplete - but balanced together they reflected the image of Elohim.

He then showed me the beaker of acid and the beaker of base being poured together and the result was sodium chloride or salt.

SALT - THE PERFECT BALANCE OF GOD



Male + Female -----> Balance

Hydrochloric Acid + Sodium Hydroxide -----> Sodium Chloride + Water

H+ Cl- + Na+ OH- -----> NaCl + H₂O

YAHWEH + EL SHADDAI -----> ELOHIM

We continue with the Engineer's narrative about the early morning chemistry lesson.

As I pondered the Lord's words about wanting balance in His people - I saw a balance of the type that is used to weigh. Only this balance was not for weights. It was a pH balance. It is curious that a perfectly balanced salt solution has a pH of 7. If it is very acid, it might have a pH of 0, but if it is very basic, it might have a pH of 14. (For those of you who absolutely must know - pH is defined as the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration).

If we consider an acid as having male characteristics, then an acid alone can be very corrosive. Similarly, male power and force (THE LAW) when it is not tempered with the female, motherly characteristics of tenderness and mercy can be very destructive. Have you not heard someone say, "He has an acid tongue." Before the women start saying amen, we should point out that there are caustic tongued women too.

On the other hand, if only the motherly characteristics of love and mercy exist without the fatherly discipline, we have a spineless jelly fish. There is no discipline, and without discipline, there is no respect.

About one week later, I was awakened again at about 3:30 a.m. in the morning. And again the Lord was speaking about balance. He began speaking about "THE SOUND OF MUSIC."

"Lord", I protested, "I can't use the Sound of Music as an example to teach the people about balance - they'll laugh at me!"

"Oh yes, you can," He responded, "If you don't, nobody will understand what you're talking about."

Having found from past experience that it is absolutely ridiculous to even consider arguing with the Lord, I began to ponder the lessons presented in The Sound of Music. How could this be used to teach people about the balance that the Lord desires?

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC WITH SONGS THEY HAVE SUNG FOR A 1000 YEARS

SONGS2::8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh
leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

I then began to ponder what the Lord was showing me about The Sound of Music.

You may remember that this musical is about the Von Trapp family in Austria. The time was just before Nazi Germany took over Austria. Captain Von Trapp's wife had died leaving him with a large family still to be raised. To assist him in this, he hired a number of school mistresses - which came one after the other - but did not stay because of his very demanding, authoritative, militaristic manner. And also, even though his children minded him, they took out their rebellion by playing tricks on their school mistress.

The Lord said that many of the denominations were like this. Even though they laid down the law and made everyone toe the line, that many of the people were rebellious and did not serve out of love from the heart - but only because they had to obey the rules.

Then, from a nunnery came this free spirit named Maria. As the song goes - she was a will-o-the-wisp, a moonbeam that you could not catch in your hand. She was usually late and could not abide by the rules. One thing she did have was love and tenderness and mercy.

The Lord said that many of the denominations were like this. They said that God is love and He has mercy - as He does. Therefore, they reason, you can do anything you want to, its O.K. - don't worry about it - God will forgive you. Afterall, isn't He a loving, merciful God? This too, He said, was out of balance. What He really wanted was a balancing of His discipline with His mercy.

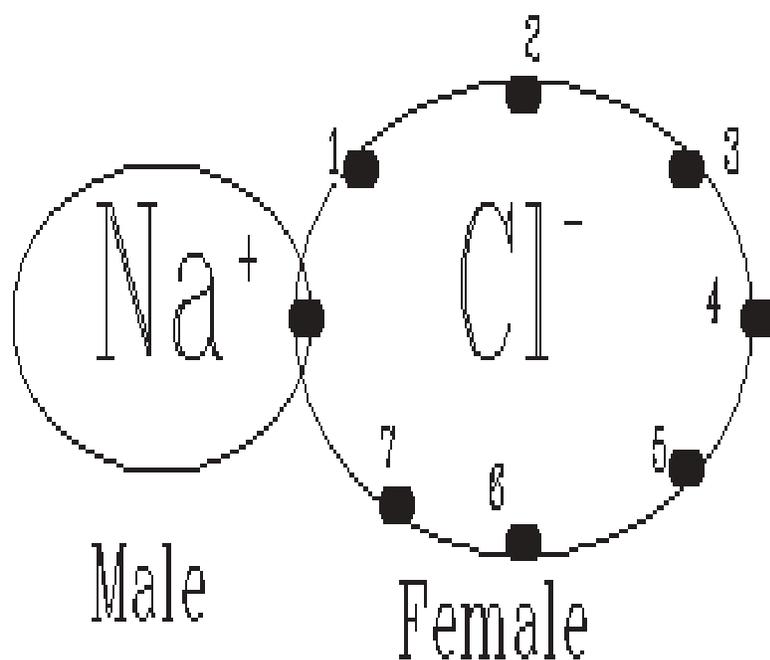
Then came the meeting of Maria and the captain. The captain presented the children to her by signaling them with a whistle - and they came down the stairs and lined up with almost military precision - doing everything but saluting their father.

Then began the clash of the iron rod versus the tender feminine love. Maria was repulsed by the military like uniforms and when the captain was away, she outfitted the children with play clothes she had made from some curtains. The captain came back unexpectedly and was aghast at **his children** being dressed like little urchins and playing like **children**.

The natures of the captain and Maria continued to clash until it appeared they would go their separate ways. Then, Maria presented a little pageant involving the children singing for the captain. The captain was touched and realized that he was falling in love with Maria and the nature that she represented. He said in effect, You know, I have not heard the sound of music and singing in this house since my wife died. You have brought music to my house.

He had begun to realize that he needed the balance of the love and tenderness of Maria to be complete. He realized that his children needed the balance of the love and mercy from Maria and the discipline which he had to offer in order to be properly brought up.

