

THE WORD FROM THE BEGINNING – PART 2

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Good morning, everyone. Today I am going to do a brief overview again. The overview takes us back to the beginning of everything as well as then takes us forward to where we will be going in this coming year, further developing the word of present truth to us. We know that the word of faith that we are to proclaim (the word that is near us that is in our mouth and in our heart) is the word of kingship. It is the word of authority; it is the word of rulership, and it is the word that we are to exercise in the coming age – the age yet to come. I want to do a brief summary here, and I will follow this word on ‘dominion’. I am going to do a talk, then we will come to our notes, and then hopefully we can read them together.

Come with me to Genesis chapter 1, talking about man. Verses 26 to 29. We will start at the start – about our predestination. ‘Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion... [there is that word] ...let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over all cattle, over all the earth [Notice that? Dominion over all the earth] and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and fill the earth; subdue it; have *dominion* over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; it shall be food for you.” ’ Then we go over to the restate in chapter 2 here, about the tree of life. Verses 7 and 8: ‘And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living, breathing being. The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed out of the ground. The Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.’ Verse 15: ‘Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep

it. And the Lord God commanded man [here is the command], saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die.” ’

We will leave that verse there. You will not have handled this before. Come with me in your Bible to Romans chapter 5 and I am going to follow this theme on dominion. I am going to read this to you. You will not need to write it all down, but I might give you the headings here on the steps of dominion (or phases of dominion) and we will follow this through for the next little while. We will not hurry with it. I will walk us through it; then we will come back and read. Here is a little restate for us, and I am going to then read the notes further on this: Under Christ as Creator and King... (thinking point by point what we have just read) ... under Christ as Creator and King, man, (and I will just say ‘man’) – Adam – dealing with the one at this point – Adam was given dominion over the kingdom of God upon the earth. The earth was the centre of the material universe. The tree of life in the midst of the garden of Eden was where Adam ruled from by dispensing the life of God from the tree of life in fellowship with Yahweh to the physical creation. Did you get that point clear? He is a minister of life. That is what we are to be – a minister of life. That is what you are now that you have returned to paradise, ‘...for out of your innermost being shall flow [and does flow] rivers of living water. This spoke He of the Spirit.’ This is what their work was to do, and this is what he did.

Now we will look at the transgression [which is what] I will call it here. This is all in Romans chapter 5 – the complete study on this. I will not be doing that here today. I am sure in the coming season through Bible school and other things, that we will do more writing on this, but let us go to the next one. You have the transgression. The transgression was disobedience. God gave a command, ‘Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.’ The transgression was disobedience. Then we note the source, and Pete will address this a little bit more. This is a bit of an upgrade. Satan is the father of the lie (or

the source of the lie), but man's disobedience is the source of the *other law* within us. We are going to find that sin then becomes part of us in this other law. The source of the other law is now sin in us. The source of the other law is now sin in us and we know that 'the soul that sins, it shall die'. That is the outcome of sin or disobedience. The transgression produces death. There may have been nothing inherently wrong with the fruit itself. It was the disobedience. As we have said before, it was angels' food. It was the disobedience - the transgression that sourced then the other law within Adam and then within all of us. It is spread to us. all.

This is what happened when Adam sinned. Eve was deceived; Adam was in disobedience. The Scripture is clear; Adam was not deceived. This is quite deliberate with Adam here. Adam exchanged this grace and authority... (that is the dominion and the ministry of life to the whole of creation - the natural creation) ... Adam exchanged this grace and authority along with his fellowship with God for a lying proposition put forward to Eve by Satan. Mankind was then disconnected from the life of God. He was restored by an atonement to fellowship with God but was disconnected from the life of God that they had received from the fruit of the tree of life. They began to die because of sin in that very day which was 1 000 years long. We look at the genealogy of how each one lived and in the day that they sinned, they died.

Satan then claimed to be the source of this lying proposition. An overview study of Luke 4 with Christ in the wilderness will give you that. I will say it up front and bring it all down to one point here - Satan is making a lying claim there too. In the wilderness to Jesus, Satan then claimed to be the source of this lying proposition, which is true. He was the source of it. He therefore claimed fatherhood over those that believed his word and followed his initiative. He presumed to become then the god of this world and set his seat among men. What do we discover where the seat of Satan was? We can follow his seat through history, but we find in the days when the book of Revelation is being written, Satan's seat is in Smyrna (the second church) where they were called to be faithful unto death and told that they would suffer.

We find then that Satan has a seat, and I will touch on this more a little bit further on when we get toward the book of Daniel and then we go further with that to the book of Revelation.

