The Hand of God Made Me

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- What was it that you just heard?
- What was it that was missing?

(Sermon: Hebrew Definition of Sin, Michael Heiss)

• A lot!

Let's understand that the apostles did not have the New Testament when they started. They had to write it. So, what did you hear? You heard

- Truth
- the Gospel
- saving knowledge

and

probably a sermon very akin to what Paul or Peter would have preached

2-Timothy 3:15: "And that from a child you have known the Holy Writings..." That's what we just read, the Holy Writings, the Old Testament. This is a great proof in destroying the argument that all the Old Testament has been fulfilled and we don't need the Law.

"...which are able to make you wise... [in knowledge, in the Old Testament NO!] ...unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus" (v 15). That's why we need the whole Bible. That's why the Bible is one complete unit. There are seven divisions in the Bible:

- 1. Law
- 2. Prophets
- 3. Psalms
- 4. Four Gospels and Christ

The middle one—#4—is the number of the day that Jesus was crucified on.

- 44 months He preached
- 40 days before when He started His ministry
- 40 days after He was resurrected from the dead

So, the Gospels sit right in the middle and pulls it all together.

5. General Epistles

These tells you that you have to keep the commandments of God. What did Michael just teach us? What happens when you don't?

- 6. Epistles of Paul
- 7. Book of Revelation

Since I have done a lot of reading and have finished the latest projects, I'm finally starting on the book I've said I would do for many years, which is *From* a Speck of Dust to a Son of God: Why Were You Born? We need that. We need it all updated.

Let me read to you the introduction to the first chapter and it's not quite done. You will be totally amazed when you find out how ignorant and wicked and rebellious and sinful and missing the mark all of the great ones of the world are.

You will be surprised that the theory of evolution did not start with Charles Darwin. It started with the ancient philosophers in Greek who got it from the Babylonians. What did Solomon write? 'There's nothing new under the sun. That which is, is which will be, and that which has been, is which is to come.'

So here's the introduction to From a Speck of Dust to a Son of God: Why Were You Born?:

Men have discovered by the way of astroscience, astronomy, and increased knowledge our solar system and the aweinspiring infinite incomprehensible universe beyond.

Using ultra-modern sophisticated technology, space telescopes, and satellites, scientists have captured pictures of our solar system and trillions of galaxies located in the furthest reaches of the universe.

Likewise, men have gone to the moon and back, sent space probes into the solar system and beyond.

Remember the one that went way out there near Pluto and they still got the battery message from that satellite, how many millions and millions of miles away?

Likewise men have explored some of the depths of the ocean with deep-sea submarines. Using powerful microscopes they have discovered the structure of atoms and living cells. Using special lights and cameras they have gone to the depths of the ocean and have found marine life miles below the surface. They have discovered genetics and the procreation process of almost all plants and creatures, including men and women.

They are astonished to see that the patterns of the micro-structures of the individual cells reflect the macro-structures of the universe. They can see things, even bring videos of them into our

living rooms, into our media devices of ordinary people.

Yet, in spite of all of this, they do not recognize the purpose of what they have discovered.

When asked how does all of this relate to mankind, they respond with various theories, but they cannot answer the simple question: Why man?

Throughout the ages men have asked, what is man? Why is there human life? Why were you born? Are you a product of evolution? Or a special creation of God?

What is the purpose of your life? Is it possible to know? Is this information available to you and the rest of mankind? Is there anyone who can tell you? And if so, where do you find it?

Since mankind has accumulated a vast amount of knowledge, let us begin to find the answers to these questions by first examining what the great religions of the world can tell us.

Next we will examine the imminent, ancient and modern philosophers what they have discovered and theorized. Then we will survey modern secularism, atheism, and futurists of modern technology to see what they believe.

Have any of them individually or collectively, actually discovered the true purpose of human life? Can they reveal to us this greatest mystery of all: Why were you born?

In the first chapter we cover all the religions. We're going to cover the atheism, and so forth, transhumanism, and all of those things.

When man was first made, I'm going to put in a personal way when I write it—and we need to understand this and then we will understand why this election, as much as a lot of people want to say that things are going to get better, that they won't change.

