

Bishop Vaughn Teaches Feast of the First Born

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We are going to get into the Word of the Lord. How many of you know what feast we're celebrating now? First Fruit. I am going to tell you a more proper name for this feast that we are celebrating. Of course, in Hebrew it's Shavuot. Most churches that you've attended that don't believe in keeping the Holy Feasts, actually do keep one of the feasts every year. Every church, even the Catholic Church, celebrates the Day of Pentecost. That is a holy festival that Jesus did away with supposedly, so they're keeping that one. But the truth is, most people don't understand that this feast is not about the Day of Pentecost. That's where we mess up with this feast.

This is a feast of 49 days, not 50. This feast is about not the 50, but the 49. The 50 is just the celebration of what we went through during the 49. The 50th is a celebration of the Overcomers, that we went through the hell and the fire of the 49. If you add nine plus four what do you get? The Hell number! Friday the thirteenth is always outside of the government of Yahweh. Thirteen is a diabolic number because twelve is where you come into government. Thirteen is where you rebel against government, and try to ascend above the stars of Yahweh. Twelve is the stars of Yahweh: twelve thrones. Twelve is the signature of Yahweh.

So for 49 days, you always take two numbers and add them together to come up with your final number, which in this case is thirteen. If you add one plus three, you'll come up with four, which is the number of carnality. So actually, the days of this festival is a trial of the demon powers that will come against you in the 49 days. The Day of Pentecost is saying that if you can make it through the 49 days, you can make it through the 75 years; you can survive this thing. It is truly a celebration of the struggle that we all go through living for the Lord.

So the true name of this 49 days is not best as the Feast of First Fruit. I'm going to teach you an even better name for this feast: The Feast of the First Born. I told you last night that I had a revelation that I've never had before. Every year I get one on the feast that I didn't have before. *Here a little, there a little.* That's how the Father reveals it. He says, "As you search." As I was chasing my wife, I got a little bit more, the more I chased. I went from getting a sideways hug to a frontal hug. I went from getting a little peck on my cheek to one on the lips. The more I sought, the more I found.

Every year as you keep the feast, you are chasing after the Father of the Feast, and He reveals Himself more, and more, and more to you. But it's in the keeping of it that you find the meaning of it. You will never be saved by keeping the feast. You will never ever be more saved than anybody else, but you will be more enlightened; more understanding of the Father and what He's doing in the earth today.

Today's feast is going to teach you something that you never learned in church, and it's the fact that right now, the Father is only focused on the first born. Today's feast is about the Feast of the First Born. Let's study about this feast. Let's go to the book of Leviticus, chapter twenty-three.

Leviticus 23:10 **Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; When you come into the land which I am giving to you, and you reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest;**

He said, "I want all my people to bring a sheaf of your harvest. I don't need you to bring the whole harvest." I'm getting ready to tell you something. I need you to get this up here in your mind. It will change your whole way of thinking. I DON'T NEED THE WHOLE HARVEST NOW. I just need the SHEAF. All I need is the first part, because I know if you're willing to bring me the first part, you're willing to bring it all to me. Keep that in your mind. This Feast is not about the harvest; it is about the FIRST Harvest. Keep that in your mind.

Leviticus 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf in front of Yahweh, to be accepted for you. On the day after the *First Holy Day Sabbath* the priest will wave it.

Let's read Leviticus 23:10 one more time.

Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; When you come into the land which I am giving to you, and you reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest;

Let's break the word *sheaf* down. It's the Hebrew word 6016, and that word is literally what? The omer. Most of you have been counting the omer for many days now. Did you know that the omer is the sheaf? Most people don't realize what that is. You're setting aside the sheaf of the firstfruit. This is your offering to the Father when you count the omer. You are bringing Him the sheaf offering every day you're counting it.

Most people don't understand that a sheaf is one tenth of an ephah. An ephah is a measuring unit, like a bowl. An omer is the tithe of the ephah. I've taught you that the first harvest is the ephah. The omer is the tithe of the whole thing. The ephah is the whole thing. The omer is the tithe of the whole thing. It's very important that you get this so you know what you're celebrating as we celebrate this feast. Let's read Exodus 16:36. You're going to see what I just told you.

Exodus 16:36 An omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

So according to the Torah, the omer is the what? The tithe! The omer is the tithe, and therefore, when you're counting the omer, you're setting aside the tithe. Yahweh has always required the tithe from His people. It's funny that there's all you Sabbath keepers are counting the omer without paying your tithe. You're counting the tithe without paying your tithe, but you say, "I'm counting the omer." If you don't pay your tithe, you're a thief, you're a robber; and you will never be part of the Kingdom of Yahweh.

I didn't say you would go to hell. I said you will never be part of the government. If Yahweh can't trust you with ten percent, He can't trust you with anything! You're a thief! If you're not a tither, you are a thief! And Yahweh sees it. Listen to me now. *Brother Vaughn, I can't afford to pay my tithe.* You can't afford not to. Yahweh could have taken ninety percent and left you with ten. It's all His!

Brother Vaughn, I worked for that money. No you didn't. Without breath in your body, strength in your bones, and your right mind, you couldn't have earned a dime. I really didn't come to teach on tithing, but I thought we might as well mention it while we were there. HalleluYah! Tithing is obedience. Don't be a Sabbath keeper if you're keeping the tithe. One does not outweigh the other. Amen?

