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Today I want to speak on something that has been a subject that has not been understood through time, but now is the time for the understanding, and this is the message to bring the understanding to the Wife of the Lamb-Understanding the Mystery of the Godhead by Revelation. Sometime back I heard a preacher talking on television, and he said, "When it comes to the Godhead, the Bible talks about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, thus showing that there is three persons in the Godhead." Well, that was the only way the man could explain it; and then he even said, "The theologians have never been able to understand nor explain the Godhead." Well, when it comes to the theologians, it is understandable that they cannot understand, because it takes revelation. It even took revelation for the disciples of Jesus Christ to know who He was. We see this in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 16, when Jesus asked them, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" And they said, "Some say that you are John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." And then Jesus asked, "But whom say ye that I am?" And Simon Peter answered (for he was the only one that understood by revelation and could give the answer out of the group), saying, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." And because of this revelation, Peter was given the keys to the kingdom (the keys to the gospel). So that is why Peter had to not only open the door of the gospel to the Jews in Acts, Chapter 2, but also to the Gentiles in Acts, Chapter 10. So that is the way the revelation of who Jesus Christ is began, for God first revealed Him to the apostles. So before reading any scripture, let us have a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, we come once again to you praising you and thanking you for your goodness and for all the good things that you do for us daily. As your Word says, "He daily loadeth us with benefits;" and we could never use all the benefits up that you loaded us with, but we thank you for all those benefits and we praise you for them. I pray that you will anoint me to speak your Word that I may speak words that will be profitable to the hearers thereof, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We want to begin reading today in the Book of Acts, Chapter 17, Verse 29, as our text scripture. There is very little said about the Godhead in the Bible, but here is one of the things Paul laid in the Word for us. It says, "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God (That is good; it means everything springs forth from God.), we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." It is not some graven image. But that does not stop people from trying to identify themselves as Christians by wearing a cross necklace or a cross pin on their suit or something like that to signify to a certain element of society (the religious element and others) that they are Christians. And sometimes they will advertise pictures (images) of Jesus on the cross in various ways. Well, the Word says not to think of the Godhead like that, like gold, silver, stone, or graven images; because God is a Spirit. So when we begin to talk about the Godhead, we want to start with God the Father being Spirit to begin with, and then go forth from there to show how the Godhead developed into flesh and bones.

Throughout the Old Testament and ever since mankind has been on the earth and God has been dealing with man, He said not to make graven images of any type because God is Spirit. And He is everywhere present at the same time. And I like what King David said about the Lord God in the Book of Psalms, Chapter 139, "If I take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth, He is there. If I make my bed in hell, He is there." In other words, God is Spirit everywhere present at the same time. And there was no way in the Old Testament that we could draw God into a certain image.

We see the great manifestations of God when the children of Israel were coming through the wilderness, for He showed Himself as a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day. In the desert there, it was extremely hot in the daytime, and God became a cloud. He showed Himself as a cloud. And at night, God became a pillar of fire, for the desert gets very cold at night. So God became a cloud in the day and a fire at night. So God showed Himself to the children of Israel in that way. And then later on, especially in the New Testament after Jesus came on the scene, people began to talk about the Godhead. And theologians as time went by began to give their thoughts on what the Godhead might look like. One group even began to say, "Jesus is God." And another group came out and said, "No, there is God the Father, there is God the Son, and there is God the Holy Ghost, making three distinct and individual persons in the Godhead," when the truth is that there is only one person in glorified flesh and bones on the throne (because God is Spirit with no physical body other than Jesus Christ). And now the Wife of the Lamb has become the second member of the Godhead in Her glorified flesh and bones.

I know of one certain denominational group where the leader was supposed to have had a vision of God, His Son, and the Holy Ghost and I have seen the picture of the vision that someone drew out. It is a picture of an elderly man (the Father), gray headed; and then another man that is not quite as old (the Son); and for the Holy Ghost they had fire. So they tried to explain their idea of the Godhead that way, and that is deception for his followers, and this false revelation is now very wide spread. So when we look at the Godhead, there is no image of God Himself because God is Spirit everywhere present at the same time. He moved with different people at different times, but still He is Spirit. And throughout time, He has used His angelic family to assist Him in carrying out His plan. And now we are living in this moment of the twinkling of an eye when the manifestation of the Godhead is visible through the Wife who has taken on glorified flesh and bones through the Lord Jesus Christ, and now we are the Wife of God's only begotten Son.