We know that when God made Adam, He formed him with His own hands. Then God breathed into him the breath of life and Adam became a living being, made in the image and likeness of God. Likewise with Eve. God took a rib and formed the woman. That's why they are called husband and wife and their last name (Gen 5) is Adam.

Let's come to the book of Job and let's see something very important. Let's understand something concerning human life, and how the Bible tells us about the creation of human life that is called procreation, because God did not lay His hands directly upon any of us. Yet, we're going to see that in a sense that is true.

I like it in Job 32 where after Job listened to the three friends try and tell him everything and they couldn't tell Job what his problem was. Then Elihu the son of Barachel said, 'I perceive that the very aged are not wise.'

Elihu, the youngest of them all, is speaking to Job and his three friends, Job 33:1: "Wherefore, Job, please hear my speech, and hearken to all my words. Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue has spoken in my mouth, my words *shall be* from the uprightness of my heart, and my lips will clearly speak knowledge. The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life" (vs 1-4). Quite a statement!

Psalm 119:73: "Your hands have made me and formed me..." Think on that!

God personally created Adam and personally created Eve and put within Adam the genes and chromosomes and the effect of both father and mother producing the two parts of life to re-create human beings. Since God formed all of that in Adam and in Eve by His hands in making it, God's hand is in every human life that is conceived! Maybe that will help you understand the importance of human life even more.

I'll tell you why nothing is going is going to change. Unless they outlaw abortion, which they never will, the hand of God's judgment will not let up! That's why, very important to understand: You cannot solve spiritual problems by political means! That's why Dan. 9 is very important. If there's going to be any return to God, there has to be great repentance everywhere. Not just by a few 'dogooders,' not just by the church members in the Church, but God is holding the whole world responsible for their sins and Israel in particular for their sins.

They are starting to propagate carrying abortion another step further. It is called 'post-birth' abortion up to five-years-old. How many have heard of that?

Let's back up here just a little bit. The raw feminists, the rebellious feminists of the world, want to destroy the family and destroy women by giving them so-called freedom from the family. But pray tell, how will the human race continue if all women cease bearing children?

That's why with same-sex marriage there can never, ever be equal rights under law, because homosexuality cannot produce a replacement for you when you die. Yet, look at our judges, look at our President, look at our Congress, look at the illustrious state of California that we live in. Think

about how dry it is and how little rain we have had. Think about the Scriptures where Jeremiah said that the wildernesses are dried up because of adultery, because of sin. Think about it!

So, nothing is going to change. I believe the president is going to get away with the immigration executive order he has pledged to sign. If you will look at the statistics of how many have come into the United States and you look at what Deut. 28 says, this becomes important for us to know

This becomes important for us to realize in our lives that we, all those who are the Church members and have the Holy Spirit of God—wherever they are in the world, wherever the Churches are, whatever they are doing—God has called us to rule with Christ to take over the world and put an end to all of this. Think what that means in our lives and our relationship with God. Think what that means living in an evil world and not being affected by it because you belong to God.

We're all kind of like of like Lot_[transcriber's] Remember what is says there in 2-Peter that Lot was vexed—frustrated—by their evil behavior. He should have moved before the angels came.

But God has called us to a special calling. If you think the creation of human life is a great thing, which it is, think of what God is doing within us. Look at the evil on the one hand and then you've got to look at what God is doing on the other hand.

Remember how many times we have gone over Deut. 28. When God fulfills a prophecy, it's not to the minimum, it is to the maximum.

Sidebar: How would you like to live in Israel today? Have you watched the news lately what happened when the Jews wanted to get some Jews up on what they think is the temple area to pray. They had riots. They were bombarded with rockets. They sent in terrorists to stab and kill and run over Jews. That's not the place where the temple is going to be built. It is going to be south of there.

All of this that is going on right now against the Jews—because they want to get in there where the Mosque of Omar is—is going to force them to understand where the true placement of the temple should be, which is directly above the springs of Gihon. They will build a temple. The Jews will never be satisfied with uncut stones and a sacrifice.

God is going to let them build the temple and yes, it will be called the temple of God. God is going to prove that no temple on earth is where He is going to dwell! The greatest event that is going to happen is the return of Christ. That's what we are a part of. That's why we need to understand what is

happening in the world and understand what is happening and needs to happen in our lives.

