

## Sin and Its Effect Upon the Plan of God

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Today I want to talk on a subject that is very much connected to what we are in right now and going forward, and that is the Days of Unleavened Bread. So the title of my message is *Sin and Its Effect Upon the Plan of God*.

We kept the Passover; we kept it last night. And it was a very, very meaningful time, not only for us here, but for all of you out there, I hope, wherever you are around the world.

Passover, the very key thing in the Plan of God, because without the Passover, without Christ being willing to come here below as flesh, like the lowly human beings He created, to become like us in every way in type. Now, He was always more than we will ever be in the flesh, but He had to do that, that He could die as a human being to cover sin, a major, major thing in the universe where it started and here upon earth.

Look at the world today, especially the last 12 years, we have seen such a change in the way it is among men and among nations right here. That affects us and affects everybody else on earth. Well, that all had a beginning.

If we're going to understand why we are still keeping Unleavened Bread, which is another thing that God has said we are to keep. But why? Why is it? *Well, it has to do with the title very much*, because it showed God what had to happen to the plan that was worked out.

Job 38—I want to make a few points here, and I want us to just read it and soak in a little bit as we go along. It's very important that we do that in all of these things now. Many of us are getting toward the end of our life. We don't know how close we are to the end. But we're certainly a lot closer than it has been in our lifetime. So, in Job 38 we're going to see how it was at that time.

Job 38:6: "On what?..." this is, of course, this is Christ, and He is coming to that point that He had had enough of all of the things that Job was saying and doing. Job really wanted Him to come down and have a conversation and a meeting to work things out.

Of course, *I cannot fathom that kind of attitude toward God!* But Job was, and God said it to Satan, 'Have you considered My man Job and how righteous He is? (Job 1). He was more righteous in keeping the Law than any of us have ever been, there's no doubt. But anyway, **God decided enough was enough!**

Job 38:1: "And the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, **Who is this** that darkens counsel by words without knowledge" (vs 1-2).

Now, isn't that the big problem among mankind, all of us, in every human being that's ever lived? It's a lack of the knowledge, **the true knowledge of God!** So, things have to change so mightily.

Now, in the Plan of God, what is it? **We know it**, the world does not; certainly not clearly. That is, **They created mankind because They wanted children of God, Their own kind, for eternity!** Now, that's a fantastic plan, and people can't understand it.

But, the thing is, that here we are. We have to go from what we are as a lowly human being, **and be transformed into a son or daughter of God!** Now, we cannot fully comprehend that; *no way, not now! But we can believe it! We can absolutely believe it!* We believe it on faith. *All of our salvation*—and judgment that we're going through—**is on faith! So, we believe!**

But anyway, God is now going to put Job in his place, because He knew what was in Job; just like He apparently knew what was in us. What was in us? He saw that very early in our life. He determined that some, because He searches probably everybody when He's looking for who's going to be a firstfruit into the Kingdom of God, behind Christ! He knew Job and He really lets him have it:

Verse 6: "On what are the foundations fastened to? Or who laid its cornerstone."

**Job, can you answer Me?** *Of course he couldn't, but he was beginning to receive it!*

Verse 7: "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Now, that's speaking of angels, and they were created, **but they were created spirit!** They weren't created like us, and they weren't created for the same purpose as we have been created. Again, that's hard for us to accept in some ways. Because us? To be above the angels? Us to become the literal children of God? When you think about that a while, it really humbles you, because we know what we are.

- we remember how we were before God called us
- we remember even now our shortcomings

What do we have to do?

**IF** we want to stay in contact with God, **THEN** we have to repent every single day, because something goes wrong and we fly off the handle, and there we are, we've got to repent.

That's why it's hard for us to accept. But, right here, this is how it started after—we have no idea, really, how long after—the angels were created. At this point that's when God was showing the angels what He was going to create to put man upon. The angels didn't understand that. **That's part of the reason why sin came into the universe!**

Anyway, they were happy, they were at peace, and the whole universe was at peace. Sin had not yet happened, because before the angels were created, it was just the Two there, as far as we know.

Now, other things were created along the way that not too much is said about. But in any case, They were there. What happened then?

This is going to be a very familiar Scripture, Isa. 14. Keep in mind, the joy and peace and unity and happiness that was existing in the universe.

Isaiah 14:12: "How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star, son of the morning!..."