Notice, first of all we see that in God was a desire to have a human family who came directly from Himself. So in the Book of John 1:1-14, here God shows a special part of the Word, for the scripture says, "the Word that was with God." And "the Word that was with God" was a seed directly from God, which was a part of God, the same as a seed that would spring forth from a man in the reproduction of his offspring. And this is the way God began to materialize or make Himself come into visibility. For God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin named Mary who said unto her, "You shall conceive and bring forth a Son, and He shall be the Son of God." And, of course, Mary asked, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And Gabriel said, "The Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) shall overshadow you, and God will plant His seed in your womb, and you shall bear the first and only begotten Son of God as a direct offspring of God." Then nine months later Jesus was born, the Word made flesh, a very part of God made flesh and bones.

Notice, during the time of the Old Testament, the terminology 'the Holy Ghost' was never used in the sense of being something separate from God. And the fact is, the *Holy Ghost* was not there, for the Holy Ghost did not come into existence until after Jesus Christ was crucified and He released His Spirit, His soul. And that is found in the Book of John, Chapter 7, starting with Verses 37-39, where Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath

said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because Jesus Christ was not yet glorified.) Notice, He had not given up His soul, the Holy Ghost, for the Holy Ghost was in Him. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God *after* it was connected with the soul of the man named Jesus, who then became Jesus the Christ. This made His soul one with God the Father. And we get that from a prophecy that the prophet of God, Isaiah, prophesied in the Book of Isaiah 53:7-12 about Jesus Christ being led as a lamb to the slaughter and that He poured out His soul (His Ghost) unto death. Only then was the Holy Ghost released from Jesus Christ.

So here we begin to get something to connect God and man together, which is the Holy Ghost. See, God was connected to His Son through the part of Himself which specifically deals with mankind, which is called Christ (the Word that was with God), which has always been. Notice, Christ was the great connector between God and Jesus. And Christ found His permanent resting place in the Lord Jesus Christ when He was about thirty years old. That is when He was baptized of John the Baptist, and God gave Him the Spirit without measure. Christ came into Him, the fullness of Christ in the sense of bringing all of God's attributes (which was both male and female) into His only begotten Son which connected God who is Spirit with His Son who was the Word made flesh. So now we have a man here on earth that is the Word made flesh that the fullness of Christ came into (Christ being with God from the beginning and all the way through the Old Testament). Now God's Word (the Word that was made flesh) and God's Spirit are joined perfectly together, thus making the first visible member of the Godhead.

Oftentimes we hear people talk about the Christ, saying, "Christ was born about two thousand years ago." Well, I understand what they mean; they are talking about Jesus who became Christ. But when someone uses Christ in the singular like that, it certainly is a misnomer because Christ never was born. One of the places we see Christ was through Melchizedek; and as Paul spoke of Melchizedek in the Book of Hebrews 7:1-3, he said, "He had neither father nor mother, beginning of days nor ending of life." He is the first one that Christ overcame death through. He was the King of Salam (meaning King of Peace) and was the priest of the most high God. Here was a man, and he was a very strange man, but actually what it was, Christ had concealed Himself in an earthly vessel that God had created for a temporary purpose. And he was not one that was born and developed a soul. And when the time came for him to die, he did not want to die. So when the death angel came to him saying, "I came to get you," he said, "You are talking to the wrong fellow; I do not want to die." So the Bible says in Hebrews, Chapter 5:6-7, that he offered up strong crying to God and was heard, and he did not have to die.

Well, when we come into the New Testament, we find Jesus Christ did the same thing, and He was a man that was born, and He lived the first thirty years of His life as an ordinary citizen, a carpenter, but He was the Word made flesh. So Christ came into Him when He was about thirty years old and remained there. And He went forth with His ministry for three and a half years up to the time of His crucifixion, and there He poured out His soul. And that is how God produced the Holy Ghost (and the Holy Ghost is Spirit), and not only did He do that, but He produced His only begotten Son as part of Himself, the first fleshly member of the Godhead. And that is the only one that was a direct offspring of God. And He was the only visible member of the Godhead all the way through time up until the marriage of the Lamb that has taken place in this day, which has created the body of Christ, who is the Wife of God's only begotten Son, making His Wife bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh and Spirit of His Spirit. After this, there are two visible members of the Godhead—God's only begotten Son and His Christ Wife.

So now we have the understanding that God is Spirit, and no man has seen God at any time. There has been manifestations of God; for God has always had certain ways to show Himself when He wants to get messages over to people. But in the Old Testament, when an angel came, the people would usually say, "I saw God!" Therefore, fear would come upon them, thinking that they could not see God and live. (Judges 6:17-23, and Judges, Chapter 13) So God in the Old Testament often revealed Himself to the human family by letting an angel of the Lord visit them when He wanted to give them a message or when He just wanted to bless them.