Now the rabbis among the Jewish people, and I'm going to be referring to today to some of their writings, they say the omer is a tenth of an ephah. They interpret the omer as a measure of grain, and also ruled that it was to be brought of the barley ONLY. Listen to me. There are THREE harvests in Yahweh's Plan: the barley harvest, the wheat harvest, and the grape harvest. You've got to figure out which harvest you plan to be part of. Why do you think the name of our church is First Harvest? That's our ministry. We're trying to prepare that first harvest. That is our mission, not a cute little name. FIRST HARVEST.

So there's going to be three harvests. Why barley? Barley always comes in FIRST. Barley can endure what wheat can't endure. The barley is a tougher material than the wheat. The barley is the first harvest, and this omer is always the barley. You don't even know what you're celebrating in the Feast of First Fruit. Oh HalleluYah.

The First Fruit is the Hebrew word *Bikkurim*, and it's always associated with *the first*, which is the Hebrew word *Reshit*. Let's turn to Leviticus 23:10 again, and I'm going to show you some things that are going to blow your mind.

Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; When you come into the land which I am giving to you, and you reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest;

Now notice the word *firstfruits* there. It's the Hebrew word number 7225, which is the Hebrew word *Reshit*. What does *Reshit* mean? Yes, it does mean *first*, and *beginning*, but it also means *the best*. Sheaf means *the choice part*. Oh yes, He's preparing the best, and He is doing it at the last. The last shall be first; the ones who were worse. Remember, we were without hope; without God. We shall be the best part; the choice part. He said, "I want you to bring the sheaf of the firstfruit." Listen. Yahshua is the SHEAF. He is the TITHE. He is the OMER of the BEST PART!!

That's why the Church is so focused on us. It blows their mind that we don't want to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and have Easter services. They don't understand that we celebrate the FIRSTFRUIT, not the Sheaf. The reason you have to celebrate the Sheaf is because you don't even understand that it is just the Sheaf. We celebrate a GREATER RESURRECTION. Not the resurrection of the Tithe, but the resurrection of the HARVEST! HalleluYah!!

So it blows their mind that we don't do Easter. How dare you. They don't understand that the Father was not focused on the Resurrection. There is not one Holy Day to celebrate the Resurrection; not one! He doesn't want you focused on that one Resurrection. He doesn't want you focused on the Tithe. He wants you focused on the HARVEST. People love to look to Jesus. They love to look back to His Resurrection, because if they think He did it all, then there is *nothing for me to work for, nothing I have to do to become the choice part, the best part; let's just put it all on Him.*

But Yahsha didn't say, "I've come to be your cop-out." He said, "I've given you an EXAMPLE to follow." Everybody wants Christ, but they don't want the example. Yahshua was the BEST, dare I say, *of the best*. Oh yes, He was

the FIRST of the first. You don't even know what you're celebrating. This feast is all about you! It is about the PLAN that Yahweh has for you to be the duplication of His Son! If the Word of Yahweh doesn't turn you on, you are not going to be part of the First Harvest. We're not turned on by name brands. We're not turned on by anything. The only thing that turns on the bride of Christ, is Christ Himself!

If another man can turn a woman on, that's not her husband. Do you hear me? Yahweh said to His bride: *Quit being turned on by everything except the Word of God!* The Church is turned on by praise and worship. They're turned on by signs, miracles, and wonders; but they reject Christ Himself, which is the WORD of Yahweh! You're focused on Christ, and the Father is focused on You. If you think He did it all, then we just thank Him for doing it all, and go about our business. But according to the Feast of First Fruit, He was the best of what's becoming the best—just like Him! He's the First of the first. He's the Sheaf of the First Fruit.

So now let's break that down. He said, "You shall bring the tithe omer." That is the Resurrection of Christ. *You shall bring the Tithe of the Best*, or shall we say, of the REST! And you're going to wave that before Me. That's the Resurrection of Christ. Remember, eight days later, He went to His Father to be waved before the Father; to be accepted by the Father. Amen? The Bible said that after He was accepted, He came back, and now He had His new body. At one time, He was in a body like yours. But on the Eighth Day when all sons are dedicated to the Father, He stepped into that glorified body—it changed in a moment—and now He comes back to earth walking through walls.

The Bible said they were in a room, and the doors were locked, and all of a sudden, He appeared. He didn't have that body before. Oh no! Somebody asked, "Well, how did He walk on water?" How did Peter walk on water? That is a question that you better answer. It's deeper than you all are getting. *How did He walk on water?* How did Moses part an ocean? Yahshua didn't have an angel body. That angelic body came after the Eighth

Day Resurrection. On the eighth day after He went to the Father, He WAS the Sheaf of the First Fruit. HalleluYah.

Now the First Reshit is to be given to the Yahweh of Israel. Let's read Proverbs 3:9.

Proverbs 3:9 Honor Yahweh with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your income;

KJV Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.

So if you're not giving your tithe, you are dishonoring Yahweh. You're accepting His Son, while stealing His tithe. You're a mockery to the work of Yahweh. Listen to me carefully. He said to honor Yahweh with what? He didn't say your worship, He didn't say your tears. He said, "with your substance." What is substance? It's stuff you've got. There's no need to worship Him if you're stealing from Him. He said, "In vain do they worship Me." He said, "Honor Yahweh with your stuff, and all your increase."

When I was a young boy, they tithed off their garden. If they had twenty tomatoes, the preacher got two of them. Why? They wanted to honor Yahweh. It's all about honoring Him first. Do you think Yahweh needs tomatoes? No. It's about HONOR. Get it right. Do you think this church needs your money? It is paid for. We don't need a dime. But the church needs honor. The Father needs honor. The things of Yahweh need honor. You honor what you LOVE. HalleluYah.