The Lord said that He wanted a balance in His children - so that they would be in His image - with both the power and strength of the father and the tender love and mercy of the mother - the perfect balance of God.



(The Chemistry Discussion Continued)

As I further considered the captain and Maria, I thought of their marriage and I saw this represented in the salt covenant - the molecule of salt.

The salt molecule is made of of sodium and chlorine. Metallic sodium when put into water reacts violently and brings forth golden sparks of fire. At one time, James and John wanted to bring down fire from heaven to bring judgement on a city.

Chlorine has a light green color and is used in purification. Have you ever thought about all the pollution that goes into the rivers and goes to the ocean - and yet somehow the oceans are able to purify these wastes.

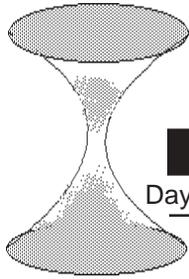
In a water solution, sodium exists in an ionic form. It has one electron in its outer orbital - but atoms in this size range seek a stable configuration of eight electrons in the outer orbital - otherwise it is incomplete. In a water solution, some of the chlorine will exist in an ionic form also. The chloride ion has seven electrons in it outer orbital. It too needs eight outer electrons to be in a stable form.

So we have the sodium ion that is incomplete because it has only one outer electron. Then we have the chloride ion that is incomplete because it has only seven outer electrons and it needs eight to be complete. Oh, what a dilemma! How will the sodium and chloride ions solve their problem?

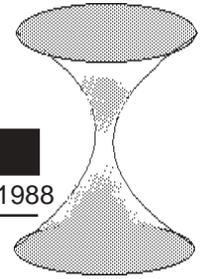
Then boy meets girl and they decide to share their life together. The sodium ion says to the chloride ion - Look, I have only one outer electron and need seven more. You have seven outer electrons and need one more. Let's get together and we will share our outer electrons and together we will both have eight which makes each of us complete. So the chloride ion accepts the sodium ion's proposal and as the water evaporates away in the sunlight they live happily ever after in a salt crystal.

One is reminded of the candlestick with seven lamps in Zechariah 4 that receives the golden oil from the BRANCH of the olive tree - the oil burned in the lamp gives light. Oil by itself has little value and a lamp without oil to burn gives no light - but together they may say, "Let there be light!"

The End

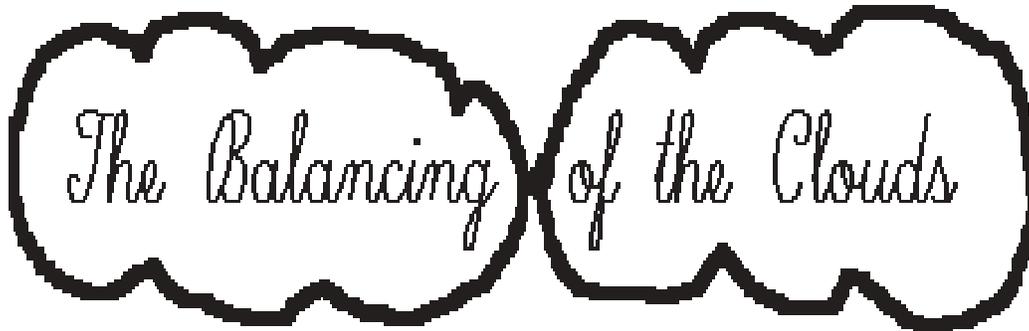


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I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and the earth.



DOST THOU KNOW THE BALANCING OF THE CLOUDS
AND THE WONDROUS WORKS OF HIM WHICH IS
PERFECT IN KNOWLEDGE? *Job 37:16*

BEHOLD, HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS; . . . *Rev 1:7*

WHO LAYETH THE CHAMBERS OF HIS BEAMS IN
THE WATERS: WHO MAKETH THE CLOUDS HIS
CHARIOT: WHO WALKETH ON THE WINGS OF THE
WIND. *Psalms 104:4*

We have seen how the Salt Covenant is an illustration of the perfect balance of ELOHIM. The Sodium and Chlorine nuclei of the atoms are surrounded by orbitals or clouds of electrons and the charges are in perfect balance.

Next, we will study the ELOHIM which is composed of the YAHWEH and EL SHADDAI natures. Then, as we understand the balance of the ELOHIM, we can see that perfect image of the original creation. Then, we will study the implications of this for His sons and daughters who are to be returned to His image.

*The Perfect Balance
of the Godhead*



Psalm 91:1, 2

HE THAT DWELLETH IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH (EL ELYON) SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY (EL SHADDAI).

I WILL SAY OF THE LORD (YAHWEH), HE IS MY REFUGE AND FORTRESS: MY GOD (ELOHIM): IN HIM WILL I TRUST.

(A Short Review of what we have covered concerning the Godhead)

You will note in the above verses that the Hebrew names or natures have been added. We will soon find that this is a key to understanding some very difficult questions. For instance, the scripture says, "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is **one** Lord:" If that is the case, who is the "us" in the following scripture.

Genesis 1:26 And God (ELOHIM) said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

1:27 So God (ELOHIM) created man in his own image, in the image of (ELOHIM) created he him; **male and female** created he them.

Nicodemus went to Jesus by night for explanations and Jesus told him, "If I have told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things". So we will now begin to discuss the heavenly family in the Godhead in terms of an earthly family. And do not the scriptures below show both?

Eph 3::14 For this cause I bow my knee unto the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**,
3::15 Of whom the whole **family** in heaven and earth is named.

So let's look at the verses in Psalm 91:1 & 2 as applying to the family of God. In any family you have a father and mother. So, let us begin to look at the masculine attributes of God, YAHWEH, as being the Father - the head of the household. Then, we will look at the feminine attributes as being EL SHADDAI. Then, when you have a Father and Mother, you have parents which we will call ELOHIM. It is then clear that the ELOHIM parents said, Let us (YAHWEH and EL SHADDAI) make man in our own image. And that one image was both male and female and the name of one of the offspring was the spirit of Adam.

