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We are reading today from the Book of Romans, Chapters 8 and 9. We will read some in each one of those chapters; and we want to take this thought for our title—*Why are We the Wife of the Lamb and Not Another Order of Saints?* That will be our main thought for today as we read the Word of God and just go from place to place as the Lord would lead us in the Word that is being revealed to us in this moment of the twinkling of an eye. So before reading, let us pray.

O' Father, we come to you once again; and we come with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts because of your choosing, because you have chosen us of all the people in the world, a small little group to be the members of the Wife of the Lamb. And, Lord, we appreciate it and we thank you for it. I thank you for the anointing of the living Word of the glorified flesh and bones. Lord, I pray that when I finish speaking today, there will have been words said that will be of an encouraging nature and will be of a nature that will be profitable to the hearers. Father, we appreciate you and love you. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

We are going to read some things today that deal with God making the choice. And we are going to deal with 'who has resisted His will,' whatever He wills for us. And we are going to see that we are part of the Word, and we cannot help it because *He* has ordained and predestinated certain things, and it was by His foreknowledge that *He* did it. So those are some of the things that we are going to be looking at. But first of all I want to read some in Romans,

Chapter 8, beginning with Verse 28. It says, "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are **the called** according to his purpose.* Verses 29-30, "*For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called* (notice, He called them): *and whom he called, them he also justified:*" When He calls us, He justifies us. First by His foreknowledge; them that He foreknew, He predestinated. And them that He predestinated, He also called. And whom He called, them He also justified. Now, I want you to hold that part there, "*them He also justified.*" He predestinated us, He called us, and so it is His working and His business to justify us.

Notice, He justified us, so who is he that condemneth? It was the Lord Jesus Christ that died, so who else has any business in the matter but Him? We love Him, and we serve Him, and we are part of the Word. And being part of the Word, there is no way that we can really feel in place (where we need to be) unless we are fulfilling the Word. And how can we feel like we are 'one of them' unless we are fulfilling the Word that we are part of? We were part of it to begin with. He made us that. Notice, He justified us, He called us, and these are the things that *He* did. And now we are doing what *we* do because of what He did.

So why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints? It is His choosing. And we are so glad for His choosing. And I know that He made the right choices. In times past we all may have (at one time or another) felt like He did not make the right choice when He chose us, but He did. So since He did choose us, He is obligated to justify us. So He justified us. He made a way for us to be

justified, and not only that, but He gave us His righteousness and clothed us in fine linen, clean and white. We will deal with that a little later. But first I want to finish my reading here.

Continuing Verse 30, *“them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”* Did you hear that—“and whom He justified, them He also glorified”? He glorifies whom He justifies. So this is the work of God. And time itself brought the fulfilment of the Word to where we are standing in this moment of the twinkling of an eye as the Word is being fulfilled, and we are a part of that which He saw and predestinated before the world was. When we see what He has made us and see what He called us to do, we are so happy to fulfill His will because we were His choice, and we cannot back out, because we did not back in! He did it before the foundation of the world! So when this part of the Word that we are now fulfilling came rolling around, which is ‘the Wife of the Lamb part’ here in the end time, then we blended with it, and we are so happy to be that. And anything else, any other part of the Word, just does not fit us. Why? Because we were not part of another part of the Word to begin with. We were made of the same special part of the Word that the Lord Jesus Christ was made from; we were joined unto Him in marriage and are glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh. So these things that we are looking at here, God did all of this, and we praise Him for it today!

In this moment of the twinkling of an eye, we the Wife of the Lamb are walking through this world in the fullness of Christ, and we are now twinkling, for the action of the twinkling is taking place in our mortal bodies. He has already brought us through the growth stage and the

fullness of Christ stage, but then He brought us into this 'moment of the twinkling of an eye,' a little time period that God spared for the twinkling to take place. And anyone else that is ordained to be part of the Wife can come in, any member who has not yet come in; and as they are united to us, they will begin twinkling together with us in this time of the twinkling of an eye. They do not have to grow up, but they will be grown up because they have become joined to the Wife who has grown up into fullness. Praise God!

