The Bride Is Predestinated To Be There

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Ephesians 1:4-5

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

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names 172 I believe there is a Bride that's predestinated. I believe God said He would have "a Church without spot or wrinkle."

I believe in predestination, that the Bride is predestinated. She's got to be There. I hope I'm with Her. That, see, I'm with Her.

Now it's up to me to work out my own salvation with God, until these things are approved of God, and then sealed into the Kingdom of God.

There is the Holy Spirit. There is the genuine works of God. "It's sealed until the Day of redemption."

That was her dream. I thought it was beautiful.

173 Now, therefore, when She does that, when that Church comes to this place, or the individual, the Church is going to be There. Let me say it real good so you get it.

The Church is predestinated to be There. I want to be with It, but the only way I'll be with It, is to be part of It. How do I become part of It? By being in It. How do I get in It?

By a baptism, by one Spirit. First
Corinthians 12, "By one Spirit we
are all baptized into one
Body." One Body; baptized into It.

The Heart Purpose Of God Was To Have A Bride

- 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age Ephesians 1:4-5, "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:

having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

Now without getting too involved in the subject of the sovereignty of God (for that would take a book in itself) let me point out here that according to these verses,

Jesus Christ is choosing His own bride just the same as men choose their brides today. The bride today does not simply decide she is going to take a certain man for a husband.

No sir. It is the groom who decides and chooses a certain woman for his bride. (John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you.")

Now according to the Word of God, the bride was chosen before the foundation of the world. This choosing of the bride was purposed in Himself.

Ephesians 1:9. And in Romans 9:11 it says, "That the purpose of God according to election might stand." You can't read it any other way.

The heart purpose, the eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing, and that purpose was in Himself, and being eternal was decreed before the foundation of the world.

Watch carefully now and see this. Before there was ever a speck of star dust; before God was God (God is an object of adoration and no one was there to worship Him, so He was at that time only potentially God).

and He was known only as eternal Spirit, the bride was already in His mind. Yes, she was. She was existing in His thoughts.

And what about those thoughts of God? They are eternal, are they not? The eternal thoughts of God! Let me ask you, "Are the thoughts of

God eternal?"

If you can see this, you will see many things. God is unchangeable in both essence and behavior. We have studied that and proven that already.

God is infinite in His abilities so therefore He as God must be omniscient. If He is omniscient, then He is not now learning, nor is He taking counsel even with Himself,

nor is He at any time adding to His knowledge. If He can add to His knowledge, then He is not omniscient. The best we could say is that sometime He will be.

But that is not Scriptural. He IS omniscient. He has never had a new thought about anything because all His thoughts He has always had and always will have,

and knows the end from the beginning because He is God. THUS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD ARE ETERNAL. THEY ARE REAL.

They are not simply like a man with a blueprint he has drawn up and which one day will be translated into substance and form, but they are already real and eternal, and part of God.

64-0705 - The Masterpiece 48 And then I might say, to this, that, when He made this man, there was something about him yet that didn't look just right, because that he—he was by himself.

And that's how God had been, by Himself; He was the Eternal. And the man now, in the image of God, also existed on the earth by himself. So He must have struck a little blow over on his left side,

and from there He took the piece that struck off of it and made him a helpmate, a wife, then he wasn't by himself. He was—he was, he had somebody with him. And that's His great work.

49 And, He, as any great sculptor would take his—his—his masterpiece... Now, first, He had a masterpiece of Himself.

But now He seen that the masterpiece was lonesome, like He was, so He divided the masterpiece by striking it in the side and brought forth a helpmate.

He Called Himself The Bridegroom

<u>Isaiah 54:5</u>

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.

John 3:25-30

²⁵ Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

²⁶ And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

²⁷ John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

²⁸ Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

²⁹ He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

He must increase, but I must decrease.

God Chose This Age To Be The Time He Gets Himself A Bride

63-1222 - God's Gifts Always Find Their Places

81 Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the city of Nazareth, the meanest city there was in the land, but out of there God chose a little lady to give birth to His Son;

an incubator, a womb that had to...a Baby had to be born by. He took such a person to do it.

God works through human beings to redeem human beings. He can take you, work through you to redeem humanity, if you'll completely dedicate everything you are.

31 Now, notice closely now as we study the Word. The God Of This Evil Age, that we're now living.

May seem strange, a very strange thing, in this age of grace, when, "God is taking a people for His Name's sake," that is His Bride, in this evil age that should be called the age of evil.