We will now go to Romans 6 verse 17 and then back to verse 12 to follow the next point of authority - using then as his authority - the power of death, for death now reigned through Adam because of disobedience. I will read that again. Satan presumed to become the god of this world, setting his seat among men. However, the power of death did not come from him. The power of death came from Adam. The other law came from Adam, but then death came from Adam. I am going to keep putting it back. After a little while, we begin to find that Satan seems to have a lot of presumptions on a lot of stuff, and there has been a lot of exchanging going on; but the reality is the exchange (or the disconnect) of what was real for man is being handed over to other things. Adam handed over to Eve too. We keep getting this handover problem - this 'failure in headship problem' that Adam seems to have - all based in a problem with choice and faith.

Satan claimed to be the source of this lying proposition; therefore, he claimed fatherhood over those that believed his word and followed his initiative. He is then presumed to become the god of this world and set his seat among men using then as his authority, the power of the fear of death, which is again a negative - the fear of death. But the power of death - death reigning. Who is reigning next? We have reigning. Adam reigned and now we have death reigning and death reigned through Adam because of the offence (or because of disobedience). Let us read that in Romans 5 verse 17, and then we will go back to verse 12. 'For if by one man's offence death reigned through the one...' That is pretty clear. Where did death reign from? Man - from the other law birthed in man because of Adam's sin; and then you get sin in man - the other law. Now we have death reigning through the one man's offence. That is the disobedience. The offence is the cause of offence; and then through the one. Then we look at grace later. Go back to 12: 'Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world [the source of sin - the other law in Adam], and death through sin [we will go a little bit more with that because this needs more unpacking - this death through sin],

and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. [And then he goes] – (For until the law, sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed where there is no law).’

Let us just go a little further without me trying to unpack all that to us. Using then as his authority - the power of the fear of death - (for death now reigns through Adam because of disobedience - the offence), we have another thing happens. Before we go to Romans 7, we will look at Romans 5 verse 20. We have a new chap or something new entering now, another entry: ‘Moreover, the Law entered.’ So we have the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and now we have the Law in it. Before we go any further with that, the Law entered. Go to chapter 7. You can take the end of chapter 6, and it points to chapter 5 which points to chapter 6. Then when you go to chapter 7, go back to the end of chapter 5 verse 21, and then go up to chapter 7. We can keep doing this. We will do this later in a set of notes. ‘Or do you not know, brethren?’ [Romans 7:1] We have ...’the Law entered’. [Romans 5:20] ‘Moreover, the Law entered that the offence might abound... [but then abound] ...so that as sin reigned in death... [I will just read it, and we will come back to it], ...even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.’ Now come straight then to chapter 7 verse 1: ‘Or do you not know, brethren... [Now that the Law has entered, you had better know about the Law that has entered now] ... or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the Law), that the Law has dominion over a man as long as he lives.’ The next character, or the next thing that has dominion is the Law. Death has dominion; then the Law has dominion, Then, we have someone else comes. Shall I just read it to you? It is called sin and it gains dominion over law. Let us read that. Are you following my theme on dominion now?

Let us just read it. This is Paul spelling it out to us. We have (using Adam’s authority, which was the fear of the power of death, for death now reigns through Adam because of disobedience) the Law then entering the scene, given through Moses. It was given dominion over man as long as he lives in his physical and *psuche* life on this earth. The result of the Law being added to man’s

situation was that the disobedience, (that is the offence - the other law) increased and abounded so that now sin has the upper hand and reigned in death. We have death; and sin right up here now - reigning in death. Then we have someone else entering. Sin has the upper hand and reigned in death. Then we have another major player who enters - Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ then entered this dreadful situation and brought in grace, which is the nature and power of the sevenfold Spirit of God. ‘...so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace [by the Holy Spirit] might reign through righteousness [that is obedience] to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord [and King],’ Romans 5:20. Is there an ‘amen’ to that?

We could say that we could end the book of Romans in chapter 5. I was looking at that. No, we had better not do that. I went through to chapter 6 verse 1. ‘Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?’ We have gone through all that and we will do that as we read our next notes here today. [We will] go to the end of that. Verse 23: ‘For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.’ I learnt that my sanctification is eternal life in chapter 6. Then we go to chapter 7, and we have a marriage discussion between Israel and Christ and the church and Christ and your marriage and Christ. Paul goes on to chapter 8 through chapter 7, and we finally get the crescendo at the end of chapter 8. There is plenty of work to do as we follow this scheme of the apostle Paul.

