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THE 2 CREATIONS ILLUSTRATED
(THE LIVES OF JACOB & ESAU)

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*"The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by
understanding hath He established the heavens."*

Proverb 3:29

PREFACE

In 1922, the author of this book gave a series of Bible Lessons on Genesis. These were embodied in book form and published in 1933. These lessons have been issued in 4 different books (volumes):

<i>"The First Creation"</i>	—	Covers Genesis 1-11
<i>"The New Creation"</i>	—	Embraces the life of Abraham
<i>"The Two Creations Illustrated"</i>	—	An illustration of the 2 creations from the lives of Jacob and Esau
<i>"The New Creation Crowned"</i>	—	The life of Joseph

In Jesus' worthy name, we commend these lessons to hungry hearts everywhere, for their instruction and comfort to God's glory.

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REFERENCES USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

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THE PRE-VIEW

Genesis (*the beginning*), the first book in the Bible, is also the first of the Pentateuch (includes the first 5 books of Moses). It is the beginning of God's revelation to man. All the truth that is later unfolded in the history, prophecy, and doctrine of the Bible is here in "seed" form. It is truly the "**Seed Plot of God's Word**," as someone has named it. I would call it the "**Counsel Chamber of the Almighty God**". All God's counsels concerning man are in this book, some hidden in type and shadow, but here nevertheless; man's creation, his fall, his redemption, his discipline, his exaltation; and counsels which have been in state of development for 6,000 years are not finished yet. All are found in Genesis. We are here let into the secret of Divine Plans and Purposes, the ordained counsel of God, before the foundation of the world.

BREAKDOWN OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS

There are several sections in the book of Genesis:

Vol. 1	The Creation The Ruin	Genesis 1- 2 Genesis 3-11
Vol. 2	A New Creation—Abraham & Isaac's Lives	Genesis 12-25:10
Vol. 3	The 2 Creations Illustrated—Jacob & Esau's Lives	Genesis 25:11-30:24
Vol. 4	The New Creation Crowned—Joseph's Life	Genesis 30:25-50

This 3rd volume of Genesis pertains to the chapters in Genesis covering the lives of Jacob and Esau, and the spiritual meaning of their conduct and is appropriately entitled "*The Two Creations Illustrated*"; for that is what the lives of these 2 men figure. The importance of the saints knowing the fact of the 2 Adams, the 2 creations, and of having a clear understanding of the relation of the one to other, is exceedingly great. The far-reaching results of such knowledge in personal experience can scarcely be exaggerated. We believe that these sermons will be an invaluable aid to a Scriptural grasp of this truth.

THE 2 NATURES (CREATIONS)

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." [2Co.5:17]

The Gospel of Paul is concerning the 2 creations, Paul is our Apostle. He received his teaching by revelation from God through the Old Testament. Everything that happened in the Old Testament times happened unto them for types for our instruction today. We never can give the Word of God due credit for what it is, because our finite minds will not permit us to take it in.

The Scriptures inform us that there are 2 Adams, heads of the human race. These are called the first and Last Adam. There are 2 men, the 1st man (Adam) and the 2nd Man (Jesus). All men are part of the 1st man by fact of their natural birth; but all men that believe on Jesus Christ as their Savior come into the 2nd Man. This too is by means of birth...the new birth. There is an outward man and an inward man [2Co.4:17], an old creation and a new

creation [2Co.5:17]. There is an earthly people and a heavenly people [1Co.15:45-50]. These 2 distinct lines of the human race are most marvelously depicted by Esau and Jacob. Let us notice how they came upon the scene.

REBEKAH IS A BARREN WOMAN

"Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife... And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived." [Gen.25:20-21]

Barrenness is a type of the fruitlessness of the old creation. It means that God Almighty must come on the scene and do something for us, even as Abraham who was hopeless and helpless, who stood before God as already dead; and dead men cannot do anything to please God, or man. That is the way God regards the human race. Rebekah was a barren woman. Isaac prayed for her because she was barren. He is typical of the Lord Jesus Christ who prays for us. We read in John 17 where He prays for His disciples. He did not pray for the world, but for them that God had given Him. This speaks of our being saved. We are born again. We get a new life, which speaks of our new birth. The Holy Spirit puts conviction on us. But even before we were saved the Lord knew us. We were chosen in Christ from **"before the foundation of the world."** So that proves that God knew us before we were saved.