He wasn't called Lucifer at that time, no. He was **the shining morning star!**

"...How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!"

These are the things that he did after he fell. But then, again, in:

Verse 13: "For you have said in your heart..."

The angels never had a physical heart like we do. But they had a **deep inner thing to them**, as well as us. The only difference is they started out *spirit*.

Verse 13: "For you have said in your heart, 'I will ascend into the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.'"

We're going to see a little more about Lucifer and what he was before this happened. This is what happened when sin came into the universe. And I want to make that point, because it didn't start in the Garden of Eden. **No! It came into the Garden of Eden!** It started with 'the bright and morning star.' God says to Lucifer. *who became Lucifer:*

Verse 15: "Yet, you... [you're not going to become like the Most High] ...**shall be brought down to the grave, to the sides of the pit.**"

Now, where does God say he's going to put Lucifer and the demons that followed him? *In the pit! Before the first resurrection!* There it is. That's his condition.

Well, we need to go on back to Ezekiel and get the rest of this story. We're going to back up just a bit and see what was. What was 'the bright and morning star' when he was created? Well, that is a very fascinating thing.

Ezekiel 28:11<sup>[transcriber's correction]</sup>: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, lift up a lamentation over the king of Tyre...'"

Now, the king of Tyre was a type of Satan because he had a lot of the same problems that descend from Satan. That's happening all the way down through the history of man to our present day, right now, in this world. We see the absolute unpardonable sins as it were. Now, I'm not saying it isn't. I think they're going to get a chance. But, the incorrigibility! The attitude of the leaders and the powerful men and women in this world:

- they hate God
- they hate the rest of us that are not a part of their own little group of elite

*The king of Tyre was a type.*

"...**Thus says the Lord GOD, "You seal up the measure of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."**"

The king of Tyre was simply *a type of Satan* and what he did long before the king of Tyre.

We're looking at that 'bright and morning star,' and then what happened to him.

"...**You seal up the measure of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty**" (v 12).

That's what 'the bright and morning star,' the head of the angels. He was created perfect in every way. And there was no sin in him. **But then it happened:**

Verse 13: "**You have been in Eden...** [Oh, yes, that's who we're talking about: Lucifer] ...**the Garden of God; every precious stone was your covering...**"—before you did that, before he got the **wrong attitude!**

We don't know all the reasons why he did. **But envy apparently was a big part of it! And he felt cheated!**

How many people do we run across in our lifetime that we've seen like that? *They were fine. Maybe they were a good friend. Maybe they're somebody we knew!* They were going along fine, and

somebody did something that got under their skin, got into their human nature, and stirred them up *until they completely changed in their whole persona!* I've seen people like that and I'm sure you have. But this is what happened here.

“...every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold.... [all of that picturing perfection] ...The workmanship of your settings and of your sockets was prepared in you in the day that you were created” (v 13).

What's that picturing? Things of perfection. Things very effective in every way. That's how he started out.

How did we start out? We started out very, very different than Satan. we were born flesh. We were born here below. We did not know God. Our parents did not know God, or they thought they did, for most of us. Now, some of you, your parents, were already converted when you were born. But, for most of us, *we were raised in this world's Christianity*, and we were blind to the Truth.

What had to happen? *We had to change!* But we couldn't change until God the Father came to that appointed time that He had set after He searched us.

Psalms 139:1: “O LORD, You have searched me and have known me.”

When He did that, He determined when He would call us and ***part the veil of our mind and it would be ripped right down to the center and suddenly there was Light!***

- we could see
- we could hear with the ears

*whomever was talking, and you know who was talking when you heard that!* It was ***an absolute transformational moment in our lives.*** But we didn't start out like ‘the bright and morning star.’ No, we did not! So, our case is a lot different. But why? Why is it different? ***It's because of what Satan did! Lucifer! What he did to change the whole Plan of God!***

God then knew Lucifer did he never wanted that to occur again anywhere, on the earth or in heaven. Therefore, the plan was adjusted whereby mankind would have to go through judgment. ***Every human being that's ever been begotten would have to go through it IF they were to come into the Kingdom of God!***

So, coming into the Kingdom of God is it anything like... Fred kind of sometimes chastises those television preachers that get up there and

parade back and forth and so on and so forth. Well yeah, they're making a fool themselves really. But what are they doing? They're doing it:

- for money
- for importance
- for recognition

***Especially for the money I think!*** But in any case ***they do not understand the Plan of God!***

***We have been shown the Plan of God!*** We who are nobody, were absolutely nobody! I mean read 1-Cor, 1:26-31 to see that!