Let's talk about the purpose of creation now. I want to show you the first word in the Bible. It's translated in English to *In the beginning*. I want to show you the first Hebrew word that Moses ever wrote, inspired by the Holy Ghost. The first word that Moses wrote looks just like it looks in the image here, and it is the Hebrew word **Bereshit**. Notice the first letter of that Hebrew word. It's



enlarged above all the other letters. That is unusual in Hebrew writing. Moses did this by inspiration of the Lord. That is the Hebrew letter Bet. Do you know what Bet means? House.

I'm going to show you why Yahweh created the world; the earth. I taught in my Zoom Bible study two weeks ago that Yahweh created everything for the Son. I don't know if you remember that. He created everything *on the account of* the Son; *on the account of* His House. So the first word is *Bet*—House. Now let's look at the second letter. When you get the second letter, that's the letter Bar. What does Bar mean? Son! Have you ever heard of a bar mitzvah? The word of the Hebrew letter *Bar* means Son. So in the beginning, it was all about a HOUSE OF SONS to Yahweh.

I'm about to show you something now. Go to the last letter of that word and you come up with the word Brit. That's why we tell you the British people are covenant people with Yahweh. Where do you think the British came from? They are the Lost Tribes of Israel. They came under a covenant. That's why they're British. You take some of this knowledge for granted. You're hearing things that nobody hears. The British people are under a covenant. That's why they still have David's throne. Brit means *covenant*. The British people are the covenant people. They are of the Lost Tribes of Israel, and when they came into the land, why do you think they started calling themselves British? They were covenant keepers.

The purpose of creation was this: To build a HOUSE for His sons. How was He going to do it? Through a Covenant! In the beginning, it was all about a house full of covenant sons. The purpose of creation was FOR HIS SONS (plural)! Not His Son; His SONS! His House of Covenant Keeping Sons!

When you get the word *In the beginning*, it's a combination of Bar, and Bet, and Brit; and you get the word Beresheet. It means *In the beginning* or *First*. Your whole Bible is about the FIRST! Your whole Bible is about what Yahweh is going to do First!! Beloved, you have been called to be part of the First; not the second, not the third; not the wheat, not the grapes—but the BARLEY! HalleluYah!

So the world was created Reshit, Beresheet for the sake of the sons of Yahweh. That's why I tell you when the Scripture says, *By Him were all things created*, that is wrong. It should say, *On the account of Him*. It was created FOR HIM, not BY HIM. That is a mistranslation. You can't create something and be the heir of something. It was created for a house of sons in covenant. It's really that simple.

Now I want to talk to you about a question that a lot of people don't know the answer to. How many of you have read in your Bible about WISDOM being there as a female in the beginning with God? Wisdom was with Him. She said, "I am with Him." Many people are confused by that. Today you'll not be confused any longer. Let's read.

Proverbs 2:1-2 My son, if you will accept my words, and will treasure my Laws within you; 2 If you will incline your ears to wisdom, and apply your mind to understanding;

There's the word wisdom, associated with what? The Laws; TORAH. My son, if you will receive My Torah, and My Law (commandments), then you will incline your ear to what? WISDOM; understanding. Now read Proverbs 3:1.

Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my Law, but take my instructions to heart.

Forget not My Torah! Once again, what is wisdom being correlated to? The Law, The Torah! Oh HalleluYah. When you read verse eighteen, you're going to find out who your *she* is.

18 She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; Wisdom. Blessed are they who hold fast to her.

She is a tree! Now you might understand what the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden was: the TORAH! If you didn't get that, you need help! You

always wondered what the Tree of Life was. It wasn't a tree; just like those four living creatures weren't four creatures. It was the Law of God that Adam could have chosen and found wisdom, and lived and never died! But no, he chose the opposite of wisdom, which is knowledge! Knowledge will make a fool out of you. The Bible calls it *false knowledge, so-called knowledge*. The Bible calls science, *so called*. You know so much, but you haven't got an ounce of wisdom.

Knowledge is knowing Facts. Wisdom is knowing how to APPLY them. The Tree of Life *was* the Law of Yahweh! What does that snake always come to take out of the garden of Yahweh? The Law of Yahweh! He's preaching in every Christian Church that the Law is done away with. That snake always comes after the Law. I'm about to show you that the more things change, the more they stay the same. That snake called in God's First Church—the Garden of Eden—and he had to come to a woman, because the Bible said that the woman was the weaker vessel. He came to her to seduce her. This woman in the Garden is Jezebel.

Why didn't the snake come to Adam? He came to the feminine side of the Church. I'm feeling a revelation now!! There are two sides to the Church. There's a feminine soft side, that is: *love everybody*, and you've got the Adam side of this garden—the masculine—and that snake hates the masculine. That's why in most churches in America, women run every church in the country. It's an AUTHORITY issue. Listen to me carefully. The snake came to the woman. I'm telling you that there is a feminine side and there's a masculine side, and Satan always comes to the side of you that is willing to lay down. I'm trying to make it plain without making it plain.