The children of Israel in Egypt were children of God in His purpose before the blood was sprinkled on the door posts, or before they were delivered. The Spirit of God broods over us and convicts us of sin. We have a new life after we are saved, but we also have an old life. **"The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do"** [Rom.7:19]. When I was saved, some said of me that I did not see the flesh at all. People always seem to want you to see the flesh. I did not see the flesh because I thought I was holy and without blame. I loved God and felt that this new life in me was wonderful. I saw such a separation from the world. I had a wonderful beginning. I loved the things of God and ran in the way of the Lord. I loved this glory way to God; but found after running a little while that something began to chafe in me and would not let me do the things I wanted to do with all my heart. This new life does make us love everybody; but the old life is still there. It does not love everybody because it loves itself first and last and all the while. Jesus said, **"Bless them that curse you"**. I found that I did not want to bless them that cursed me. I heard saints say things about one another. Some things were said about me, and I'd hear them. They hurt me. I found there was something in me that was not right, but did not know what it was. The love which I wanted to show I failed to show altogether. I wanted the feeling to be there. I did not want to feign what I did not feel. I was in the same condition of which Paul tells us in the above citation, in Romans 7.

THE 2 NATURES

"And the children struggled together within her; and she said, if it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord." [Gen.25:22]

Notice, “**the children struggled together within her**”. This is typical of the 2 natures, the 2 creations warring within a believer, the flesh lusting against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. Rebecca went to the Lord, the wise thing to do, and the Lord gave her the answer. Let us learn from her example and when we get into trouble let us inquire of the Lord and seek the remedy for that condition. I wanted to get rid of feeling unkindly toward others, so I went to inquire of the Lord; then He showed me that I did not live any more, but Christ lived in me. I was praying to love as 1 Corinthians 1 instructs. I said, “Lord, why don’t I have this love?” I was in real trouble over it. So I consecrated myself to God. I had heard rumors about people getting wonderful deliverance by consecration; but the more I consecrated, the more disturbed I became and finally I said, Lord why is this? It did not seem as though anything did me any good. I picked up the Word and began to read; but the Lord did not give me any blessing at all. I turned to 1 Corinthians 13 and read, and said, “Lord, I want that love.”

He gave me Galatians 2:20: “***It is no longer I that live; but Christ liveth in me.***” I already knew that verse by memory, but had never known the meaning. It is so different when God gives the power of it, when one really knows that Christ lives within. If you will let Him in and count the old man out, Christ will be in you just as God was in Christ. If there are times when the old man rises up in you, you can always judge him and count him out, and you will find that Christ lives in you. You will have the victory of it. He is the surest remedy for the lack of love or fault-finding among the people of God. Thus I gained the victory...“That is sanctification—Christ lives in me.” I was filled with joy, although that was before I was filled with the Holy Spirit. Christ living in us is the secret of victory. You may be filled with the Spirit; but your experience of joy and glory will not last all the time. If you do not know the Word of God, the enemy may get you down. Our experiences of yesterday do not help us today. We need something today. The meal which we ate last week does not do us any good today. So it is with the things of God. We need the Lord today to come in and help us. Past experiences do not hold us up. The Word never changes, but our experiences do. The Word is adapted to every new experience. God makes His Word good to us if we just stand on it. Christ living in me is victory for me, not only today, but every day.

“And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.” [Gen.25:23]

Rebekah inquired of the Lord and He told her what the trouble was the “**two manner of people**” that were in her womb. They do not act at all alike. They want to go in opposite directions. They certainly act differently and talk differently, the one from the other. Their conversation is just the opposite. The old creation is doubtful, fearful, unbelieving. The other is full of faith, courage, hope, and love; a continual victor. It may be that one will talk 1 hour and the other talk the next hour. Two manner of people! They are exactly the opposite from each other. One is the old Adam living, the other is Christ. The one never fails, the other always fails.

Notice some of the things that distinguish them. "The one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger." Here is something that is contrary to nature. In our families, the younger person serves the elder; but in God's things the elder has to serve the younger. It is not for the new man to serve the old man, but the old man is to serve the new man. The new man lives in the old man's house. The old man has no right in the house anymore. The new man is the boss there. The new man always wants to come to meeting, so the flesh has to come along. He has to bring the new man. The new man is the ruler of the house. He is to be obeyed. The flesh is never to be obeyed any longer. He is a servant. The new man's word is supreme. He is the stronger. The flesh seems the stronger; but the new man has come from Almighty God. ***"The flesh lusted against the Spirit"*** [Gal.5:17]. This is the opportunity of overcoming. There would be nothing to overcome if we had our glorified body. The Lord Jesus Christ did not have a glorified body. He did not have any outward sign of being the Son of God; though inwardly he had the life of God. He had no old creation; neither had He a new creation body.

"And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold there were twins in her womb." [Gen.5:24]

Here again are the 2 natures; but this speaks of the time when we recognize them. There is a time in our life when we do not understand the 2 natures, but later some of us find where the trouble is. Rebekah now understands the restlessness she felt and the trouble she had. That is the way with us. We go to the Lord and inquire of Him. He shows us and we are delivered.