As we read through the Bible, we see certain manifestations of God, such as when a pagan king had Daniel thrown in the lion's den and he came out victorious: for God was with him and the lions did him no harm. And then there was Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who the king had thrown into a fiery furnace because they refused to bow down and worship a graven image that the king had made; for they declared, "We will only worship the one true God." They were thrown into the fiery furnace, but the fire did not even burn them; it just burned the cords loose in which they were bound. And when the king came and looked in, he said, "Did not we cast three men into the fiery furnace? Lo, there are four men; and the fourth one is like unto the Son of God!" This was God manifesting His Son in a visionary form. So there is manifestation after manifestation of the great supernatural God in the Bible. And we could go through the opening of the Red Sea and what happened to Moses, and also we could tell about how Moses picked up a rod and threw it down and it became a serpent; these were manifestations of God, but yet God was not seen as a person; the only way God could be seen as a person was in a visionary form UNTIL His Christ came into Jesus making Him the Lord Jesus Christ. And the only way we will see God is to see Him in His Son that is tangible, glorified flesh and bones, yet a human being -a God Man!

Starting in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis through the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, we can see how God was manifested all the way through. And I am not going to go through all of the many things that God did to show Himself as the great eternal Spirit, but in Revelation, Chapter 22, Verses 1-3, we find there that there is the throne of God and the Lamb. Now the throne of God and the Lamb is one throne. And in Verse 4 it says, "They shall look upon *His* face. And *His* name shall be in their foreheads," bringing it down to one person in the Godhead, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

So that is the way it has been UNTIL a marriage took place in this last day. How this happened is God started with Paul and he began to call out a group that he introduced as a virgin to the glorified Jesus Christ, for God used Paul to start a new creation. And this new creation was neither male nor female, neither bond nor free, and neither Jew nor Gentile, which is the main point we are making here because there were two groups of people, and now they were one people that were neither Jew nor Gentile. That was the beginning of God producing the Wife as a member of the Godhead. And it went from there and on to where we are at now. And in this moment of the twinkling of an eye that we are living in, we have gotten a full picture of another member, which is the Lamb's Wife clothed in fine linen, clean and white.

So now we see most of the church world has fallen for what they call the revelation of the trinity as three separate persons in the Godhead. But that just does not wash, because when we look upon the face of God's Son, we are looking upon the face of the Almighty as much as one will ever see of the Almighty in a human form, for God is Spirit. Now there is a way we can see God as the one that causes the sun to rise and to set, for He is the one that causes all the things to operate, the laws of nature. And He is the one that set the boundaries for the sea, how far it could go. (This reminds me of a time when I was on a big ship, and the waves were coming in so high that it looked like it would push the ship over. There were so many mighty waves, and the ship was rocking back and forth, but no damage was done.) God set a law for the waves that when they get to a certain place on the shoreline, they all just begin to collapse on the shore, for God set boundaries for them.

So we can see God in the laws of nature which He put into motion in the beginning. The waves of the sea have boundaries, but sometimes God allows a great earthquake out in the ocean to cause a tsunami and defies those boundaries. We are seeing many destructive earthquakes today, and as time goes by, they are going to be more frequent and more devastating. The Book of Luke 21:25-26 says, "And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. And men's hearts failing them for fear, for looking upon those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." And we see that God just renders that law useless as to where the waves are to stop, and they just keep right on coming. And, of course, we saw that in Indonesia, India, and Sri Lanka, as well as some other places, back in 2004 when a major earthquake struck Indonesia; it generated a great tsunami that went forth to the different areas and many people drowned. For the sea just kept on coming in. And it is said that before the earthquake, the elephants and other animals began to go to higher ground. God guided them to go to higher ground, while the people frolicked on the beach; and when the tsunami came in, many people were swept away and were never seen again.

So we see God, He is the great God, and He is working all things after the counsel of His own will. And I am getting to our point of the Wife of the Lamb, but first of all we must get rid of the myth that God is a person. God is Spirit, and He is represented in His Son, and His Son sits there on the Father's throne. And if you want to see what God looks like, just look at His Son Jesus Christ. And not only that, but we, the Wife of the Lamb, have the very attributes that were in Christ that came into Jesus—and God so ordained it thus. I have preached enough messages leading up to this that it should not be something that is very hard to understand unless you have not been hearing the messages. But if you have been hearing them, you will see how it all lines up, starting back with Adam and Eve and how all of that came into being, and how that when Adam looked at Eve, he said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh," and she was also spirit of his spirit. And now it is the same with *us*, as the Voice of the Lord spoke and said unto us, "I call you Christ the Wife of the Lamb."