You could say, ‘We can get the book of Romans and we conclude it all.’ But Paul does not do that. He goes further with this then, right through to chapter 11 in Romans and catches us all up into eschatology. I am going to do the short circuit of that now with eschatology and keep reading to you. Let us read it. Now dominion ... Now that Christ is here, after He has died the death on the cross and fulfilled all our obedience from the garden of Gethsemane till He said that it was finished, having been buried and raised the third day, we have Christ being raised from the dead. We see the last Adam now with a spiritual body. Dominion now is in the hands of the last Adam. We get the story of the last Adam back in chapter 5 of Romans, because Paul talks about the

transgression of Adam, who is the 'type of Him who is to come'. That is Jesus Christ. He is the Adam. The Adam in the image and likeness of God. All this you have already heard.

Dominion is now in the hands of the last Adam where He sits at the right hand of the Father. All authority, power and dominion are His. He is just sitting waiting for the Father to take His seat. Then He will stand up as the Lamb-Lion and He is going to roar upon the earth. Here we have dominion now in the hands of the last Adam. He is the fulfillment of the prophetic proposition 'Let Us make man in Our image and according to Our likeness.'

There is one more step now and we are now in the beginning phase of that step called 'birth pangs'. We will go to Daniel for this. Come with me now to Daniel chapter 7 verse 18. I will not turn to it. You can turn to it if you want. I have it written down. I will read it to you with my little extrapolations into it as we pull from the book of Revelation and put [Daniel] into it.

There is one more step that must take place that belongs to the immutability of the counsel of God in the time of the end. This time is now upon us, and it is upon us in a birth-pang measure. This means then we are knowing the *sufferings* of it, but we are also knowing the *faith* and the *power* of it in our mortality. This is progressive for each of us in our personal lives and in our families. This is going to become exponential - a little like birth pangs happen to a woman in travail. They start slow and a fair bit apart, and then they get faster and they get closer and closer and closer. Now with the travail and the pain comes also the *exanastasis* and the deliverance. Let us note that, and let us focus here on the faith and the deliverance today in terms of the word of the King - the word of faith that is now in our mouth and in our heart. It is not saying, 'Who will ascend?' and 'Who will descend?' The word is nigh us; now the birth pangs are here. It is in our mouth and heart as we move toward the manifestation of the sons of God in *mortality*. We go beyond that to the manifestation of the sons of God in *immortality*, and then into a *spiritual* body; then into the new heavens and the new earth. It continues to upgrade for us. The glory is being revealed from glory to glory to glory and from dominion to

dominion to dominion as we return to our high calling in Christ Jesus to the very height of Mount Zion.

This one more step that must take place that belongs to the immutability of the council of God is now upon us. For the time has come (with the birth pangs that are now upon us), 'For the saints of the Most High... [I am reading here from Daniel 7 verse 18] ...For the saints of the Most High shall receive and possess the kingdom even forever... [and Daniel, by the Holy Spirit then throws in] ... even forever and ever.' This is just in case you do not get the point. Is there a 'yes' to that one? 'Even forever. Even forever and ever.' That is what it is all about - 'even forevermore'. All this progression is here; we are part of this; and this word on sonship has come to you.

Now the 24 elders (that is the manchild) shall sit on 24 thrones with the Father when He takes His seat and '...they shall take away the dominion of Antichrist.' Daniel 7 verses 26 to 28. We will work from the end back: Antichrist, back one; Satan, back two; Abaddon. 'They shall take away the dominion of Antichrist, Satan and Abaddon. Then the dominion... [Note when this happens. This is not far from you now.] ... Then the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven... [We are talking about this present season of the seventh world kingdom beginning right there *under heaven*] ... shall be given to the people. [Stop there] ...given to the *people*.' Who is the first big crowd of this people? Not the 24 elders primarily. It is, but they are taking it [the dominion] from him and giving it to the people. That is the 144 000 to start. They 'give it to the people' and their converts. That will be millions of families that come into the kingdom because of the message that the 144 000 will bring to all the nations. The dominion and power begin to fall to the saints, and the saints will rule the world, and they will smash the nations 'with an iron rod as a potter smashes a vessel'. This is the power that is coming to us in the manifestation of the sons of God because the kingdom and the power of all the nations is given to the people. Do you get the feel of this? This is not empowerment. They are not 'King's kids' and all that. This will be manifest. How do we overcome? This is going to be an overcoming that we are looking at 'given to the people'. 'The

people are the saints of the Most High and His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him [in the time of the end]. I added that too, before we get the spiritual body and the resurrection. This is what is happening. Isn't this powerful? This is how we read the book of Daniel. Do not read it in the negative. We read about the power of Antichrist, and the saints are given into his hands for three-and-a-half years, but we have a fair run before that. We have a fair run before that bringing in this great multitude. I am getting pretty thrilled now. Are you getting thrilled with me?

