

## THE LAMB AND THE DOVE

TEXT: John 1:29, 33:

***29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.***

***33 And I knew Him not: but He Who sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon Whom thou shalt see the [Holy] Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.***

The Bible is either God's Word or it isn't. It is true or it is false. God keeps His Word. If you can't trust God, then He isn't God to you.

You've got to come straight and square with God, or you'll never find Him. His Way is straight, as stated in **Matthew 7:14**:

***Matthew 7:14: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.***

God introduces His Only Begotten **SON** to the world as a **LAMB**. Why? Because the lamb is the most meek and gentle of all the beasts of the earth.

A sheep, when lost, cannot guide itself back. It has to have a Shepherd, or it is totally lost. God likens all of us as lost. Through Christ we become lambs, or sheep, which are not self-sustaining.



It makes no difference how good your church program is.

**If you are without a shepherd, you are lost.** Look at what we have today! A man can stand behind a pulpit, in the best building, with the best scholarship, and still the world is getting worse and worse, and more wicked with each new day.

Christ is being rejected as the Chief Shepherd to us. The substitute for the New Birth is "Church Joining". The very principle of the Gospel of Christ's Coming is to change goats to sheep.

***Mark 16:15: And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.***

**2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

The Church is to Go Into All The World and Preach the GOSPEL to every person, making all of them new creatures in Christ. Its mission is not to pass out leaflets, build hospitals, churches, orphanages, and relieve the poor, even though these are all good and commendable things. Its primary objective from the Lord is to Preach the Gospel of the Living Christ.

If you have never come into contact with the Living Christ, you are DEAD. Take a hen and put her on a nest of fine eggs; she turns the eggs and works with them daily. She can sit until she is so poor she cannot get off of the nest, but they will never hatch unless the hen has been with a male.

This is what bewilders our churches. We work with people and pat them on the back. We help, hug, and kiss them, and sign cards in a nest of rotten eggs. The churches need to be cleaned up. Unless you have come into contact with Christ by the New Birth, you are a rotten egg in the church. If you are born of the Spirit, you are a New Creature in Christ, spiritually alive and transformed.

**JESUS** is the **LIVING CHRIST**. He makes us alive. He that hath the **SON** hath **LIFE**. If you try to impersonate a Christian, you are a hypocrite.

Why is a **Lamb** so meek and gentle? To begin with, **He** is a **lamb**. His nature is that of a **Lamb**, He will not fight back. But just cross us and talk about a fuss! Jesus has the meekness of a **Lamb** and **Dove** united. Here we have all this fuss, snorting, and temper, and then the church wonders what happened to the Holy Spirit.

The **Lamb** won't get back or fight back. The **Lamb**, when shorn of his God-given possession of wool, won't fuss or kick. The so-called Christian, when clipped by some sinner or tried by the Word, will kick, fuss, and fight. This shows just what they are, e.g. only an impersonation of a Christian.

I have seen bogus dollars, a sign of riches; I have seen scarecrows, a sign of something real behind it that the scavenger birds are trying to steal. The **Dove** and the **Lamb** come. What does the **Lamb** do? Does he snort like a wolf? What would the **Dove** do? He would leave.

That is what happened to the Church. Will all the fuming about belonging to one certain church do any good? What about Christ? No wonder we don't have miracles.

Wherever God is, there are supernatural works.

Today: Women dress like flappers, with paint and earrings. Men are bound by alcohol and cigarettes. Shame on them both; but shame on men the most for letting their wives do this.

There was a man by the name of John Smith whose wife had to feed him because his eyes were so swollen from prayer and real tears. That man knew how to pray!

**“Men, lend me your boat. Push”**

**Luke 5:1-3:**

**<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret,**

**<sup>2</sup> And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.**

**<sup>3</sup> And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.**

Jesus asks something from us before He does things for us. You must do something for God if you expect Him to do things for you. It is wrong for us to constantly ask Jesus to meet our needs and never offer to rejoice His heart by working with and for Him.

After preaching, Jesus said, **“Launch out”**.

**Luke 5:4: Now when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.**

Only then God can confirm his Word. If you don't act on the Word in faith, God can't confirm that Word with signs following, because the Word has no power until acted upon by doing it, which makes it come to pass.

**Luke 5:5: And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy Word I will let down the net.**

**Nevertheless, at Thy Word.**

I can't see it, and I don't understand it, but I am going to transform my thoughts to Yours, God. (i.e., You turn from self to Him.)

**Nevertheless, at Thy Word, Lord, I will act on Your Word.**

**Luke 5:6-7:**

**<sup>6</sup> And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.**

***7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.***

The boat began to sink from what was a catch of the blessing of God, a surplus, a shower of the blessing that they both got to share with others and to have for themselves. They never dreamed Jesus could do so much. We don't realize what Christ can do when we act on His Word.

We have little effect on the souls of people when we do not have the surplus, the Divine Abundance. Jesus knows where the fish are, and He knows how to catch them.

This is where faith comes in. Faith cannot be explained. Are you in financial, spiritual, or physical need? Christ works when we depend on Him. When you act on His Word, you release His power to you.



The **Dove** is a lover ... God is LOVE.

The **Dove** is kind, meek ... God is kind and meek.

The **Dove** has no gall, eats nothing but grain and seed; but the crow eats dead carcasses; carcasses kill the **Dove**.

The sinner goes to the bar then goes to Church. We have got to change our nature.

To love Christ and to live a righteous life, the Christian — when horribly lost — must first take the nature of the **lamb**.

## **GENESIS 24: WILT THOU GO WITH THIS MAN?**

***Genesis 24:58: And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.***

Life is filled with serious decisions. Tonight your decision about Christ means Heaven or Hell. You have got to make a decision about Him. And you haven't got a lot of time to do so.

Why? Today is the day of salvation. A young lady had two very dear boyfriends. She couldn't decide which one to spend the rest of her life with; she waited too long and lost both. What decision will you make now?

Abraham didn't want his son, Isaac, to marry an unbeliever, an unsaved woman. So he sent his servant to his country and his kindred to find a wife for his son,

assuring him that God would send His angel before him.

***Genesis 24:4: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.***

God still sends His angels before His servants.

***Genesis 24:40:***

***And he said unto me, The LORD, before Whom I walk, will send His Angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:***

The servant carried gifts to the bride. He didn't say they were for another generation, he didn't hold them back from her; nor did he hold her in ignorance concerning the wealth of Isaac. An angel spoke to Rebecca to dip water. Why did he speak to her? She was a blood relative to Isaac. God speaks to His saints. As soon as she begins to pour out water, to testify to others of Jesus, then the servant (or Spirit) begins to pour out gifts on her.

***Hinder me not.***

***Genesis 24:56: And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.***

Many of God's servants lost the blessing of God by being hindered or by putting off a decision.

***She said "I WILL GO".***

***Genesis 24:57-58:***

***<sup>57</sup> And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.***

***<sup>58</sup> And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.***

She took all her gifts (more now given to her) to go and meet Isaac. The servant spoke mostly of Isaac and kept himself out of the picture. Any servant speaking of self and not of Jesus seeks his own and is not a true servant.

May the Holy Spirit draw the True Bride to the Water of Life tonight.

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