RECKON AS GOD RECKONS

The first child came out red; we recognize the old man. We bring him out into the light and we name him. Some never name him. They handle him with kid gloves, but he is a robber and a thief and everything that is bad, and we should designate him as such. Here is the trouble with God's people; they try to keep him hidden, controlled, and kept down in the corner. They will name him somebody else, or say they never had any old man. They almost deceive themselves. Show him up to yourselves and let him feel his total depravity. They named him Esau and afterwards called him Edom (which is really another word for Adam): for the first came out red; this speaks of the earth. The first man was of the earth, the reddish clay of which he was made. Let us name the old man and declare that we see and recognize him. ***"That which is born of the flesh is flesh"*** [Joh.3:6]; it will never be spiritual. Speak of it as flesh. One nature is flesh; and the other is spirit. One will not bear the fruit of the other, no more than Esau bore Jacob's children, or Jacob, Esau's. They are as distinct from each other as Jesus Christ is from the devil, and the world from heaven.

"And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them." [Gen.25:25-26]

Jacob (“*supplanter*”) was to supplant his brother **Esau** (“*hairy*”). Jacob is a type of the 2nd Man who supplants the 1st man. The 1st Adam was but a figure of the Last Adam [Rom.5:14]. Likewise, Jacob supplanted Esau, getting his birthright and inheritance, which was all in God’s purpose, and teaches divine election. Did not this all happen in the will of God that Esau was born first then Jacob afterwards, and that Jacob took hold of his heel? God had this happen as a picture of Jesus Christ and our election in Him. The Last Adam was right on the heel of the first Adam.

THEIR HABITS DIFFER

“And the boys grew and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.” [Gen.25:27]

Now the 2 men are out in full light, fully manifested and seen. Esau was one that men call likeable, a good mixer, pleasing to everybody. He would have made a good politician. He was one that could get a crowd. Jacob was the opposite. He was one that nobody liked very well. He did not make many friends. He was more occupied with the inheritance. He knew it was Esau’s according to birth, but he wanted it. And he decided to get it; for his brother did not care for it. Then, when Rebekah told him that God meant for him to have it, he was the more determined to possess it.

Esau, the natural man, lives in the world, a polished fellow; everybody likes him, and pats him on the back. Jacob is a plain man, living a simple life; he is not popular, does not care whether the world likes him or not. He is contented in the will of God. In the Gospel records, we are shown the antitype of Jacob, the Lord Jesus Christ, in the will of God. He preached to a little crowd and told them the most powerful things. He took the 12 away, alone from the multitude. Why did not Jesus Christ always preach to the multitude? Because He did what His Father instructed Him to do. He preached what His Father gave Him to preach, and He went where His Father led Him. He never deviating one iota from this attitude. He went to Samaria to talk to 1 woman. Jesus did not say, “I wonder what the Father brought me up here for. I want a crowd. I am tired, and it is warm.” No, He knew He “***must needs go through Samaria***” [Joh.4:4]; His Father had said so. The new man wants the Lord to give him his orders. In Mark 11, we read that the multitude ran out to meet and greet the Lord Jesus Christ with loud Hosannas, saying, “***Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the kingdom of our father David***” [Mar.11:9-10]. They wanted to make Him king. A few days later this same crowd was saying, “***Crucify him***” [Mar.15:14]. Because they were not led of God they were easily influenced, easily moved; they were of the flesh. The devil can come along with all his boast and eloquence, but the spiritual man counts it all as nothing. He wants the Word of God. Jesus knew the voice of God and His will. Paul, too, was likeminded; he knew the will of God and he wanted the people to so learn the Lord. He was not trying to get their eyes on himself; but to give them the Word of God which would build them up and give them an inheritance. He walked in the new creation and made the flesh serve him continually and run with him that he might win the prize. The flesh was having a hard time to hold up in the race which Paul was running.

"And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob." [Gen.25:28]

This suggests that Isaac did not get the mind of God; but Rebekah did. It was through the woman that sin came and it was through the woman that redemption came; the Last Adam was born of a woman. Rebekah had gotten the mind of God about this. She knew which one was going to get the inheritance. She knew it was Jacob's; so she loved Jacob. He sold pottage. He was not endeavoring to make a great amount of money; he just lived by what the Lord caused to grow. He was not of this world; That is, he figured the heavenly man. Isaac had to get a great victory, because his strength and dignity were wrapped up in his first-born [Gen.49:3]. In blessing Jacob, he renounced the flesh.

"And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom." [Gen. 25:30]

Esau was out for a good time. He came in tired, faint and hungry and said, "Feed this red (pointing to himself) with that red (the pottage)." Perhaps "**red pottage**" was a pot of beets. The thought here is that he was trying to make a little pun on his name. I have heard it said that Esau was the first punster. He was a hairy man and looked like he was a red fellow. Esau is just another name for the old man. He proved it by his lack of reverence. Some people will make a joke in the presence of death, in the very presence of God, and about Divine Things.

