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Episode 31 – Redeemed Between the Ears Revelation, Redemption, and the Mind-Part 1

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Host Scott Stanley of DTG Ministries guides listeners through a dense, scripture-driven exploration of redemption, spiritual understanding, and the life of Jesus. Using Revelation, Matthew, Philippians, Psalms, and Genesis as anchors, Scott reframes key biblical images—like the beast, the waters, and Babylon—as symbols of thought, confusion, and the ideas we inherit from every "nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

The episode examines Revelation 17 and 13 to show how "water" represents human understanding and how the harlot and beast symbolize the confusion that sits on those thoughts. Scott contrasts worldly definitions and religious teaching with a call to be redeemed from inward influences, arguing that Satan functions as the internal "whisperer" who gives worldly concepts authority in our consciences.

Turning to Christology, Scott reads Philippians 2, Psalm 2, and Matthew 3–4 to argue that Jesus "emptied himself," underwent a spiritual begetting at his baptism, and faced inward temptation in the wilderness. He presents the baptism scene as the moment the Father declares, "You are my Son," and interprets the temptations as an internal testing of that new spiritual identity.

Key points include: the spiritual (not exclusively literal) meaning of Revelation's imagery; the identification of Satan as the internal adversary who empowers confused thought; the idea that Jesus became man without an innate halo and was "begotten" spiritually at his baptism; and the practical call to change language, definitions, and thought patterns to be redeemed from iniquity. Scott also challenges traditional trinitarian framing and encourages listeners to pursue a transformed inner life—mourning current confusion, hungering for righteousness, and pursuing the perfection of faith.

Listeners can expect deep theological interpretation, bold challenges to conventional doctrine, practical application for spiritual growth, and pointers to further resources (including Scott's videocasts and podcasts at thelamblove.org) for those who want to continue studying these themes.

Modified Transcript:

Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, continuing to create some concepts for you, some ideas for you to help you better understand Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our Savior. What he is doing is trying to redeem us from all iniquity. When we read in Revelation Chapter 5 that these four living creatures, the 24 elders, are redeemed from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people... I want you to understand that all of that, every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is between our ears (Rev 5:9).

It isn't literal, it's spiritual. This represents the things we have been taught all of our lives from every nation (you could just say the world), kindred (kindred is your family), people (these are the people you go to church with), and tongue is the language that has been used that puts us in such confusion, the way words have been defined for us.

You know, I can't tell you how many times I've been told by people that they got saved when they were ten years old, or they got saved as an adult. But they'll say, I got saved when I was... and I guess the question would be, "How do you define 'saved,' because if you don't understand what saved is, to make a statement that you were saved at a certain age... See, once you understand what it means, you'll see the folly of what people believe. So we need to be redeemed from every tongue, or the languages used to bring us into the darkness that we're in.

You know, if your life is not a life of victory, and by victory, I don't mean you're making a lot of money, and you've got a big house and a flashy car and... that is not victory. Jesus Christ died to redeem us from all iniquity, and iniquity is the thought you have before you sin. The author of iniquity is Satan (1Jn 3:8). So I kind of want to lay that groundwork for you, to explain, to bring all of this into light, so we can apply it to Jesus himself. To do this, I want to turn to Revelation 17. Look at the verses with me.

Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels (or seven messengers) which had the seven vials, and he talked with me, and he said unto me, Come here; I will show unto you the judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters:

Rev 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Rev 17:3 So, he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Again, what was he asked to see here? *I saw a whore upon many waters. I was shown a woman upon a scarlet-colored beast.*

A whore on water = A woman on a beast

Now, this videocast is not to get into the beast heads of Revelation 17. I have a Revelation podcast where I cover all of these things, and I've been doing this for over two years. If you want to check that out, you can access that from thelambslve.org. Scroll down to where you see podcast, click on it, and it'll connect you with Podbean, where I've been putting all these podcasts (theLambslve.org/podcast for Revelation discussions). I've been uploading these podcasts for people. Of course, they go to Spotify. They go to all the podcasts, all your favorite podcast places. But Podbean is the one I chose.

