

## **PROPHECY CONCERNING BLACK WOMEN**

The Apostle Paul used the word “mystery” often when explaining God’s plan to have His Christ glorified in humanity. Indeed, this is the greatest mystery ever to face mankind.

But there are other mysteries in the Bible, and one that fascinates me is that of good and evil. This begins unfolding in the Garden of Eden, when God told Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge and good and evil, and that he would die the day he did so (Genesis 2:7)

Why was this knowledge forbidden? And what kind of death did it cause, given that Adam lived a long time after disobeying?

The answer to the second question is that Adam died Spiritually that day; in his mind he was separate from God. It is noteworthy that the first time the Hebrew pronoun “I” is used in Scripture is when Adam responded to God after the disobedience, saying “I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” (Genesis 3:10)

With respect to the first question, it is important to realize that the fall was part of God’s perfect plan.

Ephesians 1:11 may be the most important verse in the Bible, and in it, Paul, speaking of God, says: “...Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will”.

And in Romans 8:20, Paul mentions the fall and says: “For the creation was subject to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it in hope.” (New American Standard)

So God controlled the fall, and therefore wanted us to know good and evil.

Why?

One possible answer is that Adam and Eve were “babies” in God, fully content but not really knowing who they were. By orchestrating the fall and letting us go through the misery that separation from God entails, God could introduce His Christ and we could find out who we are in Him, this time armed with the knowledge of good and evil. Then we would be fit to have dominion over the earth as proclaimed in Genesis 1:26.

Contrary to popular belief, God is not really against evil, in fact He creates it. Isaiah 45:7 is correctly translated in the King James version and reads:

“...I make peace and create evil, I the Lord do all these things.”

This verse and Ephesians 1:11, along with Job 1:12 and 2:6 and Revelation 20:10, where it is made clear that God controls the devil, poses a dilemma for those who believe in an eternal hell.

Are we to believe that an omniscient (1 John 3:20), omnipotent (Ephesians 1:11) God of Love (1 John 4:8) is going to allow the devil He controls to ruin His plan and endlessly torment millions, perhaps billions of precious human beings? It is blasphemy.

Some may object, saying that we are free to accept or reject Christ, but this view does not reconcile with John 6:65, where Jesus says:

“..no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father”,

and Romans 9:18, where Paul says:

“Therefore hath He mercy on whom He will, and whom He will He hardeneth.”

God controls everything, even who is and is not drawn to Christ. Those who aren't called are serving a different purpose, much as Pharaoh did when God hardened his heart (Exodus 7:3).

The difficult issue concerning “free will” deserves mention here. How on the one hand can we apparently be free to make choices our entire lives, yet God is in complete control of us from birth to death? This is an enigma that cannot be resolved within the confines of human logic. It is simply beyond us.

If all mankind is to be saved, the Bible should plainly say so, and it does. The following verses are from the King James version of the New Testament:

- 1) 1 Timothy 2:3-4: For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the Truth.”
- 2) 2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
- 3) 1 Corinthians 15:22-23: “For as in Adam all will die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order...”
- 4) 1 Timothy 4:10: “For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those who believe.”
- 5) John 1:9: “That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”
- 6) Luke 3:6: “And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
- 7) Acts 3:21: “Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things...”
- 8) Colossians 1:20: “And, having made peace by the blood of his cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”

9) 2 Corinthians 5:19: “To say, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them...”

10) John 1:29:”...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

Eternal hell was never in the mind of God, but it was His intention that we believed it. All the fear and condemnation arising from this doctrine was part of the process of us learning good and evil.

This is why He ordained that many of our English translations contain an error when dealing with the terms “eternal”, “forever”, and all similar words. All New Testament references to eternity come from the Greek word “aion” or a derivation thereof, which properly means “age”, a period of time. Thus, in a literal translation, the dreaded “lake of fire” mentioned in Revelation 20:10 burns “until the ages of the ages”, not “forever and ever”.

