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NAMED FOR ETERNITY!

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"...and put him into the garden of Eden to dress (husbandman, to keep, labour[-ing man]) it and to keep it...And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field."

Gen. 2:15,20

The first Adam gave names for all creatures of this earth. *"He that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth."* Jn. 3:31. *"The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."* And Paul concludes with this, *"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God."* 1 Cor. 15:47-50. The earthy has no claim on the heavenly! or comprehension it even exists! *"Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE" the things of the spirit (Jn. 3:3), "neither can he know them."* (1 Cor. 2:14)

Jesus summed it all up in another way, *"That which is born of the Spirit is spirit,"* then follows with this statement, *"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."* If you're truly born again, you'll be conscious of a "wind" of the Spirit blowing upon your soul. *"The wind bloweth where it listeth (Gk.- chooses, or prefer), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth..."* What a crude definition that few really accept as the experience of each true believer. *"...so is EVERYONE that is BORN of the Spirit."* Jn. 3:6-8.

The wind--who can explain it better? This wind bloweth where it listeth (or chooses). Wherever there are people to call upon the name of the Lord, will prompt this "blowing of the wind" that man terms a revival. Like the wind, does it ever go away? This same wind fell in tornado fashion on the day of Pentecost, and caused "tongues of fire" to rest on top of each believer's head. You ask, why on top of the head? The head is what is at *"enmity against God."* Rom. 8:7. Our reasoning mind can only handle "flesh," because it was born flesh. *"And there appeared unto them cloven (two) tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."* Acts 2:3.

By this simple act, God was pointing out to the first members of the church the problem area. It is man's brain, and his desperate need to put on *"the mind of Christ."* 1 Cor. 2:16. Why? *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."* Isa. 55:8-9. Isaiah is telling you that you are not a "little god." We have to depend on the wind to blow us in the right direction. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* Rom. 8:14. Jesus put it quite another way, *"If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?"* Jn. 3:12.

Often we witness a “fathead” behind the pulpit over-inflated with knowledge, for “*knowledge puffeth up.*” 1 Cor. 8:1. Knowledge acquired through wearing the spectacles of “perfectionism” and “outward holiness” causes the head to further swell! Is it any wonder then, that God used “tongues of fire” (Acts 2:3) which sat on the head of the believers to designate the chief enemy of the church on its initial birthday. God was pointing out from the beginning, the single problem area Satan would use to create division. “*For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*” 1 Cor. 3:3. Today we say, “I am of the Assemblies of God, I am of Copeland, I am of Billy Graham, I am of the Pope, I am of Oral Roberts. “*Are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*”

If you’re totally flesh, your flesh cannot comprehend in any way, anything beyond flesh. Jesus said so. “*That which is flesh is flesh!*” I attended a “flesh” public school system. I read a “flesh” newspaper everyday with my morning coffee. I watch “flesh” TV shows daily to satisfy my “flesh” appetite. I attend “flesh” Hollywood movies, and am simply thrilled at the “flesh” athletic performances at games. In Rome, in the days of Caesar’s games, the audience was completely “flesh” as Christians were maliciously killed by wild animals. Why? For the pleasure of a “flesh” audience. It is with all the understanding of the above, that I already know flesh cannot comprehend the following. Only God can reveal it to your spirit that it is true.

It is now over 30 years ago that I heard an audible voice scream out of heaven. I was at work, driving a truck for Delta Lines in downtown Oakland, CA. “*HENCEFORTH KNOW WE NO MAN AFTER THE FLESH!*” (2 Cor. 5:16) came thundering through the roof of my truck cab. Totally unfamiliar with this text, I had to go to my Strong’s to find out if it was scriptural.

From that time to this, God has been given me names of people’s spirits who have been “born again.” I cannot name the spirit that is “*dead in trespasses and sins!*” Eph. 2:1. It is but flesh, and much like “*she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.*” 1 Tim. 5:6. The unsaved are dead already, while they live! “*For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.*” 1 Pet. 1:24.

