

The EVE of New Year

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Today is New Year's Eve, and normally we never mention a particular day or particular season, because our messages are listened to on The OnLineWord.com and AirJesus.com and often we have 30,000 sermons a month that are listened to just from the website. So we never date the sermon with time or season, because people may be listening to a New Year's Eve message in the middle of the summertime, so we never date things; but today is a little bit different, and today actually is almost a part of three particular messages that are connected in a very real sense. Today's message is No. 5330, and it is entitled "The EVE of New Year." I will be preaching again tonight at basically about 11:30 as we move into the New Year's Eve service in the evening where we will transition actually into the New Year. Tonight's message will be entitled "Get up from the Dust", and I will be preaching a message on Sunday, which will be the first Sunday of the New Year, and it is going to be one of the most significant messages, especially and in particular to those of you who are members here.

I am going to point out or I am going to show you where this church, not in general principle, but specifically, is listed in the Bible, and it will show you some of the revelation of the destiny where God has already spoken where we are headed. It is not one of those fuzzy wishes; I am going to show you specifically where this church, located right here with this congregation and with this pastoral staff, is listed specifically in the Bible. So that will be on the first Sunday of the New Year.

For those of you who are listening electronically, you will be able to hear the sermons after they are preached; but if you are watching this on television, they have already been preached. This is 5330 sermon, "Get up from the Dust" will be 5331, and the sermon that will specifically deal with this church and where it is located in the Bible will be Sermon No. 5332; and you will be able to go to AirJesus.com, and you will be able to listen to those sermons, and you will be able to get some revelation that is going to surprise you.

Today God spoke to me about this particular message, and oftentimes the things that I am led to speak on, they sometimes do not seem to correspond with the season. Sometimes, He will give me a Christmas message that does not appear to be Christmas-y; and this is a New Year's Eve message that may not be exactly New Year's Eve-y, but it is the message and it is the message, I have no question, no doubt in my mind, that God wants you to hear upon this day.

I want you to open your Bibles to the 1st book of the Bible; you can find that real quick, so we do not have to wait on folks to find Genesis. People do at least know exactly where that is. Genesis, we will be studying in the 3rd chapter of the Book of Genesis.

Today's message is entitled "The EVE of New Year", and it is New Year's Eve. I am going to be reading starting with the 1st verse in that 3rd chapter of Genesis. You have heard this many times before: *"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And He said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman Whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."*

And the verse that God spoke to me to speak to you of at this particular moment was Genesis 3:13, that last verse that I just read: *"And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."* ... "The EVE of New Year."

This is New Year's Eve, and I want to talk to you about "The EVE of New Year", that woman who didst eat, who ate of the fruit that God commanded her not to do. It is particularly important and it is particularly relevant for us today that as we hear of this Eve, that we understand that the same serpent that existed in the garden is the same serpent that is wrapped around so many of us today. The serpent has not left, nor has the serpent gotten any dumber, nor have we gotten any wiser. When you understand it, I am going to show you some revelation.

James and I have been talking about this for the last three days, and God just really had James on fire with it, and revelation after revelation was just pouring forth with him with this, and some of this was some of the stuff that was revealed to him. So I am going to tell you some of this stuff today just about the Eve of New Year so that as you move into a new season and to a new time, you will understand

some things about how the serpent, which we call Satan, but the Bible never says it was Satan; it just says “the serpent.” It never says he was really Satan. We assume that, and maybe it was; but we do not know, because the Bible does not say so and the Bible is real particular about what it says and what it does not say.

We know that Satan is the prince of lies. We know that he is the great deceiver. But everything the serpent told Eve, everything that serpent told Eve in the garden, was true. Everything the serpent told Eve in the garden was absolutely true.

The serpent has told you all some stuff, and it is true. That is where the danger comes in; that is where the power, the enwrapping power of the force of the serpent, comes in. That’s why it wraps so many of us up, because a lot of the stuff is absolutely true.

You’re saying, “Pastor, you are telling me that what the serpent told Eve is true?” Yes, it was true! Let me go down every detail of what the serpent told Eve and how it was true.

Number one: “*And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*” Yes, God said it! That is what God told Adam: You can eat of every tree in the garden but this one tree. It was true. “*Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*” It was true!

“*And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.*” God told them, “If you eat of this, you are going to die.” The serpent said, “Ye shall not surely die.” Now, this is the kicker: they did not die. They did not die! Read it in your Bible, they did not die!

Let me tell you what God said; it is in Genesis 2:16-17: “*And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.*” That is what God told Adam! He told Adam, “In the day that you eat this fruit, you are going to die.” The serpent told Eve, “Surely you are not going to die.” They did not die.

