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THE OPPOSING SEED

Luke 1:30-34a (Amplified) And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace (free, spontaneous, absolute favor and loving-kindness) with God. And listen! You will BECOME PREGNANT AND WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David, And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end. [Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 2:44] And Mary said to the angel, HOW CAN THIS BE...

If you think about the things in your life, the prophetic words, your desires, dreams and needs, you can say, "How can it be?" Looking around at how people live, you could ask, "Why do we need a God?"

You can do things without God's assistance. There are Buddhists, Muslims and Satanists who are doing well, but that is all in the natural. God said that you will experience things out of the natural - things that are supernatural, out of the ordinary, far above what you can think or pray for. You have to stretch your mind to the point where you know that you need God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the only One that specializes in the supernatural.

Moses said, "Who is like You, O Lord, ... doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11 Amplified)

Can you imagine an angel coming to you with the message that you are going to have a baby? Remember, Mary was only twelve years old and she had never been intimate with a man! You will also say, "How can it be...?" Can you imagine what her parents must've said when she told them that she was pregnant?

Mary told the angel that it was impossible, because she had never been intimate with a man - she didn't understand the Spirit (Spiritual conception). God told Moses to come to the mercy seat on top of the ark under the wings of the cherubim; 'there' He would meet intimately with him (Exodus 25). Remember, intimacy causes pregnancy.



Luke 1:35 (Amplified) Then the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come UPON you, and the power of the Most High will OVERSHADOW you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born of you will be called the Son of God. [Exodus 40:34; Isaiah 7:14]

The Holy Spirit will come up-on you and overshadow you - He will plant a seed. It is the power of the Most High that will cause the pregnancy.

THE WORD IS THE SEED

Hebrews 1:1-3a (Amplified) In many separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets, [But] in the last of these days He has SPOKEN TO US in [the person of a] SON, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also BY and through WHOM HE CREATED THE WORLDS and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order]. He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the PERFECT IMPRINT and VERY IMAGE of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty WORD OF POWER.

God sustains everything by His Word of Power. The power of the Most High is the Word that came to her - it upholds everything and makes every impossibility, possible.

Luke 1:37 (Amplified) For with God NOTHING IS EVER IMPOSSIBLE AND NO WORD FROM GOD SHALL BE WITHOUT POWER OR IMPOSSIBLE OF FULFILLMENT.

Nothing is impossible and no word is without power to fulfil. The phrase 'nothing is impossible' means every word - in Greek 'pas-rhema' - of God has enough power in itself to bring it into fulfilment. No word of God is without power!

Luke 1:38 (KJV) And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to THY WORD...



John 6:65 (KJV) And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

John 16:8-11 (KJV) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

The Holy Spirit convicts (or draws) you and overshadows you. You can be in a place where you do not even care to be, and suddenly He will come upon you and do something inside of you.

1 Peter 1:23 (Amplified) You have been regenerated (BORN AGAIN), not from a mortal origin (SEED, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting WORD OF GOD.

You are born again from an incorruptible seed, which is the Word. The Holy Spirit comes and plants that seed; you become pregnant and give birth to what is called a "son of God."

THE WORD PRODUCES MATURE SONS

John 1:11-12a (Amplified) He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own-His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him and did not welcome Him. But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (POWER, privilege, and right) to become the CHILDREN OF GOD...

The Word became flesh when the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and planted a seed. When the Holy Spirit overshadows you and plants a seed, you become a son. The one gives birth to a Son and the other one is a son that is born from above.



2 Corinthians 4:11b (Amplified) ...the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through OUR FLESH, which is liable to death.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (Amplified) ... are constantly being TRANSFIGURED into His very own image...

Galatians 4:19 (Amplified) ...My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until CHRIST IS completely and permanently FORMED (molded) WITHIN YOU...

Galatians 2:20a (KJV) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME...

Galatians 4:14 (KJV) And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but RECEIVED ME as an angel of God, EVEN AS CHRIST JESUS.

