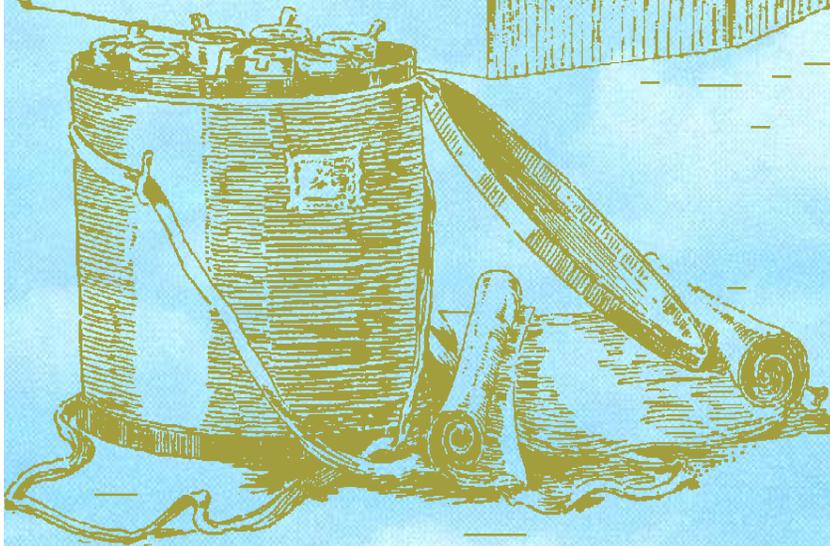
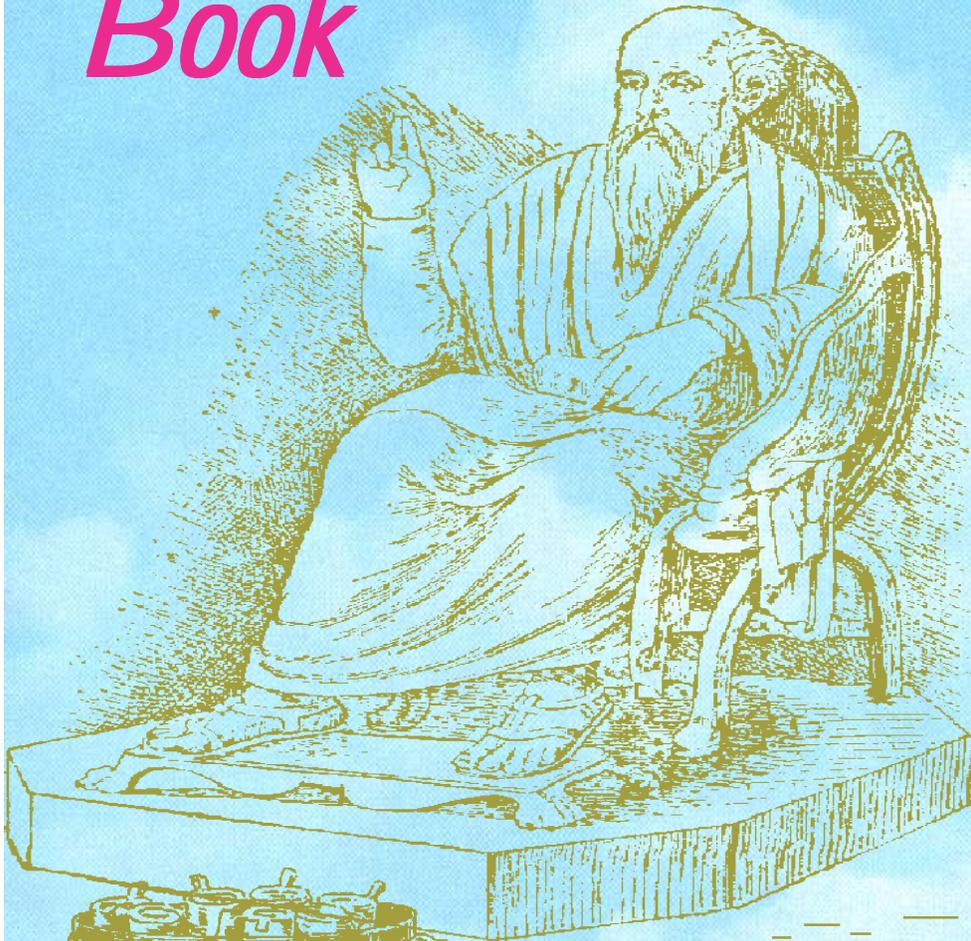


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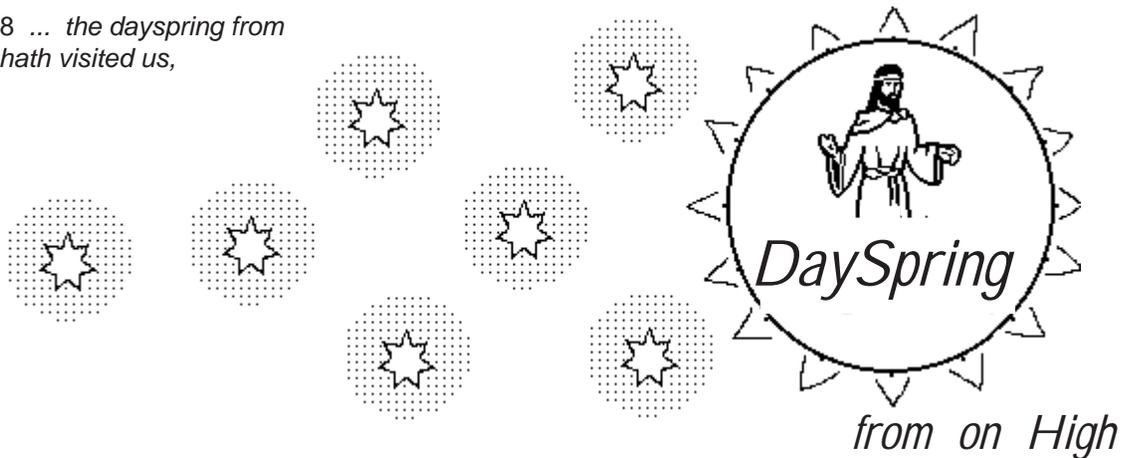
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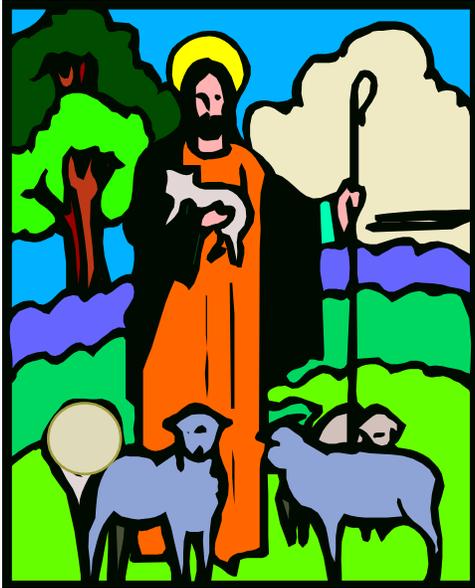
MAT 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.



