CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE

SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

ERIC LUDY

The Cry of the Roman Soldier

December 8, 2013

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Matthew 27:50-54

And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Mark 15:39

Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

Luke 23:47

Amen!

Truly and Certainly

The Amen God

choose thee.

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Deuteronomy 7:9

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Isaiah 49:7

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truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

Isaiah 65:16

That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of Amen; and he that swears in the earth shall swear by the God of Amen; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

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The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is **Sure**, making wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7

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The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His commandments are **SUre**. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Psalm 111:7-8

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Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

Hosea 5:9

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A Brief Introduction to the Ancient Hebrew Alphabet

Hebrew Letter		Sound	Picture	Meaning of Letter
Aleph	A	Ah or Eh	8	ox, head, father, strong, power, leader

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Nun	N	N	فر	sprouting seed, life, continuance, heir, son, activity, fish

The Building Blocks of Amen

The Simple Formula of Faith

To Believe (verb, action)

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 + \rightarrow = AMaN

'Aman - Ä·man' - Ah-man (Strong's H539 and H540) (H539) To believe; to be upheld, to be faithful; to be carried, to be made firm, confirmed, established, and sure; to be reliable, trusty; to be certain, to stand firm; it will surely be; (H540) to confirm, support, to believe in, to trust, something trustworthy

The Right Hand (noun)

'Aman - Ä·man' - Ah-man (Strong's H541)

to take the right hand, to turn right, choose to the right, go to the right, use the right hand

The Master Artisan (The Creator) - noun

'Aman - Ä·män' - Ah-maw-n (Strong's H542)

Master-workman, artist, steady-handed one, artisan (one whose every stroke is perfect, whose every action is right, who is a trusted artisan)

'Amown - Ä·mōn' - Ah-mow-n (Strong's H525) artificer, architect, master workman, skilled workman

Faith, Faithfulness (noun)

'Emuwn - ā·mün' - Ay-moon (Strong's H529) faith, faithfulness, trusting

'Emuwnah - Em·ü·nä' - Eh-moon-ah (Strong's H530) firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness, faithfulness

'Omen - ōh·men' - Oh-men (Strong's H544) faithfulness, truth

Amen (adverb)

The Best Known Word in Human Speech

$$\rightarrow$$
 + \rightarrow = $\ddot{A}M\bar{a}N$

'Amen - Ä·mān' - Ah-mane (Strong's H543)

verily, truly, amen, so be it

Amēn - Ä-mā'n - Ah-mane (Strong's G281)

Firm, verily, amen, truly, so be it, may it be fulfilled

Ä·mān'!

The Adverbial Declaration

The Question: How will it be done?
The Answer of the Believer: Perfectly!

The Question: *How will God answer?* **The Answer of the Believer:** *Faithfully!*

The Question: How much can we trust our God to do it?

The Answer of the Believer: Without even a thought of failure!

The Question: How certain can we be?
The Answer of the Believer: Absolutely!

The Question: *Oh, believer, what do you say in response to what God has done?*

The Answer of the Believer: $\ddot{A} \cdot m\bar{a}n'$ and $\ddot{A} \cdot m\bar{a}n'$! He has done just as He promised and He will

continue to do just as He has said!

Doubt and Question

Note the Loss of the All-Important "A" at the Beginning

$$+$$
 $=$ MäN

Man - Män - Mahn -

Budding Confusion, What? What is it? Who is it? Can we trust? Should we trust? Lacking firmness, absent of the strength of resolve

And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna (Män): for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. ... And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

Exodus 16:15, 31

The All-Important Question

Regarding the Män come down from Heaven

Män?

What is it? Who is He? Why should we trust Him? Why should we believe? I'm not sticking that in my mouth!

Ä·mān'!

He is the Answer! Simply put - He IS! He is Worthy of our Trust! He is the One we Believe! I will eat that Bread of Life!

Reviewing the Puzzle Pieces for Ä·mān'

Piece #1 - Faith, Total Confidence, Absolute Assurance

Piece #2 - Master Artisan (Creator)

Piece #3 - Right Hand (Strength, Control, Ability, Skill)

Piece #4 - **>** + ****** + *****

When We Say "Amen!" What Exactly are we Saying?

Let's Answer that after Looking at the many things that the Word Picture itself Proclaims

In the Beginning, He Created

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
5	The Father Strength
~	on the chaotic waters
٩	brings forth life

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form (tō'·hü - chaos, waste), and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

The Promise of the Messiah

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 + \rightarrow = $\bar{a}M$ (Mother)

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
> m	Out of the Mother's Womb
فر	Comes the Seed

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And

I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:14-15

The Flood

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
8	The Righteous Head
~~	Through the Flood of Judgment
٩	Has Brought about New Growth

The Passover

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
8	The Strength of God
~~	Has Sealed you with Blood
٩	To Preserve your Sons

The Deliverance of Israel from the Egyptians

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
8	The Strength of God
~~	Has Parted the Waters
٩	And Given us New Life

The Cross

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
5	The Father
~~	Has given us the Blood/Water (The Living Water)
٩	through His Son

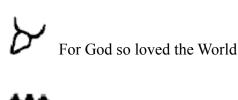
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8	The Father
~	Through the Flood of Blood
٩	Has Given us New Birth

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
5	The Father
~	Has Given us the Spirit
٩	Through the Son

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
5	The Father
~~	Has Washed Away the Chaos
٩	with the Life of His Son

The Author and Finisher of Faith

The Master Artisan that Begins our Faith and Finishes our Faith with the Power of His Right Hand



that He gave His only begotten Son

that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life

To believe in the Son

means to be clothed in the Righteousness of His Blood

and to be brought into perfect union with the Father

So, When We Say "Amen!" What Exactly are we Saying?

He Did It! And He Will Do It! I'm Absolutely Certain Of It! He Will Never Stop Doing It!

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

The Power of the Gospel Unto Salvation

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
b m	Out of the Mother's Womb
•	Comes the Seed

The New Creation from the Right Side of the Last Adam

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:21-24

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood** and water.

John 19:34

He that believes on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38

Picture	Possible Word Sentence
> m	Out of the Believer
•	Comes the Life of the Seed

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Piece #5 - **b** + **m** The Mother, The Believer, the One formed from the Right Side

The Ä·mān' is Jesus - the Great Gospel Incarnate

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith $the~\ddot{A} \cdot m\bar{a}n'$, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God . . .

Revelation 3:14

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The Amen Messenger

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a **faithful** messenger to them that send him: for he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Proverbs 25:13

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So What is our Message?

Well, it's known as the Gospel of Jesus Christ (aka - the Gospel of the Amen)

He has done it! And He will continue to do it!

The Män has become the Ä·mān'

The "Who is this Man?" has become the "He is God, the One who is Able to Save and Unable to Fail!"

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Matthew 27:50-54

The Män has become the Ä·mān' IN Jesus

For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

2 Corinthians 1:20