And then of course, you have the totality of the family, that "all in all" that Jesus referred to in I Cor 15:28. That all in all expression of God is named the Most High or EL ELYON.

Our God is a many faceted God with different names and natures. Sometimes, when groups discover a nature of God, they assume that is the totality of God - and pity the person that doesn't agree with them! But God is like a many faceted diamond - why look at only one facet when we can enjoy the light from the whole diamond. Many facets - one diamond.

THE BALANCE OF MERCY AND TRUTH



Since we are to be conformed to the image of Elohim - we must begin to learn to handle situations in the same way that Elohim handles situations. And how does Elohim do this - we will shortly see that Elohim manifests an appropriate nature to deal with a given situation.

LUKE 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw [this], they said, Lord, **wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven**, and consume them, even as Elias did?

9:55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.**

9:56 **For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save [them].** And they went to another village.

In the above scriptures we see that Jesus reminded the disciples of their basic purpose. Sometimes those in religion get so wrapped up in pronouncing judgement that they lose sight of why their ministry exists. But this doesn't mean that judgement will not be given either.

Look at Matthew 23 showing how Jesus wanted to manifest His nature and how He eventually did cause judgement to come. He wanted to manifest the tender loving, feminine nature of the mother to Jerusalem - hence the reference to the mother hen. But Jerusalem was hardhearted and had to be given the masculine power of the rod.

MATTHEW 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, **how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings**, and ye would not!

23:38 **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

MATT 21:13 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, **and overthrew the tables** of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

21:14 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made a den of thieves.

So we see in the above verses that Jesus could be Mr. Tough Guy - boy, they deserved it! But if that is the case, how do you explain the following? After all, was not this woman caught in the very act of adultery?

JOHN 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee:** go, and sin no more.

MERCY REJOICETH AGAINST JUDGEMENT

The Secret of Experiencing God's Mercy Is Being Merciful To Others

JONAH 3:10 And God saw their works, and **that they turned from their evil way**; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and did it not.

4:1 **But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.**

4:2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, [was] not this my saying, when I was yet in my country?

Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for **I knew that thou [art] a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.**

4:3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for [it is] better for me to die than to live.

4:4 Then said the LORD, **Doest thou well to be angry?**

Here we have Jonah at what should have been the pinnacle of success - his preaching had turned Nineveh from destruction and the people repented. But, did he rejoice? Not at all, because he was so caught up in the pride of his prophecies. He was more interested in bringing judgement and having his prophecies come true. So what if people were destroyed and suffered.

We hear so many prophecies about California falling into the sea or being destroyed - and it might well be. But, how many of us have relatives or close friends that would be destroyed. Would we want these to be destroyed? Could we look at the anguish and hurt that would be in their eyes and not be touched? And yet, we do know that after so long a time, God does bring judgement if we do not repent and turn from evil ways.

JAMES 2:12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

2:13 **For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.**

PSALMS 85:10 **Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed [each other].**

In the scriptures on the past few pages we have not been able to put God's acts into a pattern. In one case, He seems to bring judgement and in another case He brings mercy. Until we learn the principle, we are like the person who was given an expensive new watch, but after a while he got mad and threw it away. When questioned about it, he said - it didn't work - each person that I asked to tell the time for me gave me a different answer!

The principle is given in James 2:13. **MERCY REJOICETH AGAINST JUDGEMENT.** Yes, God will bring judgement if there is no other way to gain a person's attention. But, that is not His perfect way - He rejoices when He can bring mercy instead.

We can speak the truth about others and while true - it can be very harsh. But is it not true that the scriptures tell us to speak the truth in love? Thus, there is a balance. The Psalms speak of truth and mercy meeting together and when that happens - righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Isn't that the objective that we should have?

THE THEORY OF CHILD RAISING

*A Perfect Balance is Achieved When the Sons and Daughters
Come Forth in the Image of the ELOHIM.*

Perhaps by this time - we have decided that we will always be merciful - no matter what. But what about those situations where God did bring judgement? It becomes apparent that God manifests the nature that is appropriate for the situation. If that is the way the Lord operates, should we not follow the same pattern.

Suppose that a little five year old boy spills his milk. Which is more appropriate - mercy or judgement? Does he need the tender, consoling love of the mother or the rod of the father?

If we looked into the little boys heart, we would see that it was something he didn't mean to do.

What about the fifteen year-old that drives his parent's car without permission and gets a ticket? Which is more appropriate, the mercy of the mother or the rod of the father? Who would the boy rather have discipline him - the mother. Who does he need to have discipline him - the father. What is in the boy's heart - rebellion. Another principle is that God looks into the motives of the inward heart, while man looks on the outward act (Hebrews 4:12 and I Samuel 16:7).

If we refuse to follow the pattern of God and deal with situations in the appropriate nature, then we will be only partly successful. We will solve only those types of problems that the nature we manifest can solve - other types of problems will be our undoing. A hammer is fine for driving nails but a small screwdriver works much better for repairing a delicate watch.

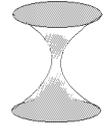
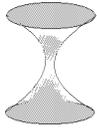
The Dr. Spock theory of child raising was great for certain situations - but many parents tried to apply a theory that did not work in all situations. They learned the truth of "spare the rod and spoil the child" by reaping the consequences of sparing the rod.

Therefore, we should follow the patterns of the ELOHIM which balance the male and female attributes. We should be biased toward giving mercy and rejoice when mercy is accepted instead of judgement. But, there will be certain situations where God will require us to speak a stern word - and if we don't we are running away from our responsibilities.