With that in view, come back to your notes. We are going to begin on page 11, but I am going to take 'blessing and cursing' back on page 7. I will feed into this. I am not going to take a lot of time on it. I have mentioned about the Law - that the Law reigned (or the Law has dominion over a man as long as he lives). I want to look at this strange infirmity or malady that we have called our 'other law'. I will have a little look at that and see if we can get a better handle on what is wrong with us. You can get some self-definition going here. You can look up Doctor Google now with Doctor Bible. Shall we do that so we can find out what is wrong with us? What is wrong with us is sin in us - our other law. I will read what I scribbled down quickly just before.

The other law was fathered in us from the offence. Now I have already said it, so I will just revise it. It then became an infirmity in us. I am going after the infirmity and dealing with your other law. I do not want you to get comfortable with it, but I want you to know that we have a great High Priest who understands fully your infirmity and was fully encompassed with it Himself, yet without sin and overcame it for us. He sympathises with you - with your infirmity. He is not sympathetic when you do your block, but He knows why you did it, and He is here to help you by the Holy Spirit. We have a sympathiser - a High Priest who understands your infirmity when you do not understand why you are doing what you are doing. No longer I doing it, but sin in me doing it through my other law, which now works through the law of my mind. We will look at that a bit more as we unpack in the coming season.

The other law was fathered in us from the offence. It then became an infirmity in us that we do not understand. I wake up in the morning happy, joyful, meditating, worshipping and then all a sudden something goes wrong and 'pow'. Do you find that? There is an infirmity. It is called sin in me. Now I turn to a great High Priest who says, 'I know all about it. Now let us deal with it. I have already dealt with it as your suffering High Priest. He is a suffering High Priest, not even talking. He is offering Himself as the Lamb. The suffering High Priest is dealing with your infirmity. That is the whole book of Hebrews. Why am I bit like this? Well, you know, it is an echo of something somewhere that went wrong. 'I used to have dominion; I used to have power; I used to be in control.' No, you were not. You used to be in fellowship. You have forgotten about the fellowship. It is something of an echo. 'Well, I need to have dominion.' You are going to get dominion; you are being given dominion again. But you have to go back to the way it is supposed to be handled. You need a circumcision of this other law. And that is the fellowship of the cross. That is the chastening hand of God, as I mentioned yesterday. We used to have dominion and we want control. We really do not want fellowship when we want control. Is that correct? Can I challenge you now? Come on now. When you start losing it and you want control, do you want fellowship? No, you want control. There is the other law. Right there, the cross wants to make a breach and the High Priest says, 'Hang on, I know you need dominion, you have a name, but you had better move over here and find it in fellowship - to do with the works that are already done for you by Christ, your great High Priest.'

The word from the beginning is a new commandment now. We began to talk about that in 1 John 1 and that is tied now with the word from the beginning. 'Let Us make man in Our image and likeness' is the new commandment. It is the word of present truth. The old commandment is the new commandment that we love one another - that is we join fellowship as Christ has loved us. That is the mechanism in a hurry. Now let us come back to page 7 and we will get reading and you can continue after I am gone. The echo will be in you as you read the notes later.

'Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness.' The second dot point on page 7 — 'Blessing and cursing'. Can you turn up your notes? I would like you to read with me if you have them so that we can all read them together. You do not have to take notes; you can scribble beside them. 'Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness. That is, He brought an end to self-righteousness through the Law, for the Law was taken out of the way when it was nailed to the cross in Himself. Now, when a person endeavours to be righteous according to the Law, it is being misappropriated from the cross.'

What I am doing is a very brief, intense study here of Romans 7. All those statements which Paul stretches out, how do we... (who are part-married to Christ under the New Covenant with the Law nailed to the cross and that whole era ended) ... how do we access the Law? It is not there as a covenant; you cannot get your hand on it. We only do it through the cross and Pete has all this word written up in that book here. We have to look at what goes wrong when we start doing that. It gets to be a problem when we do not know what we are doing. When we are mishandling the cross by taking a hold of the Law from the cross, we are going to do ourselves a great injury. I want to bring this warning right up front and show you that this is a pretty bad thing to do. Romans 7: We do not know what we are doing, but I want to show you how destructive it is to us. Let us read it again.

