

## Now We Have The Earnest Of Our Inheritance

*"In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:13-14).*

**Our lost inheritance has been reclaimed by our gracious, precious Kinsman Redeemer (Lev. 25:25-28).** How God came down and changed His cast from God and was made man in order to be human, **to become a human Kinsman Redeemer to redeem back a natural world to a natural people (Phil. 2:5-11).** Amen. How that God the Supernatural became natural to become a Kinsman, because He could not defy His own laws (Rom. 8:1-4). He had to come by the kinsman redeemership because **that's His plan.** That's the way He did it (II Cor. 5:19).

God knowing that man would fall, yet He could not make man fall... God knowing man would be lost, though He did not want anybody lost... (I Tim. 2:3-4). **But to order that the great display of the attributes of God might be manifested to all men,** that He could be a Redeemer, He could be a Saviour, man had to fall. It was in him to fall, **then it was in God to redeem him again.** That's the reason we have to have nighttime to make daytime right. We have to have sickness to make us enjoy health. Everything, a pro and con...

In Revelation 5:5-6 we read: „*And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb...*“

"A Lamb." Why didn't he see the Lamb before? **The Lamb had been seated on the Father's Throne, inside the guards.** John could not see into there, he only seen those four Cherubims standing there guarding the Holy Place. **He seen that but he could not see what was beyond that.** And in there, all at once, there appeared just mysteriously, suddenly, **there was One, a Lamb.**

Now, **it showed It was not a natural beast, lamb, because It took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne;** the lamb couldn't do that. **He was a Lamb, was Christ.**

In other words, in His attributes **He was meek and gentle like a lamb.** Notice, **it was a Lamb Redeemer,** a Lamb Redeemer just like the first. God never can change. Amen. **The first redeemer was a lamb;** in the garden of Eden it was a lamb that God offered (Genesis 3:21). And here it is again, plumb over in Revelations, **it's again a Lamb (Rev. 5:1-10).** **To redeem what? The fallen condition and the fallen inheritance of a fallen race of people.** A Lamb comes back to redeem, like ours was at the beginning, **to redeem us.**

To redeem what? What's He going to redeem us about? **Anything that's redeemed is something that's been lost. It's something that's been lost and then it's been brought back again.** What does He bring back to us, this Lamb? **Everything we had at the beginning.** [1]

What are we redeemed from? Something we must have lost. Before you can be redeemed, there must be something that redeemed us back. And **all the inheritance that we had has been redeemed back. Then we must've had something one time that we do not have now, but this Lamb come to redeem.** See? We had something we was lost from.

Now, notice. What did we lose? Well, it was given to Adam to have Eternal Life, **as long as he eat from the Tree he had Eternal Life.** And we notice again that Adam, he inherit the earth. **He was like an amateur god over the earth.** The earth was his. Everything was given unto his hand; he could do with it whatever he wanted to. He named it, and called it, and done whatever he wanted to. He was truly a son of God. [2]

What did we have at the beginning? **Eternal Life. We were heirs of the world. We had Life; we never had to die. We never had to be sick. We never had to get old. We never had any worry. There were no funerals, no graves, no evil, no death, no gray hairs, no stooped shoulders, no mourning, no crying. We had Life Eternal. We had the jurisdiction over all the earth.** We were just a god on the earth: walked about, and if this tree didn't look right standing here, we'd say, "Be thou plucked up and set over here," and it would do it. The winds were blowing and we didn't want the winds to blow, "Peace, be still," and it did it. **And what did He come to do? To redeem all that back to us again, get all that back again.** [1]

Now we have the Earnest of our inheritance (*II Cor. 1:21-22*). Oh, my, my. What do we have? **We have the evidence that God lives. We have the evidence that God is with us.** We have the evidence that God has not forsaken us, that we are His and He is ours, because we, **in our bodies we now tabernacle the Holy Spirit of God that cries out, "Abba, Father."** (*Rom. 8:14-17*). And there's nothing can ever take that away. **We are anchored in Christ** (*Heb. 6:18-20*).

Now, the trees do not have it; nature does not have it; but yet **we are still groaning with them because as yet we haven't received the fulness of our adoption** (*Rom. 8:22-23*). **But we have the Earnest of it,** that we were picked up from the things of the world **and now become sons and daughters of God.** What kind of people should we be? Oh, my, when we think of that... Think of it.

Now, we have the Earnest (*II Cor. 1:20-22*), **our spirit's groaning for the full adoption,** but now we have the Earnest of it. As we receive the Holy Spirit, It is the **earnest of our complete adoption or complete salvation.** Oh, how beautiful. I just love that. All right.

**We are waiting for the fulness of adoption. This will take place when? At the first resurrection. That's when our bodies will be changed from these vile creatures that we are and we'll have a body like His own glorious body, for we shall see Him as He is, and we will be like Him** (*Phil. 3:20-21*). When He appears, **we appear in His likeness** (*I John 3:2-3*). **We will have a body like His, a glorious glorified body,** and all the trials and struggles of life will fade off into a little mist and blow away to never be no more.

And these earthly tabernacles which we now groan in, we're waiting **for the salvation fully in its fulness to come.** But now in these tabernacles of clay we have something that tells us that we have raised up so far. Amen. What is the

earnest? **It's the little down payment that holds it.** Now, once when we loved the things of the world, once when we sinned and cared not for God, **we were alienated from Him, without God (Eph. 2:11-12), without Christ,** in the world, now God sent His Holy Spirit and through that we are lifted up from those things. **Now, we have the Earnest, that we know that we've passed from death unto Life (John 5:24).** Amen!