So God knows what He is doing; and everything is working out just like one, two, three, like He planned before the foundation of the world. Whom He did predestinate, whom He did foreknow, He worked it out for us. And the only way that we can be happy is to fulfill the part of the Word that He has ordained for us to fulfill. And when we are doing that, nothing else will be of much interest to us; because there is one message for one Wife. There is one Husband for one Wife. And we are that Wife. And why did God do it? We will go about answering that as we go along. But first of all let me continue reading here.

Let us read on. Verse 31, *"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"* When the Word tells us that He justified us, what shall we say to these things? We say, *"If God be for us, who can be against us!"* Amen. Verse 32, *"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"* **If God did not spare His Son, will He spare anything else? Absolutely not.** He will freely give us all things. And I have to testify that He has freely given me all things that I could possibly have need of. I have no needs that He has not freely given. And most of the time,

God gives us what we want, because the Bible says, “If you delight yourself in the Lord, He will give you the desires of your heart.” And we have been given the desire of our heart, for He made us the precious Wife of the Lamb!

Notice, the Word says that God spared not His own Son, but He delivered Him up for us all. And then Verse 33 says, *“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.”* Now, when someone lays something against God’s elect, then they are bucking against God, and they cannot win. God justified us; and He said, “Who shall lay anything against God’s people?” **and especially against the Wife of the Lamb.** *“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.”* In other words, God justified us, now who is to lay anything against us?

Let us read on a little further; Verse 34 says, *“Who is he that condemneth?”* Now, that is a good question. Condemnation usually comes from the enemy. So unless the one that is trying to condemn you died for you, they have no right to condemn you. *“Who is he that condemneth? It is (Jesus) Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”* So if Jesus Christ died, who is going to say anything about it? If Jesus Christ died, and God justified us, then who is he that condemneth? All the condemnation amounts to one big zero to us; but to them it causes God to frown upon them, those that would condemn. So if any of God’s people make a mistake, it is already taken care of. And this is especially true for us, the Wife of the Lamb, because we are part of the Godhead; He made us that, and there is nothing that is laid against us—it just will not stick. He gave us fine linen, clean and white, and there is nothing

that can soil it because it is God's righteousness, and the righteousness of God cannot be tampered with. So who can argue with this? Who is going to say anything against it? And why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints? Because He chose us to be that, and that settles it for all time because God did it.

Notice, "What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is He that condemneth? It is Jesus Christ that died." So I tell you, that is a big wall to buck against there. It is Jesus Christ that died, and it is God that justifies us, and there is nothing against us; and He said, "Who can lay anything to the charge of these?" He did all of this for us, and we did not have anything to do with *that*. That was His doing. And what we are doing now, we are living out the part of the Word that is ordained for us, and that is the special part of the Word that Jesus Christ was made from. It is the Word for the Wife. We are joined unto Him in marriage; and we are glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh. And we are the feminine part of the Christ Spirit that is physically in the earth today. **And that equals being part of the Godhead and the tree of life.**

So we are going to continue to read now; and I want to read in Romans, Chapter 9, and I will begin reading Verse 7. Notice, our title will come into focus more as we read here—"Why are We the Wife of the Lamb and Not Another Order of Saints?" What makes us the Wife of the Lamb? How can we claim to be the Wife of the Lamb?

Now let us watch as we read Verse 7. *“Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham (He is writing something to the Jews here.), are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.”* Watch the two seeds as we go along. Verse 8, *“That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God (which God made the promise to): but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.”* In the Book of Galatians, Chapter 3, it says that Christ is that promised seed. He is that seed, not Isaac. Isaac brought forth the natural line, but there was a promise behind it, and that was the promise that God gave to Abraham and Sarah.

So watch as we read here now. Verse 9, *“For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come,”* Abraham and Sarah were waiting for a promise; they knew it would be, and they knew they were to fulfill it, and they knew there would be a child born because God told them that He would give them a child. And watch what it says. *“For this is the word of promise, At this time **will I come**, and Sarah shall have a son.”* In other words, this is the promised son; it is the promise behind Isaac; and God said that *He* would come. And He did. He came through a stranger, a man that began to talk to Abraham and tell him about Sarah, saying, “About this time next year, you are going to have a child.” And it happened just exactly. He spoke the Word and it came into being.