You’re not even conscious of possessing a spirit--because it is dormant in the life of an unbeliever. “*The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD.*” Prov. 20:27. “*For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*” Ps. 18:28. Whenever the Lord lights your candle, is what we term as being “born again.” “*That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*” Jn. 1:9. Whenever you look at a newborn baby, you see “*the candle of the LORD*” all bright and burning! Soon, however, the candle goes out. This is the reason for the expression “born AGAIN.” Your candle had already been lit once, but went out! Sin puts the candle out! “*The candle of the wicked shall be put out!*” Prov. 24:20. Whenever that candle goes out, you are backslid. “*Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. The light shall be dark in his tabernacle (body), and his candle shall be put out with him.*” Job 18:5-6. Only by obedience to 1 John 1:7, “*If we walk in the light,*” can we have the assurance our candle will never go out!

Your great, great, great, etc. grandfather was Adam, and the Bible says, he was not “spiritual,” but natural. All names in the Bible are descriptive of man’s character. “Who are you?” What is your name?” is a phrase you’ll be well acquainted with during our sojourn together.

In most cases, we have not done as well as the Indians, who never attempted to name a child until he was at least eight years old. They needed time to study the spirit that the Great Spirit had implanted within the child. What does a name like Patty, George, Peter or Tom imply relative to the man or woman's character? Indians had more sense than the white man in naming their offspring.

The first Adam named flesh. *"And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field."* Gen. 2:20. *"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."* Gen. 3:20. Did you know Adam named Eve? Women have been taking the name Adam has been giving them ever since.

The word Adam denotes color (Heb.-to show blood in the face) i.e., turn rosy-be made red (ruddy). This is the exact same description of the twin brother of Jacob, Esau or Edom (Heb.-red). Adam loved the earth and was an earthy man. It's all in the name! Adam implied his fallen nature in his very name. Just as Esau was born with a "flesh" appetite, *"who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright."* Heb. 12:16. Otherwise, Adam wouldn't have followed Eve. *"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."* 1 Tim. 2:14. Men, in like manner, sell out their high calling of being the captain of their own ship, for a morsel of flesh that Eve throws at this lustful, "reddish" (heat) character. Esau is without any self-control, incontinent. 2 Tim. 3:3.

A redneck has no self-control, *"without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent."* 2 Tim. 3:3. Apparently, Paul states there will be a good supply of "rednecks" in the last days to propel the perilous times predicted. 2 Tim. 3:1. Are you a redneck? *"Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field (the world)."* Gen. 25:27. Esau had to go on the hunt. Nimrod *"was a mighty hunter before the LORD."* Gen. 10:9. There you have it, folks, three rednecks: Adam, Esau and Nimrod. On the other hand, Jacob was just a *"plain man"*. Gen. 25:27. God is not looking for the spectacular, but rather just plain, normal people who are neither to the extreme right nor the extreme left. It is all in a name my friend! *"For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil...it was said unto her (Rebekah), The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."* Rom. 9:11-13.

Only Jacob's mother's pottage could so completely satisfy Esau. Rebekah knew her son's weakness, "incontinent" (no self-control). A woman often uses food or sex as a weapon to gain the advantage. Even more so, with the hairy animal type of the field, more interested in fish and game or sports than her. Being placed second to a pigskin does little to inflate a women's ego.

"Jacob sod pottage," he did not make it! He reheated Rebekah's pottage so it should have an irresistible smell as Esau came in famished from the hunt. Jacob was born a *"plain man"* (Gen. 25:27), normal in every respect. Rebekah warped his character. *"And Isaac loved Esau...but Rebekah loved Jacob."* Gen. 25:28.

Unbeknown to Isaac, Rebekah was conducting an in-house instruction (round table) class where she would literally bring to pass the prophecy *"the elder shall serve the younger."* Who or what has influenced your character in your past? Many have had their characters warped as a result of pornography, gambling, drugs and premarital sex. It is a hard road to travel to return to normalcy. Our

present society is attempting to brainwash us all that a deviate lifestyle called Sodomy is normal. But Rebekah accepted the responsibility in connection with being the captain of a round table, *"Upon me be thy curse, my son, only obey me."* Gen. 27:13. At Laban's house, through his uncle's trickery, Jacob's character was further warped, for self-preservation.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate." Matt. 7:13. It did not say legalism's "straight gate." I entered this gate of marriage fully believing I was marrying a virgin. We had agreed on "no children" for the time being! I had a calling upon my life that was yet unfulfilled. Children, at this point in my life, could only complicate, because I had no time to spend with them. I also wasn't in a financial position to afford children.

"Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." Ps. 105:15. Marrying a prophet under the guise of deception and lies, is touching God's anointed, and constitutes a breach of contract in the wedding vows. Failure to disclose certain facts pertinent to a contract, makes it null and void.

I'm saying all this to warn other young women not to make the same mistake my wife made. There is a God *"who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks"* (Rev. 2:1), watching over his anointed. If you young ladies want to be a "baby machine," please don't pick on a preacher. Women play the part of God when they decide when to conceive, and who to kill with regards to children. My wife had agreed prior to marriage that there would be no children. She entered into this agreement merely to get married. Once married, she became a "chip off the old block," turning immediately into a baby machine, so much so that on my one hand I could count the days to determine if my son was born legitimately.

When a man becomes helpless in the hands of a woman, turn them over to God. If you turned yourself over to the woman, then she is your God. I know now, that if she hadn't died prematurely, I surely would have due to the stress of raising three "round table" children, all foreigners to me due to my work schedule.

"Where art thou, Adam," is always God's call! You must believe you're the apple of God's eye. Walk tall in the saddle of faith and God will deliver you.

God revealed to me in a very strange way that my wife was going to die. At this particular time, He spoke to my heart, *"God is not the God of the dead, but of the living!"* Matt. 22:32. In other words, He was telling me, "Don't mourn over the dead!" They have their reward! But you've got to go on living! Start preparing for life after death!

I had been instrumental in seeing my wife healed of cancer of the breast, and a fibroid tumor. I knew God's power to heal. On the other hand, no one has made it out of this world alive. The death rate is one per person.

I was pastoring a church in Hayward when God revealed to me that my wife had committed "a sin unto death." She would not recover, and I shouldn't even pray for her. This totally outraged the prophets who then came like Job's comforters to pray for her. *"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."* 1 Jn. 5:16.

The prophets came by the droves to pray for my wife. Surely, God would hear one of them, as their motive for answered prayer was to challenge the authority with which I spoke, much like the prophets of

Baal in Elijah's day. *"Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awakened."* 1 Kings 18:27.

God had been merciful to my wife from death on four occasions, but I knew in my spirit that she would not escape this time; the demons had entered her body! God has the very hairs on your head numbered, you do not die before it is His time.

On another occasion, my friend and I went to visit her in the hospital. We just happened to walk in the room at the right time! The orderly had pulled the plug on her breathing apparatus! Her entire body was in convulsions, going up and down like the waves of an ocean. At that point, I screamed at the orderly, "You're killing my wife!" He immediately put the plug back, thus saving my wife's life. For what? She was only kept alive by mechanical machines in intensive care units for a period of two years. This orderly, was ahead of his time, and believed in "mercy killing." I fully believe the orderly felt he was doing everyone a favor, I am sure. But to stand as a witness to murder is unbearable to have on one's conscience, even if performed in a hospital (euthanasia).

My marriage was different than a boy meets girl situation. Boy dates girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Boy proposes to girl. Girl accepts proposal. Boy dies prematurely. Girl marries two more husbands; Girl lives to the ripe age of 90. If this had been the liturgy of my life, the spirit world would never have been shaken up.

So, what's new? Today's attitude, in both the family and in the church, is that man will die prematurely. Even the black widow, if her mate lingers after mating, becomes food for her offspring after mating. More movies commence with the burying of a mate, a few tears in a black hankie as she leaves the funeral to commence her new life.

It was absolutely against family tradition, nature, society and even Hollywood, that I should go on living while my counterpart lay in a grave. My own family could have adjusted more easily to *my* death! But God is concerned more about Adam than Eve *"Where art thou Adam?"* has been God's chief call since the garden of Eden. God knows where Eve is, "being deceived" and in "transgression against God." 1 Tim. 2:14. Nothing has changed since Eden!