There's a side of a woman that makes her the receiver. The man is the giver; the woman is the receiver. Satan comes to the femininity of the Church and feminizes the Church, and takes the man of Yahweh OUT; takes Adam Out, and talks to that side! It is a woman's natural instinct to want to pity people. When I am rough on this church, my wife will come to me and say, "Baby, you were a little rough." Right? Because that is her nature. Yahweh made a woman to protect, and to love, and cuddle, and make sure

everybody is okay. And then here I come, and I could care less. Why? Because I've got a job to do, and it's to keep snakes out of the garden!!

Where did Adam fail? Scared of Jezebel. Same thing happened to Elijah. Elijah was the most powerful prophet in history. He ran sixteen miles from a woman. He had just defied all the prophets of Baal. But let a woman get a wrong spirit on her, it will make a man crumble. I hope you're hearing me. That's why the Bible said that it was never His will for the woman to lead the Church.

There are times she's had to, and that's not what I'm preaching about. There's times when the man wasn't in the garden. He is over there chasing another Eve around the garden. C'mon. I'm not against women leaders when they have to lead. Deborah led Israel because the Bible said that there was no man in Israel. Okay? So I'm not putting down women leaders. But I'm saying that they should never *have* to lead; they should never have to lead the Church. But if you've got men chasing Sally instead of Eve, and they won't lead the Church, Satan always comes for your emotions.

Listen carefully. We just had a situation in this church that I won't mention, where I had to crack a whip. If you're not careful, your emotions will feel sorry for spirits. That's what happened to Eve; she felt sorry for that snake. She just yielded, and then here came Adam, turning into a queer himself; letting the woman lead. In the Church we are right back where we started: letting the women and the emotions lead the Church. You need a man who will stand up and preach you the truth whether you like it or not; whether it makes you mad, happy, or sad. Why? That's the role of a pastor.

Somebody said, "You should be a shepherd." Have you ever seen a shepherd break a sheep's leg? They'll break a sheep's leg in a minute to keep you from killing yourself. Amen? So what is the Tree of Life? The Law of Yahweh. In the Garden of Eden you have the Tree of Knowledge, or you can take WISDOM.

Proverbs 3:19 Yahweh, by wisdom, founded the earth. By understanding, He established the heavens.

Okay. By the Torah did He found the earth. *What does by the foundation of the earth mean?* I'm going to make it plain. The foundation of the earth is the Law of Yahweh. The Law tells the Sun, "You rise at this time," and tells the moon, "You rise at this time. The stars—you go around twelve times." The earth is founded on WISDOM, which is the LAW of Yahweh. It isn't the law of gravity; it's the Law of Yahweh! He said it! And if your earth is not founded in wisdom, your sun will come up at the wrong times; your life will be one spinning globe out of control. But when the Law establishes your life, all of a sudden, your gardens will start growing right. Your future will start looking bright.

I destroyed my life when my life wasn't founded in wisdom; the Torah, the Law of Yahweh. I destroyed my life, but I changed my life in one moment when I said, "Father, I accept Your Law as my foundation." Not just the Blood, not just Your Son, but the Law of Yahweh! It is the Tree of Life. When you get to the book of Revelation, guess what is standing there all over again? The Tree of Life; the Book of Wisdom. The Torah was in the beginning. The Torah will be in the end. Only the Church does away with the Torah. Are you getting it? Anyone picking up what we're putting down? HalleluYah!

You men better get up and LEAD. You better lead your wives to the Torah. You better lead your children to the Sabbath Day. You better build your life on something besides the Blood. Thank Yahweh for the Blood, but then go from the Blood to the Battle. You better learn to battle for the Law of Yahweh in your life. HalleluYah.

Now let's see who else is called Wisdom. If you get these scriptures wrong, you'll have the wrong thing creating the earth. We just found out that Wisdom is the Torah; the Law of Yahweh. Now let's read I Corinthians 1:24.

I Corinthians 1:24 But to those who are called, both Yahdaim and Greeks, Yahshua Messiah is the power of Yahweh and the wisdom of Yahweh.

Who is Yahshua? The WISDOM of Yahweh. I thought the Torah was the wisdom of Yahweh. Don't you know that Yahshua is the Torah in flesh?

Psalm 33:6 The heavens were made by His word; their hosts by the breath of His mouth! Praise You, Yahweh!

Psalm 33:9 Great Yahweh speaks, and it is done! Yahweh commanded, and it stood fast.

The speaking of the Law: the commandments of Yahweh. Now the Torah existed before the world was ever created; before it existed.

Proverbs 8:22 Yahweh possessed me; Wisdom, at the beginning; very first, of His way, before any of His acts of old.

We've proven that the Torah is the Wisdom of Yahweh. Let's paraphrase it by calling it the Law, because so many people don't understand Torah. The Law of Yahweh is His Wisdom, and we're living in an age where if you say the word *Law* in a Christian Church, they'll kick you out. So is the wisdom of Yahweh done away with? According to Proverbs 8:22, He possessed it in the beginning of His way. Before He created the heavens and the earth, He had the Law. He WAS THE LAW. He loved the Law. When He was alone with just His thoughts, those thoughts were His Torah.

Proverbs 8:23 Wisdom was brought into being before the beginning, before the world was created; at the very first, before there was ever an earth.

I've ALWAYS existed, except during the 2,000 years of the Catholic Babylon Harlot Church Age. Protestants, the Law is saying, "I was there before Yahweh; before it was Me and Him." Now you might know why the

Word was WITH Yahweh. It wasn't a PERSON. It was Wisdom—it was the LAW that was with Yahweh! You can't get two Gods out of that! You can't get three Gods out of that! The Word was the Torah! The PLAN was in the Torah! It was in the beginning with Yahweh, and it was Yahweh's. It said, "I was with Him, and I was possessed by Him," therefore the Word was Yahweh's.