Then it says, Verses 10-11, *“And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (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;)”* So the children of Isaac and Rebecca (which was Jacob and Esau) had not yet done anything wrong or right, but God foreknew before they

were ever born what would be in their hearts. He is expressing what is going to be. He is expressing what will be and what has been. Neither one of them had done any good or evil, but He knew exactly what each one would do. And He chose according to what we read there in Romans, Chapter 8, for He chose certain things by election and by His foreknowledge. And, praise God, we were chosen to be the Wife of the Lamb.

Now, why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints? It is because we were chosen of God before the foundation of the world, before we were ever born, before we ever started our journey, before we ever done any good or evil. We were chosen, and we were made part of that special part of the Word back then, and nothing against us can stick. 'Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect?' No, nothing can stick. And there were times in the past when we did not know which way to go, but somehow or another, unbeknown to us, we made the right turns at the right times. And it was not our doings. It was God.

My wife, Barbarajean, has a good testimony of how she began to seek the Lord and the truth of His Word. She was going from place to place looking, listening to preachers. And many times she would just quietly get up and walk out after hearing them a few minutes, shaking her head, and thinking to herself, "That is not it!" She did not know exactly what *was* it, but she knew that what she was hearing was not it. And she would ask the Lord, "Where is my people? Where do I belong?" So one morning, she went to the grocery store where she regularly shopped, and while paying for her items, she was talking to the clerk, which she was acquainted with, and the clerk was asking

about her upcoming surgery. And while Barbarajeane was talking to her about it, unbeknown to her, there was a woman that had come into the store (who had never been there before) and was standing behind a couple of other people in the checkout line, and she overheard their conversation. So when the woman got up to the clerk, she gave the clerk her phone number, which she had written down on a little piece of paper, and said, "If you would, when that woman comes back in again, give her my phone number and tell her to please call me." It was a couple of days later when Barbarajeane came to the store again, and the clerk gave her the phone number and told her what the woman had said. So she took the phone number and brought it home and laid it up and kind of let it slip her mind. And then one day, it just came to her mind. It just CAME TO HER MIND, "Go get that phone number and call that woman." And she did. The woman wanted to talk about her surgery because she had the same surgery done to her. At that time, Barbarajeane had already had the surgery, but she listened to the woman. Then Barbarajeane began to talk about the things of the Lord. And the woman said to her, "You talk just like my Uncle Ben." And Barbarajeane said, "Who is your Uncle Ben?" And the woman said, "Well, he is a preacher, and he has a church in Dawsonville, Georgia. Would you like to go and hear him sometime?" Barbarajeane said, "Yes, I would love to!" And they made arrangements, and she came and heard me preach; and she said, "This is it! This is what I have been looking for all my life." It was her part of the Word. Who did that now? That is the question—"Why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints?" We are not the Wife of the Lamb because we prayed more, or because

we fasted more, or because we read the Bible more, or because we lived a better life or something of that nature. We are that because HE decided. He made the decision. And when He makes the decision, that is the way it is. "Who can condemn? It is God that did it. It is God that justifies. It is Jesus Christ that died; who is he that can condemn? This is the way God has ordained it; and thus it is." That is why we are the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints—because God did it! Amen.

Sometime back, I was at the barbershop to get a haircut and someone was talking about a certain man and said, "Well, he is from a good family. He is from a good seed (good stock). So naturally he will be a good man." Well, that is not the kind of goodness that God looks at. I am glad to see a person being a good person, a good man, or a good woman. But I am talking about something entirely different here. I am talking about being part of that same special part of the Word that God used to create the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the part that He made us from, because we were joined to it, and one cannot truly be joined to something or someone unless they are a perfect match to one another. We had to be the same thing that He was in order to join. So we are joined unto our Lord Jesus Christ in marriage. Paul prophesied about the marriage in Ephesians, Chapter 5, "We are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh." And now not only are we saying *that*, as this has come to pass in us, but we added another Word that Paul did not add. We are saying, "We are *glorified* bone of His glorified bones and *glorified* flesh of His glorified flesh." And it was not of our choosing.