53 And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

What are the treasures both new and old that Jesus spoke about? We know about the new things that Jesus taught. But what about the old thing that are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge from before the foundation of the world? If we would be a scribe instructed in the kingdom of heaven, these are treasures which we must seek and find.

WHO IS THIS JESUS?



MIC 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, **yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

The above scripture obviously refers to Jesus - but how could his goings (plural) forth have been of old - even from the everlasting? For He was only born in Bethlehem about 2000 years ago.

To understand this, we must differentiate between the spirit of Jesus and His birth into the earth in the flesh. For the birthday of the spirit is not necessarily the same as the birthday of the flesh.

HEB 12:9 Furthermore we have had **fathers of our flesh** which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto **the Father of spirits**, and live?

We pray to our heavenly Father and it should therefore be clear to us that we have a Father in heaven even as Jesus did. And there should be no problem in understanding that we have a father of our flesh which is our natural, earthly father and that we have a Father of our spirits which was birthed from above. And the time of the birthday of our spirit is very likely not the same as our natural birthday.

And parallel to this, it follows that we also have a natural mother and a spiritual mother. And our spiritual mother is the Spirit of God.

GAL 4:26 **But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him **that was born after the Spirit**, even so it is now.

JOH 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? **can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Now that we have defined the difference between natural birthdays and spiritual birthdays, let us look at the activities of the spirit of Jesus before He was born as a babe in a manger at Bethlehem.

JOH 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

HEB 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;**

HEB 7:3 **Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life;** but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

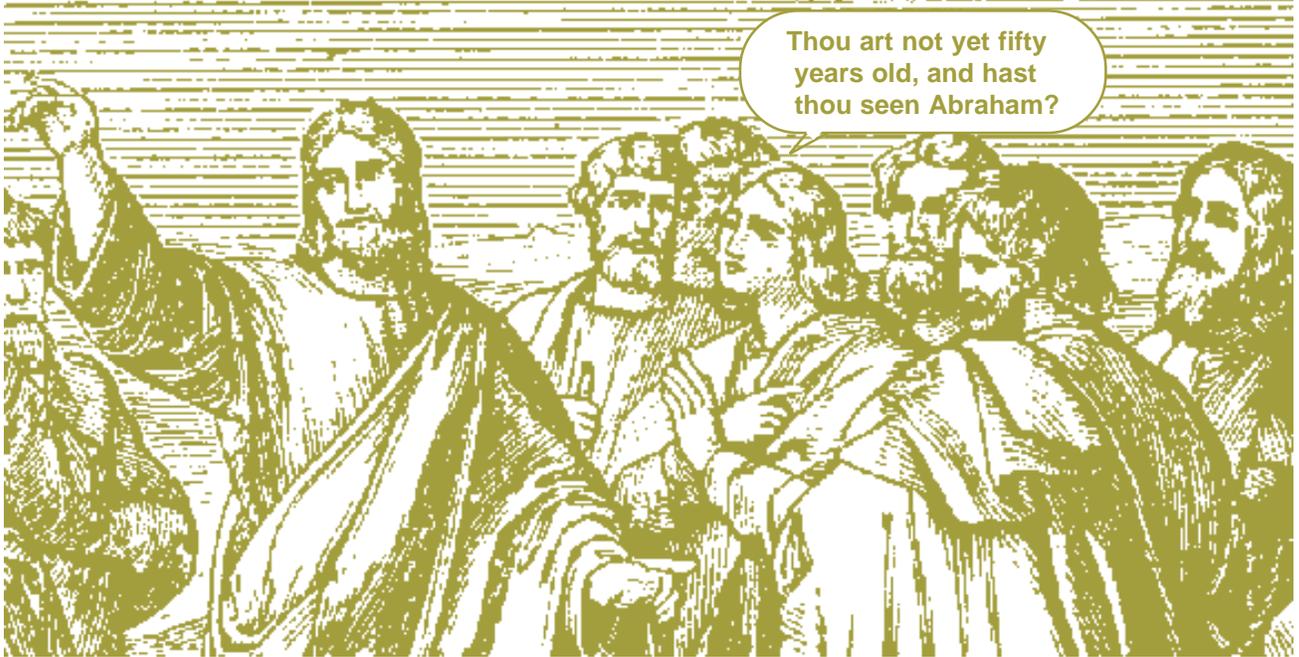
HEB 13:8 Jesus Christ the same **yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

When we begin to grasp the true meaning of the above scriptures, that the spirit of Jesus existed before the worlds were created, our natural mind is boggled. And when Jesus spoke these concepts to the Jews in His day, their minds were boggled too.

JOH 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.



JOH 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, **Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?**

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

59 **Then took they up stones to cast at him:** but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

The natural mind has difficulty fathoming the possibility of preexistence of the spirit. The Jews of that day wanted to stone Jesus for even proposing such a possibility. Today, in Christian circles, most will readily accept that Jesus' spirit preexisted and was active before the foundation of the world. But let any propose that their own spirit also preexisted and they will likely be subject to a verbal stoning. But let us examine the scriptures to see if not only Jesus, but a company that was with Him preexisted - even before the foundation of the world.

JOH 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Yes, Yashua's promise to us who believe that even greater works would be done is an amazing promise, but how would we know if our spirits existed before the foundation of the world? Will we bear witness to this in our spirits?

EPH 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

JOH 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

THE CHRIST COMPANY

Jesus speaks of a company of believers that are associated with Him from the beginning.

HEB 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 **For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,**

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, **in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.**

If this group of sanctified ones existed with Jesus from the beginning, then what church existed before the church that was formed at Pentecost? Was it a church that existed in the heavens and the first-born spirits were members?

HEB 12:22 **But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn,** which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to **the spirits of just men** made perfect,

And was there ever a time that Jesus declared the names of these to the congregation of the church of the firstborn - even at a time before Jesus and they were born in the earth - even in Old Testament times?

PSA 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: **if I would declare and speak of them,** they are more than can be numbered.

PSA 40:6 **Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire;** mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, **Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,**

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 **I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:** lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: **I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.**

What great congregation is being referred to in the Psalms? For the above surely prophesies the words of the spirit of Jesus as His spirit was to be lowered into the earth in the form of a newborn babe. . These same words are spoken of Him in the New Testament. And what volume of the book are we talking about? In the case of Jesus, all the details of His ministry were written in that book - even the scene from the garden of Gethsemane and the crucifixion. The Old Testament prophets were given glimpses of this book and they prophesied from it.