There's so much revelation in this room right now. Yahweh, help us to love the Word of Yahweh. The Torah is the Wisdom of Yahweh. That's why in this Church Age, you got fools, because if you build your house on anything but the Torah, the Law of Yahweh, you've built it on sand. But the Rock is what has been here since the beginning. He was always saying, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and break covenant, because the covenant was with Him in the beginning. Now let's see what else was there in the beginning.

Yeremyah 2:3 *Israyl was holy to Yahweh, and the firstfruits of His increase. All who devour him will offend; evil will come upon them, says Yahweh.*

It's the Hebrew word 7225; Rashit. Israel was in the beginning. Israel was ALWAYS first. Do you know where Israel was first? Before the world was ever created; in the Torah, in the mind of Yahweh. He was alone with His thoughts and He saw Israel. He saw not a nation, but a group of overcoming sons. The word Israel means *I have overcome*. Jacob overcame and was named Israel. The overcomers were in the beginning with Yahweh! It's new, but it's old! Matter of fact, it just said "I was there in the beginning of His way!" Israel was always there!

Why do you think the Bible said that Yahshua was crucified before Yahweh ever created the world? Did you know your Bible said that? Because He was in the TORAH! Brothers and sisters, hear me well. You must have the Law of Yahweh. *But now that Rock doesn't follow this Church because we've kicked that Rock out.* The Bible said the builders have rejected that cornerstone. When you've rejected the Law, you've rejected Yahshua, because He was Torah in the flesh. He was part of that upward journey that

started off in the mind of Yahweh. Then it went into a document, then it went into a man, and now it's in you on the upward journey!

The world was created for the sake of, or on the account of the beginning or the first. Remember this carefully: Yahweh created heaven and earth. The meek shall inherit the what? The EARTH. The Father created this earth to give to the first born sons. Satan has got you singing, *I'm Getting Ready to Leave this World*. You're really saying, "I'm going to give Satan my inheritance." Yahweh created Adam and He said, "Subdue this earth. Take dominion over it; it's yours." Get Satan off the throne, and you sit in the throne. The first Adam didn't do it, but the second Adam came along, and that's exactly what He did: He subdued it and took Dominion.

There were three things that were there in the beginning: Israel, Torah, and the Messiah, because He was crucified in the beginning. The world was created for those three things. The Torah, Messiah, and Israel are the First Harvest. Now let's bring you to where I want to get you to today; Exodus 4:22.

Exodus 4:22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh; This is what Yahweh says: Israel is My son, My first born.

Israel is FIRST! My first born son. Remember, I told you that First Born was a better meaning for this Feast? It's really going to be the Feast of the First Born.

Exodus 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into The House of Yahweh. You shall not boil a goat in its mother's milk.

The word firstborn is the word 1060 which is the Bekhor, which means *the firstling*. But I want to focus on firstfruits—Bikkurim—which is the first of the crops. Did I say crops? The first of the crops? The modern Church teaches you that God is getting everybody saved right now. That is only one crop. *We've got to get everybody saved right now*. That's only one crop.

But He said, “The first of the firstfruits of your land, you shall bring into The House of Yahweh.” I want you to hear me well. The only people coming into the true House of Yahweh today are the FIRST. You didn’t get it. The firstfruits of your land—of Waveland. Did you just see it? The first of the land, I’m going to bring them into The House of Yahweh. If you’ve really got that and you’re sitting here—The House of the Rising Sons. Of all the land, ONLY bring in the First Harvest to The House of Yahweh.

I’m going to keep reading this; I’m not going to stop reading it until I see your eyes come open. *Of all the land, only the First will I bring in.* That’s why I don’t go and try to get anybody. The only ones allowed to come in are the FIRST. When you bring a bunch of people into this church, you’re not bringing anything but trouble. I know when they walk in if they’re here for the message, or the mess; if they’re here for the hope, or the Home of Hope. If they’re here for the truth, or for the rest of it. This is only about this message. You better get it right. He’s only bringing in the First Fruits of the land. He loves the whole land. He’s going to get the land, but He’s got to get the first crop, first.

Adam was the firstborn. This is very important. The firstborn used to have rights that were taken away. Adam was the firstborn son of Yahweh. Read the genealogy in the book of Luke. He was the first son of Yahweh created to rule. If you think you’re a son of Yahweh but you don’t have ruling in your mind, you’re not a son. Adam was created to sit on a throne on the earth, not to go to heaven when he died. Did anything change from then to now? No. Adam was the world’s firstborn.

What did he do? Adam offered sacrifices. The firstborn son was always the only one in the family authorized to offer sacrifices for the family. They were the only ones allowed to wear priestly robes. Before there was a Tribe of Levi, the firstborn sons were the priests. Yahweh took it away from the firstborn, but He’s going to give it back. The firstborn sons of the family were given priestly robes to offer sacrifices for the family. Yahweh made Adam that priestly garment, and made it out of badger skins. He put it on that firstborn son, and that was what was used.

When Adam died, he transmitted the office of priesthood to his firstborn son, which was Seth. Then Seth transmitted it to Methuselah. Methuselah to Enoch, then Enoch to Noah. You'll read in Genesis 8:20 that Noah did what? Offered sacrifice; burnt offerings. Then Noah died and transmitted it to Shem. And Abraham comes from Shem. So in the firstborn, there's proof that Shem offered these sacrifices, but guess who else offered sacrifices, and he was not of the tribe of Levi. Melchizedek. Do you know why? Do you know why he has no beginning and no end? He is the firstborn son.