Acts 26:28-29 (KJV) Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a CHRISTIAN. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether SUCH AS I AM, except these bonds.

Creation is waiting for the sons of God to be manifested and Christ to come forth in His people. When the Holy Spirit plants a seed inside you, it is only a seed - the incorruptible Word of God - that must grow into maturity. When a man and woman make love, a seed is planted and if the seed does not grow, no life is formed. If the seed grows, a baby will be born.

Galatians 3:16,29 (Amplified) Now the promises (covenants, agreements) were decreed and made to Abraham and his SEED (his Offspring, his Heir). He [God] does not say, And to seeds (descendants, heirs), as if referring to many persons, but, And to your Seed (your Descendant, your Heir), obviously referring to one individual, Who is [none other than] Christ (the Messiah). [Genesis 13:15; 17:8] ... And if you belong to Christ [are in Him who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise.



The promise given to Abraham was made to One Seed. The promise was that He would be the heir of the world, owner of all things and heir of creation. You are Abraham's seed if you are born of Christ. All the promises that were made to the One Seed, Christ, are now yours. That is why creation is waiting with expectancy to see the sons of God being manifested. They will look like Christ, walk like Christ and be like Christ.

John 14:12,16 (Amplified) I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to DO THE THINGS THAT I DO; and he will DO EVEN GREATER THINGS than these, because I go to the Father. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you ANOTHER Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever-

The word 'another' means: of the same kind. He will teach, guide, comfort and lead you into all truth. He will remind you of all the things Jesus taught you.

Jesus had to leave earth and return to heaven - for how much could He do, restricted to a body? When He went, He left the Christ Anointing through the Holy Spirit. He takes that same Seed-Word which He planted into Mary and plants it into you. As it grows you will manifest as a mature son of God, Christ will be seen and demons will flee. You will heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and preach the Gospel in power.

SAVED AND BORN AGAIN

When you are born from above no human being needs to be present, no song needs to be sung, no preacher needs to give an invitation and no word needs to be preached - the Holy Spirit will overshadow you. However, gospel crusades are necessary, as they provide the right atmosphere. But how many people who confess Jesus, are truly born from above? Go back after a year and see how many were born from above and how many only made a mental confession, because of a pressurized word. We need something much bigger if we want to see the harvest coming in.

The city of Lagos in Nigeria has been saved millions of times. It has an estimate of 40 million people. Every second building is a church; every second house is a church. There is a church that is 5 km long and every Sunday it is filled to capacity. It is easy to gather a crowd. Every day of the year there is a crusade in the city held by different evangelists. It is attended by between one and three million people at a time. This has been happening since the eighteen hundreds.



Yet all the people are not born again. Lagos is a city with one of the highest incidences of aids, prostitution, crime, adultery and witchcraft.

What is needed is a revelation of being born from above. Every Sunday many churches invite people to be born again. Some are born again, but others just confess it with their mouths. If the hundreds of people who came to Jesus every week were born from above, the whole of this nation would have been saved. Being saved means to confess and believe, but to be born from above means that the Holy Spirit has planted a seed of the Word in you.

In the sixties a pastor from the Full Gospel Church in Durban, George Dullman, had astounding miracles in his meetings. For example, during a meeting of three thousand people he would walk to someone, tell him about the cancer in his body and God would heal him. He said that he could see how the Holy Spirit brought people to a born again experience while he was preaching. While walking in the streets, he would touch people or talk to them and see them being born again.

There is a difference between being saved and being born again. In the eighties this revelation nearly broke through, but it was crushed. Being born again is a divine act of the Holy Spirit, but a confession of salvation can bring you to this born again experience as it opens you up to the Holy Spirit. Thank God for the preacher, who helped you pray the prayer of salvation, but it was not the prayer of being born again. You have to be born again by incorruptible seed, which is the Word and no human can do that.

