

INTRO:

When we look at Election and Predestination: Consider the CHARACTER OF GOD - whatever we find in the OLD TESTAMENT must be the same in the NEW TESTAMENT;

He doesn't Change His Character.

However we put the Scriptures & Quotes together - we Must Never Change God's Unchanging Character.

We know that God said in MALACHI 3:6 *"I am the Lord, I change not."*

And Also In HEBREWS 13:8 said: *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."*

So: DOCTRINE according to The Word will not Alter God's Character or Nature.

TEXT:

MALACHI 1:2 - 3

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved JACOB,

3 And I hated ESAU, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

ROMANS 9:11 - 14

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God ACCORDING TO ELECTION MIGHT STAND, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

13 As it is written, JACOB have I loved, but ESAU have I hated.

14 ¶ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

THAT IS ELECTION:

DOOR.TO.THE.HEART- HARRISONBURG.VA SUNDAY- 58-0316E

E-84 That's the reason when PAUL spoke of it in Romans, he said, "Before either child was born, ESAU, and JACOB, both with good, holy parents, God said, 'I hate ESAU, and love JACOB,' that His election might stand true." How many ever read that? And you can't believe in election? He knowed just exactly what would happen. Certainly.

He's not willing, but His foreknowledge lets Him know. He don't just say, "*I'm going to save this and lose that one.*" He wants you all saved, but His foreknowledge know who would;

so therefore He could predestinate according to foreknowledge, AND THAT'S ELECTION.

BILLY GRAHAM - JUSTIFICATION:

PROVING.HIS.WORD- LA.CA V-18 N-3 MONDAY- 65-0426

There's no man that I know of in the field, that has got ahold of God on that word of justification like Billy Graham does. He can present it.

MODERN.EVENTS.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY- SBD.CA 65-1206

Billy Graham, that noted evangelist, great work of God, the man is sent from God. He's got that justification down so pat, and he shakes the nation with it

RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST:

WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST— JEFF.IN V-4 N-2 WEDNESDAY— 59-1216

22 Upon this place, we wish to approach the subject (which I think is the outstanding subject of today) of the: "What Is the Holy Spirit?" What is It? And now, the reason I have taken these subject in line like this, you cannot come and receive the HOLY SPIRIT, unless you KNOW WHAT IT IS. And you cannot receive It (if you know what It is), unless you believe It's given to you and It's for you. And then you cannot know whether you've got It or not, unless you KNOW WHAT RESULTS IT BRINGS. So if you know what It is, and who It's to, and what action It brings when It comes, then you'll know what you've got when you get It. See? That just would settle it.

YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN— JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 SUNDAY— 61-1231M

129 Now, false teachers will bring FALSE BIRTHS. TRUE PROPHETS will bring the Word, the BIRTH OF THE WORD, CHRIST. False prophets will bring FALSE BIRTH, the birth of churches, the birth of creeds, the birth of denominations. And here you are, Pentecostal brother, false sent--or sensations, and tell a man he's got the HOLY GHOST 'cause he speaks with tongues. I've seen devils speak with tongues, pencils lay down and write in unknown tongues. That don't mean a thing. See, it's got to be a life: by their fruit you shall know them. "Brother Branham, do you believe in speaking in tongues?" Yes, sir. "You believe in shouting?" Yes, sir. To be a Christian, I believe that. I believe God's Word. But if the life isn't there to back it up...

BIRTH.PAINS— PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY— 65-0124

27-1 Now, her messenger is promised in Malachi the 4th chapter. He's promised to do it, and the Message is to bring back the Word--bring the people back to the Word. BIRTH is to be... She's to be delivered of a NEW BIRTH from--according to Malachi 4.

CHANGE OUT OF YOUR POCKET:

TOTAL.SEPARATION.FROM.UNBELIEF— PHOENIX.AZ TUESDAY— 64-0121

75 All these believers, as we could go on for hours, all these were like a bunch of change out of your pocket in God's hands. You pull out a bunch of change. There's pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half a dollars, dollar, all in coins. Now, that's what the world is in God's hand. There's some people that just can have a penny's worth of it, and God can only use them in a penny way. That's all they can buy. Don't reject them. If they can't believe the real Truth, don't turn them down, don't kick them out and say they're not in it, because God uses pennies sometime.