We're down here, why? Because of the Father's decision and the Father's wisdom. He wanted to eventually have all of mankind to come into the Family of God. Well, in order to do that we had to start low; we had to start small like a grain of a mustard seed. How many times is that applied in Scripture?

Then what does it do? It grows into a very, very large plant. That's what God is doing with us. He is working with us through his wisdom in how it can be done ***and lasts for eternity!*** That's what we're in and it's not because of us. We would never have ever gone there except for God opening our mind to understand that is the plan.

Ezekiel 28:13 “...prepared in you in the day that you were created. ***You were the anointed cherub that covers, and I set you so...*** [that's what the Creator says] ***...you were upon the Holy Mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire” (vs 13-14)—that's the Sea of Glass!***

Where is it that the firstfruits are going to go to when God raises them up? ***It's going to be right there where ‘the bright and morning star’ was when he was created perfect!*** Amazing!

The parallels down through the Plan of God are just amazing! But there we are.

Verse 15: ***“You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created...”***

He didn't exist before, not until God determined it. And we don't know all the reasons why He created the angels. But He did and so I know it's for a very perfect reason.

Verse 15: ***“You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you.”***

In our own lives then in comparison to this, yes we were created in the way that Christ then did after Satan, the whole story of Satan up to that point.

We were created by God and came into

being for God's very purpose. We have a time now ahead of us that we can understand that we are now having to move from what we were—going through whatever length of time we live—and then, **IF** we are right with God, we can receive what God intends for mankind.

But we're going through it now. This judgment is difficult and Christ let us know that right after He called us in most cases probably. I know He certainly did me and the things that were covered. You realized your life had been going this way along with everybody else. God intervened and He said you have to go around and you got to do a U-turn.

What have we just seen in America? **A major U-turn for God's purpose!** When our own life did the U-turn that was absolutely God's desire and purpose also:

- we had to change
- we had to be transformed

You cannot get into the Kingdom of God without being transformed. That is absolutely a no-brainer. So, Satan did his thing and he came down.

Verse 16: **“By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned.”**

How many times has that happened to men? *Only we started with the nature because of the change in the Plan of God!* He knew we had to start that way. With ‘the bright and morning star’ it was different. I've covered that enough, but that is the case, our whole thing is so different.

Verse 17: **“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty...”**

Now we can have an analogy there with what happens to some of us, and not just people in the world, that includes in the Church of God. Now I don't know how long any of you individually have been called by God, your mind open, and have been a part of the very Church of God, of Jesus Christ. But I know with some of us it's been going on at least 6-7 decades<sup>[transcriber's correction]</sup> You think back over that and all the things you've gone through?

You know that you could not still be here, keeping the days of Unleavened Bread, striving to overcome sin. Now we've been trying to do that up to sixty years, I don't know of anybody in their 70<sup>th</sup> year of doing it.

In other words, all of our life we are striving to come out of sin, and we're still having to do it. That's why there are seven days of Unleavened Bread. Because it has to come to the full. It has to be

fully complete, and we will not be, Matt. 5:48, *perfect as God*. We will not be in the flesh.

***But we are to be striving to prepare for that, because when we are raised by the Father, and all that Christ has done with us, I mean, that's what we're striving for!*** And then at that moment of the resurrection, the first resurrection, He will make up the difference. we may be far apart. But at that time, when He has determined that we are worthy, ***He makes up the difference just like that!*** and we're born. ***We're born again, finally!***

Now the Protestants think they're born again now, but they've got a little problem there. They're going to find out differently, but what do you say? ***We all have to learn by actual doing!*** Whether it's right or wrong, we're going to learn from it.

Therefore, God makes up the difference, and then the firstfruits will become first into the Kingdom of God, after Christ, who was the First of the first-born from the dead. He did that from flesh back to spirit in His case. ***But with us, it will be to become spirit!***

Christ says over and over, He's going to call us *brothers and sisters*. Now, again, one of those things so hard to fully soak in, but it's going to be that way.