Deuteronomy 28:43: "The stranger *dwelling* among you shall get up above you very high, and you shall come down very low." Remember the maximum, not the minimum.

Yet, all of this is done in a way that all those involved don't know what they are doing. They are not any more evil than any other person in the world.

Sidebar: The caliphate of ISIS, they are going to mint gold, silver and copper coins, which guarantees that they will solve the problem of ISIS, because the bankers of the world will pour every dollar, ruble, yen, euro, into destroying them, because they cannot change the banking system. Besides, they'd be very clever. Let all of those who want to go to the caliphate, go ahead and go and then destroy as many as you can over there, because they're all out of your community. Will it work that way? *I don't know*, but you can guarantee one thing, the elite bankers aren't going to let them get away with it, because there's the coming *mark of the beast*.

In line with that, remember what we've said about the Muslims are going to have to moderate. You know what happened on Friday in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.? The moderate Muslims came there and they had worship services. They will tame the Muslims for a short while. All of these things are going to take place.

Verse 44: "He shall loan to you, and you shall not loan to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail." That's happening; it's going to happen step-by-step-by-step. How bad will it get? We don't know, but I can tell you one thing, we all better be right with God.

Verse 45: "And all these curses shall come on you, and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes, which He commanded you."

Which is a greater sin, the physical children of Israel being so arrogant that they rebel against God and look down on all other races and people? or Those from other nations who see the blessings that God has given to Israel and they want to come here? Then we end up with the crime which they bring with them. Are they not equal? Yes, indeed!

God views things differently than we do. God has a greater plan than the world knows!

Verse 46: "And they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and on your seed forever.... [wherever the twelve tribes of Israel are, that's going

to happen] ...Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all *things*" (vs 46-47).

We can add on there: If you would have known the Bible, then it can also be said, 'Because you did not take the Word of God to all nations the way it should have been taken.'

I want to look at something that is quite a prophecy indeed. We see this going on, Matthew 24:11: "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many."

Sidebar: Some of the prophets are not totally false, they are partially false. That is, they have some understanding of the Bible in certain things, but not very much understanding in other things.

I recently did a sermon about the Shemitah—
The Mystery of the Shemitah by Jonathan Cahn—
The Seventh Year Land Sabbath. He's one of those 'half-wayers.' Comes halfway to God. They have Friday night studies for the Jews and Sunday services for the Protestants because that's where they get their money. It's all right for them to keep the holidays and the Jews keep the Holy Days, but they have the Passover wrong so they don't know Christ. They keep it on the 15th. What is going to happen?

If you would take the combined effort of all the Churches of God, in all the world—and we don't know where they all are, because God does—and all of the combined feeding the flock and preaching the Gospel, we're a very small group. But notice the environment we're living in:

Verse 12: "And because lawlessness shall be multiplied... [that's what we're seeing going on in the world everywhere] ...the love of many shall grow cold. But the one who endures to *the* end, that one shall be saved" (vs 12-13).

The whole world is on the cusp of v 14 happening in a fantastic and profound way because God has made it possible. Verse 14: "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world for a witness to all nations..."

It's never happened. Yes, it's gone out over radio, over television, that is true, but very limited. Now the capacity reaches to the billions. "...all nations and then shall the end come" (v 14).

Mark 13:10 "And the Gospel must first be published among all nations." The Bible has been the most published book, over 450 languages the whole Bible has been translated. Over 1500 languages the New Testament has been translated. Over 2000 the Gospel of Mark has been translated.

There's another way to publish besides putting it on paper. There's another way to reach

people everywhere and no one on earth will have an excuse.

How many here have cell phones? How about in the world? IPads? Notebooks? You've got Facebook, Twitter, tweety and all that sort of thing. God has given that technology to fulfill these verses.

It dawned on me when we were going through the different things that we were going through, say like the book of Revelation done the way we've done it, the whole reading of the Bible, have it online—afaithfulversion.org—you'll find the word search there fantastic.