My dearest friend, who has been close to me for over thirty years now, complained of heart pains. The stress of trying to hold a family together can put you in an early grave. I prayed for his heart. The devil is attempting to kill men who accept the responsibility of being the provider.

God had delivered me from the Armed Forces within twenty-eight days. I say God did it, because He gave me a dream to enlist in the Navy. I obeyed the instructions I believe God gave me in that dream. My deliverance came as a result of obedience. The Lord confused the mind of these stupid psychiatrists who are like many of the *RIVERBANK NEWS* readers--"dead in trespasses and sins," who are like the strangers that Pilgrim would meet on the highway to the Celestial City in John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's Progress. They follow on for a while, but soon become disenchanted. How can the dead understand the living? If you tell a dead man that the God of life spoke to you, he'll think you're crazy!

Anyone can go to fight the Japs! But not just anyone could stand up to the Patten's and declare, "Thou art the man!" 2 Sam. 12:7. If the Armed Forces had claimed me, C. (for Cash) Thomas Patten would be alive today stealing money over Christian television! You think Robert Tilton of Dallas, Texas was a crook, and he was! But honey, you haven't seen anything to the likes of "the Kingfish" in his cowboy boots! Is it any wonder the Baptists don't even try to figure us out. They simply condemn Pentecostalism to the devil. The more they scream "holiness," the more their "little god" preachers end up in the penitentiary.

I have been a part of this labyrinth of "lords over God's heritage," for fifty-six years. The movement preconditions you to follow a man. Each Pentecostal thinks he has found the man or woman they can place their faith in. Aimee Semple McPherson, Jimmy Swaggart, Jim and Tammy Bakker, Robert Tilton, Frederick Price, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts and new men of faith and power keep on coming! The Jim Bakker's, the C. Thomas Patten's, the Leroy Jenkins' that do actual prison time, hardly stop the quest for human leadership. *"But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us...And the LORD said... for they have rejected me, that I should reign over them!"* 1 Sam. 8:6. These Pentecostals want a king or "lord" (1 Pet. 5:3) to rule over them! They will all be delivered over to the New Age religion, and wonder how it happened. Copeland's theology feeds these "lords," until they make the confession they are "little gods." Will they be able to distinguish the miracles of their individual prophet and the Antichrist?

How do you explain a "walk in the spirit" to a dead man? There is not a single Old Testament prophet in scripture where a woman outlived a man! Slaves simply do not outlive their masters. Sarah died when she was 127 years old. Gen. 23:1. *"Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bare him Zimram, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah."* Gen. 25:1. Keturah bare Abraham six sons. We don't know the number of daughters! Women are seldom mentioned in genealogy due to their inheritance laws. The first born male inherits the farm. If he dies, it is then acquired by the second oldest male. In the story of the prodigal son, the father spoke to the eldest son, *"Son, thou art ever with me, and ALL that I have is thine."* Lk. 15:31. *"And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred three score and fifteen years (175 years)."* Gen. 25:7.

"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:29. As Abraham's seed, should you be cut down as the grass of the field? *"The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."* Prov. 10:27. *"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."* Ps. 91:16. Longevity of life is a blessing from the Lord. It follows then, that for life to be cut short must be a curse.

What was the secret to Abraham's longevity of life? He married the right woman. All the Bible relates is, *"And Abram and Nahor (his brother) took them wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai."* Gen. 11:29. At the time God changed Abraham's name (Gen. 17:1-9), he was ninety-nine and barren. God told Sarah she would have a son at 90! *"And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah (Heb.-a noble lady) shall her name be. And I will bless her, and*

give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.” Gen. 17:15-16.