What happens now? Well, we need to look a little bit more at how sin then has progressed from when it came here below and entered the Garden of Eden and what has been the effect upon mankind.

I want to go to Genesis. Now, you may say, what are we going there for? ***Well, let's find out.***

Genesis 1:2: “And the earth was without form and void, and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

That shows what happened when sin was culminated in heaven above, wherever it was. It affected even our own little solar system, which is a tiny part of the universe. God created it specially for man. He created it for man to be upon, and everything He created here below was to sustain us, and that is the glory of the creation that He made. But it was all messed up, and the surface of the earth had to be reformed, and so on, and we've been through that. But then, what happens?

Verse 3: “And God said, **‘Let there be light.’** And there was light.”

It was darkness, it was underwater, and God then started the re-creation.

When you go on down, and then it talks about the creation of man. Well, that had to happen,

but that was after Satan had to be put in his place, and kept there, to do only what God would allow. And that has been from the time of the re-creation at the surface of the earth, and then mankind created, and the Plan of God going forward.

I want to go then to Lev. 23. This is something we go to every Holy Day. We always start there, because Lev. 23 is that fantastic chapter added into God's Word, and I think mainly here I'm wanting to show the purpose. Why was this chapter included in the Scriptures? We've been taught this from the time we came through the doors of the Church, and that was 1966 for me. God had given me freedom to do my own thing in this world; to go out there and have a lot of good adventure. And, of course, I did a lot of things that were wrong. But there were some good things.

You remember those things. That's not wrong to remember the good things that we did before God entered, because then we can compare what is of most value. What is most valuable for us as human beings? *Before, it was whatever pushed your button, turned you on!* You know, whether it was climbing a mountain, skiing or a whole host of other things. And look at people today around you. You look at your neighbors and what they do, their routine, and you begin to get an idea of what's important to them.

You sit there in your little house and you watch them on the Sabbath. You look out the window and you see what they're doing, and you say, 'you shouldn't be doing that.'

They don't know that. But one day they will when they are entering judgment themselves. And in most all cases, that's going to be when God raises them up from the dead. And if they're alive today, then that means on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. Now, we know what's coming at the end of this age, but we don't know how soon.

However, we know it is getting closer and closer. We can read Revelation, we can read Daniel that talks about it before Revelation. It's mind-boggling! *It's mind-boggling what's going to happen!*

All the Prophets, in their prophecies, is to warn Israel, because it's written to Israel. But it will be to all men eventually. They talk about it. Somewhere in their prophecies they will jump from chastising Israel for what they are doing, and jump forward—in the next word or the next sentence—and show what will happen. ***They will be given a chance in the end-times, or when their time comes, for judgment.***

Just as we entered our judgment when God called us, they all will also have to. But in Revelation, it shows very pointedly, *not all men!* God says!

You read through the Word, and at the end of this age. There will be some, because there's the agricultural principle. there has to be seed before you get a plant or an animal and whatnot. There has to be. And that's why He says, but not all, when He's talking about everybody being wiped out, essentially. Not all. So there will be some that will...

I cannot imagine what will go through their minds and how they'll still have a heart beating after they go see all the things going on around them and all the things that will grossly affect them. But they live.

And the astounding thing for us is that we can be there to help them. I picture it as pulling them up. Maybe because I was still young, but during and at the end of WWII, all those pictures of the condition of Germany and Japan, it was horrendous!

It was like, how did any of them live? A whole lot of them did! What happened? Well, then good ole Israelite America bailed them out, pulled them out from under the rubble and made places for them temporarily until they could have more and more of the new building of the whole nation.

Look what America did to the nation of Japan, for instance, after those two atomic bombs. America then goes to the rescue. Why? *Because they were God's people!* They did not know it, but they were.

All that God instilled in His special people He created for Himself has come out. That's why back there in Genesis when we talk about that Passover where God dealt with Abraham and He made a covenant with him. God said, 'In you—and it's in more than one place—all of the nations will be blessed.

Well, that's not just spiritually. That's Israel, in the development of this nation from what we say is primitive. We don't know what it was there before the Flood. But anyway, in the progression of the growth of the whole world, Israel's effect upon other nations has been huge. It's been huge, really, in affecting their way of life. They're coming into the modern age even. There's some nations that, except for Israel, would probably still be just a dark nation.