Don't we, as parents, know that love for our children also involves disciplining them? Therefore, if the Lord requires us to speak a stern word to bring balance and correction to a problem, doesn't this fall under the discipline of love. It does if we have a deep underlying love for the person involved.

There is the story about the octogenarian who led a very wicked youth and was a real rascal during his mid years. Finally in his seventy-ninth year a spirit of repentance came upon him and he even began to preach the gospel.

After many successes, he was rebuffed by a rebellious teenager when he presented the gospel. He then complained about how horribly rebellious the teenagers had become - he didn't know what was happening to this world. Oh, how often we forget God's patience toward us when we look at others.



DOST THOU KNOW THE BALANCING OF THE CLOUDS AND THE WONDROUS WORKS OF HIM WHICH IS PERFECT IN KNOWLEDGE?

JOB 37:16

In the various dispensations of the ages, God has manifested different natures so that we could learn. Have you ever wondered why it was that Abraham seemed to get by with a lot of things? Then, under Moses the law was really laid down and every last "t" had to be crossed and every last "i" had to be dotted! Certainly, these things were in plan of God to allow the people to see the futility of trying to keep the law without the need for the mercy of God and overcoming through Jesus Christ. A clue to the reason for the differences between Abraham and Moses was pointed out by a Bible teacher in Exodus chapter 6.

EXODUS 6:2 And **ELOHIM** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the **YAHWEH**;
6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of **EL SHADDAI**, but by my name **YAHWEH** was I not known unto them.

Here we see in effect that the parents (ELOHIM) spoke to Moses saying that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were acquainted with the mother nature (EL SHADDAI) but were not acquainted with the father nature (YAHWEH) which was revealed to Moses.

It then becomes apparent that the perfect balance of ELOHIM is the father and mother nature working in union. The male and female attributes never were separated or out of balance in God. But when man, originally created in perfect balance as both male and female became separated, then God used the appropriate nature at given times to deal with man.

In the late 1940's much revelation about the sons of God began to come forth. As the sons began to find out their roles it appeared that the sons of God would manifest and we would walk right into the promised land. But that did not happen and here we are almost forty years later still waiting for the full manifestation of the sons of God.

Perhaps it was in the mercy of God that the sons were not allowed to manifest at that time. Well, why not?!!

The sons were strong on power and judgement and the masculine attributes. But, the mercy, love and forgiveness of the feminine daughters was still suppressed under the "he shall rule over thee" condition that came about when Adam and Eve were separated. If the true nature of ELOHIM is to be manifested, the masculine attributes of the sons and the feminine attributes of the daughters must be balanced together. It then is no longer a matter of who shall rule over who, because they are perfectly balanced together in the Spirit.

1 COR 6:17 But he that is **joined to the Lord is one spirit.**

As the daughters of God come into a realization of who they are and the nature that they are to manifest, then we see the Mahanaim, the armies of the sons and daughters coming forth. Then, the true nature of the ELOHIM will be ready to be manifested in the earth. But first, daughters must awaken to their calling and the sons must accept the daughters.

THE BRANCH AND THE CANDLESTICK AND SALT

Remember in the Chemistry Lesson It Was Said That The Sodium Atom Resembled the Branch Giving the Golden Oil To the Candlestick. We Will Begin To Follow-up On This Theme. First, A Short Review.

In Revelation 11:4, we read about the olive trees and candlesticks. In the lower realm, these are clothed with sackcloth and experience the tribulations of the two witnesses - who unfortunately are not sealed in the forehead and are overcome by the beast (see Rev 9:4 and Rev 11:7). Fortunately, there is a time when in Rev 11:12, they are told to come up higher and they ascend up in a cloud. This is the time when they receive a change of garments as Joshua did in Zechariah chapter three and truly wake up out of their sleep of Adam's death.

Let us now look at the account of the olive trees and candlestick in Zechariah chapter 4. We will see that the BRANCH is simply another name for a branch of the olive tree.

ZECH 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, **as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,**

4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a **candlestick** all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof:

4:3 And two **olive trees** by it, one upon the right [side] of the bowl, and the other upon the left [side] thereof.

4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What [are] these, my lord?

4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou

REV 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

11:4 These are **the two olive trees** and **the two candlesticks** standing before the God of the earth.

not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, **but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

4:7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel [thou shalt become] a plain: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** [thereof with] **shoutings**, [crying], Grace, grace unto it.

4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have **laid the foundation** of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] **those seven; they [are] the eyes of the LORD**, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

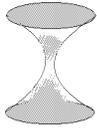
4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What [are] these two **olive trees** upon the right [side] of the candlestick and upon the left [side] thereof?

4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What [be these] two **olive branches** which through the two **golden pipes** empty the **golden [oil]** out of themselves?

4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these [be]? And I said, No, my lord.

4:14 Then said he, These [are] the two ¹anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. ¹Or, *sons of oil*

Note that the candlestick, seven lamps, and the headstone are described. Could these be one and the same? Note the footnote in 4:14 which indicates the meaning of sons of oil as being conveyed in the original text.



A CHANGING OF THE GARMENTS

We have now identified the Branch as being part of the olive tree. Further, we have seen that the Branch has a masculine gender and is also described as a son of oil. Now we will begin to turn our attention to the candlestick and seek to determine its symbolism.

Going back one chapter in Zechariah, we find that Joshua is standing before the angel of the Lord and Satan is trying to resist him. The interesting thing is that Joshua's garments are changed and amazing things happen.