'Christ then is the end of the Law for righteousness. [The Old Testament Covenant given to the flesh is now gone.] That is, Christ brought an end to self-righteousness through the Law, for the Law was taken out of the way when it was nailed to the cross in Himself. Now, when a person endeavours to be righteous according to the Law, it is being misappropriated from the cross.'

That is not a good point to be misappropriating the Law. That is progressively what happened to that thief who did not believe he died with Jesus. Remember the two thieves? Christ begins on the dispensation of the Law, and progressively the Law is being taken away from the Old Covenant. He has already taken the priesthood away from the Old Covenant - from Caiaphas in the house Caiaphas. He has taken the priesthood away.

Now He is taking the Law away. It is progressively being fulfilled in Him and being nailed to the cross. One thief is getting on board with it. He is getting the faith of it and the righteousness of it, and he is saying to Jesus, 'You are the King. Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.' The other one continues cursing and swearing, but progressively as the curse of the Law begins to find itself now being incorporated into the death of Christ and into the curse of the cross, he begins to now die under the judgement of Christ and under the judgement of the Law, as it is ministered to him from the cross. That puts him into the lake of fire eventually, because all judgement is now given to the Son. When He said, 'It is finished', it was done. He is now the Judge of all.

Those who do this forsake the blessing of the cross. When a person endeavours to be righteous according to the Law, it is being misappropriated from the cross. Those who do this forsake the blessing of the cross and are cursed as part of the body of sin that was taken out to forgetfulness. This reveals then that when you do this, you are not exercising the faith of Abraham. Now, come with me across to page 11 and we will read here. Hopefully we will happily read. These are my speaking notes, so they are speaking/reading. I feel to come after this question of overcomers first and then we will move back and look at this problem of our infirmity.

Page 11: 'Called to become overcomers'. 'Christ is asking us, through His messengers, to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. [You are not now reading the 10 Commandments and trying to do it yourself with a Pharisee somewhere with every jot and tittle worked out according to all the stuff that they wrote. We are not doing that. What Christ is asking us to do is this: 'You have an ear, you hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches through His messengers that I am sending to you in My right hand.'] The Spirit is calling us to become overcomers. The prophetic burden of the book of Revelation is summed up with the statement, "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be His God, and he shall be My son." This promise is accompanied by the warning that the cowardly, and the unbelieving and so on, will have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death.' [Those that do not overcome are

on a bad run because they are the unbelieving.] They have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death.'

'The victory that overcomes the world is our faith. We receive this faith as the Spirit brings to our remembrance what Christ has already spoken to us. John 14 verse 26. We further obtain faith as the Holy Spirit guides us in all truth, and reveals, from the prophetic Scriptures which belong to our day and generation. Because of this revelation to us now, we are able to "bear" the matters that belong to our times.'

Jesus said in John 16, 'I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.' There are things that belong to every generation that belong to us now to do with birth pangs that we can now bear. I hear people saying, 'I am a bit scared about what is going to happen when the seals open.' Do not worry about that. When that happens, you will bear it then. The faith for it then is the faith to do. It is for that day then. Sufficient unto each day is its own faith - is its own grace. That is what God is doing. When the Lord opened this all up to me on the lampstand 50 years ago, He did not reveal to me this word on the tree of life then, as the word of the Spirit. He revealed to me another word which was current then to do with this. It was applicable then - true then and it is true now. The Lord is bringing that back to the remembrance of many of you, but He is moving on with this now to say, 'Now you need to bear the word to do with worthy houses.' Many have been struggling with that. But now He is calling you to hear what the Spirit says to the churches, so that you may return and eat of the tree of life in your house and with your children, so do not have to keep losing them as we have lost so many from back 50 years ago.

'With this word in our mouth and heart, we are to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. [The book of Romans is clear on that. Chapter 16 says that 'the Lord will crush Satan under your feet when your obedience is complete.' As you walk in obedience and learn from the chastening of Christ how to obey, Satan is being crushed. We are walking in progressive stamping on serpents and scorpions, and we have been given the power over all sorcery - over all the power of the enemy; the doctrine of Balaam, and the trading that is

among us.]"The word of Christ, our King is the word of the Lion-Lamb of the tribe of Judah. He has already prevailed over every enemy that seeks to rob us of our dominion and sonship. We are, today, being called to turn again to first love. [He wants this now in the family]. As we repent and do this first work - the work of abiding in the fellowship of the Father and the Son - we will be restored through the faith that we receive, to have dominion as an overcomer in the midst of our contrary circumstances. [That is what the Lord said. Can I hear you say 'yes' to that? That is what He is saying to you. That is the word of the Lord of present truth to us today.] In weakness, we will be made strong, and thus we will overcome and inherit all things.'