God called Sarah a noble lady because she recognized the “chain of command” that clears the air of confusion. The Apostle Paul recognized this “divine” chain of command, recognizable only in scripture. *“But I would have you know, that the HEAD of every (Christian) man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” 1 Cor. 11:3.*

Sarah became a noble lady because she believed this! Some things a woman has to take by faith, and simply stand on the Word of God. *“The head of the man is Christ!”* Do you believe tongue talking women believe this? *“Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughter ye are, as long AS YE DO WELL, and are NOT AFRAID with any amazement (Gk.-alarm).” 1 Pet. 3:6.* Ye are daughters how long? *“As long as ye do well.”* As long as you continue to have a specific mind set peculiar to scripture.

#1 - God the Father

#2 - Jesus Christ the Son

#3 - Holy Ghost

#4 - Angels

#5 - Man

#6 - Woman

It is like the rungs on a ladder. You have to be gutsy and NOT AFRAID as you preach and stand for this divine ladder. *“Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are NOT AFRAID with any AMAZEMENT (Heb.-alarm, or causing to fall).” 1 Pet. 3:6.* Women become so alarmed, they almost faint at this doctrine.

Women in particular will be hated for standing for “this way.” *“But this I confess unto thee, that after THE WAY which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers.” Acts 24:14.* *“And he (Jacob) dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.” Gen. 28:12.* If God doesn’t have a “divine ladder” whereby men can climb out of this infirmity created by the Eve’s, I have no message! On Skid Row are doctors, lawyers, and merchant chiefs, stripped financially by some woman taking the advantage she has into a divorce court. Don’t expect Women’s Lib or Planned Parenthood to bemoan their fate.

I’ve been down this road for fifty-six years! I have learned one thing about babies still on pabulum. You better spank their bottoms while they are still babies in the Lord. In six months, they’ll be teaching you!

To answer a letter to the Captain publicly, I ask, “Do you believe Sarah was under Abraham’s thumb, calling him, lord?” Was Abraham’s rule “overbearing, uncompromising, and almost fanatical

Christian rule” over Sarah? Abraham outlived Sarah by forty-eight years! It is an utter amazement to find someone of this way, in any age.

“Why think of me as a woman? Think of me as a fellow Christian and then we have a lot in common.” This is exactly what Satan desired in heaven; to be treated as a co-equal with God. I’m looking for Sarah’s! My only hope for sons to be born is through Sarah’s, not the “unisex” of our hour. *“The aged women...be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet (Gk.-moderate as to opinion or passion), chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”* Titus 2:3-5.

“For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head BECAUSE OF THE ANGELS.” 1 Cor. 11:10. It is often said of water baptism that it is the outward form of what has already transpired in the heart. This “power on her head” is an outward expression to the world that she is in subjection to her own husband. It is debatable as to what that outward expression is. Some believe her hair represents that covering, *“For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn (Gk.-sheared or shaven).”* 1 Cor. 11:6. The covering was to distinguish between the sexes, and an open admission of belief in God’s ladder.

Why do this observance? Paul answers the question, “because of the angels.” Walter Martin believed this had reference to the demons, or fallen angels. I don’t agree with him, but this is referring to the angels that believe in God’s ladder. The angels know what happened to Lucifer who desired to be on the same rung of the ladder as God.

Would you want the angels to backslide over you? In speaking to Nathaniel, Jesus said, *“Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.”* Nathaniel was overjoyed. *“Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.”* Do you know what Christ called the greater things? Why, of course! Jacob’s ladder. *“Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending (from the earth to heaven) upon the Son of man.”* Jn. 1:48-51.

If you don’t believe in Jacob’s ladder, you and I will have misunderstandings. My hope for sons is from the “daughters of Sarah” that board the ship. I don’t relish preaching to women. Older women in the way are to teach the younger women. *“Likewise, ye younger (in the Lord), submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed in humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”* 1 Pet. 5:5. My experience with women teachers is that they really have no desire to teach other women. You ask why? Because the woman teaching becomes a type of Lot. *“This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge.”* Gen. 19:9. A woman does not want to judge other women, because they are so candid. We all want folks to love us.

God gave me direct orders from heaven, “I have given you a ship and you are the Captain. You are to have the same government (chain of command) that is aboard a ship.” Once again, God is inferring Jacob’s ladder. *“Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.”* 1 Cor. 7:20. Men, you

are called to a higher rung on the ladder than a woman. Because the Captain believes this, is why the battle rages.