The very age that "God is calling a people for His Name's sake," by grace, out, and is called an evil age.

Now, we'll prove by the Bible that this is the age that He was speaking of. Very strange thing to think that, that in a evil age like this, that God then would be calling His Bride.

32 You notice, He said, "a people," not "a church." Why? Yet, It's called the Church, but He would call "a people."

Now, a church is a gathering of many people of all different makeups. But God is calling one here...He didn't say, "I'll call the Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal."

He said He would call a people. What for? His Name. See, a people; one from the Methodist, one from the Baptist, one from the Lutheran, one from the Catholic. See?

But He is calling, not a church group, but "a people for His Name," that receives His Name, engaged in His Name, going to a wedding to be married to Him,

to become part of Him, see, by a predestination. Just as a man that chooses a right wife in life, was ordained to be part of his body.

So, that is, the Bride of Christ will be, and is now, from old, ordained by God to be a part of that Body. See? Oh, the Scriptures are so rich, full of honey!

33 Notice, not what someone has said, what someone called; but what God chose before the foundation of the world, and is calling these people in the last days; not an organization.

"A people for His Name." And this evil age is when He's doing it, this very age of deception.

65-0801M - The God Of This Evil

Age

37 We find now, this evil age is to prove, to Satan, She is not like Eve, that She is not that type of a woman. And She will be tried by His Word, the Bride, as Adam's bride was tried by the Word.

And Adam's bride believed every bit of the Word, all, but confused on one promise, that, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever," today, see;

but failed on one promise, under the temptation of the enemy, face to face. And now, the people that's called for His Name, of course, is His Bride.

She is to come in contact again by the same thing; not by just denominational truth or something, but every Word!

This Bride Is Predestinated To Not Fall

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed 413 Look! God in His body, Christ; and Christ in His Body, the Bride. Oh-oh-oh, my! God made manifest in Christ; Christ made manifest in the Bride!

And as God took from the body of Adam, the woman, and she fell; then God has took from the body of Christ, His flesh, His Body, which is His Word,

and is bringing a Bride out that won't fall by denomination or creed. No, sir. But She is coming back with the pure, unadulterated Word of God being manifested.

414 I hope every man that hears this tape, and every woman, will understand that. See?

415 She is the second Eve, but She is not breaking and—and spoiling Her skirts of purity and holiness, to Her Husband. She'll stay with His Word regardless of what anybody says.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

435 Denomination won't, never touch that. It's a revelation. She knows it. So did Eve know it, but she fell; but this one knows it, and won't fall. She is ordained! Hallelujah! Whew!

She is ordained to not fall. She won't fail. She is predestinated to it. "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin."

You ministers know what I'm speaking of, when there's a couple dozen of you sitting here. See? "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin," David.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

183...Having (what?) predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

184 "Predestinated!" There's the mystery. He, before Christ or anything else was ever on earth, you see His great mystery, that He chose the Bride.

Knowing Eve would fall, from disbelieving the Word, knowing that she would fall;

but He would choose a Bride that would not fall, that would hold to that Word regardless of what all the rest of the world had to say about It. They would hold to that Word!

They are predestinated to stand there, "the adoption of children by Jesus Christ," predestinated the Church to that great, glorious stand!

Bride Was An Attribute In The Thoughts Of God, Then A Spoken Word

64-0216 - Identification

77 Look, to show it's the ones that He thought of, His thoughts is the Christian of today, the thoughts before the foundation of the world.

Now remember, "Man, when he was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, comes to the world speaking lies." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] There is nothing in him at all.

So, you see, if he was in God's thoughts when he come to the world, he's come (in God's thoughts at the beginning) to display His attribute.

Do you follow me? ["Amen."] Then Jesus came to break the clouds back, so that attribute could display itself. Amen.

That's it. He is God's expressed Word. Now, nothing else could be manifesting; other characters had all fallen.

Then, you see, what did Jesus come, to bring back those characters? No, no, they were born in sin, shaped in iniquity.

78 He came as a Redeemer. And to redeem anything, is to "bring it back." Amen. Bring it back! It was God's thought, you! Think!

Little you, little me; no one in the world could take my place, nobody can take yours. You being a Christian and filled with the Spirit, God, and before the foundation of the world,

seen you and knowed every feature that you got, see, and Jesus come to bring you back. That's what Jesus was here for, the Redeemer, the human body, to bring you back.

That had to come to be a human, as a Redeemer, to display His attributes as Saviour, come to redeem you and bring you back from where you come from. You were...

