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Episode 32 - The Transfiguration and God's Creation Pattern

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Host Scott Stanley of DTG Ministries examines the inner life of faith in this episode, asserting that what Scripture calls Satan or the devil is fundamentally an inward rebellion present in every person. Drawing on passages from Luke (the temptation, the sending of the 70, and the Transfiguration), Psalm 2, Colossians 1, Ephesians 3, Hebrews 2, 1 John 4, Genesis 1, and Revelation 20, Stanley unpacks how Jesus faced and overcame those inner adversities and how that victory becomes the pattern for believers.

The episode covers Jesus' baptism and wilderness temptations, the meaning of "I beheld Satan fall as lightning," and the Transfiguration, where Moses and Elijah speak with Christ about his impending sacrificial work. Stanley argues that Jesus' victory gave authority to his followers to tread on the powers of the enemy and that the Transfiguration is a prophetic vision of Christ's self-giving love at the cross.

Scott develops a theological framework that reframes the Trinity relationally as the Father, the Son, and humanity united by God's understanding (the Holy Spirit). He teaches that creation—both spiritual (Genesis 1) and literal—was formed through the pattern of the perfected man in Christ, and that believers are being progressively made in that image. Practical implications include the necessity of free will, the church's calling to overcome internalized evil, and the promise that the church will ultimately bind and walk in authority over Satan.

Listeners can expect a thoughtful, scripture-driven sermon exploring how Christ's example and God's design aim to perfect humanity, with encouragement to pursue transformation, reject worldly distractions, and receive the understanding that shapes the inner universe between our ears. There are no outside guests; this is Scott Stanley teaching and meditating on these biblical themes on behalf of DTG Ministries.

Modified Transcript:

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

I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, declaring the deep things of God and trying to help those who have ears to hear to have a deeper understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to come to terms with things that God has done, is doing, and will do... because the world isn't over yet, and the Lord has a lot of things he wants to do with his church, the main thing of which is to perfect us, bring us to a place of perfection where he is making us into the image of Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son.

This is what he ordained from the very beginning, that the church be made like his only begotten Son (Rom 8:29). Now, in the last videocast, I spoke of Satan and tried to show you how Satan is something that is inside of all of us. This rebellion that happens to us doesn't have to be anything major. It's just simply adversity. God has personified it as Satan. I should say the Bible calls it Satan, the devil. I think it's the Catholic Church that personified it and made it something outside of us. It isn't. It's within each and every one of us. It needs to be dealt with.

We can see from the last videocast how Jesus had emptied himself; he went to be baptized, where God spoke to him, saying, "You're my Son," fulfilling the prophecy of Psalm 2. Then immediately Jesus entered into a land, an understanding, a wilderness,

because he was thinking things... He had just been told, "You're the Son of God." Well, what did that mean to him? It meant "You're the Messiah." So his own adversity was challenging that.

"Well, if you're the Son of God, make these stones bread. If you're the Son of God, cast yourself down." See, all of those temptations that took place there in the wilderness were happening within him. To be honest about it, that is what this video was going to be about. When I finished the video last week, I thought, "Well, you should come back and go over all of the temptations," and the Lord has kind of shifted a gear for me to go on.

I have to believe that your heart is open, that you're recognizing truth in what I'm saying, because I want to deal with Jesus along with the Satan issue and us. How does all of this tie in? Well, Christ, dealing with the adversary, makes a statement in Luke chapter 10. I would like to ask you to turn there.

Luk 10:1 After these things the Lord appoints other seventy, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, where he himself would come.

Now you jump over to verse 17.

Luk 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy. And they said, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through your name.

Luk 10:18 And he said unto them, Well, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Luk 10:19 Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the abilities of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Interesting statements that he's making there. When he says, *"I beheld Satan fall as lightning,"* again, Satan is not outside of you... Some creature moving around like the Universal Church has told us. Satan is within every one of us. When Jesus said, "I beheld Satan fall as lightning," he had to mean within himself. For him, then, to give them authority over these demons and powers, how can he give them authority over it? Because he himself had gained authority over it.

So, *"I beheld Satan fall as lightning."* Again, that's not an outward thing that happens. That's within the individual. And he was overcoming. What would he look like as

overcoming and being free from Satan? Well, it's interesting in Luke 10, what we just read. If you back up a chapter to Luke 9, I can't leave out verse 1.

Luk 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them ability and authority over all devils, to cure diseases.

Luk 9:2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and heal the sick.

Now, the verse I'm headed for. Verse 28,

Luk 9:28 It came to pass about eight days after these things, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a high mountain to pray.