Come over to Section two - 'The source of our infirmity'. This happened because we exchanged dominion for a projection that Satan put to Eve which was a lie. Because of disobedience, we lost it. Now mankind's wickedness was to exchange... (so that is his sin or his wickedness) ...was to exchange the truth of God for a lie. God therefore gave them up to their idolatry that they should believe a lie and come under condemnation. In your earlier notes, that I did not read to you yesterday, but hopefully, you have already read in that first section, there was an atonement made for them in the garden of Eden. That really was the blood of a lamb and then the coverings of the skin of that lamb. There was a covering for them. It was an atonement. Yes, they were cut off from life, but the atonement connected them to fellowship for the remission of their sins (and all mankind's sin), because He is the 'Lamb slain before the foundation of the world'. The death of Christ is a propitiation; that was what was given to them there.

'Mankind's wickedness was to exchange the truth of God for a lie. God, therefore, gave them over to their idolatry, that they should believe a lie and come under condemnation. Specifically, man *exchanged* the truth for Satan's lie. Through this exchange, Satan became the god of this world. Evidently, Satan works by advantage through trading. This is one of his devices for taking advantage of us.'

I have just pulled what I just read earlier, up into the New Testament to look at what Satan does.

He does it through trading. He works on this other law within us - this infirmity that we have. Note this: Adam was recovered with Eve, but Cain was not recovered. The word tells us that sin, like a lion, was crouched at his door and then when his countenance fell, he became all upset and despondent because his offering was not accepted and then the Lord spoke to him. The Lord was still speaking to men through atonement. He was still obviously covered in a coat of skins that his brother Abel had provided, and the atoning lamb was offered each day at the gate of the garden of Eden by Dad with Mum (hopefully), and them. Then they brought offering when they came of age. But Cain did not bring a lamb; he brought the fruit of the ground that was cursed; and so he was rejected. He had to overcome sin. Sin, motivated by his other law became a powerful emotion in him that then triggered murder in his heart, and he killed his brother. So we get the first martyr in Scripture and he died in faith. That is Abel. Then you get the children of Cain. Not one of them survived the flood. There was not any of the DNA of Cain in any of the sons of God that came into the ark. They were a pure line - none from Cain. Cain's were the sons of men. The line of Seth then became sons of God. They called upon themselves by faith (that is in your notes there) on the name of God, calling themselves by His name.

They eventually with the three families of Noah, joined Noah and his wife in the ark and they became the wild olive tree. Then, it becomes the true olive branch - the true olive tree with Abraham - 10 generations from Noah. However, you do find the heads of the nations that we see in the book of Job with his friends who were in their families serving God, before idolatry had taken a hold. I think that is about five generations after Noah. Noah is still alive then too, by the way, according to Usher, the chronologist.

Now let us keep reading here. We are not doing too badly; we are doing okay. How many are still going with me? I do not want to hurry, because you can read it and we can keep going there on my speaking notes. We look here that Satan's mechanism is *trading*. Why is he trading? Because he has been disempowered when he is cast out. He is trying to get power and get back

up somewhere. He has to misappropriate; he has to trade. We handled that yesterday.

'In the wilderness, prior to the commencement of Christ's earthly ministry, Satan claimed that he was the god of the kingdoms of mankind.' That was a bit of a presumptuous statement because Nebuchadnezzar in the third world kingdom had seven years of madness that taught him that God is the One that rules in the kingdoms of mankind, and He puts over it, whoever *He* wills. Here is Satan talking to the One who put Nebuchadnezzar over the third world kingdom, struck him with madness through His angel and restored him after seven years. All his counsellors came and he had them all back out of the palace and they went and found him and shaved him and cleaned him up and put the crown back on his head and God gave him through Christ excellent more majesty - showing that God rules in the kingdoms of men.

He is ruling in the Middle East right now, so go and fill up your tank. Have a bit of faith now, okay? Who are you looking to? We have to see what God is doing. God rules. We look to the Scripture to note that these are birth pangs dealing with the natural land there. That land has a covenant, and God is not going to let that thing be wiped out by something from Iran. That is the beast of the Medo-Persian Empire - the bear. All these things are being revived now to become part of the kingdom of Antichrist.

We have Satan claiming that he is the god of the kingdoms of mankind. They are all beastly kingdoms. He shows Christ all the glory of the beastly - not the glory of Him who is the image and likeness of God, who is now there in weakness, proceeding to become the full expression of the glory of God. He is God in the flesh, filled with the Holy Spirit. He has the seven Spirits of God with Him confronting Satan, and He is overcoming Satan by that power - the same power that you have.