So I am what God ordained me to be before the foundation of the world, before I was ever born. He

foreknew me then, and He knew how I would preach. And He knew what I would do. So that is what I am doing today. And He chose me just like He chose you. All the members of the Wife of the Lamb He chose; and it was not our doing. It was not how good we are. It is not how much we know or do not know. We are the Word, and that Word comes forth as we need to know many times. See, we do not plan on what we are going to say. But the Spirit of God quickens what we are to say as it comes to our mind, and spoken Word is brought forth that has never been heard before.

So why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints? We have the answer. We are the Wife of the Lamb because it was God that chose us. He sanctified us, meaning He set us apart for His special use and purpose. And He justified us. And He told us through His apostle, Paul, "Them He justified, them He also glorified." So here we are today. And who is going to say anything against it? It is Jesus Christ that died. It is God that did this. God is the one that chose us to be the Wife of His Son. Who is going to challenge God on what He did? So that is where we are today. And I feel very, very, very secure because I know it is not how good I can do, or whether I will ever make a mistake, or whether I *have* made a mistake, and I have made plenty, but God did not see them. He already justified me before the foundation of the world and made me what I am. And when I see what He ordained me to do, I go about purposely fulfilling the scripture. Amen!

That is what we are doing today because we see that we are the Wife, and there is no way of getting out of it because God's plan stands. And we also see this in Ephesians,

Chapter 1, where it talks about ‘according to *His* will, according to *His* plan, *He* did these things.’ Not according to ours, because we would make a mess out of it before the day is out if we went according to what *we* planned. But now we have the fullness of the mind of Christ because of our marriage to the Lord Jesus Christ. And we are the physical part of Christ in the earth today, which is being manifested. So we are rejoicing as the changing of our mortal bodies is taking place in this moment that God spared for us in the twinkling of an eye!

Now as we go on through this, notice, before either one of the children (Esau or Jacob) were born, God already knew. I will read that again. Verse 11, “(For the children being not yet born,...)” And everything was fixed for us before we were ever born. We were part of the special part of the Word then. And I could tell the story, and I have told it before, about when I was born, they said that I could not live because I only weighed about two and a half pounds. My mother was very sick and could not take care of me. But my oldest sister, Stella May, who is already gone now, said, “I believe I can bring him through.” So she began the process of caring for me. She fed me with what the old-timers call a ‘sugar tit,’ which was a piece of cloth rolled up and dipped in milk and sugar, and she took good care of me and brought me through. And look at me now! I have trouble keeping my weight down rather than not being able to gain weight. I love to eat; I will say that. See, God ordained this, and *we* did not have anything to do with His choosing.

A while back, I had a man come here, and he said, “Ben, I really believe what you are preaching. I believe you are right. But I do not always agree with the judgments you

make, the decisions you make.” Well, the Bible says we are of one mind and one judgment. I notice he is not around anymore. So if he believed the Word, see, if he was part of it, he would not be looking for someone to make a little mistake or misjudgment. And what he called a mistake, I didn’t. But the decisions that I make, the Lord is helping me to make, as He is helping each one of us. We have confidence, faith of who we are, what we are, and there is no condemnation. There is righteousness, and it is God that justifies. And we are here happy and rejoicing and purposely going about fulfilling the Word that He has ordained us to be and knowing *this*, that it cannot be changed. God did it all before we were ever born.

Notice these two here, Jacob and Esau, neither one of them had done any good or evil. But then Verse 12 says, *“It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.”* See, Esau was the one that was born first (they were twins). The midwife tied a scarlet ribbon around Esau’s leg so that she would know which one came out first. So Esau came out first, but Esau did not love the birthright. See, there was something about Jacob that he honored what God said through Abraham and Isaac. He honored that. But Esau, he didn’t. Remember, he was a man that loved to go hunting, a rugged man that liked the wilderness and so on like that. But Jacob had a different nature; his aim and ambition was to be part of God’s promise. Esau had no respect for it, but Jacob did. Esau did not value the birthright very much, but Jacob wanted it. He would do almost anything to get the birthright. And he did get the birthright (which by the law of the family belonged to Esau); for when it came time for their old and blind father, Isaac, to bless Esau with the birthright, Jacob pretended to

be Esau, tricking his father, and stole the birthright. So Jacob made certain that he got birthright. So God was justified in His predestination and foreknowledge by what each one did.