HEB 10:5 **Wherefore when he cometh into the world,** he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest **not, but a body hast thou prepared me:**

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then said I, **Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will,** O God.

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

9 Then said he, **Lo, I come to do thy will,** O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

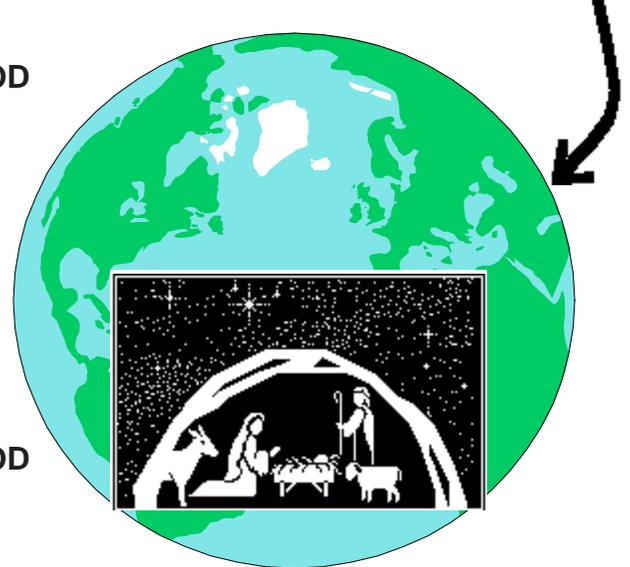
10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS DESCENDS INTO THE EARTH

A Song of the Spirit

CHORUS

LO, I COME IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK
IT IS WRITTEN OF ME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD
LO, I COME, IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK
IT IS WRITTEN OF ME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD
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THE VOLUME OF HIS BOOK WRITTEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

REV 13:8 ... the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

MIC 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

ISA 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

ZEC 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

ZEC 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

ISA 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A GOOD BOOK HAS A HAPPY ENDING

ISA 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

JOH 20:15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

REV 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

And we, as Christians, very well know the story of the volume of the book of Jesus. For before the worlds were created, the Father and the Son discussed the plan and it was written in the volume of His book. Jesus agreed to the plan before His spirit ever came to the earth. It was all there, the role of Herod, Pilate and even Judas. The Old Testament prophets read from a page here and there and they wrote.

ACT 2:25 **For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face**, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

PSA 41:9 Yea, **mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted**, which did eat of my bread, hath **lifted up his heel against me**.

JOH 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: **but that the scripture may be fulfilled**, He that eateth bread with me hath **lifted up his heel against me**.

And we, as Christians, so want to please our Heavenly Father and do the will of God. And what is the will of God concerning us? Would not the **will of God** concerning our lives be written in the volume of the book which is hidden in our hearts to be manifested in our walk upon the earth? **It is our Father's will that we succeed in completing what is written in the volume of our book.**

2CO 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

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

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

ROM 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be **the first-born** among many brethren.

So the volume of our book need not be a frightening concept. It is an outline of experiences which require choices in order to obtain perfection. And at some appropriate time we will compare what choices we have made in our lives with what is written in the volume of our book. And even the tears - when we realize what opportunities were missed - will be wiped away.

REV 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books were opened**: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

REV 21:4 **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes**; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

It is not difficult for most Christians to accept that there is a plan or a volume of the book for their lives. But what many may find more difficult is the concept that their spirit was with God before they came to earth. And even more mind boggling is the possibility that they, in their spirit, helped plan and even agreed to the words written in the volume of their book before ever being born in the earth. This book is a volume of opportunities presented that will require choices in the earth.

ECC 12:6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: **and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

In this writing, we will delve into the mysterious subject of what happened in the heavens before our spirits came to earth. Did our spirit say "Lo, I come, in the volume of the book, it is written of me to do thy will." as it departed from the heavens and was lowered into the womb of the earth?

We will approach this subject through the verses of a song entitled, "The Volume of the Book". So, whatever your predisposition of thought is concerning this subject, we would simply ask that you would keep an open mind as we examine this song and accompanying scriptures.

And we will start with the well known scripture about predestination and foreknowing. Did our spirits really know God and God knew our spirits before we ever came to earth? Was the dwelling place of our spirits with the Lord before we came to earth?

ROM 8:14 For as **many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The **Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, **and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 **For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,**

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

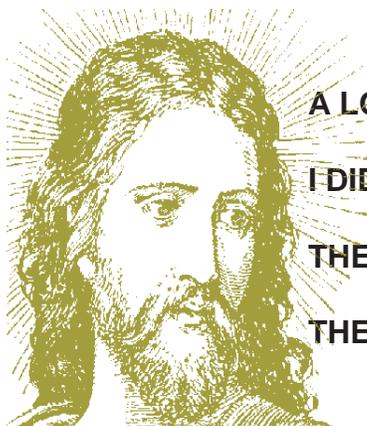
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30 **Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Verse One



**A LONG TIME AGO WHEN WITH MY SAVIOR FACE TO FACE
I DID AGREE TO THE VOLUME WITH HIS HELP AND GRACE
THE VAILS ARE BEING BROKEN AND I SEE HIS THRONE
THE DAWN BREAKS THROUGH AND I WILL KNOW AS I'M KNOWN
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD**

PSA 90:1 **Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.**

2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world**, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Can there be any doubt that the spirit of the writer of the above Psalm dwelt with the Lord before the foundation of the earth? For time in the spirit realm is different than time as we know it in the earth realm. And when was it that our spirits were chosen in Him for our mission upon this earth?

EPH 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Can there be any doubt that we were chosen in Him **before** the foundation of the world and our predestined adoption was recorded in the volume of our book?

The volume of our book is an outline of the manifest destiny for our lives. So what was predestinated in the heavens would be manifested upon the earth in the fullness of times.

EPH 1:9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times** he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

Did we see God face to face when our spirits were with Him? Our remembrance of this was obscured by the veil that was placed over our spirits when we came into the earth. And yet part of the very light of God remained within us, but it was as if we saw through a glass darkly.

1CO 13:12 **For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face:** now I know in part; but then shall **I know even as also I am known.**

JOH 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

4 In him was life; and **the life was the light of men.**

5 **And the light shineth in darkness;** and the darkness comprehended it not.

When we came into the earth the veil placed over our spirits caused us to "forget" our previous experiences of the heavens. And this forgetfulness extended even to forgetting who we were - to the extent that we do know really know our own identity. But, the day will come, and we will know ourselves as we were once known. We will look in the mirror of the Spirit and recognize our own faces.

