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« 150 † Moses, his intellectuals, he had to lose them in order to find Christ, to be a prisoner. Then when God got all the world beat out of him, and all of his mighty man that he was, and stand in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire that day, he was found just speechless. He didn't even, couldn't even talk, he said. God had a prisoner then. See? You won't try after your own searching. Then God had to endue this man, endow him with power enough that he could go down there.

151 And he said, "Lord, I told Pharaoh what You said, and he wouldn't do it."

152 He said, "Then take this, thy rod," God speaking, that's God's Word, "go out there and point it towards the East, and call for flies." **And flies come into creation, because He had a prisoner that Pharaoh couldn't pay off with nothing.** Nobody else could turn him no way. He was a complete prisoner in the chains of God's Word, bound up only to THUS SAITH THE LORD.

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« 153 † Oh, if God can get Him prisoners like that! Now, that's when He can express the preeminences, you see. He, He's got the man, or the person, so that he knows nothing but Christ. You get what I mean? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] All right. That's secondly.

154 First, to express Hisself completely, God in Christ.

155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride, till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right.

156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshipped with them.

157 And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? Before the foundation of the world, to express all of His--His--His attributes, what He was.

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« 146 † When I think of it, I--I just see denominations pass off the scene, and everything else just going, see, when I see God's great purpose, revealing Himself. And having, first, to reveal Hisself in Christ, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily." And, then, to bring that "fullness of Godhead bodily" into a people, that He could have the preeminences, the oversight, the leading.

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« 163 † What's His purpose now? Express Himself as a Son, see, and, now, that in Him might dwell "the fullness of the Godhead bodily." I'm, I've got Colossians laying here, right before me. See? That, all through the Scripture, that's what God purpose was. Then, through this Life of this Son, His

cross, "the Blood," it says here, "of His cross," that He might reconcile to Himself a Body, a Bride; which is Eve, second Eve. And God give it in a type, like He did Moses and all of them. The same thing He did in Adam and Eve, giving a type, that they were Christ and the Bride. He is the second Adam; the Church is the second Eve.

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« 168 † **Now, oh, the great revelation now! Now to restore back His kinship, to bring back, now, He had to let them get lost.** You understand it? He had to let them sin, put them on free moral... He, He could not make them sin, and remain God, and then punish them for something He made them do.

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« 172 † **Now notice again, now, what's His threefold purpose? Manifest Himself in Jesus Christ; to come into the Body, by Jesus Christ, to have the preeminences; to (what?) restore back Eden, bring back that which lost.** That was the only thing out of order. All the rest of His things was in order.

173 But He had to let, put man on free moral agency, to fall, so that He might be a Saviour, to display what's in Him, see, His attribute of Saviour. Something had to be lost. And the very thing, that man fell and become lost, He become the Saviour of that, taking His Own law. And He could not do it as that great Jehovah that covered all space, time; see, He couldn't do it. And He had to become a Man. And He took kinship with the man that was lost, amen, and become a Man: God, made flesh!

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« 175 † God became, from God, to become me, to take my sin upon Him, that He might make me Him, amen, **back to His great purpose of sons and daughters of God**, for He is the Eternal Father. That attribute was in Him, see, so that had to be displayed.

176 Now see the whole threefold purpose? See, to express Himself, He wants to become... Now, the-- the world is lost, now He has to express Himself in a Man, to become a Saviour, through the reconciliation of the Blood from His cross. Now, He had to become that, to die, in order to save and to bring Himself back into the Church, to have the preeminences in His Church.

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« 182 † "Heavenly places." Oh, how I wish I had time! Here I've got it marked right here in my Bible, about Heavenly places, what is Heavenly places. Heavenly places, just for a moment, is "the believer's position in Christ," see, "where the believer stands in Christ," in Heavenly places.

According as he has chosen us... (listen close)... chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,...

183 When did He choose us? "Before the foundation of the world," when His great hidden mystery, His great secret.

... He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in (what?) love:

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

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« 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!

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« 185 † Now you see His secret? What to? To restore fallen Eve, as she was a prefigure of the Church. And now notice, as God opened up the side of Adam and took out Eve, by his own flesh and blood; and divided his spirit from masculine and feminine, to feminine, and put it in Eve. Took the rib from under his side, and made Eve out of it; so God did the same thing, taking out of the side of Christ, the Blood and the water. And Christ is the Word, and taking the Word and making up His Church, Eve; see, back to Himself again, redeemed by the Blood that was come from His Body. You see it now? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

« 187 † How did He? What happened in the prefigure now? He opened Adam's side and took part of his flesh, which was Adam, to make Eve. The Bride has to be the Word, for He is the Word. She cannot stand on creeds. She cannot stand on denomination. She cannot stand on good behavior. **She has to stand alone on the Word, because She is part of It.** She was taken from Christ. See?

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« 188 † And to be sure, that, the whole Rapture now; Luther was a part, Wesley was a part, the prophets was a part. If they're--aren't a part... Just in the revelation that they was making up, the body, feet, toes, arms, and so forth, until the Head (which we get to that in a few minutes), see, that makes the entire Rapture. It's the Body of the Word, which is Christ. Amen!

189 Outside of That, you're lost. **I don't care how good you are, or what your relationship is, or what your fellowship is, or what your organization is, you're lost, outside of that Word being in you.**

« 190 † **"If ye abide in Me, the Word, My Word abide in you, then you ask what you will," because you and the Word are the same.** He has the preeminences. He's got the rulership. You're a... you're a prisoner to Him. The world is dead. You have nothing more... You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it. You're a prisoner. You're yoked with Him. "My yoke is easy." Yoked with Christ, with His Word. "I do that only which the... pleases the Father. And if you can't believe that I am He, then believe the Word."