Melchizedek is the order of priesthood that you have been called into: back to the firstborn. You've got to understand what Yahweh is getting ready to do. Shem died, and who did he hand the priesthood to? Abraham, the firstborn son. The fact is, because he was a righteous man, the birthright was transferred to him. He offered sacrifices in Genesis 32:13 for his son. Abraham died, and passed the priesthood to Isaac—firstborn son. Isaac dies, and it passes to Jacob. Esau considered not the birthright. He was the firstborn. The Jews were the firstborn, but the first shall be last. And the last will become the firstborn.

The truth is that Jacob may have been cunning, but Jacob wanted the priesthood! There was something that came with the birthright of the firstborn, that the other sons did not have privy too. It wasn't that the Father didn't love all the other sons, but the firstborn sons were bearing a responsibility for the whole world, that the whole world did not carry. They were first.

It doesn't matter if they don't keep the Sabbath, Jacob, you're the firstborn! You keep it! They don't have to, but the firstborn **MUST** keep it! It doesn't matter if all those other Christians don't do it. You're the firstborn; you're the example. You're the priests, you're the **SACRIFICE**. You are the beginning of it all!

Esau didn't want the birthright. He didn't want the responsibility of the birthright. When you don't want the responsibility of the birthright, you'll

start looking around at what they're getting by with; what they don't have to do that you have to do. The Holy Ghost moves as much in their church as much as it does in ours; I get you. I got it. But what you aren't seeing is the age to come. You're not seeing the day to come when only the firstborn sons will offer the sacrifice for the whole world. Your LIFE IS A SACRIFICE for THEM! You're giving up this world for them!

The Queen of England gave up her life for Margaret, her sister. The Queen of England gave up her LIFE for ENGLAND! That's why when her uncle abdicated the throne, they despised that uncle until his death. Why? Because he abdicated the responsibility of DUTY and the throne, to be like Americans, and marry who he wanted to marry. He wanted to have church on the day he wanted to have church on. You don't know the story of her uncle? It was King Edward IV. Queen Elizabeth was never supposed to be queen. Her family was saved, sort of like Meghan and Harry. They were free from that burden.

But somebody didn't want the weight of giving up their preferences. That's why Harry is not fit for the throne now. He chose his preference over his duty. When you decide what day you want to have church on, instead of when He says to have it on, you want your preference over your duty. *I believe I'll eat what I want to eat.* Go ahead; you'll be fine. He loves you. Somebody's got to bear the CROWN. Somebody's got to do it according to the Word of Yahweh. The duty of the throne is the same for all of us. You've been called to that. It's not easy. You'll be tempted to give up your birthright! I need you to hear me now. You'll be tempted at times to give up your birthright. *It's too hard Daddy, it's too hard!*

I had a woman sit there and tell me on our trip to Tennessee, "I've never seen so many rules." It's not RULES, it's DUTY. I realize that we've been raised in a church that said that our only duty was to say we loved Jesus. But you see, that's for the *other* children. But if you're the firstborn, no, no, no. You've got to get up at five in the morning; you've got to chop the wood, you've got to get this thing ready. HalleluYah!! IT'S A HOLY CALLING!! That's why the Bible says that any man who puts his hand to the plow and

then looks back, isn't fit for this calling. You aren't fit for it! The firstborn has to be fit.

For this day I have called you to a Holy Calling. I say that you are a ROYAL priesthood; not a regular priesthood. I've called you to duty and to honor. I've called you to HONOR. You are not like them; you are the FIRST. You have a calling upon you that the rest of my children don't have. You may reject it or accept it, but if you choose to accept it, the glories that await you, your mind can never comprehend what I have prepared for you who accept the calling of the firstborn. HalleluYah! Thank you Father.

When I sit down to eat, and I make a choice on my plate, I don't judge another man if they don't. I don't look down on anybody. You're just as saved as I am. I love you with all my heart, and so does Yahweh. But there are a few people who laid down their crown and put on His. *Heavy is the head that wears the crown.* HalleluYah to Yahweh.

There's something about that firstborn that you might not be aware of. The firstborn has much greater duty, but he has much greater rights. Number one, he is the only one in the family that has kingship right. Why do you think Charles is going to the throne instead of Ann? Why? Firstborn. The only ones that go to the throne are the firstborn. The first harvest are the only ones who go to the throne. You need to understand that.

When you get tired of your calling, remember where you're going. Blessed be the Name of Yahweh. When this blessing comes upon you, you will be favored. When we chose to take a stand, there was a financial blessing that came upon this ministry. The heavens opened. Do you know why? Kings have to have wealth to do what has to be done. The Father provided for His kings on the earth. When you take a stand, you'll never, ever, not walk under that cloud. Job 36:7 says He will set them with kings on a throne forever, and they will be exalted. Let's turn to II Chronicles.

I want you to hear this, and hear it well, lest you get tired of the calling. You could be out on your fishing boat today, and you know what? If that gets you more excited than this, you're not fit. I need you to hear me. You don't belong here. I'll say it again. You're in the wrong place. This is a college for kings. And I want to tell you something that has been on my heart. If you EVER put more importance into a football game than you do when you walk into this building, you're an IDOLATOR.