'Taking Jesus to the top of Mount Zion in the third heaven, Satan showed Him, in a moment of time, all the kingdoms of the world, with their authority and glory [their beastly glory]. Satan asserted that this authority and glory of these kingdoms had been delivered to him so that he could give them to whomever he wished. The devil proposed to give the authority and glory of

mankind to Jesus if He would worship before him. Christ overcame this temptation stating, "Get behind Me, Satan!" [That is where you should be worshipping. He is the Lord and King. He is right there.] For it is written. "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you should serve."'

That is the word to us. For the Creator met with Adam when He created him in the garden of Eden and He then was the Creator and Adam was the administrator who was given dominion over the whole of creation.

'Adam, when he was created, was directed by God to become a multitude of nations, and to fill the whole earth. He was then given power to subdue and rule over everything upon the earth. To fulfill this mandate, Adam was given the wisdom and authority necessary to take the dominion over the kingdom of God upon the earth, in fellowship with Christ as the Creator. As a man, he named and integrated every living thing that the Son of God created on behalf of the Father.'

We have this marvellous story there in Genesis 2 verses 19 to 20. The Lord then creates all the animals and everything and sticks them in cold storage. Then He creates Adam, brings him up, puts him in there. He then plants the garden of Eden, zoom, zoom, zoom - everything is fully grown - not all little, tiny little seedlings. It is all there. There is fruit on the trees, and everything is there. Then, there is Adam. He gets him off the operating slab where He created him and stood him up by the tree of life. Then He brings out of cold storage each animal. 'You name it. You tell it its work.' This is the wisdom He has given to him. The Spirit of God is there enabling him to do this. The Spirit of God that brooded on the waters is now with this man as an anointing, enabling him with the Son to name the whole of creation. That is the dominion - kingly dominion. Jewish history claims that the kings of Israel, when anointed, had some elements of that dynamic in their kingship over nature as well, which is very interesting to note (and also over the spiritual dimension). If it was true then, it is true now.

'Satan, the serpent of old, masquerading in the physical form of a seraph, sought, through deception, by sorcery [Here is the doctrine of

Balaam coming up that we need to overcome], to take the mandate that had been given to Adam and the woman and make it substantial in relation to himself. He did this by becoming the origin of the father of lies.'

In New Guinea, I spoke to you about this. You need to take a hold of this, so that the fear of death and the fear of sorcery is broken. There is no sorcery that can be enacted against you. That is in these notes, and I hope you can get a hold of this. I am sure the notes will be printed. You need to take a hold of this. There is no sorcery against you if you are walking in the Spirit. Adam did this; there was no other law in him; he did this by fundamental basic disobedience. He exchanged something. Adam was a sinner and I will call him the chief of sinners, even though Paul grabs the title for himself. And Paul found recovery, and we know Adam did too.

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Everything Satan does through fear is a lie. You do not have to be afraid of it. You can resist it and come against it in the name of the Lord, and the love of God within you casts out all fear. You do not have to be afraid. There is no sorcery that can come against you. They can put a curse on anything or a spell on anything they want. It cannot touch you as you walk in the Spirit.

'In this regard, Satan masqueraded as the father of an alternative word. His aim was for his word to replace the word of God together with its corresponding faith and hope that came from the Father, through Christ. Eve was deceived and mesmerised, through enchantment, into believing that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, if she ate its fruit, would sustain her life apart from God.'

This is a little upgrade for you: When she looked at the fruit, she saw that it was good for food. In other words, that instantly said to her, 'If I eat that, I will not die. It will sustain me. I will continue to live as I live. It is good for food', even when the Lord had said, 'If you eat it, you will be in disobedience; you will die.' There is a

mesmerising dynamic that happened. A spell has been put upon her by Satan. Her husband had the key; he was not deceived. The spell did not get a hold of him. Paul tells us in Timothy, that that is absolutely true. And in Corinthians, he warns the Corinthian church. He was afraid for them that if Satan put a spell on Eve, so he was putting a spell on them through these false apostles who were coming as messengers of Satan, transforming themselves into angels of light, bringing a false gospel. This happened to the Galatians. Paul wrote to them, 'O, foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you?'

All of you here, not just New Guinea, are subject to sorcery. You are subject to being bewitched because of the other law that is within you. The Lord is wanting to deliver us from that. He is doing that as we join the fellowship of Christ's offering and we join the fellowship of Christ's chastening. Then we learn the word from Him that really does belong to our name, as long as we do not draw back in unbelief and do what Cain did. We do have to overcome it. The first word to Cain was, 'You must overcome it.' The last word of the book of Revelation is, 'He who overcomes inherits all things.' You must be an overcomer. Everyone is being called to be an overcomer.

