

MOSES AND AARON

The Lord said to Moses, “See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron (a priest of the tribe of Levi) shall be your prophet. I will harden Pharaoh’s heart that I may multiply My signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.”

Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, “When Pharaoh speaks to you saying, ‘Work a miracle,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.’” Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh called for his wise men and sorcerers and they did the same with their secret arts. Each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents, but Aaron’s staff ‘swallowed up’ their staffs.

The power of God prevails. This episode in the Book of Exodus has many meanings or indications of the reality of God and the virtual reality of Egypt (the world/flesh). Although the Pharaoh’s wise men and sorcerers were able to imitate the works of God to a degree were only the efforts of mortal man. What they were able to produce was ‘swallowed up’ by His ‘life and godliness’ working through Moses and Aaron.

In like manner, what “Adam and Eve” produced in the “Garden of Eden”, viz., mortality, was an act orchestrated by God. Adam proved himself unable to carry out his mission on earth, although he was created immortal, he was not incorruptible. He was created in the image and likeness of God, but eternal “life was swallowed up by mortality”, and all of mankind were born his offspring and born corruptible.

In the fullness of time, God sent forth Jesus, born a mortal, but incorruptible and became immortal. He proved Himself to be incorruptible when He was tested. Therefore, He reversed what had happened in “Eden”, and gave whosoever will that same “Spirit of Life” that swallows up mortality.

He gives His offspring the ability to overcome as He overcame, and to be as Moses and Aaron who, by the hand of God, delivered His people out of Egypt.

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