Do you know what the sin of Rome was? Sports. Idolatry was the sin of Rome, and that idolatry was their Saints' team; their LSU Tigers. I'm not against sports, I'm against idolatry. When I see some of you go to a football game, and when somebody makes a touchdown, you scream like a fool; but when you walk into here and we start screaming, and you think we are weird—you're an idolator. Yahweh said, "When you come into My presence, lift your voice like a trumpet and shout and declare My Name to the top of the roof!" Quit putting these sports teams up as gods, and when you walk into our church, we're crazy. It's idolatry. Don't commit it.

II Chronicles 21:3 Their Father had presented them great gifts of silver, gold, and other valuables, along with fortified cities in Yahdah, but he had given the kingdom to Yahram, because he was his first-born son.

All of his sons got gifts, but the KINGDOM was given to Jehoram as the firstborn. My, my my. He gave gifts when he died, to all of his children. He loved them all, but the kingdom he gave to the firstborn. He'll give all His children the Holy Ghost. That is a good gift. He'll give them all salvation. He'll give them all speaking in tongues, but when it comes to the Law of the Kingdom, when it comes to The Great Day of Yahweh when the Kingdom set upon the earth, He's giving that to the firstborn; the one who was willing to wear the crown. They will get the Kingdom.

Yahweh's plans for you are in Genesis 1:26. It's Yahweh's plan for brother Alan, for you; brother Butch, for you; sister Debby, for you. This is Yahweh's plan for every man and woman, girl and boy. *Brother Vaughn, if I*

just knew the purpose of my life. You don't want to know. *The Purpose Driven Life* was the worst book I've ever read. It doesn't even tell you your purpose. It says your purpose is happiness. What a lie from hell! Your purpose is DUTY! Do you think the queen has been happy all of her life? We suffer in the duty, that we might share in the glory.

Genesis 1:26 Then Yahweh said: I will make man in My image, according to My likeness; they will have rulership over the fish in the sea, over the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Let's create man so he can have dominion over heaven? No. Over the EARTH. Your destiny in Yahweh is to be a king over the earth. That's why I had to teach the four living creatures last night—the four kings. Do you know why there are four living creatures instead of six or seven? Because in the days of the Bible, they only understood the earth as four directions: north, south, east, and west. That's why there's four living creatures on the throne: because they have dominion over the earth.

People ask me, "Is it a sin to smoke cigarettes, Pastor Vaughn?" Cigarettes may not be a sin, but let me tell you what is a sin. Anything you can't take dominion over is a sin. Anything you can't take dominion over. Quit asking if this is a sin or that is a sin. Do you have dominion over it? Then it's a sin. Can you not go without it? It's a sin.

That's why Yahweh told us to go fast once in a while; to prove you can go without food. Yahshua said, "I have food you don't know about. Nothing has dominion over Me." We must learn about these creatures. They are creatures of DOMINION. And while the Church has you flying away, Yahweh is trying to get the creatures to come in you right here on earth.

Psalm 8:4-5 What is man that You are mindful of him? And the son of man, that You visit him?

Yahweh, why do you love man so much, that You are so mindful of man?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the malakim, but you will crown him with glory and honor.

Even though he's lower than the angels, you have what? You have put a CROWN on him of HONOR! Why, Yahweh? Men are so horrible. Why? Because Yahweh says, "That out of a thousand, I'll have ONE; I will have a Harvest of FIRST FRUIT! "HalleluYah!

I don't have time to teach you about Reuben. I wish I did. He was supposed to be king, but he couldn't get victory over his sexual sin, and the kingdom was taken from him. Anything you can't get dominion over, Yahweh will take the kingdom from you.

Here is where it all changed, right here: In Numbers 3:45. This is where the firstborn lost their right to the priesthood. It was replaced by the Tribe of Levi. Israel committed acts and said, "Let the firstborn come and give sacrifices." Exodus 32:6 says that the firstborn offered the sacrifice, but what changed? Why is it no longer the firstborn that offers sacrifices? Because the firstborn committed grievous sins.

Numbers 3:45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israyl, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites shall be Mine. I am Yahweh.

Now, take the Levites *instead* of the firstborn. There's a change. I'm getting ready to show you why this is so important, because there's going to be another change. But right now, take the right of the priesthood away from the firstborn and give it to the Levites. Now you might understand why the First Harvest are called kings and priests, because it goes back to the firstborn. *You shall be kings and priests.* Take it away. Now there's a change; the Levites are the priests, and they offer the sacrifices.

Why did that happen? You can read about it in Numbers 4:22. They were committing sexual sins among the firstborn. Yahweh said, “No, let’s create the Tribes of Levi.” I wish I had time to read all this, but read Numbers 3:45 that we just read. Yahweh said, “I have given a promotion to the firstborn, making them great in the world, but they renounced Me. They have risen and offered sacrifices to the golden calf of Israel. I’m going to dismiss the firstborn, and enroll the sons of Levi.” And now you know why Yahshua is a priest after the order of Melchizedek. It’s a change of the priesthood BACK TO THE FIRSTBORN, or the First Harvest.

Oh, I wish I had time to read them all after Numbers 3:45: You can read about it all in Nehemiah 10:34, 10:35, 10:36. Messiah is a firstborn. Let’s read Matthew 1:25 as we close.

Mattithyah 1:25 But he had no relations with her until she had given birth to her firstborn Son; and he called His Name YAHSHUA.

Yahshua is the firstborn.

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible Father, the firstborn of all that Yahweh is creating.

