The Ministry Of Grace

Friday Fellowship, 7th March 2025 Bro. James Menni

Zechariah 4:6-7

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

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

61-0827 — The Message Of

Grace

68 Grace is old. Grace is as old as the world is. Grace was first shown to the human race when we had a beginning of the human race.

When the human race was first created in the garden of Eden, on that dark morning when that little woman that stepped across the separating line,

and had gone against God's Commandments and enticed her husband to do the same thing, then the law was broken.

55-0223 — Job

Job, the oldest book in the Bible, was supposed to even be written before Moses wrote Genesis.

But the oldest book in the Bible was speaking of redemption, and yet redemption was far be—way before that. Redemption is one of the oldest things in the Bible. Did you know redemption was even before—the plan of redemption was laid out before the world was ever formed? Think of that.

and was the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. That's right. Way before the world was made, God had a plan of redemption.

Grace And Law Are Two Different Covenants Separated In Time

65-0220 — God's Chosen Place Of Worship 21And that's just what God has, two different laws. And one of them is a law of death, and the other one is a law of Life.

God has two laws. To follow Him, and serve Him and worship Him, is Life; to reject It is death. There is two laws in God.

22 Now, one of those laws was recog-...made recognized to the world, at Mount Sinai.

God gave the law to Moses and Israel. Not that the law could help them, but the law only pointed out to them that they were sinners.

Until that time, they didn't know what sin was, till they had a law. There cannot be a law without a penalty. A law is not a law, without penalty.

So, therefore, "The transgression of the law is sin, and the wages of sin is death." So therefore, until God made them a law, there was no transgression reckoned to them.

65-0220 — God's Chosen Place Of Worship 23 Now, death, the law of death, was the commandments given on Mount Sinai, which told man that he was a sinner.

And, to transgress God's law, he died. But there's no salvation in the law. The...lt was only a policeman that could put you in jail; it had nothing to bring you out with.

But then He gave another law, that was at Mount Calvary, where sin was reckoned in Jesus Christ, and there the penalty was paid.

And not with...Without law, "but by grace you are saved," by the grace of God, through predestination of God's foreknowledge of your being.

<u>65-0220 — God's Chosen</u> Place Of Worship 25 There was also two covenants give to the people. We're going to speak of them in the morning.

One of them was given to Adam on condition, "if you do this and don't do that," but that law was broken. Adam, Eve broke that, in the garden of Eden.

Then God made the second covenant, and give that to Abraham, and that law was unconditional. "It isn't what you've done or what you will do;"

He said, "I have already done it." That's grace. That's the law of Life. God did that for Abraham and his Seed after him, that's, all of Abraham's Seed.

65-1128M — God's Only Provided Place Of Worship 77 I want you to notice again, there was also two covenants give.

One covenant was given to Adam, which was on conditions, like law: "If you will not touch this, then you will live;

but if you touch this, you will die." That was a law. Then there was another law given to Abraham, which was by grace, unconditionally:

"I have saved you and your seed after you." Amen! That is a type of Calvary, not the type of—of—of Adam covenant, it's a Abrahamic covenant.

65-0117 — A Paradox 57 Joshua here is a Book, actually, it's a Book of redemption, of the Old Testament. Joshua, we would have to consider it to be that, the Book of redemption.

Because, it's, redemption has two parts. Redemption, anywhere, has two parts. That is, it's "out of" and "into." It takes two parts to make redemption, "out of," "into."

58 Moses represented the law which brought them out of Egypt, and, whereas, Joshua represented grace that took them into the promised land.

Another way, was, the—the law and grace were two different aspects of God's command. Now, the law brought them out, Moses, and Joshua took them in.

59 It also represents something for our day. Now it represents, as they were in the journey, coming from—

from Egypt into a promised land, so have we come out of a world of Egypt, chaos, on our road to a promised Land.

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it wasn't so, I would have told you," John 14. Coming "out of," going "into."