Not only did they not die, Genesis 5, beginning in that chapter: “*This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created, and Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness.*” Now, the son was begat after they were cast out of the garden. “*... after his image; and called his name Seth, and the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years.*” So Adam lived

800 years after he begot Seth! *“And he begot sons and daughters; and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.”*

So Adam lived 930 years. Not only did he live a long time; he lived a real long time, because the oldest man in the Bible was Methuselah. Methuselah lived 969 years and then he died, but Adam lived 930 years. Adam lived 96% of the lifespan of Methuselah.

Now, if you compare that to modernday Earth, the oldest living recorded documented person who has ever lived lived in France, and they lived to be 120. That is the oldest documented provable person. 120 is a long time. If you took 96% of 120, Adam lived the equivalent of 115 years in our days.

Now, by anyone’s calculation, that is a long lifespan. I had a grandmother who lived to be 97, and everyone said about grandma, *“Grandma lived a long lifespan at 97.”* Adam lived the equivalent of 115 years old; but God told him, *“In the day that you eat this stuff, you are going to die.”* The serpent said, *“Surely you are not going to die.”*

Now, looking at this in the logical and in the natural, you would say that God lied and the serpent told the truth, because they did not die. It is right there in your Bible; read it! So I am not exaggerating or stretching or twisting anything. It is right there in your Bible, they did not die! They did not die! So the serpent told Eve what appeared to be and on a certain level was the absolute truth.

The third thing the serpent said: *“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”* Genesis 3:22: *“And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil.”* So everything -- not just some of the stuff, everything -- the serpent told Eve was true.

You all say, *“That’s deep.”*

See, you never thought about that. That is deep, but I am showing it to you right here in the Word. Everything the serpent told Eve was absolutely true. They did not die, they got the knowledge of good and evil, Adam lived almost as long as the oldest man in the Bible. So what in the world is going on here? What is the difference? Did Eve really mess up by listening to the serpent if they lived? You see, it doesn’t say when Eve died. It does not tell any of the ages of the women in the Bible. It just tells the man. But historically, women have always lived to be longer than men; so if Adam died at 930, Eve probably may have lived past Methuselah, because you know, as a general rule, none of the men live as long as the women as a general rule. In 80% of the cases, a woman is going outlive a man almost by 10 years. So what is it, and what is really the EVE of New Year as we look into this?

You see, the serpent told Eve everything, and it was all true. The problem is -- you all say, "The problem is" -- and this is what you always must understand about when the serpent tells you something. You must always understand what the problem is. See, most of the time, we take it as truth; and the serpent comes to us in many different forms, and we take it as truth because on a certain level, it is true. The problem is, it is not the whole truth. That is the problem.

You see, God told Adam, He said, "*In this day, ye shall surely die.*" You see, a day to God was a thousand years. That is why no one in the Bible lived beyond a thousand years; that was God's day! Now, on one level, if you can live to 900, you are doing pretty good. If the serpent told you, "You are not going to die," what he left out -- you all say, "What he left out" -- this is the problem always with the serpent: it is not what he says; it is what he leaves out.

So what he left out was, "If you partake of this fruit, you will not die in my time of days, but you will die by one of God's days. You can live to be 900-and-something years old; but if you do not partake of this fruit, you will never die, and you will live eternally." See, 900-and-something years, see, all money and time and stuff is all relative.

See, you know money is relative? We had some people homeless out on the street. To them, \$50 is a fortune. It is an absolute fortune. To some of you, \$50 will not buy a good lunch. So it is all relative.

Time is the same way: 900 years to the average mortal man seems to be almost an eternity; but to an eternal being, 900 years, God -- I preached the sermon, "Our 70-year lifespan is an hour and 40 minutes to God." 900 years is basically not even a week. It is not even a day, and yet we look at it as all of this expanse of time. You see, that is one thing about the serpent: everything he told Eve was true, but none of it was the whole truth.

You have to be careful as you move into a new season and a new dispensation and a New Year. You have to be careful of serpent talk, because serpent talk always focuses on the temporal, the temporary. God will always focus on the eternal. And we get caught up in the temporary, because oftentimes the temporary looks good, feels good, smells good, and it sounds good, too. The temporary is what we get caught up in, no matter how long the temporary may appear to be.

You see, the serpent is a short-run specialist. And the truth of the matter is, most people listen to the serpent, and few people listen to God. That has been true throughout history, and it is still true today. Most people will still listen to the serpent, and few people listen to God, because the serpent makes a whole lot of sense.

The Bible says he was the most subtle creature in the garden. Do you know, when the serpent talks to you, that stuff sounds real good? I mean, that does sounds real good. When the serpent talks to you about sex, do you know that sounds real good? When the serpent gets in your spirit and gets in your vision and gets in your thought pattern and the serpent tells you, "This is going to feel real, real, real good," that rascal is not lying.

Do you understand that? Just like he did not lie to Eve! You all say, "He isn't lying." He is not lie, that is just the truth about it! That rascal is not lying. He did not lie to Eve! He just did not tell her the whole truth.