1JO 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: **therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.**

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2CO 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, **the veil shall be taken away.**

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image** from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

But is there any record in the scripture of a man remembering the things that he saw in his spirit before he came to this earth? Consider the words of Job that were penned in a day when man truly believed that the earth was flat. Where did Job receive his inspiration?

JOB 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and **hangeth the earth upon nothing.**

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 **He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.**

Look carefully at the description penned by Job. This is something that one would expect an astronaut to write - but not someone like Job whose body was limited to the terra firma of earth. An astronaut would view the earth as hanging "upon nothing." The astronaut would see the bounds where "the day and night come to an end." And an astronaut would note how the earth "compassed the waters." In other words, Job - in his spirit - knew the earth was circular long before Galileo.

And yet Job considered himself one of the most miserable of all people - until he encountered the whirlwind. When one is taken up in a whirlwind, they are changed or accelerated from one dimension to another. Enoch was taken up in a whirlwind and so was Elijah. And so it was, when Job had reached the end of himself, the Lord spoke to him out of the whirlwind.

JOB 38:1 Then **the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind**, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; **for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.**

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



Verse Two

WAS I THERE WHEN PLEIADES AND ORION WERE MADE?

WAS I THERE WHEN THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH WAS LAID?

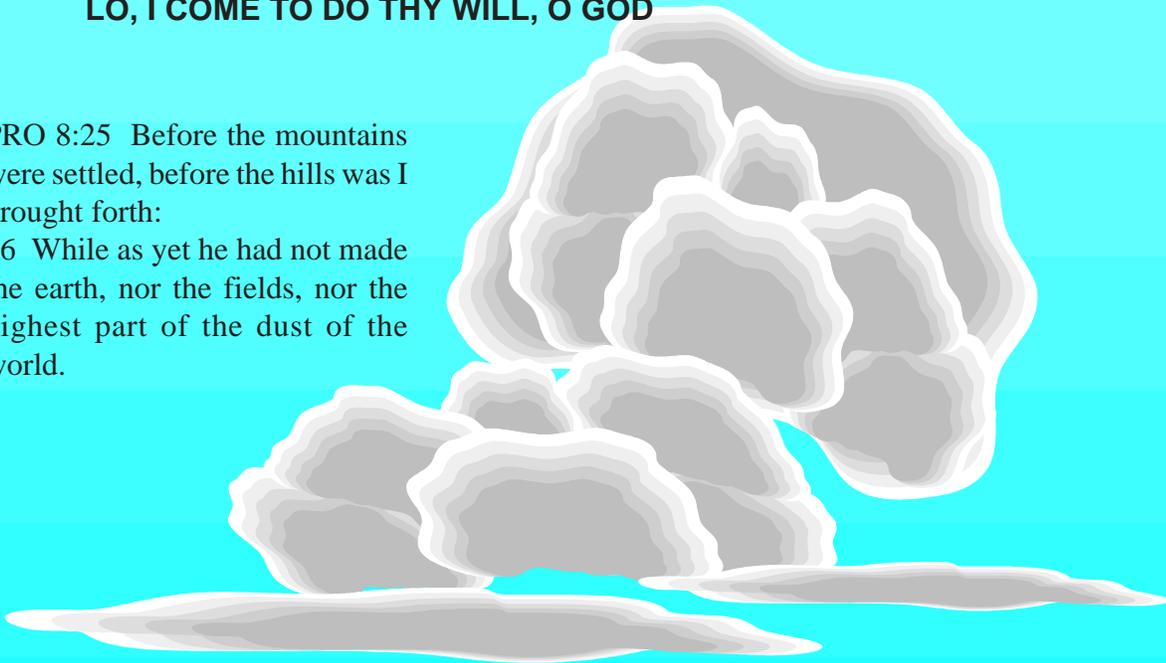
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AND THE SONS OF GOD SHOUTED WHILE THE MORNING STARS SUNG

LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD

PRO 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.



PSA 90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

JOB 9:8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

JOB 38:31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

JOB 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

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

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

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

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

The Lord asked Job where he was when the foundations of the earth were laid. And if each of us were asked the same question - how would we reply? Then the Lord put forth the astounding concept that the sons of God and the morning stars watched the earth being formed. Now, in conventional theology, we would say (other than Jesus) that the sons of God came down through the genealogy of Adam - who is referred to as a son of God in Luke 3:38. But Adam, at least in his dust body, did not exist until after the earth was created and the dust was taken to make a body for him (Gen 2:7).

But stand back and look at the above verses from a different perspective. It says that the sons (plural) of God shouted when the foundation of the earth was laid. If the sons of God were not yet created before Adam, then how could they have shouted when the foundation of the earth was laid? The only truly satisfactory explanation is that spirits of the sons of God existed before Adam was ever given a dust body in the earth. Else, how else could anything have existed to shout with the joy of watching creation come forth.

The Lord continued to quiz Job.