So if you just go to thelambslve.org, go to the podcast, or you can scroll the videocast. The videocast or videos, of course, this is just going to be one of them.

So here's my point. I'm trying to explain something about Jesus. In order to do it, I'm starting at Revelation 17, not getting into the definition of the beast heads, which really is not that difficult once you begin to see it. But I want you to understand the beast heads, the beast itself having seven heads. The beast is symbolized as water.

I saw a woman upon many waters. I saw a whore on a scarlet-colored beast. The beast and the water equate. Okay, that's a big step if you could see that, because water throughout the Bible is a symbol of a person's understanding (Isa 55:8-11). Water from heaven is God's understanding, like rain falling on us. Earthly water? Well, the greatest body of earthly water is the sea. That equals the thoughts of the world.

A person cannot live, literally, on seawater. You have to have pure water from God. That's the way it is spiritually. We need to have pure water from God. We're all full of seawater: Every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. That's what he's talking about. The water that we have received from the world needs to be changed in us. We need to see the true meaning of these words.

So I have a woman who is a harlot sitting on a scarlet-colored beast, which is water. Now, why is that significant? See, as you look in Revelation 17, the very last verse of Revelation 17, it says the woman is that great city reigning over the kings of the earth (Rev 17:18). Well, that's Babylon. Babylon simply means a state of confusion. You're in confusion about God. So there's another hint that you've got a woman, you have confusion about God being carried by a beast, which God is telling you is simply water. It's thought, it's understanding.

I could say that every nation, kindred tongue, and people is what upholds the confusion about God... the harlot that upholds that confusion (Rev 17:5). So again, in order to be in a right state of thinking about God, we're going to have to change our language. We're going to have to change some of these words, some of these definitions that we use.

Okay, so I want to take another step. Let's turn to Revelation 13. Revelation 13, I want to start reading at verse 1. I'm asking you again, read these texts. I'm putting them on the screen and just see if you can't follow along, follow my reasoning here.

Rev 13:1 I stood upon the sand of the sea (there's the world), and I saw a beast rise up out of the sea. He had seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns are ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Now, what I want you to see in this is that the beast we saw in Revelation 17, this is the same beast, except in Revelation 13, he has ten crowns. Now, that just simply means (and to get into it and explain it, I'm going to lose time), it simply means that the last head of this beast exists, that these seven heads on this beast all happened through history, and in Revelation 13, he is showing us that all seven are there. This is all that it means. Now, follow along.

Rev 13:2 The beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were as the feet of a bear, his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power (which is ability), his seat (which is throne), and his great authority.

Now we've got another guy brought into the picture, it's called the dragon. What's the dragon? Well, let's put it on the screen, Revelation 12:9.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was cast out, that old one, the serpent (the word "serpent" has the definite article in front of it). He's the old one, the serpent, called the devil, and *the* Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:9 will define this dragon. The dragon is the old one. The dragon is the serpent, which we can take back to Genesis. And we see in Genesis 3 a serpent whispering to Eve. So, I just simply refer to this guy as it's Satan, the old one, the whisperer. *We call him Satan and the devil.* This is what we call this thing. Well, why is this significant? Look again at Revelation 13, verse 2.

Rev 13:2 The beast (from Revelation 17, which is water. Water- it's understanding) ... The beast was like a leopard, his feet as a bear, his mouth as a lion: and the dragon (or Satan) gave him his ability, his throne (which is the conscience), and he gave him great authority.

Satan gave ability, the conscience, the throne, and great authority to this water. Now, if you can't follow me, start over. Because Revelation 17:1, 2, and 3 tells us this is water, and Satan gives this water ability. Satan gives that water the throne. Satan gives this water great authority.