Perhaps this is the narrow gate to heaven that Jesus referred to that few would find. In other words, it was a gate you had to search for in the scriptures. Be not caught up in the world, to find it. *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.”* Matt. 7:13-14. You will not find this “gate” on a dance floor, a bar or in Reno. Preachers never give you a clue as to what you’re looking for. You can find a virgin easier, than finding a “strait gate.” *“Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.”* 1 Pet. 3:6. Abraham had found the “strait gate” of scripture, or an obedient wife.

Eternal security doctrine is like the “fellow traveler” in communist ideology. The “fellow traveler” never is a card carrying Communist, but supports the entire agenda. Whether we believe the idiocy of the doctrine or not, it still makes its impact felt even to the most dedicated Christian. Probably the most devastating blow that’s inflicted is when a man has to make the second most important decision of his life; that of choosing a wife.

It is how you enter this strait gate of marriage, that in many cases will predetermine your eternal fate. You better enter with the full understanding of the word “strait”. YOU look up the meaning in your Greek “Strong’s Concordance.” It has absolutely nothing to do with your understanding of legalism’s word for “straight.” Rather, it’s a word that implies prayer with groanings (intercession) as you would for a heaven or hell decision, just like the night you were first saved. You must enter the “strait gate.”

As you proceed up Jacob’s ladder enroute to heaven, on the second rung, you then pull your wife up the ladder until her feet are firmly set on the first rung. This is not a Romeo and Juliet story. This is not even a boy meets girl, boy likes girl, boy proves it by his premature death, girl weeps over boy with a black hankie at the funeral story. Do you “Promise Breakers” want this as your epithet? You’ll be exactly like Humpty Dumpty set on a wall. 90 plus percent of all divorce is initiated by a woman, and it is only a phone call away. However, there is no need to worry as long as your young, strong body is being used to feed her offspring. How is that any different from the Black Widow spider. Both use their mate’s body to feed the young. My own pastor, Rev. John F. Smith, ordained with the Assemblies of God, experienced being served divorce papers while attending the wedding of his only daughter. He never saw the wife or his daughter again.

In selecting a wife, the best place to find one is in a Bible college. A Bible college does a greater service as a matrimonial bureau than actually teaching the scriptures. In the five years I was associated with Bebe H. Patten’s revival in Oakland, it resulted in two marriage proposals. The first one was to Linda Johnson, who became Mrs. Dave Galavich. Linda was one of Bebe’s darlings, and when I made the announcement of our engagement over the radio, Bebe Patten, hearing it on her car radio, almost wrecked her car.

I’m so grateful for the intervention, because if it had progressed into marriage, I’d already be a dead man. This is the same young lady that later would call for a student body prayer meeting for God to kill

me. How would you like that for a wife? Dave Galavich, my savior, immediately after marriage lost his beautiful head of hair. I don't know this, but based on my prognosis, I suspect this strong young man has since been laid to rest.

The very day Linda Galavich led the student body in a "mercy killing prayer" for God to kill me, was the very day my wife-to-be left the Bible school and said, "Now I know they're all nuts!"

I entered marriage via the gate called "strait." Because I did, I am the survivor. The ground rules for marriage were already laid out before marriage, the main text being a scripture found in Genesis 3:16. The church rehearses John 3:16 almost every Lord's Day. How often do you hear Genesis 3:16 in today's ecumenical minded churches? *"And thy desire (to please) shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."*

Woman's Suffrage Act, Women's Lib, Planned Parenthood, have destroyed all the paths civilization once had in our nation to find the paths that lead to the "strait gate" (the entrance to climbing Jacob's ladder). Unless God raises up Sarah's, which become as lighthouses to guide the ships at sea from shipwreck, the "until death do us part" marriage commitment will become extinct. Without this commitment, marriage is the most dangerous pact that a man can enter into. All his assets become vulnerable. The reason for the "gay and "shack-up" lifestyle, is because they no longer buy marriage. They've already been burnt. Without marriage our nation can't survive. We're all reduced to the same level as the animals this generation so extols.