3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

3:4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him.** And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, **and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.**

3:5 And I said, Let them set a **fair mitre upon his head.** So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

3:6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

3:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

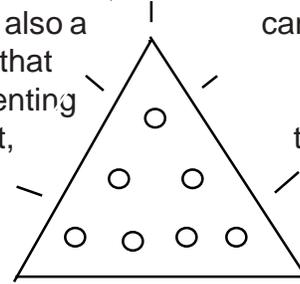
3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they [are] men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH.**

3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; **upon one stone [shall be] seven eyes:** behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

3:10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Note that after Joshua's clothes are changed that the **BRANCH** is revealed to him. But there is something that goes along with the **BRANCH**, and that is the stone with seven eyes. Review Joshua chapter 4 and you will note that the candlestick with seven lamps is also revealed. A little further, the concept of a headstone is also presented. Thus, we have a headstone, a stone with seven eyes, and also a candlestick.

It appears that these are the same thing. But, the interesting thing is that we now have the concept of a headstone, or cornerstone to



round out the picture. Many people think of a cornerstone as being in the foundation of a building. But the headstone of a pyramid is also a cornerstone.

We have now reached the point of being able to define the symbolism of the **BRANCH** and the candlestick (or cornerstone).

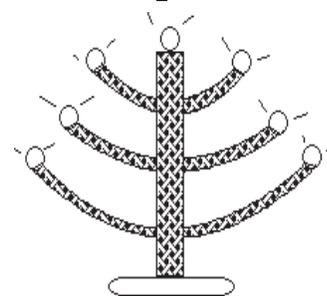
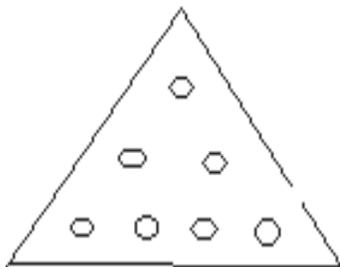
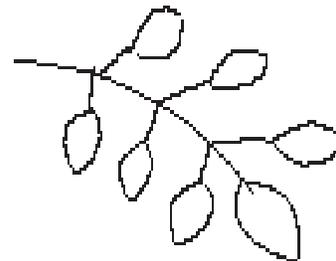
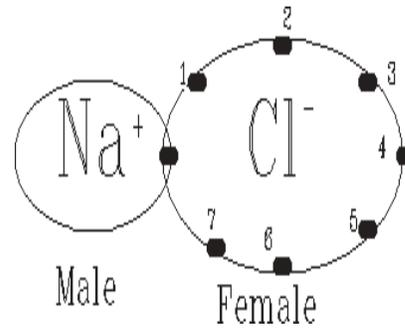
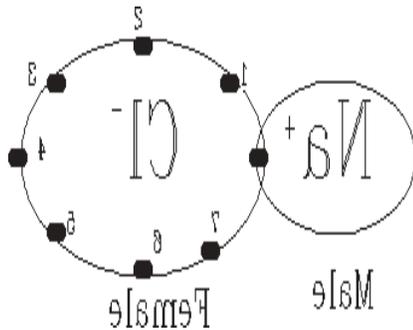
Psalms 144:12 That our **sons may be as plants** grown up in their youth; that our **daughters may be as cornerstones**, polished after the similitude of a palace:
144:13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and **ten thousands** in our streets.

The psalm with interesting numerics ties it all together for us. The **BRANCH** is represented as the sons and the cornerstone (headstone or candlestick) is represented as the daughters. Here we have another picture of the first of the firstfruits. It is a pattern that will later be reproduced in those to follow.

THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

A KING -PRIEST MINISTRY

*The Salt Covenant Is Also A Picture Of The Olive
BRANCH Candlestick - Headstone Relationship*



THE PRIESTHOOD

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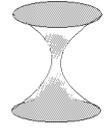
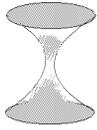
THE GOVERNOR OR KING

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PEACE BETWEEN THE PRIEST AND KING

If you review the preceding page, you will see that the two olive trees and two candlesticks of Revelation 11:4 are described.

REV 11:4 These are **the two olive trees** and **the two candlesticks** standing before the God of the earth.

You will note that Zechariah is talking about Joshua the high priest in one instance and about Zerubbabel the governor in the other instance. This is a picture of the priesthood and the government being combined together into one priesthood - which is the priesthood of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was the priest of the Most High God (EL ELYON) and king of Salem which means peace.

ZECH 6:10 Take of [them of] the captivity, [even] of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;
 6:11 Then take silver and gold, **and make crowns**, and set [them] upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, **the high priest**;
 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name [is] **The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:
 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; **and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**

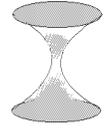
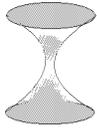
Considering the difficulty that exists between the church and state today, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a priest - king government that has peace between the priest and king? This will happen when the priesthood of Melchizedek sets up government upon the earth.

MARK 9:50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? **Have salt in your selves, and have peace one with another.**

This is the same priesthood that was pre-figured in David's kingship. He was a king but he also went into the temple to eat the shew bread - that which was reserved for the priest.

It is unique that the golden oil for the seven lamps comes from the olive BRANCH. It is also unique that the sodium atom provides an electron to make the chlorine atom complete with a stable outer electron orbital shell. In each case, one is incomplete without the other. There is no light without oil and a lamp to burn it in. The sons are incomplete without the daughters and vice versa. An example of what happens to those virgins who would do "their own thing" is given below.

MATT 25:8 And then the foolish said to the wise, **give us of your oil; for our lamps have gone out.**
 25:9 But the wise answered, saying Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for your selves.
 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; **and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.**



"We Don't Want Anything - We Just Want To Be Accepted."

A son relates two experiences that the Spirit of the Lord brought to his attention concerning the daughters of the Lord.

The light of the early Kansas dawn was just beginning to break through the window of the motel room. Half awake and half asleep, I was startled by what began to unfold before me.

I saw a line of about twenty sons. I saw a line of about twenty daughters. Each line was walking toward the other. Finally, when they were about five feet apart - each line stopped and they looked at each other.