The firstborn of every creature. You are the firstborn. He is the Sheaf of the firstborn. That’s why this is The Feast of the First Born.

Colossians 1:18 For He is the Head of the body, the called out ones, Who is the beginning of the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.

So He is the first of the rest. He’s the Head, but He’s not the body. This is where we mess it up. Yahshua is not the body. He’s the HEAD OF the body. That’s why the fullness of the GODHEAD is IN HIM bodily. He’s the Head, He’s not the body: YOU ARE. He’s the first, but He’s not the Harvest. He’s

the Sheaf, but He's not the First Fruit, that in all things He might have the preeminence. Now read Hebrews 12:23. It's about to get GOOD.

Hebrews 12:23 To the great gathering, namely the called out ones of the firstborn, who are written in heaven, namely to Yahweh the Judge of all, namely the spirits of just men having been perfected.

The CALLED OUT ONES of the FIRSTBORN! That's YOU! Your names are written in heaven already!! Why? Because you were in there from the beginning! Not everybody, but the firstborn. When you go through the genealogies, you're not talking about all the other children. You only list the son that was the firstborn, of that son that was the firstborn.

He's only writing down the names of the firstborn. Those are the ones who are predestined from the foundation of the earth, and He will get you, He will call you, He will FIND you, because YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN IN HEAVEN!! *To those that He did foreknow, He predestined them!* He only knows the firstborn. The rest will come later.

Listen to this! You all need to hear this!

I Kepha 2:5 You also, as living stones, are being built up into a spiritual House, *The House of Yahweh*, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yahweh through Yahshua Messiah.

Living stones are you! The spiritual House is the Third Temple. Bet is the first word of *In the beginning*. You are now the first letter of the Word of Yahweh! YOU ARE THE HOUSE!! You are the Bet and the Bar, and Brit. Israel was that, and then Yahshua was that, but now YOU!! Now, YOU feel the GLORY of Yahweh!!

It was the Levites, but now it's gone back to the FIRSTBORN SONS OF YAHWEH!! You are the priesthood now! That's why when I hear my

Messianic friends talking about a Third Temple with priests going in there, I know it's a bunch of junk. The priesthood had been RESTORED to the Firstborn, taken from the Tribe of Levi. It went back to the Firstborn. That's why everything you do is important. You are a PRIEST unto Yahweh!

I need to be careful now. What did the priests have the power to do? Forgive sin. That's why Yahshua told His disciples, "Whoever's sins you remit will be remitted, and whoever's sins you don't remit, won't be remitted, because the priesthood is going back to the firstborn. Here's what it means. It's very simple. In the priesthood of the firstborn, do you know how we forgive sins now? If I choose to take you to the water, that's where I remit your sins, because the Bible said water baptism is for the remission of sins. And only the firstborn has the authority to baptize you, and remit your sins.

That's why the Bible said to lay hands suddenly on no men; not to baptize somebody suddenly. Don't ordain them to preach, suddenly, because you're the priesthood now. Whomever you touch, whomever you put forth—that is the priesthood doing it. That's why the life you live is more important than anybody else's life. That's why how you treat people is more important than how others treat people.

No matter what you think about the Catholic Church—and you know what I believe—but there is something about seeing a priest with his collar on that lets you know they're supposed to be living a different life. Amen? Think of that. You are a priest. You've got a collar. You've got a calling. You're not like the rest of the Church. You're the PRIEST of the Church! You're the only ones now who can offer up sacrifices, because the priesthood has gone back to the firstborn.

It was taken from the firstborn and given to the Levites, but when Yahshua came, why do you think that it was John the Baptist who had to baptize Yahshua? Because he was the LAST. He was the last of the Levitical Priesthood; the legitimate line of the priests, and that's why Yahshua had to

be baptized by him to fulfill the Torah! He had to be baptized by the Levitical Priesthood to transfer it BACK to the Firstborn.

What a calling you have!! Why did the Son of Yahweh have to be baptized? To fulfill the Torah. The Torah is the righteousness of Yahweh. To fulfill it, the priesthood now in the Torah went to the Levites, but first it belonged to the firstborn. Now the Levites have to give it back to the firstborn.

Now everytime you come to Messiah and you get in the body of Messiah, you become a priest in this new priesthood. What you do, matters. Your praises are not just talk; it's spiritual sacrifices. You have the Power now for The Living Creatures to speak from the Throne!

Revelation 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our Father; and we will reign upon the earth.

Because the firstborn are kings, and the firstborn are priests. And we shall reign where? Earth. So why are you going to heaven? I don't get it. I don't understand why anyone would want to go. There's nothing up there. You were given dominion over the earth, and let me say this before I go any further: The first earth that you must take dominion over is YOURS.

This tongue of yours is the earth. That throne inside of you is trying to take Dominion over You! I hope you heard me. The way you respond to people, the way you talk to people—you better get your flesh and your earth under dominion!! Ask yourself this question the next thing you say out of your mouth: Did that come from the THRONE? If not, he's still trying to kill you.

That beast on the throne is trying to destroy you. He's trying to destroy you over your fear, your worries, because if something comes out of your mouth saying, "I don't know how I'm going to make it," is that the Throne talking? No. *I don't know how I'm going to survive.* Does the Throne talk like that? No. The Throne says, "I once was young but now I'm old, and I've never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." HalleluYah!

What's talking out of you? The Throne, or You? You've got to DIE because you're not the person you used to be.

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