THE WORD IS SPERM

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. It was void, which means 'empty', and without form. The Holy Spirit brooded over the waters. Then the Word came and said, "Let there be..." "In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God." So it is Jesus (The Word Who is also God) Who is with the Father, Who is God. It talks about more than one Person. "Everything that was made was made by this Word and nothing that was made, was made without Him." (John 1:1,3)

Genesis 1:26 (KJV) God said: "Let US make man in our image."

Genesis 11:7 (KJV) "let US go down, and there confound their language."



John 3:11 (KJV) "...Receive not OUR witness..."

In the Gospel of John Jesus says (summarised),

"Father, I have given them Your Word. Sanctify or wash or cleanse or give them a birthing experience by this Word that I have given them."

"Every Word that I speak is not My Words, but the Words of My Father."

"The one who does the works is the One who dwells in Me."

"When I speak, I heard Him say that I must speak a Word."

"I am The Word and became flesh and He used me to make everything. It was made by Me and for Me, but if I speak, it is not I, but He. I was there when He made it and He had to use Me, The Word, to bring it to birth."

The seed planted into a woman is sperm, so the Word of God that is planted, is God's sperm, which contains all the life that God has and makes all things possible. In other words, "No Word from God is void or without power."

STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY

Luke 8:11-14 (Amplified) ...Now the meaning of the parable is this: The SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD. Those along the traveled road are the people who have HEARD; then the devil comes and CARRIES AWAY (STEALS, TAKES AWAY, SNATCHES AWAY) the message out of their hearts, that they may not believe (acknowledge Me as their Savior and devote themselves to Me) and be saved [here and hereafter]. When the seed of the Word falls on the wayside, the Devil steals it out of your heart, so that you don't believe. And those upon the rock [are the people] who, when they HEAR [the Word], receive and welcome it with joy; but these have no root. They believe for a while, and in time of trial (When the sun beats down) and temptation FALL AWAY (DIE, ARE KILLED) (withdraw and stand aloof). And as for what fell among the thorns, these are [the people] who HEAR, but as they go on their way they are CHOKED AND SUFFOCATED (DESTROYED) with the anxieties and cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen (come to maturity and perfection).



Everybody hearing the Word can be pregnant with the sperm Word of God that can change his life. The power to make any impossibility possible and bring any Word into fulfilment is contained in the sperm, but some of it could be stolen, some be destroyed and some killed. Everything depends on how you listen. How attentive are you when you listen to the Word? Jesus said that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. (John 10:10) These are the same words used in the parable of the sower. (Luke 8, Mark 4)

Luke 8:15 (Amplified) But as for that [seed] in the good soil, these are [the people] who, HEARING the Word, HOLD IT FAST in a JUST (NOBLE, VIRTUOUS) and WORTHY HEART, and STEADILY BRING FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE.

Jesus came so that we can have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). The abundant life produces fruit and makes the impossibilities possible!

Genesis 3:1-4 (KJV) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

If everything was under control in the garden, why did God tell man to subdue it? There was a snake in the grass. The serpent (snake, viper, and adder) is the devil and was the cause that things went wrong in the garden. The serpent did not belong to the animal kingdom - he was more subtle than the beasts of the field. [He could speak and no other animal, except Balaam's donkey, could ever speak.] He lied to the woman and told her that they wouldn't die and stole the word that God had given them - he tried to destroy them.

Genesis 3:5-6 (KJV) For God doth know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman SAW that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

When she saw that the tree was good for food, the Word was killed.



Genesis 3:7a (KJV) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked...

The Word was taken from them and they were naked. Here the Word is destroyed.

The snake tempted Eve in three different ways, sowing doubt when he said, "Did God say...?" (When Jesus was in the desert, the devil approached Him with three similar temptations. (Matthew 4)) First he stole the Word when he said they could eat (the lust of the flesh), then he killed the Word when she saw (the lust of the eyes) and finally he destroyed the Word when they ate and were separated (the pride of life - wisdom) from God.

ENMITY BETWEEN THE SEEDS

Genesis 3:15 (KJV) And I will put enmity between thee (the serpent) and the woman, and between thy SEED (the serpent) and her SEED (the woman); it shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel.