One of the sons who seemed to be the leader of the sons began to speak. I'll never forget the look on his face. He looked like he was totally exasperated! He seemed to have the attitude of, "Women! You can't live with them and you can't live without them!"

This son began to speak to the daughters and he said in an exasperated tone, " **What is it that you want !?**"

There was an awkward silence and then one of the daughters said, "We don't want anything - we just want to be accepted."

The sons were stunned - this was the very last thing that they expected. Again, there was a pause. Then, the sons extended their hands to the daughters and said, "We accept you!" The sons and daughters came together and embraced each other in the love of God.

It had been a beautiful meeting in Chicago. The anointing had been upon the entire body of Christ present at the meeting. Each had participated in the ministry - there were no big "I"s or little "u"s. Particularly, there had been a flow of the Spirit and a mutual acceptance and love between the sons and daughters.

As I left Chicago, driving down Interstate 55 toward the Joliet area, the afterglow of the meeting was still running through my spirit. It's too bad I mused that many sons in the body can not really accept the daughters - they want to keep them in a sub-servient position. While it's true that they can dominate the daughters if they like - they will never really know their love until they accept them. Jesus reached a point with His disciples that He wanted the relationship to deepen to that of a friend rather than as a servant (John 15:15). If only the sons realized the beautiful relationship that was possible with the daughters when the servant realm was discarded and the friend realm was set up - they would wonder why they had been so blind to have not thought of it before.

"Lord", I said, "Why is it so important for the daughters to be accepted?" He then turned my attention to Genesis 6 and said, "Because they once were rejected." Dumbfounded, I did not understand what He was saying. Then, it became clear. Some of the sons of God left their first estate in the heavenly realm and took earth daughters. When they did this, they REJECTED the heavenly daughters! Acceptance is very important to the spirits of the heavenly daughters who were rejected.

THE REJECTION OF THE HEAVENLY DAUGHTERS (CORNERSTONES)

Why is acceptance of the daughters so important to the sons that they be made complete? Why does acceptance by the sons mean so much to the daughters?

If you think that that acceptance has primarily to do with the here and now - you may have overlooked something that has its roots in the beginning of time. First, do we not know that there were the spirits of the sons and the daughters present in the beginning? They witnessed and perhaps even participated in creation. Does not Psalm 144:12 label the daughters as cornerstones and and Job 38:6 speak of the cornerstones being put in place?

PSA 144:12 That our **sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as cornerstones**, polished after the similitude of a palace:

JOB 38:4 **Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding.

38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the **corner stone** thereof;

38:7 When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

We have already discussed how the creation that was brought forth in the image of ELOHIM was perfectly balanced. Then that perfect balance was destroyed in the fall of Adam. But Adam was not the only one that fell. We can read Genesis chapter 6 and obtain clues about what happened in the fall.

GEN 6:2 That the **sons of God** saw that the **daughters of earth** were fair; and they took them wives of all they chose.
6:3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

6:4 There were giants in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and bare children unto them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

In the above, the sons of God comes from the Hebrew BNE-HA -ELOHIM and the daughters of men from BNOTH-HA- ADAM. Thus we see that those sons of ELOHIM realm left their first estate (Jude 6) and left the heavenly realm because of the same desire that caused Adam's fall.

But, if there were heavenly sons, then would there not be heavenly daughters? What about those heavenly daughters who were rejected by the sons who deserted them and desired the earth realm and its daughters? It may well be that the spirits of those rejected daughters are in the earth today and are part of God's plan to lead creation back into Him. Do not the scriptures speak of rejection regarding a cornerstone?

1PE 2:4 To whom coming, **as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,**

2:5 Ye also, **as lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

YES, I'M AFRAID IT'S TRUE. I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH AN EARTH DAUGHTER!



ISAIAH

54:1 Sing, O **barren**, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: **for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife**, saith the LORD.

54:2 Enlarge the place of thy tent ...

54:3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

54:4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: **for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth**, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

54:5 For thy **Maker is thine husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

54:6 For the LORD hath called **thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused**, saith thy God.

54:7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

54:8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

54:9 **For this is as the waters of Noah unto me**: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the **covenant of my peace be removed**, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Scriptures about a divorce in the heavenlies - when the wives of youth - the cornerstones were refused. Some of the sons of God rejected the heavenly realm and lusted after the earthly daughters of Adam.

54:11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, **I will lay thy stones with fair colours**, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

54:12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

54:13 **And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD**; and great shall be the **peace** of thy children.

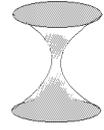
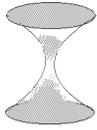
MAL 2:14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the **Lord hath been witness between thee and wife of thy youth**, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet **she is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant**.

2:15 And **did he not make one?** Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a **godly seed**. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and **let none deal treach-**

PRO 5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and **rejoice with the wife of thy youth**.

5:19 [Let her be as] the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

5:20 **And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?**



OH - WHAT A PLACE OF SEPARATION AND PAIN WHEN CHOOSING BETWEEN THE MOUNT AND PLAIN.

How simple it seems. We simply reverse the processes that Adam came through and go back into the realm of being in the image of ELOHIM. But, in practice, the walk is more difficult than the talk. So you and your group begin to walk toward the promised land and everyone is enthusiastic about entering in. When one pursues this noble goal, there is surely nothing ahead but sweetness and light and harmony. Wrong! Instead, you will find division and separation - and if one does not understand what is taking place - it will be one horrible, heart rending experience.

Let us look in on our friends Abram and Lot as they journey toward the promised land. They are relatives who come from the same place, have the same beliefs, and are headed toward the promised land. What happens to this recipe for sweetness and harmony?