Lot was a just a penny, Abraham was a silver dollar, so it taken a hundred Lots to make an Abraham. And so will it take... A hundred carnal believers will never stand in the presence of a genuine Christian that's separated from the carnal things of the world, living in Christ Jesus, where the Word can flow through him.

He can only take a penny's worth; that's all he's got. So you see people that say, "Oh, I don't believe in healing. I don't believe in these things," just know it's a penny, but just let him alone. See? Just a penny's worth, and so that's all he can buy. Don't stop him; just let him alone. Remember, that's just all the farther he can go.

78 "Well, I belong to this, and that's what we believe." It's just a penny, go ahead (See?), just a penny. Say, "Well, the Lord bless you, my brother."

See, he is copper; he can never be silver. So, see... So just let it go ahead. God can use him though. He's using it. I'd rather see him down there in a church than to see a barroom standing there on the corner. Wouldn't you? Sure. So just let it alone. God can use it anyhow; maybe not very much, but He'll use what He can use, as much as they'll let Him use.

CATCH PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THEM CATEGORIES:

SUPERNATURAL.THE— OWENSBORO.KY 56-0129

E-13 Here not long ago, I was setting in California in a meeting, wearing a hair piece on top of my head, and wearing a pair of dark glasses, just to listen at a brother's theology. 'Cause they'd recognize me if it wasn't. I set with people right next to me; they didn't even know me. Just setting there, just see, looking around, even hear them talk about me. They didn't know it was me, just set there. And I happened to be setting by a man with his collar turned around. There was a minister come to the platform, and the man's one of my converts to Divine healing. But he'd preach awhile, then he'd go back and a valet would change his clothes when he'd get a little sweaty, and come back out again on the platform. And this great man setting there shaking his head, and looked over to me, and said, "Does that act like a servant of Christ?"

E-14 I said, "I am not the judge." I said... He said... "Well," I said, "I think his message is wonderful." He said, "Are you a Christian?"

I said, "Yes, sir, I am."

And he said... "Well," he said, "do you think a servant of Christ should just put on a whole lot like that, and dress like that, and act like that, and..."

And I said, "Well, you see, for my opinion, God has people in different categories to catch people that live in different categories."

TWO CLASSES:

VOICE.OF.THE.SIGN— DENHAM.SP.LA SATURDAY— 64-0321E

E-18 God was bringing a nation out of a nation, just like He's doing now, going to bring a Bride out of a church, leaving the remnant of the woman's seed. The elected will be brought out of the church. The church natural will stay here through the tribulation. That elected, sometime, is called the chosen, elected, the remnant.

HEAR.RECOGNIZE.ACT.ON.WORD— JEFF.IN V-13 N-7 SUNDAY— 60-0221

.27 And then we see that these two, carnal and spiritual people, that's the way it always happens. That's the way it is today. It always has been that way.

And there's no doubt but what I'm talking to both classes right now, and perhaps by the tape will talk to tens of thousands of them.

IDENTIFIED.CHRIST.OF.ALL.AGES— LOUISVILLE.MS WEDNESDAY— 64-0401

E-44 Lot was a type of the church natural down in Sodom, the organization. And they got a messenger down there.

There was a couple of messengers went down there, a modern BILLY GRAHAM and ORAL ROBERTS.

But remember, there was one to the church spiritual who was out: Abraham, the called-out. Watch what kind of sign He give. He never preached much of a Gospel. He just told him what the promise was near to be...

HARVEST.TIME— PHOENIX.AZ V-18 N-6 SATURDAY— 64-1212

93 There's two churches in the world, church natural, church spiritual, they're all called Christians.

REMNANT - SLEEPING VIRGINS

SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL— JEFF.IN SUNDAY— 61-0806

103 Remember, in this great time of persecution, there's millions of Gentiles will die in that, that rejected bride, that remnant of the woman's seed, sleeping virgin. She goes right through that. It's just as clear as this seventy of weeks, just as clear. And they will go through it. So if you haven't got the Holy Spirit, you'd better get to It as quick as you can. We're at the end time.