The serpent has a seed. God's seed is His Word and the devil's seed is his word. The woman and the serpent spoke to each other. God said that He was going to put enmity between the two seeds - the one will go for the head and the other for the heel.

John 8:31-36 (Amplified) So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you ABIDE in MY WORD [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free. They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free? Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin. Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the SON [of the house] does remain forever. So if the SON LIBERATES YOU [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.

The son in the house is the one who received the Word and abides in it.



You can be really free.

John 8: 37 (Amplified) [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to kill Me, because MY WORD has NO ENTRANCE (makes no progress, does not find any PLACE) in you.

God's seed cannot find entrance into their hearts and the one seed tries to kill the other seed.

John 8:38-42 (Amplified) I tell the things which I have seen and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father. They retorted, Abraham is our father. Jesus said, If you were [truly] Abraham's children, then you would DO THE WORKS of Abraham [follow his example, do as Abraham did]. But now [instead] you are wanting and seeking to KILL ME, a Man Who has told you the truth, which I HAVE HEARD FROM GOD. This is not the way Abraham acted. You are doing the works of your [own] father. They said to Him, We are not illegitimate children and born out of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me and respect Me and welcome Me gladly, for I PROCEEDED (came forth) from God [out of His very presence]. I did NOT EVEN COME ON MY OWN authority or of My own accord (as self-appointed); but He sent Me.

Jesus proceeded from the Father. "You shall live from every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord." (Deuteronomy 8:3) "So shall My Word be that goes forth (proceeds) out of My mouth..." (Isaiah 55: 11) Jesus said that if God were their Father, they would have received Him for He proceeded from God.

John 8:43-44 (Amplified) Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to HEAR what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.] You are of YOUR FATHER, the DEVIL, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a MURDERER from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he SPEAKS A FALSEHOOD, he speaks what is natural to him, for HE IS A LIAR [himself] and the FATHER OF LIES and of all that is false.

When the sower sows the Word, people hear the Word. Jesus asked the Pharisees why they could not understand Him and He Himself gave them the answer - because they did not hear (or listen to) His Word. Their father was the devil and a murderer. Jesus agreed with John the Baptist when He said that they were a brood of vipers (Matthew 23:33;



Matthew 12:34). They, the leaders of Israel, were the seed of the serpent. It has been preached that the seed is the devil, but there are no scriptural references for this. The one seed is of the serpent and the other seed from a woman (Galatians 4:4). The devil does not have it in his power to kill Jesus. He could not even tempt Him in the desert. Jesus said that no one could take His life from Him as He laid it down by Himself. The devil is a created being, how could he kill God, his Creator? But he has seed - the religious people. They were the ones who wanted to crucify and kill Him. Jesus said that they and their spirit will always be with us. They are the ones who stand up against the Word and the miracles. Sinners do not criticize the miracles, but even preachers stand up against the miracles.

They will call you a devil for they called Him a devil (John 8:48). The seed of the serpent opposes revelation knowledge. New revivals that break out are opposed by the previous revivalists. When your spirituality becomes religion, the life is gone and it becomes a form. Then you are serpent seed and the devil is your father.

BE RENEWED

Ephesians 4:22-29 (Amplified) Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly RENEWED in the SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], And PUT ON THE NEW NATURE (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone EXPRESS THE TRUTH with his neighbour, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another. [Zechariah 8:16]. When angry, DO NOT SIN; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. Leave NO [such] ROOM OR FOOTHOLD FOR THE DEVIL [give no opportunity to him]. Let the thief steal no more, but rather let him be industrious, making an honest living with his own hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. Let NO FOUL OR POLLUTING LANGUAGE, NOR EVIL WORD NOR UNWHOLESOME OR WORTHLESS TALK [ever] COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, but only such [speech] as is GOOD AND BENEFICIAL TO THE SPIRITUAL PROGRESS OF OTHERS, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a BLESSING AND GIVE GRACE (God's favour) TO THOSE WHO HEAR IT.