So it is God that justified, who are you to condemn? Unless we want to challenge God, unless we want to say, "God, you made a mistake," then we have to say, "I praise God that I am justified, and there is nothing, nothing against me whatsoever." Now, we could stop right there and we could say that we really, really got some assurance here; but there was more than this for us, the Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ. For we were chosen before the foundation of the world to be part of the same special part of the Word that the Lord Jesus Christ was and is part of. And now we, the body of Christ, are the physical feminine part of Christ in the earth—the Wife of the Lamb. We are the Queen. And what John said about us in Revelation 19:7-8 has come to life in us—"Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and the Lamb's Wife hath made Herself ready. And to Her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, which is the righteousness of saints." And this righteousness here of the Wife saints is the righteousness which is of the fullness of the faith of Christ.

Let us read just a bit more here. Verse 13 says, "*As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*" You might say, "How could He do that? Neither one of them had even been born. Neither one of them had done *anything*. Before they were ever born, how could God say, "I love Jacob and hate Esau"? Because God saw and knew; He knew what they were made of. And God knows what we the Wife of the Lamb are made of, for we were made of that same

special part of the Word that His Son is made from; and that is why we are joined unto Him and are glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh. And it gets sweeter and sweeter every day! Amen.

Verse 14, *"What shall we say then? (If that be so, what shall we say?) Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid."* See, God was only saying and doing what He saw, ordained, and predestinated before the world was; for He *saw* what each one would be. Verses 15-16, *"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, or of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."* I want us to know that. We did not make these decisions; *He* made them. And we just came into it when we came into this Word. When we met the Word face to face, something happened within us, and we have never been the same since. And then we were brought into this moment of the twinkling of an eye, and we are at the closing out of it now as we have gone into complete glorification to be caught up (raptured) along with the departed saints that Christ Jesus brought with Him when His spiritual coming took place in Revelation, Chapter 10, which was also shown in 1 Thessalonians 4:14.

Verses 17-19 says, *"For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?"* That is what I want us to know—"Who has resisted His will?" Have we resisted His will? No, because here we are today, the Wife of the Lamb, already married,

already clothed in fine linen, clean and white. We did not resist it because we couldn't. He fixed it before the world was; and it was not our decision, it was His, but we loved His decision. We loved the Word. We loved what He had planned for us. And we fell right in line with it. We did not resist His will. Oh, praise God!

So why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints? Do you know now? It is Him. He chose us. He did it for us. And He is not going to lose us, and we cannot back out, because we have already come in contact with the Word. We became part of it. And He saw, He knew by His foreknowledge that we would love it, that we would want it, and that we would say, "Just give me more, more, more!"

See, that is it, we love what we are. We are not trying to change. We are not trying to do differently. We just take the living Word of glorified flesh and bones, which has now began to show itself in human flesh as it is coming forth in this moment of the twinkling time. And as God brings more revelation into being, then we blend with it one hundred percent. And we know who we are. And since we are ordained that, we would not have anything else. **Anything that contradicts this last trump of God, it is not the marriage message. It is not the glorified flesh and bones.** We are already married to Him. We are already glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh. We are already the glorified part of the Lord Jesus Christ, glorified flesh and bones walking in the earth today doing the will of God. And I am so glad! Again, why are we the Wife of the Lamb and not another order of saints? He made us that!

Father, we thank you for all the good things that you are doing for us. We thank you, Lord, for you foresaw us before the world was and chose us and made us part of you as you made us the Wife of the Lamb, and part of the Godhead, and that cannot be changed. We thank you for it. Lord, keep us in the love of God throughout the day, and every day. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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