

***Binding His Foal Unto the Vine***

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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

This is an exciting time of the year! This is the time when all the pressures and all the things that we have to somehow get through to do what everybody expects of us, can just be laid aside and we can dwell upon who Jesus really is.

In **Colossians 1**, we read —

**15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

**16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**

**17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

**18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

**19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.**

When we speak about Jesus, when we think about the time He came into this world, and we think about His coming to that little town of Bethlehem, do we understand Who came? Now we can see why the angels in glory praised and magnified Him!

This great Creator, this One of whom, in **Psalm 102:25-27**, it is said -

**25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.**

**26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

**27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.**

God stepped into time and took upon Himself flesh. God became man; born of that holy thing which was God in the very womb of Mary; born in the City of David; born in this little town of Bethlehem. All these things are so clearly shown all the way through Scripture. But Satan, who hates the fact that he was going to be defeated, determined that he would blind the eyes of people from understanding and believing. They looked on Jesus and thought Him but common man. They did not realize, but Satan knew. He deceived the hearts of people then and he is deceiving the hearts of people today. Perhaps he has deceived your heart. Perhaps you think there is no room for all this now. You are out there doing your thing, making what you can to exist, and somehow or other, living on all the praise and all the power that comes from friends who make a big thing of your position. Oh, don't be deceived. Look at the One who came; look at Jesus!

We read in **Genesis 48** how Jacob, whose name God changed to Israel, blessed his son, Joseph before he died. As he blessed him, he blessed

God and he said -

**16 The Angel. . .** - *who is a preincarnation of the Lord Jesus who existed, and ever did exist, for He is eternal God - . . . which redeemed me from all evil . . .*

**15 . . . the God which fed me all my life long unto this day**

. . . It is the Lord who has kept you alive and He will redeem you from all evil. That is the key of understanding why Jesus came: you do not need to be bound and held by Satan. Jesus is the only One, who in coming in a spotless, sinless body could accomplish the work when He died on the Cross to set you free. Therefore, that is the glorious part: by receiving Him, the price has been paid. Do you see why we are so excited about the thought of Jesus coming? Do you see what it means to know that when He came everything was fulfilled?

We read in **Genesis 49:10-12** that He, speaking of Jesus, would descend from the tribe of Judah. When Jacob gave prophetic utterance to his other sons of the twelve tribes of Israel, of Judah he said -

**10 . . . until Shiloh come . . .** - *that is the Messiah, Jesus, speaking of Christ's first coming, down through the ages prophesied - . . . and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.* As a child of God, a believer, I am part of that gathering today. It is awesome to think these things are in the Word. We handle a Holy Book when we handle the Word; that is why we need the Word.

And another amazing verse in that section reads —

**11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.** This speaks of the redemptive death, following riding on the foal of an ass, when He was rejected as king, and was crucified. He came to die. He was born to die for you.

Why not receive Him today and give Him your life for His glory?

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*