Imagine with me. Imagine somebody has told you something about God. This concept about God is now in your mind. And within you, what you want to do is place great authority on what was told you. In fact, you give this water, this concept that's told to you, abilities... You give it your conscience. Well, wait a minute. Why am I saying you do it? Because Satan is within each and every one of us. He has to be in order to give water, to give thought, authority in your life.

Do you understand this? You see, you are the one who gives authority to the things that you've been told. Yeah, your pastor may say, "Well, you've got to believe this, and this is how you get saved." So you put a lot of stock in what they're telling you. What he's telling you gives you the ability to go to heaven. You have the ability to be "saved." You let that seep into your conscience, and you give it great authority in your life. Why? Because I trust that guy. That's my pastor. I trust what he's saying. So that's what happens.

But what you need to see is you're the one doing that. You're the one giving it that power over you. Hence, Satan does that. Satan is not a person out here. Satan is the whisperer. It's adversity that is within each and every one of us. Jesus said, "*The kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of God does not come with outward observation. It's within you*" (Luk 17:20-21). The kingdom of God is spiritual. It's within you.

So is the whisperer. It's the opposite. The whisperer is the adversity that we feel. It's the adversity that drives us sometimes when we're angry, where we're lusting... You know, whatever's happening to you. You've got that little voice inside, and that little voice will give credence to the water of the world. That's basically all we're reading in this.

I saw a woman, she's a harlot. She's sitting on a scarlet colored... Well, she's on water. She's on thought. And the dragon, the whisperer, the old one, well, we call that Satan. We call that the devil. Well, that gives that water credibility to you. There's nothing outside of your body that can do that. You're doing it to yourself.

Why is this significant when we're looking at Jesus? Well, I want you to turn with me to Philippians chapter 2. I want to begin reading at verse 5.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery (King James put "robbery." It means "something to grasp") ... Who being in the form of God, thought it not something to grasp to be equal with God. (In other words, he was not seeking equality with God.)

Php 2:7 But he made himself of no reputation (emptied himself) ... ("Made himself of no reputation" literally is "he emptied himself.") He emptied himself, and he took upon him the form of a servant, and came to be in the likeness of men.

What does it mean that he emptied himself? Well, here is a turning point for us right here. Remember how Antichrist denies the Father and Son. Antichrist denies Jesus came in the flesh (1Jn 2:22 & 4:1-3). What do you mean by "in the flesh"? He came without an understanding of God. He emptied himself. In other words, to me, this explains it perfectly. He came without a halo. The man did not have a halo.

If Philippians 2 is true, the Trinity cannot be true. This is why it's denied ferociously by the Universal Church. Jesus Christ emptied himself and became a man. This leads us now to his baptism. Let's turn to Psalms 2. This is something we've covered in the past. It's in the videos I've made previously to this. If you haven't seen it, I beg you, go watch the videos so we can keep building this and putting things together. In Psalm 2, I want to start reading at verse 4.

Psa 2:4 He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Psa 2:5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and trouble them, vex them, in his sore displeasure.

Now here's the Father speaking:

Psa 2:6 Yet have I set (this word "set" means "to pour upon." It means "to anoint") ... I have anointed my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Now the Son speaks. Jesus speaks. He says,

Psa 2:7 I will declare that decree...

What decree? Well, the Father said, *"I anointed my king."* Well, here's the anointing. Here's what he said to his Son.

Psa 2:7 ... Jehovah said unto me, You're my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Now, I'm just going to turn over to Matthew chapter 3, verse 13.

Mat 3:13 Then comes Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized.

Mat 3:14 And John forbade him, and he said, I have need to be baptized of you. You're coming to me?

Mat 3:15 Jesus answering said, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then John suffered him.