So there was Adam and Eve, man and wife, and God took the feminine spirit that was in Adam, all those feminine attributes, and put them into Eve and left the masculine attributes in Adam. And here we can see Jesus Christ and His Christ Wife.

I used to wonder about that many years ago when I would read in Genesis about Adam and Eve, where it says God created man in the spirit and He created him male and female, and then the Word says, "created He *them*," and yet there was only one. Notice, He created them in spirit, and then on down the road as time went by, God created a physical man, and within that man He put that spirit 'He created He them.' And it was them in Adam for a season there, until Adam began to look and see there was male and female to all the animals and he began to get lonesome. And God looked down (not literally but to give you the thought) and saw Adam very lonely, and He made a statement that has stood true all the way through, for He said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make him a help meet." And through the years, many times we would hear preachers say *helpmate*, but it is *helpmeet*, which means compatible, which brings a new dimension to that word, rather than just *helpmate*. *Helpmate* seems like someone that is just helping with work or helping to make life easier. And, of course, a good wife does help in that sense, but she is a helpmeet, she is compatible, she has the same type of understanding and spirit, but yet she is woman in every sense of the word.

Well, here is what happened; when Christ came into Jesus, both male and female attributes came in. But when He was crucified, the Holy Ghost, His soul, departed from Him, and He was able to share all His attributes with mankind upon their being born again. The Holy Ghost is the connector to bring together mankind with the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are connected with the Lord Jesus Christ, you are connected with God. So the Holy Ghost was released and came as the first leg of the coming of Christ Jesus in the gift of the Holy Ghost. But when the Holy Ghost came, who did the Holy Ghost come to? First, He came to the Jews on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost. And only the Jews were there, with the exception of some Gentile proselytes that had come under the law of Israel who were included in this great plan of salvation on the basis that the Jews were. (Remember here that Paul was not yet converted to this great plan of salvation but would later be a light to the Gentiles and to Israel in creating a new group of saints of both Jews and Gentiles, and in doing so, God was bringing the feminine attributes of Christ Jesus into a people through Paul's gospel). But at first, the gospel was not to the Gentile nations. For at that time, the Holy Ghost brought the masculine attributes of Christ Jesus, and it was basically the attributes of Jesus Christ going forth in the Jewish realm for the first few years. And then a few years down the road, God sent Peter to go open the door to the Gentiles there at Cornelius' house. And then when God struck Paul down on His way to Damascus, He gave him a gospel to begin the creation of a Wife for God's Son.

Notice, God began to do something else after He had sent the Holy Ghost to the Jews and to the Gentiles. There was something else that God was doing. He began to separate the masculine and feminine attributes of that Spirit. And Paul's message began to express those feminine attributes that were in the Holy Ghost, which had also been seen in Jesus the Christ. Paul is the only one that began to talk about *she, her, virgin, wife;* and the message was so strange that the Jews backed away from what Paul was preaching. And concerning circumcision, Paul said, "It is not the circumcision of the flesh; it is the circumcision of the heart, cutting away the works of the flesh." He began to talk like that, which disturbed the Jews that loved the law. But there were Jews among them that loved what Paul was preaching, and that was by predestination, so they went with the gospel that Paul had.

Well, here we begin to see something different as Paul called out a group, and it is spoken of in the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 2. And he began to present them as a new group, a new creation of neither Jew nor Gentile. Here is a group that made up the espoused virgin, which has now become a part of the Wife of the Lamb who is part of the Godhead because we alone are dressed differently, which is in fine linen clean and white. Whereas the saints in Revelation, Chapter 7, a great multitude is dressed in white robes with palms in their hands; and they are having a good time! But the Bible says, "and they serve Him day and night." But the point being is that the Wife is dressed entirely different, and by this God is saying, "I want to specifically identify the Wife of the Lamb here at the end time."

In days gone by, we were called 'the church.' And then Brother William Branham began to call us 'the little bride,' and Brother Raymond Jackson Jr. came on down through there saying the same thing. But now it is not just the church, not just the bride, not just the virgin, but the Wife of the Lamb. This group has become the Wife of the Lamb, and She and She alone is clothed in fine linen, clean and white, which represents the same righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. For what Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:30-32 has come to life in us, as we are now bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh—"This is a great mystery, but I speak of Christ who is now the Wife."