Grace Covenant Was Before Law Covenant

65-0117 — A Paradox 65 They started out, really, with grace, to begin with. Before they had law, they had grace.

While they were in Egypt, without law; no one down there, was just the priests, and so forth, but they didn't have any laws. The law had not yet been given.

Grace provided them a prophet. And, also, grace provided an atonement, the sacrificial lamb. We're getting into that this week, on the sacrifice, the blood,

because there lays your healing. So on...The atonement had been provided before there was any law. Grace was before law, during law, and after law.

65-0221M — Marriage And Divorce

194 Now notice. Now, after the beginning, after the beginning, after time began; back in there, it was Eternity, is over. Notice, after that fall was made by Eve, after the fall,

there was need to be another covenant made.

Now this is going to stumble you, but I'm going to give you the Scripture to prove that this is the Truth.

Now notice after the fall, Jesus said...God, at the beginning, made one of a kind; but now, after the fall, now we're going beyond that. The covenant was co-equal;

but now, after the fall, there is another covenant made. Now she was no longer ruler with him, each must have a separate covenant.

65-0221M — Marriage And

198 Two covenants. Now that

<u>Divorce</u>

closes "the beginning," of what Jesus said, "It wasn't so at the beginning." We got another covenant now. Notice, it's another covenant.

Now let us notice what Jesus said about, "from the beginning it wasn't so." Now it is not so "from," it is now it is "after" the beginning. Now there is a double covenant.

199 First was just a covenant, Adam and Eve was co-equal, one man and one woman. Now the woman sinned, and (what does she do?) that throwed them all to death,

and God had to make a covenant by that, another covenant. Here it is right here in Genesis 3:16, He made another covenant.

62-0211 — Oneness 19 And if you'll notice how that Eve was united with Adam, she become part of him. God, did you notice in Genesis 1:27,

He created man male and female, created He them. Now, the man was a...both male and female when it come to being in the spirit of feminish and masculine.

Then God took from his side a—a rib. Did you notice the body part was a by-product, but not the spirit?

The body part of the woman was a by-product, after the creation had been finished, God took from the side of Adam a rib and made a woman.

But not the spirit, the spirit was part of Adam, for he was both man and woman, fem-...spiritually speaking, both masculine and feminish.

20 Now, don't you see the great picture? We, in flesh, are different. We're like a by-product, a created being, by holy wedlock. But in Spirit we are sons and daughters, not some other spirit,

but the Spirit of the living God. We are in His likeness, in His unity, in the perfect image of the living God, because we become sons and daughters.

Not separated, but the same Spirit, the same God, the same Person, joined in wedlock to the Eternal. See how God planned it that we should be not a different, but Him!

Not some other being of some other tribe, but a real union and offspring of the Almighty, done by a holy union.

Now, the body comes from mother and father, but the Spirit come from God, God separating Himself as Adam was separated.

60-1125 — Conference 85 And listen Christians, there is where you'll make your fatal mistake.

There is where Israel made her fatal mistake, when she asked for a law to serve God by. In Exodus 19, after grace had done provided a saviour, Moses, a prophet,

done provided a lamb, done provided a covenant, done provided all these things, and yet they wanted something to do themselves, they wanted some theology.

Each Covenant Has Its Own Priesthood

Hebrews 7:11-12

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

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

Hebrews 7:21-28

²¹ (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

²⁴ But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

²⁷ Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Hebrews 8:1,6

1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

⁶ But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:7-10,13

⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

⁸ For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

The Gentile Church Chose Law For Grace

61-0316 — The Church Choosing Law For Grace 32 They, the greatest mistake that Israel ever made was when it renounced grace and accepted law.

It made its greatest mistake in Exodus 19, was one of the fatal mistakes that Israel made. The covenant that God made with Abraham was completely grace.

But grace had provided for them a deliverer, a prophet, a sacrificial lamb, it had provided the greatest revival they had ever had, and yet, they wasn't satisfied with it,

they wanted something that they could argue about, they wanted a place where they could have something to do into it.