Luk 9:29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

Luk 9:30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elijah:

Luk 9:31 Who appeared in glory, and spoke of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Let's just stop right there. Moses and Elijah appear, speaking with him about the cross, what he was going to accomplish... meaning, Jesus in the vision, his clothing was white and glistening, he had not gone to the cross yet. He had not been raised from the dead in this vision. Why? Because he's talking to Moses and Elijah about doing that.

Remember, *he beheld Satan fall as lightning from himself* and was able to give to his apostles ability and authority over devils. Why would he look glistening white? Why would that be? Well, I want to share something with you. I want to suggest something to you, that when I began to see this, and I truly believe God was leading me in this, and just opened this up for me to see.

Remember when Jesus said, *"Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"* (Jhn 15:13)? Well, think about that for a minute... greater love. 1 John 4:8 tells us God is love... God is love. At that given moment of his life in this vision, before he went to the cross, he was manifesting God, the glory of God, more than at any other time. Greater love has no man than this. Greater love, God is love.

You cannot manifest a greater manifestation of God than when you lay down your life for your friends. This is what he was getting ready to do. How do I know? Moses and Elijah were there discussing it with him. He was free of the adversary. He had seen the adversary fall as lightning. What is lightning? It's when light flashes, and you see the truth. The transfiguration is a vision of the character of Christ going to the cross. When he went to the cross, he truly was a manifestation of God, laying down his life for us.

He laid down his life so we could see the truth of God's understanding about us. The cross is a manifestation of how God sees us as portrayed by the Son. Right there, the manifestation of God's understanding as portrayed by the Son of God about us.

If you have to have a Trinity, that's it. The Father, the Son, and humanity. All being made as one by possessing God's understanding, called the Holy Spirit. It's all right there. And here we have the Mount of Transfiguration. See, why Moses? Why Elijah? Why were these two guys discussing with him? See, consider this. Realize what you're seeing here. For Jesus to discuss with them means that, from the law of Moses and the prophets (Moses and Elijah), Christ was learning of his death, getting ready to take place at Calvary.

I know in the vision, you see them there, but there is literally no evidence in the Bible that Moses was ever resurrected. None. But in a vision, he most certainly could be there as a symbol of how Christ reached that place of being free from Satan. You know what? The church reaches that place. It's seen in Revelation 20:1-2, where the angel has the key and chain, the key in one hand and the chain in the other, and they are able to bind Satan and walk in harmony with Christ repeatedly until the second coming.

Now I know in these videos I haven't gotten into that and covered those things, but what I am telling you, the scriptures bring out plainly that's what happens. The church is going to overcome Satan. Now let me share something with you, and I don't mean to make things difficult. If this isn't hard enough, we're going to add to it.

I want you to imagine God the Father. If you had a piece of paper, just put a mark. This is God the Father. Next to him is humanity. But between the two is the Son of God. Now, there's a very interesting verse, Ephesians 3:9. *"God created all things through Jesus Christ."* It always kind of bothered me, why would he say, "Jesus Christ"? Well, I know

that the Son of God existed in eternity past. But I also know there's only one God, the Father. Why in the world would Paul say, "Jesus Christ," just go ahead and put that name on him at creation? Because he wasn't Jesus Christ.

He was Jesus Christ at his baptism (Psa 2:6-7). God said, "*You're my Son,*" anointing him with that truth, "*You're the Son. This day have I begotten you.*" So to make a statement like that, *God created all things through*, not by, *through*... that means if, again, if you could look at God, humanity, and in between, is Jesus Christ, that could only be in the mind of God. You see, Jesus was anointed as Christ and slain from the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8).

So that means before God created anything, he already had in his mind his only begotten Son, who would be anointed as the Son and die. He already had that in his mind. He already knew this was what was going to happen. Therefore, when God created all things, he created them through the understanding of Jesus Christ, the risen Savior, the one who has reached perfection.

Now, just bear with me. We are God's workmanship (Eph 2:10). God uses His only-begotten Son, that through him we might learn the truths of salvation and be redeemed from all iniquity. Jesus is the tool. He's the High Priest. He is the Holy Spirit. He's the only begotten Son of God, that God can use to bring information and understanding to us so that we can be made in the image of the only begotten Son, who is in the image of the invisible God.

Now that's spiritual, because that happens within your mind. But let's look at creation, literally. I should have said this. Genesis 1 is about spiritual creation, not literal. In Genesis 1, each day, these are steps unto perfection. We're on the sixth day, God can make you in his image. Paul says in Hebrews 2, *he hadn't put all things under our feet yet. He hasn't done this yet. He's done this with Jesus* (Heb 2:8).