Notice, there was one small group that heard Paul, and they were identified as a virgin. And he began to identify her in his prophetic writings, which would be manifested here at the end time where there would be a marriage by proxy. Paul had already gone home thirty years before John ever began to write by the inspiration of God the Book of Revelation, which was about 96 A.D. And in the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Revelation, here came something that in a sense would have the similarities of the Holy Ghost, but with the exception that the Holy Ghost is a gift and was basically the male part of Christ as was seen in the church ages. So those male attributes were being presented there. But here in Revelation, Chapter 10, there is a different spin to the whole thing. Not only do we have the Holy Ghost, but John's writing revealed that there was two legs of the coming of the Lord, bringing the fullness of Christ Jesus. The first leg of His coming was the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Why two legs of His coming? Because there is the masculine attributes and the feminine attributes. And the masculine attributes were predominate in the gift of the Holy Ghost, which makes everyone that has the gift of the Holy Ghost children of God. But there is also the second leg of His coming, and the second leg was Christ Jesus in His fullness coming back to this earth to unite the masculine attributes with the feminine attributes that is in the body of Christ in the earth in a proxy marriage, thus making us the Wife of the Lamb. This coming was Christ Jesus hid or disguised in the Mighty Angel. And I am not going through all of that again, for this working of God is laid away in The Chronicles of the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Revelation and the Eating of a Bitter Meal, which we closed out, showing that it was fulfilled in us, the Wife of the Lamb.

So now here is a furtherance of the revelation of the Godhead, for we are seeing a new member of the Godhead created. And it is the Wife of the Son of God, who is bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh and Spirit of His Spirit. And She alone is clothed in fine linen, clean and white, which signifies God's righteousness, and She has no sin at all. And when God looks at this group of people consisting of neither Jew nor Gentile, or we could say both Jew *and* Gentile, there is no nationality considered here in this group of saints because we are the Wife of the Lamb, whether in the natural we were Jews *or* Gentiles. We are one body of Christ.

Now through the church ages, the gospel of salvation was mostly to the Gentiles. But now everything has been restored back, and we are witnesses to how God brought it back, because we *were* that virgin that became the Wife of God's Son by a proxy marriage by the sounding of this last trumpet of God to both the predestinated Jews and Gentiles.

So when John saw us in his vision, he did not see a group of people, because Revelation 19:7-8 says he saw the Wife of the Lamb. And he said, "Rejoice! Be exceedingly glad! Give honor to Him!" Because now we have become part of the Godhead, for we are members of His flesh and of His bones and are Spirit of His Spirit. We are the Wife and are made from the very same Word that He is made of. And that does not do away with or belittle any of the children of God. That does not do away with the servants of God. That does not do away with all the other people that God deals with. But here is a little group, and She is part of the Godhead.

So this message today, *Understanding the Mystery of the Godhead by Revelation*, is showing us there is now another physical member of the Godhead, which is the Wife of God's Son, which is a many-member body. And we are a group of people that were chosen of God before the world was and are part of that special part of the Word that was with God in the beginning. See, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and this special part of the Word that was with God is what the angel Gabriel brought to Mary and she became pregnant. Well, we are *part* of that because we were chosen in Him before the world was to be part of Him; and the Word bears that out all the way through. And now here is an apostle preaching this wonderful gospel by the authority of God, and it is the sounding of the last trumpet of God of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

So there is God who is and always will remain a Spirit. But here is His Son in His physical glorified state, and everything that God is, He is representing. And when one wants to see God, to look upon His face, He is sitting right there on the throne of God in His Son and in His Son's Wife. Notice, there is one sitting on the throne, and it is our King, whom John called the Lamb. And there is the Wife, and She is the one that the water of life flows right through and comes forth from as She is part of the Godhead, for the river of life flows from God, through His Son, and on through Her.

So understanding the mystery of the Godhead is what this message is about, and it is for the Wife of the Lamb to understand, because the marriage has already taken place, and all those feminine attributes from the Lord Jesus Christ came into a people, and God said, "This is the Wife of My Son; and I am making Her part of the Godhead too." That is the mystery of the Godhead; so let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad!

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Word today. We pray that this message will go forth and have an impact on the people and they will understand by revelation the things that you have done, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. All sermons by Brother Ben Howard are recorded on CD's, DVD's, and Mp3 formats. In addition, there is a collection of published books, which are available for download or by request as well. Please feel free to visit us at our website often as new materials are constantly being added, or write to our postal address below.

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