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed 524 Now you see the Seals? When He's in His mediatorial work back there, redeeming, but some day He comes forth to get this Book that He's redeemed.

And all that's in this Book would be Him, for that's the believer, the words in the Book, and the Word is Him.

And all that's in that, He come forth for this Book of Redemption, whose names are written on the Book before the foundation of the world, when He was slain as a Lamb.

525 And here He is today, in His Word, manifesting the same thing He did there. She can't recognize another headship. No, sir.

There's no bishop, no nothing. She recognizes one Headship, that's Christ, and Christ is the Word. Oh, my! Whew! I love that. Uh! Yes, sir.

The Same Word Spoke Of The Groom Spoke Of The Bride

65-0418M - It Is The Rising Of The Sun

241 The Spirit left Him, in the Garden of Gethsemane. He had to die, a man. Remember, friends, He didn't have to do that. That was God.

God anointed that flesh, which was human flesh. And He didn't...If He'd a went up there, as God, He'd have never died that kind of death; can't kill God. But He didn't have to do it.

242 But, remember, He went there with you in Him. See, God had never separated the Bride from the Groom, yet. So when God looked down upon the body of Christ, He saw both male and female.

It was all redeemed in that one body. See? They are one, same, same Word. The same Word, spoke of t he Groom, speaks of the Bride.

243 Well, how can the Bride come, and fail to manifest everything was promised of Him; and the Groom come, and He wouldn't be the Bride?

But when He did everything, even to proving it by raising Himself up from the dead, afterwards, then don't the—the Bride have to do the same thing, have to be exactly what the Word said She would be in these last days?

Don't She have to return through Malachi 4? Don't She have to be manifested like it was in the days of Sodom?

Don't the world have to be just exactly like it is? Isn't these things a perfect identification of the Word of God made known to us?

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed 235 Predestinated, as He was, makes the Word-Seed the same Water on (what?) this Church today. Is a Bride predestinated?

Did God say He would have a Bride without spot or wrinkle? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Then It's predestinated. Isn't It? ["Amen."] See?

Well, Christ was predestinated. He was the Royal Seed of Abraham, and what did it do? When the Spirit come on Christ, He bore record of the Word of God.

And when the—when the Water-Spirit falls on the Word-Seed, the Royal Seed of Abraham's faith in God's Word will produce the same kind of a crop.

It's Like A Strain In The Family

65-0410 - The Easter Seal 237 So, Jesus, so full of this quickening power, said, "If you can destroy this temple; that took you forty years, you thought, to build; I'll raise it up in three days."

238 Why? Why could Jesus say that? Want to ask you. Why could Jesus say a thing like that? He knew That He was. Amen. I wish I could make that stick.

He knew Who He was. He knew that, every Word, God had wrote in there of Him, He had fulfilled it. He knew He was the One David spoke of.

239 Do you know you're the ones the Bible speaks of? [Congre gation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Do you know your position is in Christ? If you're in Christ, you're a new creature.

Do you know this Word is just like everyday living, to you? Why, sure. It's yours. You are an eagle. That's your Food.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed 214 Now, predestinated, as He wa s. Now you say, "How does that predestination come?" God, formal...

Now, if everybody don't understand this, I want you to raise your hand now when I get finished. See? God, in the beginning, commissioned Adam and Eve to multiply and replenish the earth.

That's how sex was given, that's why it was. But what caused the hybreeding? Bring death. Now we get that this afternoon, in the two wombs. See?

215 Now notice. Now, in this, God foresaw and predestinated a world of sons and daughters. He predestinated them to be there. And because of hybreeding...

Disbelieving God's Word caused the hybreeding. God has put it right back, again, that you don't have to be hybrid anymore.

You can come right back to the original Word and be a son of God just like you was supposed to be at the beginning. See?

216 Christ couldn't help being what He was; He was the Son of God. That's it. See what I mean now? See, if you were intended, you see the Word of God, you believe It. Because why? (There's something new.) See? Why?

217 Have you ever heard of strain, in a family? One, a—a—a son, will kind of impersonate his father or—or the mother, or the grandfather, the grandmother.

That strain, in the family. You've heard of it. Haven't you?

218 Well, that's the same thing from predestination. You were supposed to be here in the right way, at the beginning. But, being that you come the way you did, you're subject to the fall.

But, being that you're predestinated, you hear the Word. It brings you right back where you were predestinated. Amen.

(Never saw that before.) Brings
you right...What—what makes you
believe the Word of God, and turn
down these other things?