33 And that's the way it is today.

61-0316 — The Church Choosing Law For Grace 41 Where did we make our mistake? Like Israel did, we couldn't get along just getting,

going the way the Holy Spirit was leading us, we had to add something to cause unbelief to come in. If Israel would have went ahead following the way the Lord was leading them, within two weeks they had been in the promised land, but they had to substitute something.

42 And if the Pentecostal church would have moved on in the Spirit, the way God ordained it to go, and had already proved that He was in it, we would have been living in the Millennium.

But they did the same thing they did back there, as the Bible said in Corinthians.

Those things were our examples, what happened to them happens to us.

44 There's where you made your mistake, there's where you horribly sin. Why didn't you leave it alone?

If that Name Jesus, and all their little things you've got, and so forth, wasn't right, God said, "Every," or, Jesus said, "Every plant that My Heavenly Father hasn't planted will be rooted up."

It'll come to naught if it's not of God. And if it is of God, who is going to stop it? That's it. Let it alone. Let God be the Ruler.

65-0117 — A Paradox 71 Now they were baptized, repented and were baptized,

and come out to walk in a new life, in a new land, in a newness journey, amongst new people, and the hand of God upon them.

But it finally come to a place, in this walk that they had, that they was not satisfied with their walk of grace. They had to come to something that they could do themselves.

72 Now that's where people think, today, of Divine healing, or some any other work of grace,

of God, that there is something that you have to do. You, there is nothing you have to do but believe, just believe God.

73 And, they, if they would have continued on! The promise wasn't given them under the law. The promise was given before the law, without any conditions to it, "I have given you this land, go on over into it!" But before they got to that promise, they decided there was something they must do themselves.

Hebrews 5:10-14 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

¹¹ Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

¹² For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

There Is A New Crop Ready For The Ministry Of Grace

61-0730M — Gabriel's Instructions To Daniel 98 There is an old pentecostal generation that raised up, forty years ago. "Old fighters," they was called.

They organized, and beat, and fussed, all down through Mount Horeb and Nebo, all through there.

But, finally, we're at the river now. He is going to raise up a new one, with a Joshua to take them over. The law failed; Moses went with it; Moses failed. Joshua took them over.

We find out that the organizations has failed, but the Spirit of God...Joshua, the word Joshua, means "Jesus our Saviour." That, the Holy Spirit will come into the Church.

Not an organization, but the Holy Spirit will get among the people and make Her ready to go up, cross Jordan.

I understand by the reading of the Book that that's what's to take place. And God knows that's what I'm seeking now, that I might comfort His people and tell them what's at hand,

both here this morning, and out through the lands that these tapes will go, world wide, that we're at the end time.

65-0117 — A Paradox 62 Now we find Joshua representing grace, or some propitiation, that it could not exist in the same time that law was in existence.

63 Neither does any message, that forwards the people on, ever coincide with a past message. It will not do it.

That's where you have trouble today. Jesus said, "Does any person take a—a new piece of garment and put it into an old?

Or put the new wine into old bottles? They perish. It bursts them open." They can't stand it.

64 And Joshua could not at all become into his ministry until after Moses was gone. So you see the very first verse here, "Moses My servant is dead;

now arise and take this people to the promised land." Moses, representing the law, had served its time. It's, the law had served its time.

65-0117 — A Paradox 66 So there was Joshua, representing grace, was right along with law, but could not be enforced as long as law was in its proper place.

67 And so has the church world in this last day! It's come along, it's played its part, but there is coming a time where it must cease. It must do it.

There has got to be an Ephesians, also, of this journey, just as there was of other journeys. There has to come an Ephesians, an Ephesus, an Ephesian of this journey. Watch.

68 Wherein that law could never save a sinner, as I have pointed out. It could not. Therefore the promised land represented a day of grace. See, he could not take them in, into that journey.