Soon it will be revealed to the world that since God is Love and is also a “consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:29), that Jesus baptized with the “Holy Ghost and with fire” (Matthew 3:11), and that God’s ministers are a “flame of fire” (Hebrews 1:7), there is nothing to fear from the lake of fire. Its purpose is purification, not punishment.

God is not mad at us anymore; He settled the matter at the cross.

Lastly on the subject of eternity, note that Jesus’s definition of eternal life in John 17:3 has nothing to do with living forever:

“And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent.” (New American Standard).

God has a master plan to have His Christ glorified in humanity, and nothing is going to foil it. However, the chaotic condition of the world often makes it easy to doubt that God really is in control.

This is when it is important to keep Isaiah 55:9 in mind:

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

This verse is particularly useful when contemplating God’s puzzling dealings with the Jews.

Who else but an omniscient One could devise a plan to pick a people and lead them through numerous wars to conquer a land, allow them to prosper greatly through David and Solomon's reigns, but then fall away and be subjected to other powers, promise them a Savior only to have them reject Him and go through 2,000 years of persecution culminating in the holocaust, ordain that the world community establish a Jewish state in 1948 where they fight to the death over this piece of desert in the name of religion, all the while supported by a Christian nation the religious zealots of which believe the Jews are going to hell but must be protected because their possession of this land is a prerequisite to the Second Coming of Christ?

Only in the mind of God!

This example demonstrates that it is usually folly to try and understand God's workings, but His dealings with black people in the United States provides at least a partial exception. By examining the black peoples' plight in America, we can not only understand some of His purposes, but a prophecy can be made concerning the black woman's future role in the world.

Blacks suffered unconscionable indignities, and a self-hatred that destroyed millions of lives ensued. However, some found Self-love and giants such as Louis Armstrong and Martin Luther King, Jr manifested.

Consider also that only the sturdiest slaves made it to America alive, and these were sometimes bred to produce the strongest physical specimens. Generations later, the dominant black athlete emerged and was gradually accepted by society. Black men are now free to pursue white women, and often do.

But where does this leave black women? Many do not meet the "European ideal" of beauty so highly prized in our white-oriented culture, and they are most likely segment of society to be single.

These latest hardships will drive them deeper within themselves to find Self-love, even as they pursue higher education. The result will be a group of savvy women who know exactly who they are in Christ Jesus, and have overcome all bitterness and resentment.

Then they will be among the most apt leaders on earth, and will be instrumental in bringing the Kingdom of God to humanity.

Perhaps the most beneficial aspect of the American black experience is that it illustrated to the world the supreme importance of Self-Love.

It turns out that we have two identities, our false identity in Adam, and our True identity in Christ. Jesus alludes to this in Matthew 23:9, when He said:

"Call no man your father upon the earth: For one is your Father, which is in heaven."

Paul also spoke of the revelation that his True Identity was Christ in Galations 2:20:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

Now look at how importantly Jesus stresses “Oneness” in John 17:21-23, as He prays to the Father:

“That they all may be One; as Thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that they may believe that Thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be One, even as we are One. I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfect in One...”

Through the miracle of Oneness, our True Self, our Spirit, is One with Christ, and therefore it is impossible to Love our True Self without Loving God!

This is so crucial that I have come to believe that the Bible, while not in error, was incomplete in its definition of God as Love.

I believe that God is LOVE OF SELF (True Self, Christ Self, Spirit Self), and the whole point of creation is for us to discover this.

A thousand years is a day to the Lord (2 Peter 3:8), and Jesus rose again very early on the third day (Matthew 17:23 and Luke 24:1). So here we find ourselves living in the dawning of the Third Day, the most anticipated era in human history.

In this Day, our antiquated notions of heaven and hell will be discarded, and the false hope of the “rapture” will cease to be taught.

We will come to realize that Jesus will reign on this earth IN US, His Body.

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