JOB 38:18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

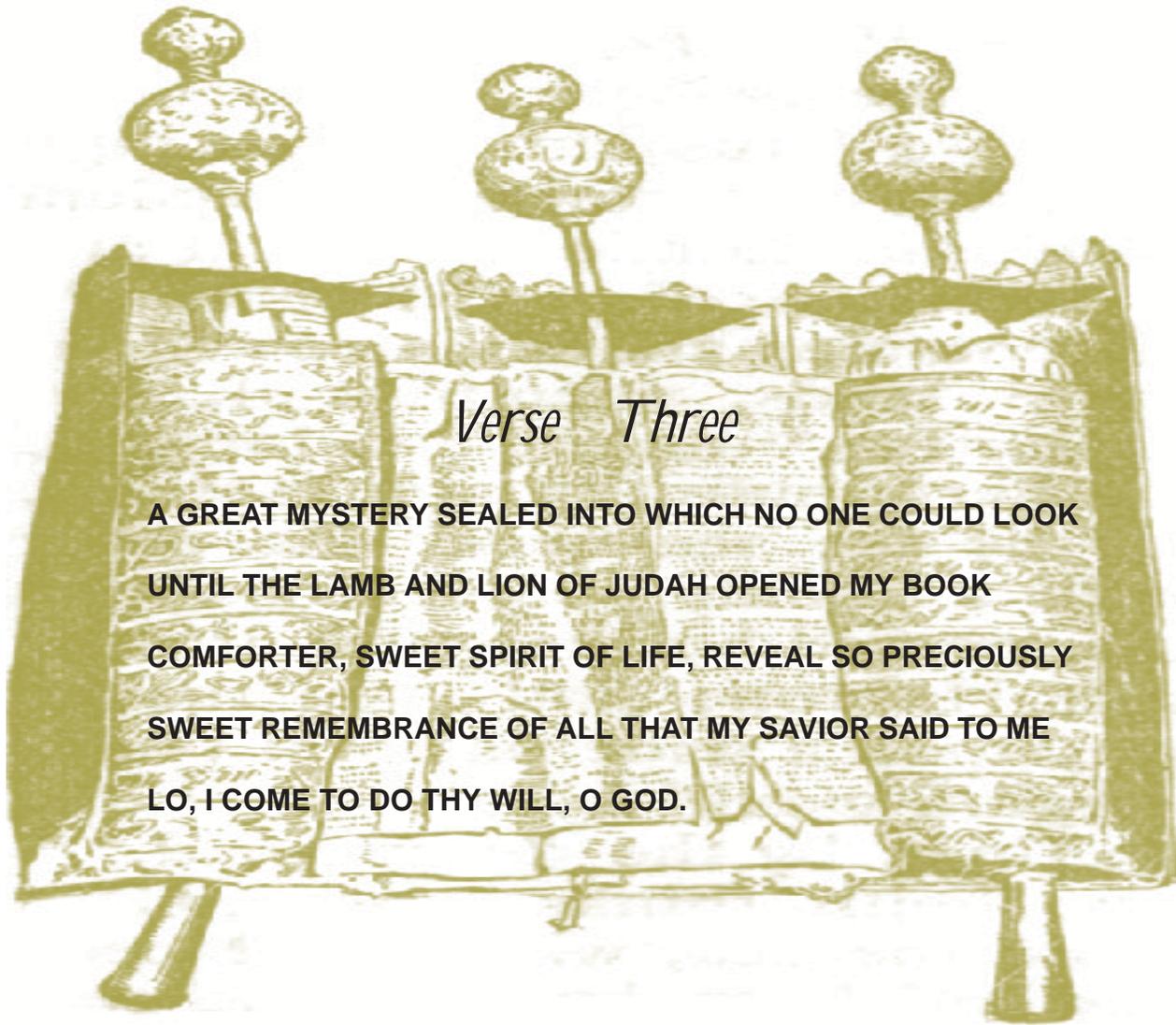
20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?

21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great? (KJV)

JOB 38:21 **You know, for you were born then,** And the number of your days is great! (RSV)

Sometimes a truth is so overwhelming that even the translators have a problem believing it. But after the understanding of Job was elevated in the whirlwind, the Lord, in effect, said to Job that the number of his days was great and that he watched creation take place. How else could Job have penned the words of Job 26:7 - 10 about the earth hanging upon nothing and being encircled by waters?

And who are the morning stars (plural) that sung when the foundation and cornerstone was brought forth in creation's youth? See Psalm 144:12 for a clue.



REV 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Within the book of the Lamb and Lion of Judah is the book of our life. And it is sealed by seven seals. Part of these seals are broken when the Lamb is slain and part are broken by the Seven Spirits of God which are the seven horns and seven eyes of the Lamb - otherwise known as the Holy Spirit. And it is only through the shed blood of Jesus and the ministry of the Spirit of God that the seals will be removed. And once the seals are broken, we will have a remembrance of those events that happened in the beginning. And how is this done?

JOH 14:26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he **shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

And yet you might say, when have I been with Jesus? For He walked the earth almost 2000 years ago? But what about remembering what the spirit of Jesus said to your spirit before you descended into the earth? Is this not the ministry of the Holy Spirit to break the seals upon your mind and bring it to you remembrance?

JOH 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

If we have been with Him from "the beginning". what beginning are we talking about?

GEN 1:1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven and the earth.

HEB 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, **in the beginning** hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

ISA 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from **the beginning**? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

There are passages that were written in Jesus' book from the beginning - even from before the foundation of the world.

JOH 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from **the beginning** who they were that believed not, **and who should betray him.**

REV 13:8 ... written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

And have we not known these same things from the beginning?

ISA 40:21 **Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?**

22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

And it may be that not every one will remember the events of the beginning because there are the "young men" whose spirits were created after the foundation of the earth. But, no matter, because this same information is taught to them by the Holy Spirit and the Father. The young will be given visions of what happened in the beginning and the "old" shall be given remembrance through dreams.

1JO 2:13 **I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.** I write unto you, **young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one.** I write unto you, **little children, because ye have known the Father.**

14 **I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.** I have written unto you, **young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you,** and ye have overcome the wicked one.

ACT 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your **sons and your daughters** shall prophesy, **and your young men shall see visions,** and **your old men shall dream dreams:**

Verse Four

FOR LO, HE DID COMMAND AND SIFT AMONG THE NATIONS
HIS SONS AS GOLDEN GRAIN, THE WINDOWS OF SALVATION
AMONGST EVERY KINDRED, TRIBE, AND PEOPLE THEY WERE GIVEN BIRTH
NOT KNOWING THAT THEY WERE KINGS AND PRIESTS TO REIGN UPON THE EARTH
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD



AMO 9:9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

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 the days of old:
13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

REV 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

The Israel nation of kings and priests in the heavens was sifted as golden grain into the kindreds, tongues, peoples and nations of the earth - so that none would be without representation. And the details of their parents, race, and birth were recorded in the volume of their book. A preview of that last great, endtime harvest was given on the day of Pentecost. And strangely enough, these golden grains were "gathered" together to be at Jerusalem at exactly the right time.

ACT 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, **because that every man heard them speak in his own language.**

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, **we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.**

KINGS AND PRIESTS



MAL 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, **if I will not open you the windows of heaven**, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

The windows of heaven had been opened and these spirits of the king and priest nation of the heavens were dispatched to their destination in the earth. For before the world ever was, in the womb of the morning of creation, an oath was given to the kingly priesthood of Melchizedek. And the promise was made that not the least grain would fall to the ground but those who would go into the sufferings of the earth would return to the throne room of the Father.

PSA 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, **in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.**

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

Verse Five

IN THE BOOK WERE ALL MY MEMBERS WRITTEN LONG AGO
BEFORE HE FORMED ME IN THE WOMB, HE LOVED ME SO
MY SPIRIT TO EARTH CAME FROM PALACES OF IVORY
HE BREATHED AND LO, THE BREATH OF LIFE ENTERED MY BODY
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD



PSA 139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

"... and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." tells us that the volume of the book recorded these details. This means that our birth parents (and / or adoptive parents, and also those that fulfill the role of parents), our physical features, our race, our appearance - all of these details were planned in advance before we were even conceived.

All of us are thrilled to learn of those who overcome physical challenges to lead productive lives. And perhaps even these were recorded in the volume of the book for those who would be known as overcomers. And it would seem that even the DNA in our cells is recorded as part of the volume of our book.