Wife-to-be, "I have only one job, and that is to please the Lord. If I'm faithful to please Him, that should make you happy. On the other hand, you have one job; that is to please me." Thanks to my salvation, and having lived my single life prior to "the pill," I was still a virgin at the age of 27. Women still said "No", prior to the pill. If I could keep myself pure, I had little tolerance for a female's "dark side." After several disappointing experiences in my search for a virgin, in desperation I fell to my knees in prayer. I admitted my utter inability to select a mate. In this position of total surrender, I promised God I would marry any woman he selected, regardless of color. Little did I know I had humbled myself at the gate called "strait" with groanings, intercession, as though my very life hung in the balance. God never gave me my virgin that I so desired, but gave me something far greater, that assured me longevity of life; a "strait gate." Unless you, as a male, find this gate, you'll probably die prematurely. This gate will allow you to rule over her. There is no guarantee that a virgin will submit to your authority.

I was married to one woman for 25 years, who bore me three children. We never had a fight. It takes two to tango. She was extraordinarily wise on how to avert a confrontation. It was for this reason, I assumed I was the head of my house. We did everything together, then, one day, I discovered I no longer had communication with my wife. Demons had entered her body and completely changed her personality. I no longer knew who this woman was, or how this happened.

In order for such a feat to transpire, she must have surrendered her will. This is where the round table tribunal meetings carried over into my home from a farmhouse in Granada, MN. I worked, as did her father, 10 to 12 hours a day. Her mother had taught her daughter well. Where did my oldest daughter learn to hate her own father? At the round table conducted by my wife, unbeknown to me. Women

consciously or unconsciously challenge God as a creator, simply because “angels” come from their stomach. This is another form of the “little god” doctrine so prevalent in the land today since Roe vs. Wade.

The Bible pattern established by our Lord was to preach two-by-two. Paul and Barnabas were faithful to this principle and hence never married. *“Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as the other apostles, and as the brethren (elders) of the Lord, and Cephas?”* 1 Cor. 9:5. Apparently, the other apostles carried about a virgin sister, whom they kept as a companion until after she had passed the flower of her age (form of birth control). Then they married. *“But if any man think he behaved himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not; let them marry.”* 1 Cor. 7:36. With this Biblical pattern you’d at least be assured of a virgin and a companion, who someday would be your wife. A pretty long courtship indeed!

Thinking back, I should have worn a priest’s collar and a black suit. Then the opposite sex would have been forewarned of my sanctification to the priesthood. No babies please!

Both male and female are not the same once they marry. The love of this world apparently captivates both of their hearts. *“There is a difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.”* 1 Cor. 7:34. The early church attempted to corral all the energy latent in a woman to conceive babies, and redirect the vision for the lost and dying without Christ.

Like I’ve already told you, “Anyone can fight Japs!” So can anyone have babies. But isn’t there a higher calling to life for God’s anointed preachers than to help an already over populated earth? *“I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children.”* 1 Tim. 5:14. This is Paul’s instruction to the laity, not the pulpit. The apostles and elders were to give themselves so much to fasting, prayer, and study of God’s word that they appointed deacons to lighten their load. If each had ten kids, they’d have to quit the ministry. Cephas had a wife, but not a word is mentioned about a family.

Only because of my wife’s premature death at age 46, did I even ask the Lord, Why? I never doubted for a minute that she was chosen by God to be my wife. What did she do to warrant Lou Gehrig’s disease? My wife died of myasthenia gravis; a rare muscular disease akin to MS. It is incurable, except God intervene. Your ability to breathe totally collapses through lack of muscular power in your lungs.

God had called me to be an end time prophet. I knew this by the fall of Goliath (C. Thomas Patten, alias Jack Groves of Lyle, TN). Tom Patten, with his Tennessee drawl, cowboy boots, and football player build said, “If you have smart lawyers and plenty of money, you can do anything and get by.” I took this “fall” as a sign! It was a sign to me that I had a divine call upon my life, so much so that I even told my wife about my mission. “And if you get in the way, God will take you out of the way.”