"And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright." [Gen. 25:31-34]

Esau came just at the time when Jacob was wondering how he would get the birthright. He had been thinking and scheming, here is his opportunity; he says: "**Sell me this day thy birthright.**" Esau answered, "**Behold I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?**" It did not amount to anything to him. You would think Esau would have wanted his children to have that birthright. **He Did Not Believe God** and that was the whole secret of giving it up. He did not appreciate the fact that he was born first. Jacob was in earnest.

AN IMPORTANT LESSON

Friend, if you do not estimate your birthright any more than Esau did, you too, will lose your inheritance. You will not lose your life; but you have a birthright in Jesus Christ to sit with Him on His throne, which you may lose. No one can rule conjointly with Jesus Christ if the birthright is estimated to be no more than pottage. God calls everything in this world a mess of pottage.

Yes, we are despised. During the time of David, his friends went away into the wilderness with him. They were separated entirely from the religious and national life. They were outside with David; but they had David with them. To have our David with us is to have everything with us. David is the anointed King. We have Christ, so we have everything in the world. To know we are

outside the camp with Jesus Christ is the best place this side of heaven. It is joy unspeakable to know that we are reproached for the name of Jesus Christ. O, the exceeding weight of glory that is ours for suffering with Christ. Paul writes, “***Our light affliction which is but for a moment***” [2Co.4:17]. He suffered toil and necessities, such as few people know anything about for at least 35 years; but he counted it all joy to go outside the camp, to be identified with the Lord. They reproach Christ when they reproach us. They hit the wrong fellow when they hit us. They do not know that it is Christ they are reproaching. Oh, the wasted life, when turning away from Christ! Oh, what we lose if we refuse to run after the inheritance! Oh, to know that we might have run the race and shared jointly with Christ! It seems to me that even in eternity men will feel a loss; for there will be a most awful loss.

It seems to me that I could not be happy there without winning this race. What is the use of going half way? Why be willing to come in last? At a horse race, they come in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd as winners. Concerning other names they write thus, “These also ran.” Likewise it will be said of those who come in last in the heavenly race, “these also ran.” They will get no prize, or reward. If you turn back and sell your birthright, the devil may feed you well. You may get fame and pleasure and riches; you may have an easier time; but you will miss what Jacob would not have missed for the entire world. At most, you will only receive a pottage of lentils. You may obtain all that you lust after. God sometimes lets people have what they lust after, but sends “***leanness into their soul***” [Psa.106:15]. Christ has secured an inheritance for us by buying the birthright for us; but we gain it by our faith.

Paul pronounced Esau “***a profane person***” because he despised his birthright. Jacob did not get his birthright because he bought it from Esau but because God ordained it so. We do not get our spiritual birthright because we do something. We do not buy it. Jesus bought it for us. All we have to do is to come and take it. We can get it if we want it. But we must lay hold of it; then, having obtained our birthright, we will run in the way of righteousness and make our calling and our election sure. “***Know ye not that they which run in a race run all; but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain***” [1Co.9:24].

THE BIRTHRIGHT AND THE INHERITANCE

The birthright is not the same thing as the inheritance. The inheritance is the result of the birthright. We get the inheritance because of our birth. Jacob bought the birthright, which belonged to Esau, because Esau was the older son; but he stole the inheritance (blessing). Although he had received the birthright, he might yet fail to obtain the inheritance. And this is all of special interest as relating to the 2 creations and their respective Heads. Christ, the Last Adam, bought all the rights of the first Adam, with His own blood. The first man was about to die; hence, the birthright was of no use to him. He had already sinned, and the penalty, death was hanging over him. So the Heavenly Adam stepped on the scene and bought from the earthly **Adam** (“red”) the right to redeem the inheritance. Therefore, it is as though He stole the inheritance; that is, He was as a deceiver, He came in the “***likeness of sinful flesh***” [Rom.8:3]. He had, as it were, the hands of Esau but the voice of Jacob...the voice of the Heavenly Man. The people said, “***Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?***” [Joh.6:42]. He looks like the

family. Thus Jesus secured the blessing, or inheritance, for man, by identifying Himself with man in his ruin, and buying the right of the new birth for him. But we must seize hold of the inheritance.

NOT I, BUT CHRIST

I WILL KEEP FAITH WITH CHRIST THE WHILE I STAY
IN VALE OF TEARS AND FEARS, WITH GROANS AND SIGHS.
'TIS BUT A LITTLE WHILE; THE TEAR SOON DRIES—
THESE LIGHT AFFLICTIONS QUICKLY PASS AWAY.
ONE LITTLE HOUR TO WATCH AND WAIT AND PRAY:
THEN HEAR THE GLORY SHOUT—"MY LOVE, ARISE!"
GETHSEMANE GIVES WAY TO PARADISE.