Is because you were...There is something in you. Way back yonder, you're suppo-...What? You are made to live here forever.

We Are Here To Confirm Our Place In Life

64-0816 - Proving His Word 210 He proves all of His Words, all of His Words. Just think of it, all of His Words! And you were His Word. He was the Word, and you were part of His Word.

And, that's the reason you're sent here, to confirm your place in life. I—I—I don't think you got that. See, He is the Word. Now you get it?

64-0816 - Proving His Word 213 Daniel spoke of it, how the wise will be in that day, and how the unwise, and so forth. All right, so much, but I just keep getting too—too far away, the clock's moving too fast for me.

Notice, now watch, He noticed after...Now watch what taken place here. "All He foreknew, He called. All He called, He has justified. All that He has justified, He hath glorified."

Your journey's finished, you're living out your part. Grace is what God did for you. Works is what you do in appreciation.

The Story Of Rebecca

Genesis 22:15-18, 20-23

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

¹⁶ And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

¹⁸ And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

²⁰ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

²³ And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

Genesis 24:1-33,54-60

1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

² And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

³ And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

⁴ But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

⁵ And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

⁶ And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. ⁷ The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

⁹ And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

¹¹ And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

¹³ Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

¹⁶ And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

¹⁷ And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

¹⁸ And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

¹⁹ And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

²⁰ And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

²² And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

²³ And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

²⁵ She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

²⁷ And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

³⁰ And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

³¹ And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

³² And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

⁵⁹ And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

65-0711 - Ashamed

93 And I said, "Surely, there is something in this Word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, that some character in there that You dealt with, would be on the same basis that would be my question.

If somebody done something, and—and You got after him about it, then let me turn to that place in the Bible.

And if somebody, whatever they done, it'll lean my way. Where I've done wrong, or something You want me to do, or haven't done, let me see some character in the Bible like that."

94 And I closed my eyes, just let the Bible fall open, put my finger on a Scripture, Genesis 24:7. Eliezer, Abraham's faithful servant, the model servant of the Bible, being sent to hunt the bride for Isaac.

Chills run over me. Sure, that's my...that's right with the rest of my Message, pulling out the Bride.

95 He said, "Sware that you'll not take a bride out of these, but go to my own people." He said, "What if the woman won't come with me?"

96 Said, "Then you're free of this oath." He said, "And the God of Heaven will send His Angel before you, to direct you." He went right straight out and begin praying, and he met the beautiful Rebekah that become the bride of Isaac.

97 Just a perfect Message, back to the Word, "Go get that Bride!" That's a duty. That's what I'm here for. That's what I'm trying to do, is call out a Bride.

98 Remember in California there, that interview of the Bride, preview, I had it here. How that Bride come up first, and seen Her go by. Then here come Miss America, Miss Asia, and all, oh, the awfulest looking thing! And then the same Bride passed by again.

One of them got out of step, and I was getting Her back in step; two of them, it was. And that's what I was supposed to do, keep that Bride in step, hunt that man.

99 I said, "God, I'm going back home, renew my vows again, and start out anew." So that's what we're planning on doing, that's what I'm here for.

59-1121 - Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of His Enemy 19 Then when God seen that He had a man that He could put confidence in, He said, "I've swore by Myself."

For a man always takes an oath to someone greater than he. And no one was greater than God. So He swore by Himself that the seed of Abraham would possess the gate of the enemy. Oh, my.

He swore it. God, by Himself, swore that Abraham's seed would possess the gate of the enemy. Watch how He proved it. Rebekah, going to be a part of Isaac, which is part of the seed also by the woman...

And when her father and her brothers and her mother and her loved ones, kindred, believing in God, when they...she made...was put to a trial...

And when it come to the trial, "Will you go with this stranger, or will you stay with us?" her decision was quickly made, clear-cut. That's the way God's people makes it: fast and quick.

"I will go," she said. Not knowing where she was going, but by faith she went, for there was something within her begin to move, and she knew that God was in it.

And when they set her up on the camel, they blessed her and said, "Let thy seed be thousands of millions": thousands of millions.

God told Abraham, "Like the stars of the heaven, or the sand by the sea shore." That's bringing in the Gentiles. That's the way the seed of Abraham would be.

And they also said, "Let thy seed possess the gate of its enemy." God promising through her, through Abraham, that the seed would possess the gate, and it will.

As long as there is a remaining seed of Abraham, it'll possess the gate with the promise of God like Abraham did. It'll do that.