65-0117 — A Paradox

80 Now that's a perfect type of our Ephesians today, exactly. We come out under Luther; we went through sanctification, under Methodist;

and came into the restoration, under Pentecost. Exactly like it was, the wilderness journey. And when God brought us out, we did very well. But what did we do?

Wanted to be like the rest of them. Now we find out that grace is the only thing that takes us through, never law. 81 Joshua here is a type of the last-day ministry. See? Now remember those three stages of the journey. All of it ceased, first the law and everything had to cease, so that Joshua...

And Joshua is the same word as Jesus, "Jehovah-saviour," that took them from their wilderness into the promised land.

65-0117 — A Paradox

86 But when it come to the time of when Balaam come out with his false doctrine, and said, "We're all one.

Why don't we just go together and let our children marry one another? We're a great nation. We'll make you great with us."

Now anybody with common spiritual understanding can see exactly that same thing even today, marrying all of them together. And it was an unforgiveable sin.

It was never forgiven Israel. But then Joshua raised up for the exodus.

87 Now we're taught, in Revelation the 6th chapter, I believe, yeah, 6th chapter, of the Seven Seals.

That's supposed...The Book to be sealed up with seven mysteries, or Seven Seals, Revelation 6.

And in the last day, Revelation 10, in Revelation 10, we find out that the Laodicea, last messenger of the last age,

and during the time of his prophecy, that the Seven Seals would be opened, the seven mysteries, sevenfold mysteries that had been left off.

88 In every age there had been some of It left off. The reformer didn't have time to take care of It. In the days of Luther, he only preached justification by faith.

He was gone, they made a church. After that come Wesley, he preached sanctification. There it was. And along come the Pentecostals.

89 But we're promised, according to Revelation 10, and according to Malachi 4, and Saint Luke 22:17, and so forth, that there is got to come a—an Ephesians to this. There is promised it, friends.

There must come an Ephesians, that these sevenfold mysteries of the Word of God must be unfolded. And it's in the Laodicean age that this takes place. I believe that we're—we're there.

90 I believe we're right in the shadows of the Coming of the Son of God.

And as Joshua, just before the Ephesians raised up, so did John the Baptist raise up just before the next Ephesian. And we're promised another, another Ephesians.

It's predicted here in the Scripture, therefore I think that we are living in the Ephesians again. Back again to...We are promised that what was left off during those seven ages.

91 Now you cannot add nothing to the Book, or take nothing from It. Revelation 22:18 says so,

"Who will ever, will add one word, or take one Word, his part will be taken from the Book of Life." Now we cannot add or take.

92 So therefore we know that Luther could not get to It; Wesley, and so forth, the reformers, Knox, Finney, Calvin, on down, so forth, they didn't get It all, but what they had was the Gospel Truth.

93 But now in the last days, we are given the understanding, by the Word, that we are going to understand It, because it'll come an Ephesian age to it.

65-0117 — A Paradox 77 And anything that you try to do within yourself, it'll always work to your dishonor. It'll work to your disadvantage.

Just simply believe God, and that settles it. What God promised, "I'm the Lord Thy God Who heals all thy diseases."

See? "If there is any among you, sick, let them call the elders of the church." He promised, "The works that He did, would be done in His church."

78 Why do we have to accept organizations, and so forth, that will write that off of the Book? See, it—it becomes a thorn in the flesh. And here at the end time, we meet the thing again, face to face,

it's up to the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and what-more, see. You, you can't go on; you've got to come back to the entire full Gospel.

It was made for the full man, by a complete God Who was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we know that those things are true.

<u>65-0117 — A Paradox</u>

74 And, that, we still find that among human beings. We're prone to be that way, "There is something we've got to do." We feel that, that we've got to have something into it also.

75 You do have something into it, that's your surrender of your own will, your own ideas, to the will and idea of Almighty God, and it's finished.

That's all there is. Just take His promise, don't think of nothing else. Walk by It, and God does the rest of it.