And further, did we agree to accept being born into adversity, whether it be of the physical, mental, or spiritual type? And perhaps those that were born with great beauty or riches have just as much of a cross to bear (vanity) as those who were born into deprived circumstances. Did we discuss the things that we would go through with God before we ever came to this earth? To do this our spirit would have had to have known God and God certainly knew us - as the prophet Jeremiah was told by the Lord, Himself.

JER 1:4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

There can be little doubt that Jeremiah's spirit accepted his commission in the heavens before he ever came to earth. But perhaps, he did not realize in his spirit form how difficult it would be to walk out his calling in a flesh body.

JER 20:7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; **thou art stronger than I,** and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

JER 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. **But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones,** and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

And what our spirits were very willing to do when we were with God often became an unpleasant choice when we were clothed with the vanity of flesh. Even Jesus found the choices difficult as He labored in the garden of Gethsemane which means "olive press". For the flesh was not a willing partner in overcoming the vanity of the earth.

ROM 8:18 For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 **For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly,** but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered** from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

And during the trial of overcoming the flesh and the vanity of the earth, our spirit has a hidden remembrance of the descent into the earth and a yearning to return to its origins in the palace of the heavens above.

GEN 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

PSA 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, **out of the ivory palaces,** whereby they have made thee glad.

Verse Six

HE PUT MY TEARS IN BOTTLES AT MY GETHSEMANE
WHY DID I AGREE? FOR NOW THY VOWS ARE UPON ME
MY LIFE I HAD PLANNED AND MY RACE I BEGAN TO RUN,
UNTIL, NOT MY WILL BUT THINE BE DONE
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD.



LUK 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

Some of us have lived in the same place virtually all of our lives. Others have moved many times from place to place to place. Have these moves, or lack thereof, been merely chance or quirks of fate - or were they recorded even before we were in our mother's womb?

And for the most part our lives may be free of traumatic events, but each of us have had our share of painful experiences and events which brought tears. Were these experiences also recorded in the volume of our book - or was it merely chance? Let us examine the words of the Psalmist.

PSA 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

10 In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Is it true that our spirit made certain vows to God and God made certain vows to us before we were dispatched into the earth? We continue to read from the lines penned by the psalmist.

PSA 56:12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

57:1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: **yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.**

And while our life is going very smoothly, we have great confidence in our own talents and abilities. But when the trials and calamities come, we learn that the answer lies in obtaining God's help and protection. And during these periods of great testing and dark nights of the soul, our spirit may yearn, as Job's spirit did, for the days of the youth of his spirit in the heavens above.

JOB 29:1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

2 **Oh that I were** as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

4 **As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;**

5 **When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;**

6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

Job walked through the valley of weeping called "Baca" and his spirit yearned to return like the swallow to the place of his origins.

PSA 84:1 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 **My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD:** my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, **and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts,** my King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6 **Who passing through the valley of Baca (weeping) make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.**

7 They go from strength to strength, **every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.**

The experiences of the earth are difficult, but necessary in order that we overcome the flesh. Even the enemy has his purpose in this.

ISA 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and **I have created the waster to destroy.**

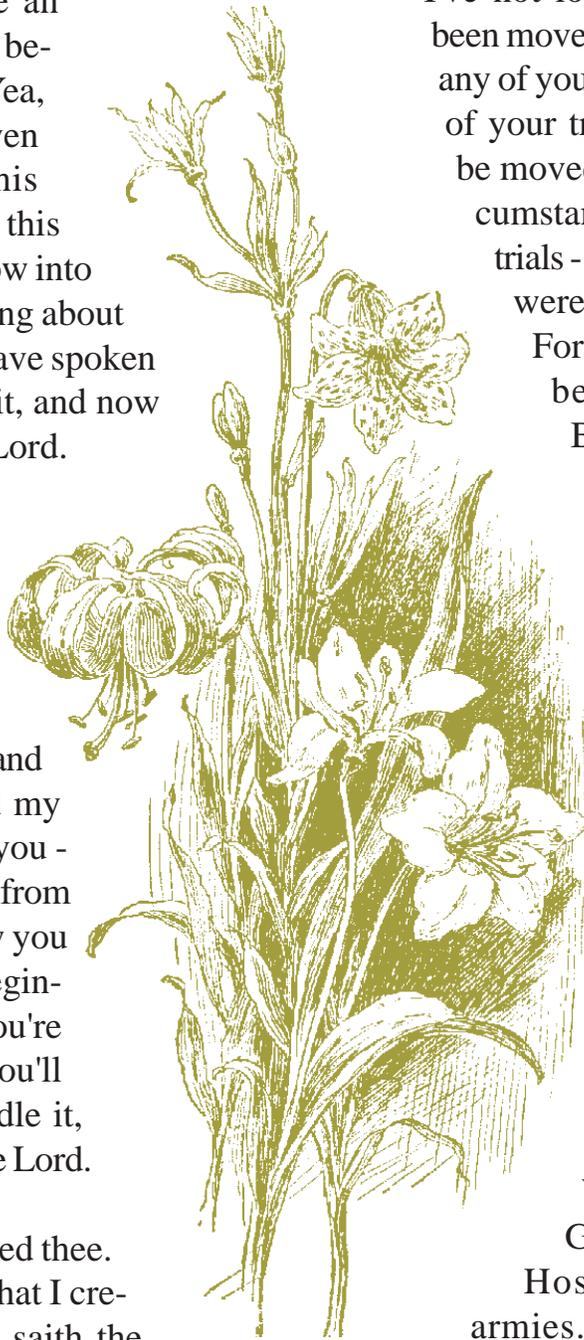
So, did we agree to these experiences before our spirit was dispatched from the heavens to the earth? These truths are examined in the heart and we here record on the following page a message of the heart as given to one of His saints.

The Volume of the Book

I have a beginning, I have an ending, and I have another beginning, saith the Lord. Yea, you have heard my word even as you have come into this place, saith God. Yea, in this day, I will send you forth now into a new day. For you have sung about it, you have taught it, you have spoken it, you have thought about it, and now it is time to do it, saith the Lord.

Yea, I say unto thee, Sons and Daughters, this is my day. You are my day. You are my love. You are my life. You are my beginning and ending. You are my all, and in all. For I have invested my very life in you, and I trust you - I know you. I've known you from the beginning, and I'll know you to the end, and to the new beginning. And I know what you're capable of, I know what you'll do, I know how you'll handle it, and you will make it saith the Lord.

Yea, for surely I have stripped thee. Did you not hear the word that I created the waster to destroy, saith the Lord? Yea, I hardened that loved one that lives right within the walls of your own home, saith the Lord. I direct thy every move, saith God. Thy every circumstance, saith the Lord, is ordered by my hand. And you knew it, when we agreed upon it before the foundations of the earth. We talked about it, we discussed it, we agreed upon it



I've not lost control. I've not been moved off of my throne by any of your circumstances, any of your trials, nor will I ever be moved by any of your circumstances, by any of your trials - for I sent them! They were right out from me.