ISHMAEL COULD NOT BE HEIR WITH ISAAC

SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR— LA.CA V-18 N-5 THURSDAY— 65-0429B

44 Now, ISHMAEL could not be heir with ISAAC, because one was slightly doubted, just slightly doubted. It was a child; it was still the seed of Abraham, but not God's perfect way for it: ISHMAEL. Now, I could just spend much time here, but I'm hoping the Holy Spirit will convey this to you in the real way that it should be. Now, if they...

If ISHMAEL and ISAAC could not be heir together because the original plan of God was substituted into a permissive plan of God, a permissive way that God did bless, neither can the spiritual church today be heir with the denominational. The denominational, God blessed them like He did ISHMAEL; but the spiritual will not be heir with the others. That's right. There will be, coming out of the church denomination (church so-called, church natural), will come a Bride of Christ, the elected.

TWO DIFFERENT SEPARATE PEOPLE / COVENANTS:

SEED.NOT.HEIR.WITH.SHUCK— JEFF.IN V-6 N-4 THURSDAY— 65-0218

60 Neither can the natural be heir with the spiritual. No more can Ishmael's children be heir Isaac's children, and no more than the carnal can be heir with the spiritual.

Church natural, church spiritual... There is a church natural that these women here type, and there's a church spiritual also. So the natural church and the spiritual church cannot be heirs together. They're two different, separate times, two different separate people, under two different separate covenants.

58 the bondswoman's children cannot be heir with the freewoman's children, because they are of two different categories. And that is true. The unbeliever cannot be heir with the believer. There's no way at all.

That's where the trouble is today. You can't make a denominational chicken believe with a eagle. You just can't do it. There's where the trouble comes. You've got to believe every word of God. You just, you're not heirs together; neither will you join with it. You cannot do it. You've got to be eagle or a chicken.

EAGLE IN THE CHICKEN YARD:

SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR— LA.CA V-18 N-5 THURSDAY— 65-0429B

46 Now, there, what troubles me at this hour is knowing that we see all these denominations pulling into this what we know to be what you call the latter rain, or the pouring out of the Spirit. Do you realize that Jesus said that when that come to pass, it would be the end? When the FOOLISH VIRGIN and the WISE VIRGIN was not heirs together... For when... The FOOLISH VIRGIN, she was a virgin, just lacking Oil. But when she come to buy Oil, it was at that time that the Bridegroom came. And she was left out, while she was trying to buy Oil. You understand? I want that to soak in real good. Now, neither can the spiritual and the natural be heirs together.

47 That's why the RAPTURE, the BRIDE, the WISE VIRGIN, the called-out, the foreordained, the elected... Why, you business men wouldn't run your office like some people try to think that God runs His program: haphazard. God knew before the foundation of the world who would be saved and who would not be saved. By predestination, by foreknowledge He saw every member, put every name on the Lamb's Book of Life before the church ever began. Jesus come to seek and save that which was on that Book. He bought the Book of Redemption. It was lost, and He redeemed us, and all names was on that Book was redeemed when He redeemed us.

48 Then, as I have said many times, you recognize that. That's why you're here this morning, why you're coming up out of all these organizations and things. You're... There's Something pulling you. As my little thought was about the EAGLE HATCHED UNDER THE HEN (See?), you--you realize there's something different. The church didn't have a satisfying something. But you heard something else that was a scream; you realized that you were born for that. You're a part of it. You fit into it like a glove on a hand. And that's why we are assembled here together this morning is because as my old southern mama used to say, "Birds of a feather flock together," because you have things in common. Buzzards and doves has nothing in common. Their diet is different, although a dove could be hatched under a buzzard. That's right. Depends on what it was to begin with. Now, and in that though, the dove might have to be mothered awhile by that buzzard, but finally he'll find his mate.