So we are in the sixth day. That is why these things are so difficult for us. We've heard nothing but the apostasy all of our lives, and now somebody comes along with scripture, showing you something that just blows your mind. Interesting. God's trying to blow our minds. He wants to wake us up.

So, spiritually speaking, we're God's workmanship as he works through Jesus Christ to perfect us. Let's look at it literally. When God created, he created all things (now follow), through Jesus Christ, through his understanding of a perfect man. Again, if I could make a sheet and say, "Okay, well, here's the Father, here's the Son, here's humanity." Well, take away humanity. Let's look at this literally. Take away humanity, and what do you have? The Father, through the Son, creates the universe.

What you see is temporary. The universe is a picture of the pattern he took from Christ, the mind of a perfected man. That universe is within us. It's between our ears. Every mountain, every animal, every cloud, every sun, every moon, every star... Those things are between our ears. Jesus is the pattern. That's why, in Jesus Christ, all things consist. Let's just read this verse real quick. Colossians chapter 1, verse 15,

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God. He is the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For in him were all things created, that are in heaven, that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether it's thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or authorities: all things were created through him, and into him, for him.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things consist.

What do you mean all things consist? This word, "consist," means that he can cause it to stand with. That is two Greek words, and it means "with" and "to stand." Through Jesus Christ, all things consist or can stand with God. Every person on this planet has the universe between their ears.

The only thing that will ever help it make sense is Jesus Christ, because he was the pattern. He's the pattern that God used for a perfect man, but he's got to give you a free will, or you're nothing but a robot. There's no love in you coming before God if he's making you do it. So he gives you a free will, and in your mind, he puts all of the symbols and similitudes he uses in the Bible. Within each one of us, you've got the universe.

Now, how are we going to fix it? Well, he isn't going to take anything away. He's going to redeem it and help you see it the way it should be seen because Jesus is the pattern. He created all things through the risen Savior- through the idea, through the understanding. So, if I'm God and I look at my only-begotten Son in a vision, in my

mind, and I'm going to create the universe, and it's my idea that they're all going to be made like Jesus, then he has to give you what is in the mind of Jesus.

Then, he's going to give Jesus to use, to arrange all those things and help you see those things the way Jesus does. And what's going to happen? You're going to see Satan fall as lightning. You are being made into the image of the only-begotten Son, who is the image of the invisible God, and through that man, he can make us all stand with God the Father. I'm telling you, this is your Trinity: the Father, the Son, and humanity.

He has always planned for us to be perfected. Jesus is simply the first fruit. We are going to receive the truth. In these videocasts and podcasts that DTG Ministries continues to put out, continues to support, you're going to receive information to do that very thing. Because it contradicts every religion on the planet, when this message picks up, it's going to cause problems.

I'm sure we are going to be accused of being antichrist. How could they not? But you know what? Jesus Christ is the pattern. We are the children of God, believing the cross and God's understanding of humanity and how to overcome. That's the Holy Spirit. God's church will receive that information and perfect their lives, perfect their faith.

It's been determined. Somebody's going to do it. I want to be in that number. Is it easy? I don't mean to make it sound like it's easy and simple. You know, just because of the apostasy we've been in, and learning this truth, it's a pretty big step to take to turn your back on every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. That has to be done.

I see people who will spend their time trying to understand the things of the world. I mean, it's funny to me. You know, I know a guy who studied clouds, and brother, he got in there and looked at all those clouds and tried to understand them. But I would like to say to him now, "What you see is only temporary. Clouds were designed to be a picture of the church. Do you want to understand clouds? Pick up your Bible because clouds are carrying the water, where the wind or the spirit blows them to release the water, which is the understanding of God. That's a cloud."

Do you want to spend your time learning about earthquakes, mountains, flowers, and science? Well, I'm not saying don't do it. The ultimate meaning of it is what you cannot

see. That is what is eternal. You can spend your time worrying about wars and rumors of wars and Democrats, Republicans, and who said what, and who cheated and who lied.

Those people have a universe that is whacked out. They're not allowing the pattern. Without Jesus Christ, your universe will never make sense. I see my wife lay out this fabric and the patterns. She's making a dress from a pattern.

Does your life ever feel empty? Does your life ever feel like you're not overcoming, you're not getting it? That's because you don't have the pattern. The pattern is Jesus Christ, the risen Savior. That is who God is making you like. That is his pattern. We are his workmanship, and we are one with the Father and his Son and each other, that we can be as one as the Father and Son are (Jhn 17:20-22), through the mother of us all, the understanding of God the Father.

What more can be said? Let's think about these things. We'll pick these things up again in our next video.