For I am making you - because I love you. Because I want to show you my love. I do these things for you, not against you.

I do these things because I chose you. You are my beloved. So lift up you heads, Oh ye gates. Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors. For the King of Glory has come in.

Who is this king of Glory? The Lord of Hosts - the Lord of armies. He has come in. Arise, shine, for the glory of the

Lord has arisen upon thee, my children. The glory of the Lord has arisen upon thee my children! My glory is upon thee - and the world shall see.

The gross darkness, yea, it will cover the people - but not thee - for my glory is upon thee. It radiates from thy very being.

PSA 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

ISA 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 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.

The possibility that many of our trials and tribulations may have been planned in the volume of our book is a difficult concept. But, the Lord knows what combinations of circumstances and choices are needed to bring about our perfection.

ROM 8:18 **For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 **Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

And this poses some rather difficult questions about the volume of the book of pharaoh and also that of Joseph's brothers who betrayed him.

EXO 10:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: **for I have hardened his heart**, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:

GEN 45:6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 **And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.**

8 **So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God:** and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

And also, what about the volume of the book of Esau and Jacob. Was God unfair?

ROM 9:11 **(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil,** that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

ROM 9:13 **As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

14 What shall we say then? **Is there unrighteousness with God?** God forbid.

Why was Jacob elected or chosen and Esau rejected? Is it not true that some of these choices were made before the foundation of the world?

EPH 1:4 **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,** that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Because a veil was placed over our remembrance of the time before we came to earth, we may not be completely aware of the reasons that these choices were made. And we, like Job, will be very much puzzled until the Lord elevates our understanding and speaks to us from the whirlwind. But, consider the following scripture.

PRO 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; **but a wounded spirit who can bear?**

If there is a wounded spirit, then there must be one who inflicts the wound and one who receives the wound. And we know little of what happened in the spirit realm of the heavens, but those who wounded the spirits of others in the heavens may not have been chosen in the election. And those spirits not elected may have played the roles of the pharaohs and Esau in the earth. For souls of those not elected had difficulty in submitting to the spirit man.

1TI 5:24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Verse Seven

TO HOLD MY PEACE WHILE MEN SUFFER WILL BE AMISS

AM I CALLED TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?

WILL THE KING HOLD OUT HIS SCEPTER WHEN I ENTER THE DOOR?

WHAT SURPRISES AWAIT ME OR HAVE I BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE?

LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD



EST 4:11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

In the theatre, there is a tradition, that no matter what happens that the play must go on. And for this reason, in addition to the main actors and actresses, there are understudies. And should an unexpected illness or accident occur, the understudy has been trained to step in and play the role.

And now we wrestle with the concepts of what happens when those whose volume of the book calls for a certain choice and they choose to make other choices. Does God have understudies who will step in and fulfill the mission?

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And we must learn not to presume upon God that because we are called to a certain role, that we have an automatic guarantee that we will always have that role.

EST 1:17 For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, **The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.**

Queen Esther played her role because the previous Queen Vashti was replaced. And so it was that Esther was placed in a strategic position with access to the inner court in a time of a terrible trial for her people. But this placement also presented a dilemma to her. If she went into the inner court without being called, she risked death if she was greeted by the king's displeasure. On the other hand, Mordecai told her that she would not escape the decree against her people if she did nothing. So, as she walked she pondered what to do. Was she called to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Then Esther summoned up her courage and made a decision - if I perish, I perish - I will go into the inner court and intercede for my people.

EST 5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: **and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand.** So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? **and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.**

And you know the story of how Queen Esther brought deliverance to her people.

And there is the story of another who brought deliverance to His people. And you might think that His decision would have been an easy decision, since it had been planned for all eternity. But He had a choice, and the choice had to be made. Did He come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

JOH 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**

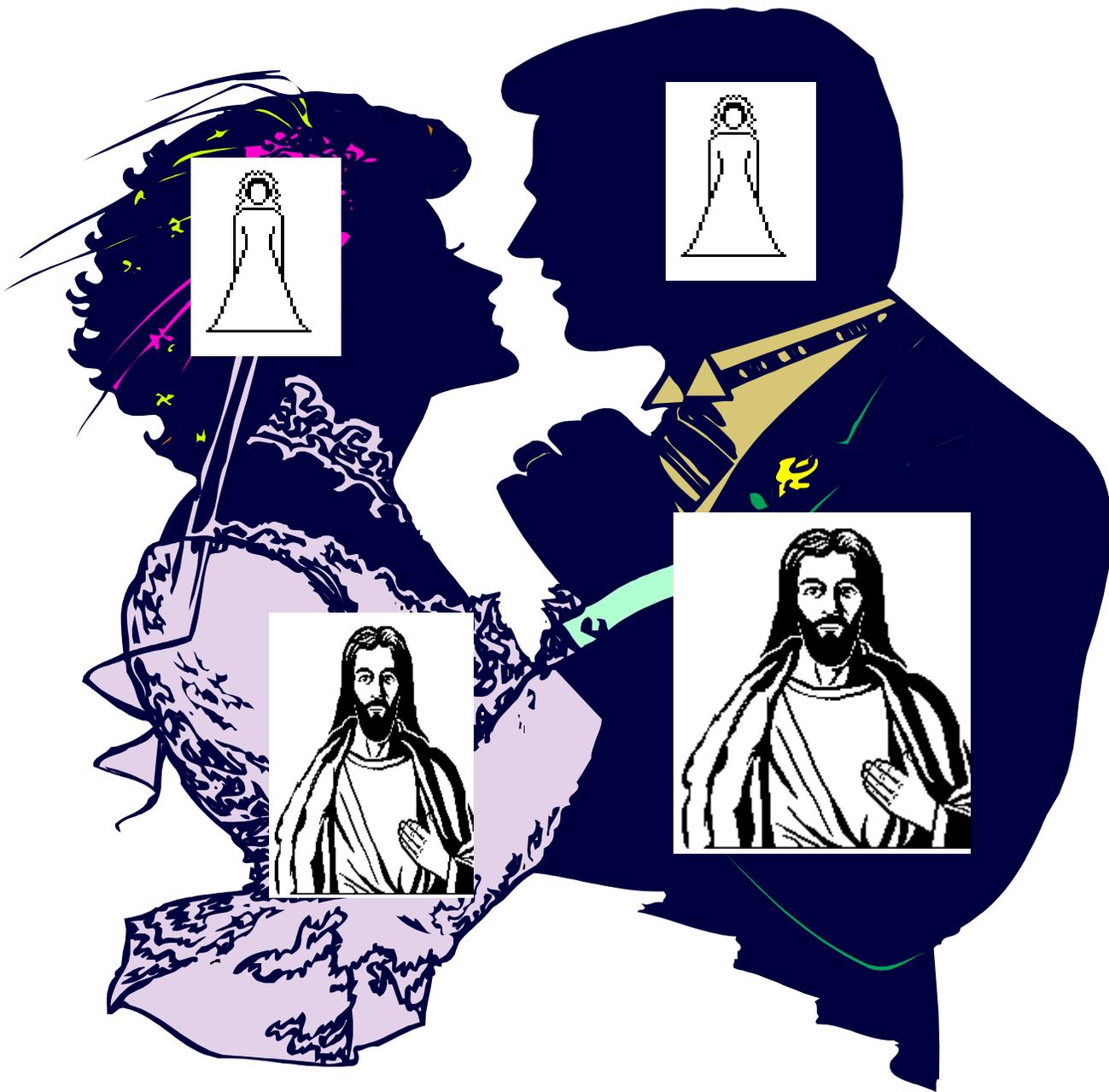
25 **He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.**