We find strife in the camp between the herdsman of Abram and Lot. They solve the problem by separating and Lot chooses the well watered, green, lush plain. Lot was attracted by Sodom and later on, the descendants of Lot (Moab and Ammon) became a snare to the Israelites by teaching them sexual sin.

So, in your group, the sons discover the daughters and the daughters discover the sons and all is sweetness and love. Then, slowly, but surely the division between the carnal love nature of Lot and the spiritual nature of Abraham begins to surface. There is strife in the camp. This is the very same struggle that caused some of the sons of God to fall and take wives of the earth realm.

If we are to triumph over the very factors which caused part of the Sons of ELOHIM to fall, then we will have to come face to face with the problem and deal with it. This separates the Lots and Abrams. It is a choosing between the world of the flesh and the world of the spirit. The tree of good and evil was the illusion that flesh and spirit could be mixed, or that one could have his cake and eat it too.

GEN 13:6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

13:7 **And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle:** and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

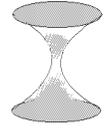
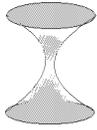
13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we [be] brethren.

13:9 **[Is] not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if [thou wilt take] the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if [thou depart] to the right hand, then I will go to the left.**

13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it [was] well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [even] as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

13:12 **Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched [his] tent toward Sodom.**



ADAM'S STORY IS A TYPE OF MAN'S FALL ABRAM'S STORY IS A TYPE OF RECOVERY

One might say that Lot was simply a loser and write him off - but Abram did not write him off. In Genesis 14 we find Abram having to rescue Lot from his captivity from the kings that attacked Sodom and Gomorrah. Only after Abram slaughtered these kings did he receive the blessing of Melchizedek. In a similar manner, we can expect to have our knowledge of the order of Melchizedek expanded only after we are willing to do battle against the kings of the carnal mind.

Then Abram was given the promise of a son and he rejoiced. But Sarai was barren and Abram and Sarai took matters in their own hands and brought forth an Ishmael. We can see a parallel in the earth today, because many called to sonship are clinging to their earthly, carnal concepts of how the kingdom of God is to be brought forth. Rather than look to the spiritual realm, these sons are trying to bring forth the kingdom through the daughters of men.

Have you ever wondered why Sarai was barren? Why didn't God simply let her have her son as he promised rather than let time drag on? Galations chapter 4 tells us that Sarah is a type of the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem, the womb of the spirit, will only bring forth after the spirit.

It was only after Abram was circumcised that Sarah's womb opened. In other words while Abram had a fleshly, uncircumcised seed, the Lord would not permit the womb of the spirit to be opened - otherwise the offspring would have a nature of a mixture of flesh and spirit.

Both Abram and Sarai had to have their nature changed to that of Abraham and Sarah. Only after that could they bring forth after the spirit.

Now, one might ask - we have heard a lot about the sons of God, why have we heard so little about the daughters of God? If we look at the pattern, we see that the sons must first bring forth a circumcised seed (a pure word) and then and only then will the spiritual womb of the daughters of heaven be opened. When that happens, creation will be by the pure spoken word.

This is the way God does it. Isn't it strange that not only was Sarai barren, but we see the same pattern in Rebekah, and Rachel.

54:1 Sing, O **barren**, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: **for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife**, saith the LORD.

54:4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: **for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth**, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Thus Adam's pathway to the fall was a pattern of rejecting the spiritual and lusting after the carnal. Abraham's pathway was one of progressively rejecting the carnal and pursuing the spiritual. It is a type and shadow of the pathway that the sons and daughters must follow to be restored to the image of God.



We pick up on a narrative about a visit to a nursing home to visit a friend in the twilight years of life. The vivid scenes stir one to reflect upon the meaning of life given to Adam's race.

Changing from the contacts of everyday life into the environment of the nursing home was an adjustment. As we walked the hall toward the room of our friend, the scenes of the very elderly brought one to the realization that this was a waiting room just outside the door of death. Yes, the nurses were bright and cheerful and so were some of the patients. But, by and large, most were feeble or not in control of normal social interactions.

We found our friend strapped in a chair facing a TV which had on a game program. She had her hand in the gravy and peas dinner plate - and her head was slumped to one side. As we spoke to her, she gave a high pitched-moan, but we could not understand what she was saying. We helped her with her food and began to talk to her and tried to make her comfortable. At first she did not seem to remember who we were, but then her memory began to return. Her voice changed to a normal pitch and we talked about those things that she remembered. She had once been a pleasantly plump lady, but now her legs were like broom sticks. It was sad to see one who had once been so full of life in such sad straits.

I felt a tap on my shoulder - it was the white haired lady in the adjacent bed in the room. She reached out her hand and I shook it and we introduced ourselves. She said, "You're a very nice person." She seemed very pleasant and was able to get about without difficulty. About twenty minutes later, I felt another tap on the shoulder and it was this same lady and I shook her hand again - realizing that she did not remember that we had met previously.

From time to time a cry came from the hall of a moan of an unseen, elderly person crying in pain. The nurses would attend, but before long the same pitiful cry would come again.

The nurse came in and checked the indicator string from the undergarments of our friend to see if she needed to be changed. We then realized that she was diapered like a child. The words of Job came to mind - 'Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither.'

We said goodbye to our friend and walked through the atrium and past a meeting parlor where many silver haired men and women were listening with rapt attention to a singer. The golden, mellow bass tones of - 'Let us pretend, that we'll hold each other in our arms again' - rolled forth. It dawned upon us that they were not thinking of the here and now. They were reliving the days of their past when they were in the bloom of youth.



The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

ISAIAH 40:7

Reflecting upon the nursing home experience, one wonders about our purpose here and why we go through the experiences that we do. In the teen years and early adulthood, humanity is optimistic. Thoughts of love, marriage and career dominate our thoughts. We are in the bloom of life. And then, as if some time switch were thrown, the aging process begins to rob that vitality and things that were important become vanity. Yet, do not the scriptures say that "... the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope," (Rom 8:20)? Apparently, even this was in the plan of God.

