

The Law of Love Through Salvation History

Intro Song: Audrey Assad's "For Love of You"

Prayer:

- For unity
- For Holiness
- For Love
- To gift our selves to each other!
- Hail Mary...

Have you ever asked WHY?

- Why did he have to come?
- Why did he have to die on a cross?
- Why did he have to be raised from the dead?
- Why did he have to ascend to sit at the right hand of God in heaven?
- Why not just snap his fingers and redeem man?

Answer: LOVE - For God is Love - 1 John 4:8

CCC 458: The Word became flesh so *that thus we might know God's love*: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

If I could have written Genesis 2 over again...

John 15: [12] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

It's the LAW of Love.... gift of self!

SALVIFICI DOLORIS: Apostolic letter on the "Saving Mystery of Suffering" - John Paul II 1984 Page. 92

The Answer is found in the Garden!

- Covenant vs. Contract
 - Exchange of persons NOT property
 - forming kinship bonds
 - The Hebrew Sheva literally means to SEVEN oneself
 - 6 days of creation - 7th day was the day to rest IN God
 - The day Adam meets EVE they are married!
- The Garden
 - Inner Sanctuary of the Cosmic Temple
 - Entered from the East
 - Gold, silver, jewels
 - Rivers run through them
 - God WALKS & Dwells there
- The Two Trees
 - Knowledge of Good & Evil
 - How does one know they have faith if it is never tested?
 - The tree of Life!
 - They should NOT eat lest they live forever in their sins!
- Adam as Priest, Prophet, and King!
 - in Gen. 2 given the CMD to "Keep & Protect" the garden
 - Abodah & Shamar
 - Same Priests in Numbers 3:7-8 & following
 - Like Aaron.... Adam is CLOTHED with garments
 - Adam ministers in the sanitary like the High Priest in the Temple and Tabernacle

- Like sword wielding Priests protecting the Tabernacle in Numbers 17... Adam too is tasked with "Shamar" or protecting the Garden Sanctuary
- He's a king in that he was given DOMINION in Gen. 1:26&27
- Eve as Temple, Queen & Mother!
 - Like the Temple which is *banah* - *she is MADE* - *built*
 - *Temple - Banah - is built*
 - *The CROWN JEWEL of creation!*
 - Like the veil in the Temple... so is the woman valid
 - Scott Hahn: "That which is veiled is that which is Holy"
 - Mother of all the LIVING... mother of the Kings!
 - Ge. 3:15 - HER seed will redeem the world!

The Test

- The encounter with the Dragon!
 - The Nahash - Leviathian (Is. 27:1 & Job 26:13)
 - See also the Ancient Serpent - the Dragon in Rev. 12
- The fall of man
 - Cowardice of Adam
 - Disobedience of both Adam & Eve
 - The threat of the serpent
 - the death that enters into human history!
- The encounter with God
 - The confession
 - The penance
 - The Reconciliation

Love played out in the Gardens:

- Cowardice in the Garden of Eden
- **Drunkness in the Garden of Noah - Gen. 8 & 9**
 - New Adam who WALKS with God

- Saved THROUGH the waters & placed on Mountain
- Dominion of the animals
- Father of his Family
- in a Vineyard/Garden is Covenanted with God!
- Then FALLS again in drunkenness
 - Ham looked at the Nakedness of his Father -
 - Father of Canaan, Egypt, Assyria, Babalon
 - All who will persecute God's first born!
- **Faithlessness in the Garden of Abraham - Gen. 22**
 - A new Adam who walks with God
 - Steps out in Faith - led to promised land
 - doubts God in promise to have children #'ed like the sand & stars
 - He is a "Great Father"
 - On a Mountain - he offers up his only son!
 - Same mountain
 - Son carries wood
 - Son participates by gifting self!
 - Angel stays his hand & promises to send HIS son!
- **Idolatry in the Garden of Moses - Exodus 16 to end**
 - New Adam - Walks with God
 - Fathering the people
 - Leading in Priestly worship
 - Heavenly Bread & flesh from heaven that is a foretaste of the Promised land to come!
 - Starts when they enter the wilderness
 - Ends when they cross the Jordan
 - On a Mt. receives the Law of the Covenant
 - Sets up the Tabernacle
 - 10 Commands given by God
 - 10 Let there be's in Gen. 1
 - It was GOOD! both were blessed & consecrated!
 - Sets up the High Priest of Aaron & Sons