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 **Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.**

If Jesus struggled with His soul in the garden of Gethsemane, we can expect a struggle also.

The wedding of the spirit and soul



Note in the illustration above that the man has a bride in his mind which represents the soul. Paul said that our mind was to be presented as a chaste bride.

2CO 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, **that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

3 But I fear, **lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**

Note also in the illustration above that the woman has a bride in her mind or soul. So she, too, has the battleground of the soul in the garden - even as Jesus struggled with His soul.

JOH 12:27 **Now is my soul troubled;** and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

LUK 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: **nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

It may seem strange for a natural man to have a feminine soul (Greek - *psuche*) in his mind - but how else can he **conceive** thoughts. And besides, is it not true that Christian men desire to be part of the bride of Christ? The soul or the mind is espoused to Christ.

But, let us look further at the illustration. Note that the woman has an inner man in her heart. Is this not rather strange? And yet consider what was said about Sarah by the Apostle Peter.

1PE 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; **but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your SOULS.**

3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 **But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,** which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as **Sara** obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

The above verses clearly show that Jesus is the Bishop, Shepherd and Bridegroom of our souls. His spirit resides within our meek and quiet spirit as the "inner man". It is Jesus in this inner man that is the bridegroom of our souls. And it makes no difference whether in the natural we are male or female, we, as Christians, still have the Christ in the inner man of the heart. And as we accept the work of Jesus in our heart and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our minds, our spirit and soul are married together and we walk as one with our Savior for His purposes and according to His will.

For the difficulties began in earnest in the garden when the feminine soul was separated out from the human spirit and was given a choice of who it would love.

2CO 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, **that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty,** so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, **or if ye receive another spirit,** which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Jesus struggled in the garden of Gethsemane with problems of the soul and so we, both natural men and natural women, struggle with problems of our soul. But, in finality, our soul is wedded to the inner Christ man in our human spirit and we are part of the bride of Christ. And then the feminine soul will be subject to the spirit (husband) and the soulish voice will no longer be heard in the church.

1CO 14:28 But if there be no interpreter, **let him keep silence in the church;** and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**

And why did God permit the soul to have a choice separate from the spirit? Think of all the suffering that would have been avoided if the soul had to automatically follow the spirit. The parents of teenagers have often thought that it would be much simpler if their children were programmed like robots and would obey their every order. But, in the final analysis, is this what the parents really want? Because, by taking the gift of choice away, the children would never reach the potential desired for them by the parents. And, so God took a risk, and the creature was subjected to vanity so that ultimately the creature might come into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Verse Eight

**TO HIS SONS ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD
AS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH KNEW IT WOULD
FOR HE AND WE FOREKNEW OUR MANIFEST DESTINY
FORGOTTEN AND VEILED, YET TO IT WE DID ONCE AGREE
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD**



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HEB 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

EPH 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 **That Christ may dwell in your hearts** by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

The inner man in our spirit is part of the sonship of God and will, as a son, go through trials, chastenings, and testings. But, these trials and testings are not without purpose, for they are designed to bring us to perfection.

ROM 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

29 **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

And yes, all things do work together for good to them that love God, and are called according to his purpose. But God's purposes have a balance. We must avoid the fatalism of simply saying that we did some erroneous deed simply because it was written in the volume of our book and then continue in the same deeds. There is a balance between God's judgement and grace. The concept of the volume of the book is not an excuse to transgress the will of God. Instead, it presents choices to us, that when the right choice is made, we will do His will.

And doing His will has its' grade school, high school, and college. Consider these very difficult tests in the senior year of college of God's will.

We will look at the difficult tests given to Abraham and to Moses in the college of God's will.

GEN 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: **but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.**

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, **Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?**

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

EXO 32:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

10 **Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.**

11 **And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people**, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

One of the toughest tests of the senior year is graduation from servanthood to friendship with God. Did not God pose to Abraham that He would wipe out everybody in Sodom and Gomorrah - even Lot? Did not God propose to Moses that He would completely wipe the Hebrew nation off the face of the earth and instead raise up offspring from Moses? The servant would have stepped aside as a robot, but the friend is honest in searching the deep truths of the heart and enters into a dialog with God to find His true will. Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. Our understanding of the will of God changes as we mature in Him and fulfill the volume of our book.

JOH 15:15 **Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.**

JAM 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and **he was called the Friend of God.**

Verse Nine

HE SENT MY SPIRIT FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH AND LO!
FOR OF HIS, AND THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM WE GO
FOR THE AUTHOR WROTE FOR US A WONDERFUL STORY
OF HOW THE FIRSTBORN WOULD LEAD MANY SONS TO GLORY
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD



HEB 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

ROM 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 **For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things:** to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

It seems that our spirits have come upon a long journey from the heavens to the earth and we, like Jesus will complete the circuit back to the Father's throne.



ECC 1:6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and **the wind returneth again according to his circuits.**

7 **All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.**

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 **The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be;** and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

What is the mission that is recorded in the volume of our book? What is our purpose for having come to this earth? Each of us, like Jesus, will come to an understanding of these questions.

JOH 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. **To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.** Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

And every one that is of the truth will witness to His voice and the truths that were given before the foundation of the world.

2TI 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, **but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

And how shall we know the deep things and the hidden glory that was ordained before the world was? Is it not revealed to us by the Spirit of God?

1CO 2:7 **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:**

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

And now, El Elyon - Most High God, we come to you in the name and through the shed blood of Yashua, our Savior. We ask that because Jesus made the way, that the Holy Spirit would remove the seals and reveal the deep things of God to each one seeking to fulfill the volume of their book. Father, we ask that they may return to your throne and that You would tabernacle within them. Amen.



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