The world doesn't like to—in our politically correct world—talk about that. That makes us 'racist,' but in reality, that was a blessing from God through Israel.

- How do things start?

- Why are things said?

With God, everything is with a purpose! He wrote this word, in the heavens before it was ever recorded here below. But now it's available to people if they were to read it. Yet, they can't understand it unless God opens their mind. So, those kinds of things are a little hard to deal with. But what do we see?

Leviticus 23:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, "Concerning the appointed Feasts of the LORD..."'"

*The appointed Feasts, these are appointed times for God's very own purpose to show eventually all of mankind the Plan of God!* Why it is and why it is as it is. He says:

"Concerning the appointed Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be Holy convocations, even these are My appointed Feasts."

Of course, if you bring that up, that you keep days of Unleavened Bread? *Oh, that's for the Jews*, if you mention that to anybody now. It shows their blindness, they don't understand.

Verse 3: "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest..."

Why does He bring that up? He just said He's going to talk about *the appointed Feasts, the seven annual Holy Days!* But he goes to the Sabbath first, *because the Sabbath is so pivotal in the Plan of God!* It's not one of the seven annual Feasts. *No!* It's every seven days, like creation, seven creational days, in type at least.

Therefore, God knew He was going to create man, put him on the Earth, and He wanted contact with man. Even when He opened the mind of men, He could not communicate them unless they were in contact back to Him.

The seventh day had to be a day of rest, a convocation day, coming individually or together when you have congregations of several people. *It is to draw closer to God and to learn better what God is telling us we must do in our judgment!* So, He goes through that.

"...You shall not do any work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the appointed Feasts of the LORD... [getting back to the subject, the seven annual Holy Days] ...Holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons.... [their appointed times] In the fourteenth day of the first month, between the two evenings, is the LORD'S Passover" (vs 3-5)

Well, here again, this is before the first of the seven annual days. Why? Why does He do that? Well, because of the absolute utter importance that that had to happen, or there would be no fulfillment of the Plan of God. It just wouldn't.

We went through that all of this last few weeks, building up to the Passover, and all that Christ had to be willing to do, to come here as flesh, like the lowly human beings He created. He had to do that that the Plan of God would work. Well, that's why it's mentioned here.

Verse 6: "And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD...."

Now, that brings us to where we are right now. We're here, we're still keeping Unleavened Bread, because we have to keep that every day, as it were, *but annually, once a year, as a special commemoration to God, dedicating that we are going to continue to strive to remove sin from our life.*

We know how hard that is. If we really stop and think about it, we know how hard that is, *but we're going to do it, because we're still here, and we're convicted, and we're committed to doing it!*

Therefore, *God will help us do it!* We can't do it by ourselves. We can't do it without Him, but He knows that by our conviction, and He knows. He can look into our heart, and He can see that, and that's why we are here, and we're going forward.

We're going forward. What is the next—and I'm not going to go through this—High Day? *Pentecost!* Even the Church of God is so mixed up on what Pentecost really is, and it shouldn't be. *But we know that pictures the first harvest of God, from fleshly human beings into the very sons and daughters of God!*

Now, that is astounding, but that is what is looming ahead of us. Fifty days from the Wave Sheaf Offering day, *Christ as the first born again from the dead, from flesh, and in His case, back to His glory!* An astounding thing!

But we have to go through everything in type, just as He came here below to go through everything, like we have to.

I want to say more on that on my next message, but we will get into that then. But brethren, we're here, *let's continue the fight*, and that's what I'll be talking about next time.

But it's got to be that way, because after we've come this far:

- to let down

- to get tired
- to stop by the side of the road and say, I need a rest.

***It just, it's too dangerous! You can't do that, you see, you've got to keep on striving!***

Striving day-by-day, week-by-week, until God says, that's enough. When He says it, it won't matter if we die then at that point, because He is the One, Christ is the One. The Father has given that to Christ. He is the Judge of all things, and He is our Judge, and He is our Intercessor to the Father when we're going through Unleavened Bread, the sin of the daily life of a human being. He says. 'Father, I know how it is. I was there.'

That's how He addresses the Father. Now, we can't have a higher being say that for us, to make that kind of intercession. ***No one can, except Christ, and He wants to do it!***

***So, brethren, we do have hope for that prize at the end of the highway that leads to God!***

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