But, you see, now we have, **by the Holy Spirit, the Earnest of our inheritance,** because we've been lifted up from the things of the world; and we ride right along with the world, **but we are above the world (Gal. 1:3-5).**

And we watch our lives **and see that It is the Holy Spirit,** because we don't no more care for the things of the world. There you are *(Col. 3:1-3)*. As long as you love the world or the things of the world, then the love of God's not in you yet *(I John 2:15)*. **But as long as you're above that, then you know you have your inheritance; you're on your road to your full redemption.** [2]

**When Adam sinned by heeding his wife's reasoning, instead of holding to God's Word, that's what made Adam sin. His wife reasoned with Satan, and then produced the product to Adam, and Adam turned loose the Word and sold out. He lost also his inheritance when he lost his fellowship and right to Life.** Remember, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." *(Gen. 1:15-17)*.

**Adam lost his inheritance: the earth.** Now, it passed from his hand to the one he sold out to: Satan. **He sold his faith in God to Satan's reasonings.** Therefore, his Eternal Life, his right to the Tree of Life, his right to the earth belonged to him, and he forfeited it every bit to the hands of Satan. [3]

He forfeited the Book of Life **for the knowledge of Satan** and lost his inheritance, lost everything, and no way for redemption.

**Then God, made in the likeness of men, came down and become a Redeemer to us to redeem us (John 1:14; Phil. 2:5-11).** [4]

And that's the reason **that Christ, God, had to become kinfolks to us. And He come down and was a Man.** And He suffered temptation. And He was laughed at, made fun of, and persecuted, and ignored, and called "Beelzebub", and scoffed at, and suffered death under capital punishment. See, **He had to be kinfolks to us.** He had to be falsely accused, because you're falsely accused. **He had to bear sickness because you're sick. He had to bear sins, because it was your sins (Isaiah 53:1-5).** And He had to become kinfolks. **The only way He could redeem us was to be kinfolks to us. And how He become kinfolks, is by taking on the form of sinful flesh and becoming one of us (Rom. 8:3-4).** And in that, **He paid the price and redeemed us back into the fellowship of the Father. Oh, what a Saviour!** Words couldn't express it. [5]

When the rightful owner lost it, there's only one way that it can be redeemed. Now, that's by a near kinsman, is the only one who can rightfully redeem it *(Lev. 25:25-27)*. Now, course, this we've have **in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.** [2]

So Christ come and was made man **to take away our sins, to redeem us.** Christ being sinless, become a sinner *(II Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:6-9)*. He could redeem us. Hallelujah, we are redeemed. **We are "redeemed" means, to be brought back.** We are redeemed. [6]

Now, **our Kinsman is handed the seven sealed Book of redemption from the original Owner (Rev. 5:6-7).** When we lost it at the garden of Eden, through Adam, it went back to the original Owner. But there's been a poacher on the land, **a squatter; that's Satan. This earth doesn't belong to him; it belongs to God.**

**It is the title deed of our redemption, this seven-sealed Book. He breaks the seals, reveals, gives us His inheritance to His people.** He gives the inheritance that He inherited by becoming Kinsman Redeemer, **and freely gives it out to us (Rom. 8:16-17). It all belonged to Him (Heb. 1:1-3).** He was the One Who redeemed. **But instead of keeping it Himself, He gives it back to the people (Eph. 3:5-6). That's His love for us.** Oh. [1]

**Christ has been doing the Kinsman Redeemer work. But there will come a time that when the redeeming work will be over, and when the redeeming work is over, then He leaves the throne of God, where He's seated now, but that's not His throne.** "He that overcometh shall set with Me in My throne as I have overcome and have **set down on My Father's throne.**" (Rev. 3:21). That is not His throne. **That belongs to Spirit, God.** Christ, the Lamb, it doesn't belong to Him. **He is the incarnate God, which is the same God made incarnate.** [7]

But, see, **the kingdom still belongs to Satan.** He's still got this part in his hand because why? **It is redeemed by Christ, but He's doing the part of the Kinsman Redeemer taking His subjects, until the last one name is put on that Book, has already received it and been sealed away.** Now, do you get it? **Then He comes from His throne, His Father's throne, walks forward, takes the Book out of God's hand from the throne and claims His rights.** [4] **Then claims His inheritance; that's the Church, the Bride; He claims it.** [3] **The first thing He does is call for His Bride.** Amen. Then what does He take? He takes His opponent, Satan, and binds him, and casts him into the fire out there with all that followed him [4] (Rev. 20:11-15), with all those **who was inspired by Satan to reject His Word of redemption (John 3:17-18; Mark 16:16).**

Notice, **here He comes, leaves the throne as an Intercessor, as a slain Lamb to become a lion, King,** to bring the whole world into judgment that's rejected (Rev. 5:5). **Our Kinsman Redeemer then is King over all.** Why? **He's got the title deed of redemption.** It all lays within His hand. I'm glad I know Him. [3]

**When that Lamb leaves the throne yonder on His days of mediatorial work, when He leaves the throne up there and takes that Book of Redemption and walks forth, every knee will bow, every tongue confess... (Phil. 2:9-11).** There He is. [4]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]