59-1108 - Possessing The Enemy's Gates

15 And her people then, so anointed, maybe did not know it, but they prophesied as they laid their hands upon their sister, and their daughter;

this beautiful, young Jewish girl, as they placed her upon the camel and sent her to a strange land, among strange people.

But there was Something on them. They said, "Let thy seed possess the gate of their enemy. Be thou the mother of thousands of millions."

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 269 You're standing, completely. You never sinned at the first place. God don't even know. It's in the Sea of Forgetfulness. You never did it.

You were accused of it, by the accuser. But really, from the beginning, you were predestinated to be a son and daughter of God.

You're standing there, washed. And your old book of divorcement is put away, and it's dead, absolutely out of existence, even in the mind of God.

270 You're the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ. Precious, virtuous, sinless Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride-Word that He washed by the Water of His Own Blood; that become flesh and manifested,

that He might take you which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father, before the beginning, the same as He was. He was that great attribute of God, called "love."

271 Whatever you are, you are servants of God, whatever God wants you to do, where your place is. "God placed in the Church, some apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors..."

He placed that by virtue of His Own predestination. And you were that, to begin with.

272 Your first wedding was annulled. It was. You never done it, in the first place. Because, there's only one thing could do it, that would be God come down, Himself,

and took your place in a form of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and washed you by the Water, of the washing of the Water by the Word.

The Word; not the denomination! The Word washed you. But if you won't stand in the Water of the Word, how you going to be washed? You're still as spotted as Eve was.

Oh, dear dying Lamb, Thy precious Blood Shall never lose Its power, Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

273 What is sin? Sin is "unbelief." Unbelief in (what?) the Word; unbelief in God, which is the Word.

274 Pure, unadulterated; oh, hallelujah; leaving soon for the skies; amen; standing ready. Think. Your garments, washed by the Water of the bleeding Word!

The Word become Blood. The Word bled for you, and you are washed in bleeding Word. The Word, bleeding!

The Life of God in the Word, and the Word was bled for you, that you might be washed from the filth of these prostitutes,

and be cleaned and sanctified by the washing of the Water of the Word, and makes your mind and heart stayed on God and on His Word.

275 Now, how you know It's true? When God comes down and vindicates It and prove.

276 You say, "Well, I didn't believe It that way." They didn't believe It Jesus' way, but God proved It. They didn't believe It Noah's way. They didn't believe It Moses' way.

They was willing to take Balaam's word for It, "We're all the same, so let's just associate together." "Separate yourself," the Bible said, "from unbelief."

277 Hallelujah! Now notice. You're not only that, but you're going to the Wedding in the sky.

And you are wearing the wedding band of predestinated, unmerited grace, a wedding band of grace unmerited of your own. God did it, Himself.

He knew you before the foundation of the world, so He slipped the wedding band on you There, put your name on a Book. What a thanksgiving! Hallelujah! Praise our God!

We Have Found Grace In His Sight; Now Let Us Stand Still To Be Dressed

63-0116 - The Evening Messenger 244 Eliezer sweated it out, until he found character. That's right. Who would he get? And he trusted God. Character for what? Character for Isaac, the bride, which the Church is type of.

You know that. That was the natural seed of Abraham; this is the royal Seed of Abraham. Well, if Eliezer, the messenger hunting the bride and trying to find character,

if that man is come, a messenger of the last day, trying to find the Bride for Christ, he will not look for a denominational membership. He will look for character that's willing.

245 Watch! Good character first, then to get her ready to meet Isaac. After he found the character, then get her stand still long enough to listen to his message of Isaac.

246 That's the messenger of the last days, the evening Light, is first find that Church (where will they believe the Message?), hunt it. Can you read what I'm talking about?

Hunt where that Church is that'll even let you come in, that won't close the door in your face. And then when you do there, then you've found character.

Now if she will stand still long enough to tell her how that Bride's got to be dressed! She's got to be clothed. Stand still! If she could get...

247 Look at the little Rebekah listening to every word, her little heart was beating. She...He—he was telling her. Now, you've sweated it out, "Where will I go?" until I find the character.

Then when I find the character, then make her stand still long enough to get her ready to go to meet him. Oh, my, what a striking thing! (Wish we had a little more time on that clock.)

Get her ready; stand still to listen to his message of him. Eliezer wasn't speaking of hisself, but he was speaking of the one he was sent from.

And he had the gifts to prove that he was sent from him. Amen! He wanted to clothe her with these things. You know how he fixed her