So when he tells you, "This is going to feel real good," what he does not tell you -- you all say, "What he doesn't tell you" -- is, "This can mess you up. This can get you diseased. This can get your heart broken. This can get your marriage torn to pieces. This can get you children that you are going to have to deal with all the rest of your life." -- what he does not tell you! And it is what he does not tell you that get you cast out of Paradise.

The subtleness of the serpent has never changed. The serpent can come to people with drugs. What the serpent will tell them, "This will make you feel like you are on cloud nine. It will give you a feeling greater than anything you have ever felt in your life. It will make you feel like God Himself! It will erase all of your pain and all of your misery and all of your heartache and all of your history of negative stuff. When you take this stuff, this is going to make you feel better than you have ever felt in your life!" And he isn't lying. It will! But what he does not tell you is that after the initial high, where it is often the first few times; after that -- you all say "after that" -- Satan, the devil, the serpent, never tells you the after that. "If you take that stuff, yes, you will know good and evil." Then they discovered they are naked. You'll discover some things when you fool with the serpent that you do not like that you have to cover up. And then they got cast out of the garden and had to work by the sweat of their brows, had to go through all this and had their life cut short. You know, Adam and Eve could have still been alive right now and just teenagers; but because of what the serpent did not tell them, they partook.

Crime is the same way. The serpent will whisper in somebody's ear: "If you steal this, this will give you some quick, easy money, more than you have ever had before. You will not even have to work for it. It will come easy to you." He isn't lying. He isn't lying. What he is telling you is the absolute truth; but it is what he does not tell you. He does not tell you that sooner or later, you will get caught, and sooner or later you will spend so much time locked up behind bars that you'll end up spending the money and you will end up making about 25¢ an hour. By the time you count all the money you got through crime and all this, what he will not tell you is, once this stuff gets on your record, you will never be able to get a decent job; it will blacklist

you in society -- that is what he does not tell you. He'll whisper it into your ear, and he will tell you the truth! But he will leave out some stuff that will have you messed up for the rest of your life.

The serpent has always been the sleekest, the smoothest, the beguiler, because he knows what you want.

Turn to the person next to you and tell them, "He knows what you want."

Do you know, that is one of the keys of marketing? If you can ever just find out what folks want, if you can find out what folks want and give folks what they want, you've got a customer. See, the serpent knows already what you want. Then he knows how to package it in a package that makes it sound real good to you, and he will do like drugs do. I am talking about the legal drugs. You will see a big, old ad talking about all of the stuff that drugs will do for you, and then when it gets to the side effects, it is in little bitty print that you have to get a magnifying glass, and the side effects outnumber the benefits about ten to one! You read about this stuff: It can cause this, and finally it can even cause death. It has got all that stuff in the side effects that is down there in little bitty print that you have to just have to magnify, almost a microscope, to read!

The serpent does not tell you about the side effects. And as we close this New Year's Eve, you need to be a new Eve and a new Adam. The serpent has not changed; and right now, he speaks some stuff into you that makes real good sense in the logical world, almost like that they did not die. He will speak some stuff to you. You do not need to give your money, because if you do not give, you will have more money in your pocket. That is absolutely true! You do not need to forgive them, because they did it, and they did it and they hurt you; you do not need to forgive them, they deserve that. When he hisses that into your ear, it strikes a chord with the nature of flesh, and something resonates that is absolutely true because they did do it. And the serpent can whisper some things into us that are short-run, but never long-run. It is today, but it is never tomorrow. And too often, he will have even our money. You know, a lot of times, it is not that we do not make enough money; it is that the serpent will hiss, "Spend it all today. You do not need to save anything. You deserve this, you worked hard. Those shoes are pretty. That dress is nice. That pocketbook is real good. You do not need to save your money. You need to enjoy life! You deserve this, you have been working hard. You need to ride in that. You do not need to buy a used car; get you a brand-new car!"

He will hiss some stuff into you, and that stuff sounds good to you; but he always tells you the short one. He does not show you the bill. He does not show you the interest rate. He does not show you the heavy weight of the debt. He does not show

you all of that! He just hisses into you the quick and the right now, the same as he did with Eve.

People, this is the eve of a New Year. Let the old Eve nature, let the old Adam nature. And Adam could not resist, because he was standing there talking to a naked woman; just could not make it. He could not stand it. This is the Eve: men cannot make good decisions standing there talking to a naked woman; just cannot make good decisions.

It is the eve of a New Year, and the serpent that has been speaking into your world right now, you need to close a deaf ear to, you need to get on track, make some changes and follow what God has told you to start with.

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Amen, amen, amen; "The EVE of a New Year."

God wants to bring us into a new dimension, into a new level, into a new place; but to do that, we cannot have old ways ... "The EVE of a New Year."