- both were clothed
 - Aaron wore the breast plate of stones
 - Gold & Silver & God's NAME on His Miter!
 - Walking micro Temple!
- Under Moses the people worship the Golden Calf & fall from Grace AGAIN!
 - New Levitical Priesthood & daily sacrifice
- **Lust in the Garden of the David - 2 Sam. 6 - 11**
 - A New Adam - Preist King & Prophet
 - Eats the Bread of the Presence with his disciples!
 - Prototype of Jesus & his deciples in **Matthew 12**
 - Leads the people in worhsip
 - Standardizes Worship
 - Brings the Ark to Jerusalem & prepares to build the Temple
 - He is the Anointed one of God!
 - Commits adultery and Murder with Bathsheba
 - A Man of blood - can not build the Temple of God!
- **Exile in the Garden of the Temple 1 Kings 6 - 8**
 - A recreation of the Garden of Eden
 - Vineyards - trees & plants, fruits
 - Rivers & pools of water
 - Gold, silver, stones
 - Cherubim's
 - Entered from the East
 - Built in 7 years
 - Consecrated on the 7 month on the 7th day on the 7th day of the feast of weeks!
 - The Shekina Glory cloud comes down!
 - Solomon - the Son of God - the Messiah- looses his way... marries the world!
- **Courage in the Garden of Gethsemane - Matthew 26**
 - A NEW Adam

- Unlike the old Adam...
 - Jesus cries out to one who is worthy to save him!
 - **Hebrews 5: [7]** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. **[8]** Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; **[9]** and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, **[10]** being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchiz'edek.
 - He CMD's Peter to drop the sword thus opening the way to the TREE of LIFE! in **John 18!**
 - Jesus is stripped naked, wrapped in the purple rob, crowned with thorns, and it is HIS blood that falls from his head to the ground in the labor of LOVE for mankind's salvation.
- A NEW High Priest & a NEW Moses!
 - No longer offering up the blood of bulls and goats...
 - Now... the blood of the lamb is perpetually offered in the sanitary of the temple in heaven! **Rev. 5 & Heb. 12**
- Institutes a NEW Passover to lead the Ekklesia on a NEW Exodus to cross the NEW Jordan to enter into the HEAVENLY promised land!
 - The Bread from Heaven has returned !
 - Flesh & bread become ONE!
- **Victory in the Garden of Calvary - John 19:41**
 - The TREE of Life from which is hung the Bread of Life... the fruit of the womb of the NEW Eve - Woman!
 - On the 1st Day - Mary Magdelene came looking for Jesus
 - There in a Garden... she thinks he's the Gardener in John 20:15
 - Rev. 12 - this time the Dragon loses!

- Its the SEED of the woman, the New Eve, the Ark of the NEW Covenant, that has enmity with the ancient Serpent & is the MOTHER of all those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus!

New Eve

Untying the knot

giving the NEW Adam a body - old Eve gave Adam the fruit
Ark - Holiest piece of Furniture in the OT - how much more in NEW?

Conclusion

- Covenant = Sacrificial love
- If you LOVE me you will obey me!
 - Jesus was obedient unto death, even death on a cross for his bride... the Church! Unlike Adam! [Philippians 2:8](#)
 - Mary was silent at the foot of the TREE in the Garden, unlike EVE, and allow the NEW Adam to fight, and die, for her. John 12:24 *I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*
- You are not called to happiness.... you are called to holiness... you will be happy with him in eternity in heaven.
 - **Hebrews 12:[14]** Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
 - **Revelation 21:[27]** But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