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mat 3:17 And a voice came from heaven. It said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Psalm 2 is the prophecy in the Old Testament that was fulfilled through Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist baptized the Son of God. The Father spoke from heaven and said, *"You are my Son, in whom I'm well pleased."* Now, there's one thing added to that in the prophecy in Psalm 2. He said, *"You are my Son, this day have I begotten thee."*

What do you mean? See, literally speaking, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This is not talking about literal birth; it's spiritual birth. Jesus had emptied himself, and God spoke to him and said, *"You are my Son. This day I've begotten you."* Another way of seeing this "begotten" is "to be born again," because that's what he's talking about. Are we saying Jesus needed to be born again? Well, he emptied himself. And what we're getting ready to read as we continue reading in Matthew is that he, at that moment in time, woke up to the reality of the fact that he was really the Son of God.

You know, many times I've thought about Mary and Joseph, and didn't anybody tell him about Gabriel coming to Mary, about all of the things that happened, and the story of fleeing from Bethlehem and all this? Didn't they tell him that? Well, maybe they did. But it's different when God speaks to you and says it.

It's one thing for somebody to tell you something. But when God tells you something, it rocks your boat. When God speaks to you, a million and one things happen to you inwardly. You know this is the truth. God cannot lie. It was at that given moment, Jesus Christ had a born-again experience.

Now, already in this video, I've covered things that would totally be cast down in the Universal Church. They would never allow these things. But I'm speaking to you from the bottom of my heart. I'm being as honest with you as I can possibly be. This is why we are in such confusion. Right now, the Lord is redeeming us from every nation, kindred, tongue, and spirit, and people. As I speak, the Lord is changing the way we think. Notice, he isn't taking anything away. He's just fixing it.

I believe Jesus is the Son of God. Was he born with a halo? Absolutely not. He emptied himself. Well, was he the Son? Absolutely, he was the Son of God. How do we know? God the Father gave that testimony at his baptism, and you have to accept the testimony of the Father. If you can't do that, you're not serving God at all. God gave the testimony, "*You are my Son. This day have I begotten you,*" and that "begotten" is not Bethlehem.

He's a grown man being baptized. *This day I have begotten...* He was born from above. He was told, "*You are my Son. You're the Son of God,*" and I know in the mind of Jesus, he knew the scripture. The dove came down and landed on him. The man possessed an understanding of the Holy Spirit. "*This day,*" he said, "*I've begotten you.*" Jesus knew exactly what that meant. That means "I'm Messiah." It was at that given moment that he became the Christ.

"I have anointed my king." ... "I'll tell you the anointing. I'll tell you what he said. He said, 'You're my Son.'" So if you can believe Jesus is the Son of God, and you believe that, you're seeing that... flesh and blood does not reveal that to you. Remember, "*Peter, who do you say that I am?*" ... "*Well, you're Christ. You're the Son of the living God.*" ... "*Well,*

you're blessed, Peter, because flesh and blood didn't reveal that to you. But my Father in heaven, he has told you that, and you're believing him" (Mat 16:16-17).

This is where we are right now. Remember, we're looking at a beast. We're looking at water that brings us confusion about God and how Satan is within us, giving that water authority in your life. Right now, we're challenging that water. We're challenging what we've been told all of our lives. So this having taken place, look at the next chapter in Matthew. Matthew chapter 4.

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Oh, wait a minute. Does the Holy Spirit do that? The Holy Spirit doesn't tempt you. God doesn't tempt you. In fact, by the way, God cannot be tempted (Jam 1:13). That's another proof. Jesus Christ was a man. But what does it mean, "the spirit led him"? It was his spirit. It isn't God leading him to be tempted. Jesus was told the truth: You're the Son of God, so the spirit within him tempted him. He was led up to be tempted.

Mat 4:2 When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward he was hungry.

Mat 4:3 And the tempter (who? this is Satan, where? within the human agent), came to him, and said, Well, if you're the Son of God, command these stones to be made bread.

Mat 4:4 And Jesus said, Well, it's written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Mat 4:5 The devil takes him into a holy city, and sets him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Mat 4:6 And said, If you're the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it's written, He'll give his angels charge concerning you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone.

Mat 4:7 Jesus said, It is written again, you shall not tempt the Lord your God.

Mat 4:8 And the devil takes him into an exceeding high mountain. It shows him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.