God is more interested in “His Will” being performed in the earth, than your happiness of producing more children for the next generation. On one occasion God told Jeremiah, “*Arise, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words!*” Jer. 18:2. “*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*” Ps. 12:6.

It was in this “potters house” of marriage that God caused me to “hear” his words. Much of what I heard at the potter’s house of marriage will be the subject material for a future issue of *RBN (RIVERBANK NEWS)*, entitled, “Remember Lot’s Wife.” Without obeying God’s dream to go down to the potter’s house of marriage, the words you’ll hear in a future issue would have been lost for posterity. “*O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand.*” Jer. 18:6.

Lucifer had a round table in heaven at which one third of the heavenly host met. At this table, Lucifer was the chairman and he would review before these angels where God could improve heaven by making him 50-50 co-partner.

It is surprising what you can glean at the potter’s house. My wife’s mother lived in an old fashioned farm house with those huge kitchens. She had a large round table at which her children would all gather around to have breakfast on a farm in Granada, MN. After breakfast, as captain of the ship, and my future wife-to-be (being the oldest of five children) as commander, with the rest of the children. Following breakfast, she would call the meeting to order. Her husband, was conspicuous only by his absence. He was busy working! The subject material at this family tribunal was always the same. She reviewed all the stupid incidents that happened to her husband the previous day. This always brought a roar of laughter. He became a type of Jackie Gleason around this “Honeymooners” round table.

While staying in this home, that round farm table would be burnt into my heart by the Holy Ghost. It was just a table! But I knew, later, I had been to the potter’s house. My mother-in-law met a similar premature death as did her daughter! I believe it was over what that table represented; the stealing of the hearts of the children, like Absalom did (2 Sam. 15:6) of his own father, David. “*Their angels do always behold the face of their father* (not the mother).” Matt. 18:10. It is absolutely amazing what you can learn at the “potter’s house” of marriage.

If my wife hadn’t died prematurely, I would never have known about the round table, both on earth and Lucifer’s in heaven. A child’s blood comes from the father, hence is his property. My wife (in all innocence) stole the hearts of my children, and I fully believe it is why she died prematurely at 46, just as her own mother. Her mother taught her to steal the hearts of the children. Lucifer tried it in heaven, and a war broke out!

Whose son was Jesus? Your salvation depends on the correct answer. If the child is Mary’s, we are yet in our sins without a Savior. The blood of Jesus came from the Father. “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*” Jn. 3:16. Can you imagine Mary stealing the baby Jesus from his Father! Catholicism gets around this question by making Mary a co-redemptrix with Jesus. Is that what you Protestants want as well?

These children who always “behold the face of their father,” are snatched from their father through divorce. Men will pay the bill for their own babies until they turn 25, provided they are yet in school. You need to spend time with your own children, or else you have no business having them. It is usually for financial reasons that you can’t. However, you do not shrug that responsibility over to Eve totally.

“Where art thou, Eve?” Don’t you think God knows where Eve is? She is either conceiving, snatching or killing babies! The real question is, “Where art thou, Adam?” How long are you going to live with these lies?

God told the prophet Hosea to go down to the potter’s house. Prophets don’t marry Hollywood-style, but God is sending a message to Israel through the obedience of the prophet. *“And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and (adopt) children of whoredoms.”* Hos. 1:2. How many of you highfalutin preachers would obey those instructions from the Lord! “Marry a whore and adopt her bastard children for your own.” Those were the orders. Read Hosea 1:2.

This marriage by a prophet of God to a whore and her bastard children represented a sermon God wanted to convey to Israel! God is God! He can do anything He chooses! *“For the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.”* Hos. 1:2.

Do you believe that God Almighty “is the same yesterday, today, and forever”? I was a twenty-seven year old virgin when God told me to marry this woman. What I thought never entered my mind. Just do it! This was not a boy meets girl, boy marries girl, boy is dead as a result of the marriage! God told me to marry her! I didn’t die. Perhaps the reason being is so that I could tell you this story of having visited the potter’s house of marriage, and heard His words, *“Let him that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”*

“For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.” Jer. 30:17