Yet, innately, we know that there is a higher way. The food processes and elimination processes that we go through surely are not the highest plan of God. Diapers for the very young and the very elderly do not bring thoughts of paradise. And so the scriptures point to a change from these processes to a higher realm.

1 COR 7:13 Meats for the belly and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

15:40 There are also **celestial** bodies, and bodies **terrestrial**: but the glory of the celestial is one and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

But are we really willing to relinquish our grasping hold on the earthly, terrestrial realm to receive the celestial? Or is it pried away from our clutches by going thru death's door?

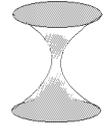
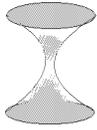
Love and marriage and bringing forth children is wonderful - and yet, innately, we know that something is also flawed about these processes that take place in terrestrial bodies. Is the pain of childbirth part of the higher realm of God for us?

GEN 3:16 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.

Those coming into the bloom of life have tremendous drives to love and to mate. And yet within a short time (40 to 60 years) their bodies have become wrinkled and unresponsive to those drives which were of overwhelming importance in the earlier years. It seems that life has played a cruel trick - that for which they would sacrifice almost anything for has vanished.

Thus, Adam and Eve left one realm of childbirth without pain (Gen 1:28) and came into the hard realities of the terrestrial existence. Yes, Adam was given the right to rule over the woman when the fall came about - but what price did he pay for this right to rule over one woman and to reproduce after the earth realm? That price was that he was no longer a co-creator and co-ruler with God in the very image of ELOHIM.

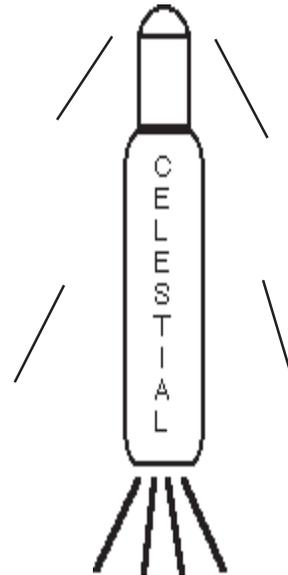
Was it worth it? Perhaps the nursing home narrative is the answer. For a while, the flower was beautiful and life was pleasant, but in the end that flower that seemed so beautiful began to fade.



THE PERIOD OF MAXIMUM DYNAMIC PRESSURE

When a rocket is launched toward space, there is a period of maximum dynamic pressure. The rocket is severely buffeted during this period when it is leaving the earth's atmosphere. It must have enough velocity to overcome the pull of the earth and move on out into space.

Many have tried to overcome the pull of the earthly flesh realm during this life but most have fallen back into the earth realm. But over the ages, there have been a few, like Enoch, who have overcome the earth realm and have been translated into the heavenlies. Even many of those who have known the scriptures about immortality, have in the final analysis gone through death's door rather than overcome all things in this life. But, in the timing of the Lord this will happen for a group of people. Truly the pull of the earth realm will be overcome beginning with the order of Melchizedek and then to every man.



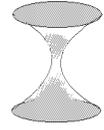
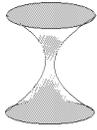
This maximum earthly pull is from the mistaken idea that the kingdom of God is one of flesh and blood - but the Bible plainly says that flesh and blood will not inherit the kingdom.

The problem is not that the door back into the celestial existence in ELOHIM is closed. The problem is that we do want to let go of the earthly realm.

The Israelites had to cross the land of Moab to get to the promised land. The Moabites were the offspring of Lot who became thoroughly immersed in the sensuality of Sodom and Gomorrah. You can read about the Israelite's trials in Moab (starting in Deut 2). You might say that the Moabites were loophole lawyers which presented every last attraction to keep the Israelites from the promised land.

However, when a firstfruits company of sons and daughters reject the sleep of Adam and follow on to that relationship which is in the image of ELOHIM, then the maximum buffeting of the pull of earth will be past. The celestial will have overcome the terrestrial.

15:23 But every man in **his own order**: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
15:49 **And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**
15:50 Now this I say, brethren, **that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.
II CORINTHIANS 4:18

What is this relationship between sons and daughters that we are talking about? We have seen that there are certain male traits (such as power and judgement) which are out of balance without the corresponding female traits (such as tenderness and mercy).

Each of us, whether male or female, has a partial balance of the traits of the opposite sex. But when we become one Spirit with the Lord, then we enter into the perfect balance of the male and female which occurs in the ELOHIM. This will bring us back to the point, where as one writer put it, we are male and female on the inside.

When this balance is achieved in God's people, then that perfect balance will be first achieved in His church which is the Church of the Firstborn. His church will have exactly the right balance of power and mercy to solve the problems that the church has been unable to deal with up unto this time.

What about marriage and childbirth and creation? It would certainly seem that a change would take place from marriage as we know it in the earthly realm. The scriptures tell us as much.

Matt 22:28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.
22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures or the power of God.
22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Well, if we are going back to the days of our youth in God, and there is no marriage as we know it today, it sounds pretty dull to me!

Perhaps, viewed from the earthly realm it would be, but in the heavenly realm that wife represents the Wisdom - mentioned by the Lord as part of bringing forth creation (Proverbs 8). She is further described as follows:

PRO 5:1 My son attend unto my wisdom and bow thine ear to my understanding. 5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and **rejoice with the wife of thy youth.**
5:19[Let her be as] the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

While marriage may not be as we know it in the earthly, there is a marriage on a higher plane in the heavenlies.

REV 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
21:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteous of the saints.
21:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called to the marriage of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Those who are called to that supper are destined to be co-heirs with the ruler of all creation. So, as we go on to seek Him - the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.