Mat 4:9 And he says, All these things will I give you, if you'll fall down and worship me.

Mat 4:10 And Jesus said, Get thee from me, Satan: for it's written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.

Mat 4:11 Then the devil left him.

What's going on there? We see the devil tempting Christ. We see Christ in a wilderness. What is a wilderness? What's that a symbol of? The wilderness is "a land not sown" (Compare Jer 2:2/Psa 97:11). This is a land that you're not familiar with. For him to be told by God, "*You are my Son,*" put him in a frame of thinking he had never experienced. Well, what about when he was lost? He was twelve years old, and they left him at the temple. They would go back and find him. He said, "*I've got to be about my Father's business*" (Luk 2:43-49).

Well, he was serving God at that time of his life. He was already wanting to serve God. But for him to say, "*I must be about my Father's business,*" wouldn't be any different than you and me saying it. We must serve our Father. We want to be about our Father's business. He definitely was not thinking, "Oh, I'm the Son of God literally." How do I know that? Because when God told him that, he went into a wilderness thinking, "*Well, if I am the Son of God, why don't I make these stones bread?*" Well, if I am the Son of God... see, that was the question. Can he believe what God just spoke to him? And he had scripture to defend himself.

If you make Satan this fallen angel, this entity that's outside of us going around trying to deceive us, they're trying to get into your body... See, if that's the way you see Satan, you'll never understand your Savior. Jesus Christ became a man, empty of any knowledge of God, and grew in wisdom, grew in stature, he grew in his understanding of God, to the point that at his baptism, God says, "You're my Son." At his baptism, he becomes the Christ.

If what I'm telling you is true, again, the Trinity doesn't exist. It has never existed. It's when people give you that Trinity lie, and you give that great authority in your life. You give that lie your conscience, the throne. You give that lie great ability. When you do, you're not overcoming every nation, kindred tongue, and people. When you do that, you are not being redeemed from iniquity. When you do that, you are never going to overcome sin.

But I'll tell you what. You'll find warmth, hugs, and kisses from everybody else in that camp. But you're not going to feel those things from God because you're not believing the testimony he gave of his Son. "*This is my Son in whom I am well pleased. This day have I begotten him.*"

So can you realize the greatest enemies you have are those within your own house... house being your mind (Mic 7:5-7)? If you want to make that outward and say, "Okay, my physical, literal house," well, who lives in your house? Well, my wife, my kids, my parents, you know, relatives come to visit me in my house. Well, your greatest enemies are the things they are telling you... every nation, kindred (your family), tongue, and people. We have to be redeemed from all of that. We have to be saved from all of that

We have to give our heart, give our way, give our spirit to God. Let him show us how to live, how to walk, how to be. I'm going to pick this videocast up and add to it for the next time, because I think the things we've covered for people who have never heard these things, this is a lot. I know it's a lot. I know I've been there. I've sat where you're sitting, and I know the first time when I began to understand Satan, it blew my mind.

But you know what? You're a free moral agent. You're free to believe anything you want to believe. You can go do anything you want to go do. That freedom allows you to reject the truth. Why would you reject the truth? Because you're going to see it a different way. That's your spirit. How you see yourself and how you see others is your spirit. It's your emotional side. You have the freedom to reject the scripture. You have the freedom to reject Scott Stanley. You have the freedom to go do and be whatever you want to go do and be.

All I'm saying is, if you'll give your heart to the Lord... you know, for some people, they just can't do that. They just can't give it up. They will hang on to this stuff, and they'll go down because they're never going to see the changes they need to make. God wants us to change. Be poor in spirit, mourning for where you are, hungering and thirsting for God's righteousness.

If you're in that place, God is going to get you there where you want to be. But you give up your life so that you can live forever. Give up your life so you can save it. Salvation is the completion of our faith; it's the perfection of our faith (1Pe 1:9). Right now, we're trying to develop the faith of Jesus Christ, so we can be made in His image.