There are 269 websites that have the Bible on it, so we are 270. All those Bible sites, every website that has what is called *apps*—applications—the ability to receive in their media device, cell phone, iPad, notebook, computer, whatever. Every one of those devices becomes a potential Bible. Think of that. How's that for getting the Word of God to all nations and all people? That's in addition to whatever preaching. That's in addition to whatever sermons.

Which then tells you this, and it's very important for us to understand, brethren: We need to be the special creation of God spiritually, just like when life is conceived at the instant of conception—480 volts of electricity—BOOM! I think that supplies the spirit of man in the new life because without the spirit the body is dead. Without the spirit there's no conception. Then it grows by how God has designed it to develop. Birth is a miracle itself! Now then, conversion is a miracle! Receiving God's Spirit is a miracle! God is dealing with us in our lives so that we can be born again into His Kingdom.

As you see all of this evil going on out there, yes, we've got to warn. Yes, we've got to witness. Yes, we've got to produce whatever we need to produce to feed the flock and preach the Gospel. As I've said many times over, all the Churches of God need to be doing the same thing. That's why we're scattered. The more Churches there are and the more that become faithful to God, the greater the witness, the greater the growth, the greater the development in our lives.

I look at all of this that God has given great things to be done with very little use of resources on the part of the people of God. Yet, we can have a greater impact.

The first part of Eph. 2 tells about 'the prince of the power of the air' and how we have been called out of it. Let's see what God has given to us. This is what we need to keep our minds on. Whenever things in the world start bothering you, whenever things start coming along that you start getting carnal like the world and using methods of the world

to try and solve your spiritual problems, you're going to find difficulties and conflict. We must do it God's way! Here is what God has done.

Ephesians 2:4: "But God, Who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us." Remember what Jesus said. He said, 'In that day, I tell you, don't pray that I will ask the Father for you. You ask Him yourself, because God the Father loves you Himself.' Think of that! How important that is. God does it with His Spirit, which is greater than any technology that we have on earth.

It's quite a thing having a cell phone that you can go anywhere in the world and you can call anybody anywhere if you have their phone number. If you don't have their phone number, you just pick it up and say, 'Google.' You give the name, 'Yeah, here's the number. Ring it for me.'

But *there is no Google to God!* It is just with God's Spirit. God gives His Spirit to those who obey Him, to those who love Him and He loves us.

Verse 5: "Even when we were dead in *our* trespasses, has made *us* alive together with Christ. (*For you* have been saved by grace.) And He has raised *us* up together and has caused *us* to sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus" (vs 5-6). Not yet, but if we have the Spirit of God we are on the way.

Verse 7: "So that in the ages that *are* coming He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this *especially* is not of your own selves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works... [human originated works. These must be God-inspired works] ...so that no one may boast" (vs 7-9).

Remember where we started: Elihu said, 'The Spirit of God has made me.' In Psa. 119:73, it says, 'Your hands have formed me.'

Verse 10: "For we are His workmanship..." God the Father's and Jesus Christ's workmanship. Just like the hands of God have formed us, beginning with Adam, so likewise beginning with Christ. Is it not Christ Who is to be formed in us? Are we not to have the mind of Christ? Yes, indeed!

"...<u>created</u>..." (v 10). Salvation and growing and overcoming is a process of Godly creation within you!

"...unto *the* good works..." (v 10). The good works of God. Stop and think for just a minute. If we do the works of God, whose works are those? *God's works!*

"...unto *the* good works that God ordained beforehand in order that we might walk in them" (v 10). Quite a tremendous thing!

This is what God is doing now. That's quite an amazing thing! Think about us, the weak, the despised, the rejected. This is what God has chosen. As I said during the Feast of Tabernacles, if we would have all the senators and congressmen and all the President's staff, all of the great bureaucrats all together on this side in a great huge auditorium. And we have the people of God on the other side and we told them, 'You see all these people over here on this side.' Yeah, all those? Where did they go to school? What did they learn?

'They went to the *university of eternal life!* How's that? They are going to take over your jobs. Christ is going to come and fire you. Unless you repent, He has a special reward for you called the Lake of Fire.'

That's where we are, brethren. Let's view what's happening in the world through the lens of Scripture and through the eyes of God!

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- The Mystery of the Shemitah by Jonathan Cahn

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