I will take this point, and then I will conclude, and then you can keep reading. We have the curse of the Law. 'Eve was deceived and mesmerised, through enchantment, into believing that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, if she ate its fruit, would sustain her life apart from God [apart from the tree of life]. That is, she perceived its fruit to be good for food as an alternative to the tree of life, so that her life would not be dependent upon God. She also believed that it would give her power to fulfill her desires and expectations, being pleasant to her eyes.'

I am going to talk to young ladies now - 16 to 19. Are you finding that your preoccupation is your desires and your expectations of what you want from life? You have to then turn. There is a mesmerising dynamic here if you are not careful. Your education is not going to give it to you, and marriage is not going to give it to you. There are a hundred other expectations you may have. They will not deliver life to you. Being a son of

God and a daughter of God walking according to the Spirit is the only thing that will deliver life to you. I will just throw that one in here because I am running into that lately. Expectation. That came up in New Guinea, and I think many of the ladies remembered that. They brought it up. Heather shared on this - expectation. What are your expectations? The expectation that will not be cut off is the one to be a son of God by the power of Eternal Spirit.

'Eve, likewise, considered that the fruit would make her wise as a person who could judge between good and evil. She thought that this would become her role as the one who would make the difference between good and evil [as she ran the house for Adam]. This was from a completely different, self-centred based, not needing the life of God to live, getting it from this tree of angels' food.

In contrast to the woman, Adam was not deceived. 1 Timothy 2 verse 14. Rather, in disobedience to the command of God, he departed from the continued *choice* of faith, hope and love.'

Faith, hope and love is a continued choice. That continued choice Christ fully and totally and absolutely explored as the Lord's goat, and He fully and completely explored every alternative as the scapegoat and He has ended the whole question of choice for us, so that it is no longer a problem to us for the whole of eternity. We can daily walk by faith in choice, and we will do this forever at the tree of life with the Father, and Son and Holy Spirit on the top of Mount Zion.

'He [Adam] departed from the continued choice of faith, hope and love. This was the culture of fellowship that he had with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at the tree of life. This daily *choice* had been the expression of his *freedom* [and we will continue forever with this freedom to choose]. That was the definition of choice and freedom.'

'Through Adam's disobedience, another law was established in the heart of every person [and that is the law of sin] who would be brought to birth through procreation. This other law brings them into bondage to the law of sin and death. Explaining this implication of the Fall, Paul wrote, "Through one man, Adam, sin entered the

world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned [being in bondage to the law of sin and death through the exercise of another law].” ’ Romans 5.

‘Sin-sickness, leading to death became an *infirmity*, afflicting every person who would ever be born. Even as Christians, as a result of ‘the other law’, our human infirmity is to misappropriate the word of God for our own ends. It is the drive to covet what we believe will give us life and then exchange the word of our sanctification for a projection. We do not understand why we do this, for what we will to do, we do not practice. Instead, we find ourselves doing the things that we hate, which bring us under condemnation.

I will not read the ‘Cursing and the Law’. You can read that yourself. I am going to read this to conclude now and read it in relation to you and I will read it as a testimony to myself in relation to my other law: I have been given the New Covenant of the Spirit. Is there a ‘yes’ to that? Can you say ‘amen’ to that? You have another marriage covenant, not the old marriage covenant. It is now the marriage covenant of Christ and His church and has also become the covenant of my marriage. How many are going to say ‘amen’ to that? How many men are going to say ‘amen’ to that? The covenant of my marriage. Adam had to say it before Eve did. The covenant of my marriage. The Old Covenant with its judgements of the Law upon us and upon Christ was ended when it executed us with Christ on the cross.’ I through, the Law died to the Law.’ Isn’t that what happened? When did I through the Law die to the Law? When I died with Christ, ‘I through the Law [like those thieves as they were nailed up] then died to the Law.’

The Old Covenant with its judgements of the Law upon us and upon Christ was ended. The judgement upon us and Christ was ended when it executed Christ in us with Christ on the cross. The Law nailed us to the cross with Christ and then was itself nailed to the cross. Then its work was finished as Christ died. Its work was finished and was satisfied as we died with Christ.

Nevertheless, we now live. We died with Christ, but now we are alive again. It is *exanastasis* life. We live because the death that He died, He also died to sin and now He died to our sin and now

we live with Him. We are now out of time for now. Keep reading your notes there and we will keep unpacking this in the coming months.