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GOD SPEAKS MYSTERIES

When seen by the Spirit, the Bible indeed is a series of great mysteries; God ordained it that way. There is the mystery of iniquity and the mystery of godliness. There is the mystery of Christ and the mystery of His will. There is the mystery of the Gospel and the mystery of the faith. There is the mystery of the woman and Mystery Babylon. There is also the mystery of the seven stars and others as well.

A mystery is anything that is kept secret or unexplained. Here the Lord Himself opens the meaning of a mystery, *“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”* (Rev.1: 20)

This is one clear explanation of what the Bible means by “mystery.” The stars are not really stars as we know in the sky and the candlesticks are churches!

Mysteries in the Bible are things that are hidden and often are not really what they seem to be. They must be explained by the Spirit. They must be given an interpretation. Just like parables or dreams from the Lord, mysteries in the Bible must be interpreted by the Spirit in order to give life.

No one explains this better than the apostle Paul. *“For we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery*

A SHORT WORK WILL THE LORD MAKE UPON THE EARTH

(Rom.9: 28)

tery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.” (I Cor. 2: 7) Then Paul writes, *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (Vs.9-10)*

Most Christians are familiar with these verses yet they often refuse to believe the mysteries that are revealed by the Spirit. They feel safer to stay with the literal interpretation of the word.

THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN

We read that during Moses' time, God's people were called to the “Mount that burned with fire and blackness, and darkness and tempest. And the trumpet sounded from that mountain and the voice of words was heard but the sight was so terrible that even Moses said, *“I exceedingly fear and quake.”* (Heb.12: 21)

This was the voice of the words of the Law from Mt. Sinai but the people were seized by fear and could not endure the holiness of God's voice. So God chose Moses to come up and meet face to face with Him. Moses became the mediator between God and the people.

In these last days the mediator is no longer Moses

and the Law and the Mount we come to is not Mount Sinai. We do not come to a geographical place, we come to a place in the Spirit. *“But ye are come unto mount Sion,, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.”* (Heb.12: 22-23)

This is the company that we are joined to in Christ. It is where we find our abode and our guidance. We come to the city of the Living God which is the heavenly Jerusalem. It is not the literal city of Jerusalem in the nation Israel of today. It is a company of people who have come to know Christ and whose minds dwell in the Spirit.

There are ministers and helpers in this church. There are the five ministries that Jesus gave to His church to bring them up to maturity and there is also AN INNUMERABLE NUMBER OF ANGELS!! There are two kinds of angels: messengers and warriors and both kinds are very active in our lives as we move on to know Him.

Our church is unlike any other. It is directed by the Holy Spirit and it meets continually. It is the church where the Firstborn meets with His many brethren! It is His church and this means that the goal of its members is not to bring people to Sunday School or to the services once a week, it means that their goal is to be like the Firstborn Son of God that He may call them His brethren.

“For whom he (God) did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn AMONG MANY BRETHREN.” (Rom.8: 29)

It is by our becoming conformed to His image that He becomes firstborn among many brethren. This is why we are pressing toward that goal for Jesus desires many brethren. At this time, it is the main activity of this company. Night and day we yearn for our transformation. We are each totally taken up

with our need to be conformed to the same image as the firstborn Son so that we may fulfill our calling of delivering creation. These are the greater works that Jesus has told us about.

If someone should ask “where do you go to church?” we could tell them that we belong to the General Assembly of the Firstborn and that is no lie.

THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL

*“Having made known unto us the **mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might **gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.**”* (Eph. 1: 9-10)

By His Spirit, the Lord has been secretly gathering the members of His Body to be the dwelling place of His Father. The institutions of men are falling for they were only temporary. But the Lord is doing a marvelous work and it is eternal. He is gathering us by His Word and as we hear His voice, He leads us into our place in Him.

We need gathering because we have been scattered and we have each gone our own way. Like the Samaritan woman at the well, we have had many husbands and the one we are with now may not be our husband.

We go from “husband” to “husband” as we go from church to church, assembly to assembly and doctrine to doctrine searching for the One who truly loves our soul and who supplies us with the true water of life. It is when we find Him that we never thirst again and we find peace and rest.

Jesus said, *“All ye shall be offended because of me this night for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.”* (Matt. 26: 31)

Jesus was warning His disciples that because He was going to the cross, His little flock would no

longer be together. This has been the case ever since. His sheep have been scattered among the nations and denominations of the world. But He has been calling them out to bring them unto Himself.

We each know that we have been scattered as little by little He has been revealing Himself to each one. He has been training us by the Spirit to bring us unto maturity in Him. This has been happening in the secret place of the Most High (in our redeemed soul and spirit where He has made His abode).

We have walked through many fires and now when we find each other, one by one, we find that we have partaken of the same Word and we have followed the same Holy Spirit.

Through trials and testings, we have been made His true brethren and we are also brethren with each other. Note that in Christ there are neither male or female, we are all sons. But be watchful that in the flesh we are still male and female and must walk accordingly.

We also find that His love reaches out from our hearts to each other. After Jesus left, the disciples were persecuted for their faith. They gathered themselves into small groups and put their natural resources together in order to survive.

The true church of the end of the age has been scattered and separated. But now, one by one, they are being gathered together and finding their union with one another because of their union with Him. They have heard from the same Spirit and have been taught by the same Master.

They have been as the stones that were cut out of the quarry and smoothed out to fit perfectly in the temple. All the hard and noisy work was done in the quarry so that when the stones were brought to be placed in the building, no sound of hammers were ever heard and each stone fit flawlessly in it There is no doubt that the dispensation of the fulness of times is here. There are many gatherings taking place in the world, and many would draw us into

thinking that they are the ones that have it all right. However, like Egypt of old, Babylon, Rome and all the great empires that have ever gathered themselves together, all will crumble from the least to the greatest.

Only that which our Lord puts together will stand in the day that has begun to unfold in the earth. There is a true gathering in Christ and it has already begun. Indeed, the church of the Firstborn is the gathering that will never crumble.

The kingdom of God was prophesied long ago by the prophet Daniel. He was told to seal the book until the time of the end and indeed that book has been sealed to our understanding and is only being revealed by the Spirit now. Daniel saw the times of the end of the age and wrote what he saw in the book.

It was actually King Nebuchadnezzar who dreamed the impressive dream of the stone cut out of the mountain, but it was Daniel who saw the true meaning of it by the Spirit. The dream had shown "*A stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and it brake in pieces the image of iron, brass, clay, silver, and gold...*" (Dan.2: 45a)

We are now come to the time of the end and we can truly see the truth of this prophecy. The kingdoms of this world which have been the product of man's devices have already begun to crumble under the power of the Christ who is arising as a thief in the night among the children of disobedience.

It was Daniel who saw that at the time of the end, "*many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*" (Dan.12: 4b) Indeed as we watch the thousands of people flying from one end of the globe to another and as we marvel at the new discoveries that are made daily, we cannot but know that the prophecy of that day is now in full force.

The prophets of God recognized the Word of the Lord and revered it. Joseph knew the meaning of Pharaoh's dream and because of it saved his family

and the people of Egypt from death by starvation. Hearing God's word is vital, but getting wisdom and understanding with it is a treasure beyond compare.

*“Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting **get understanding.**”* (Prov.4: 6-7)

s place.

A WORD FROM AUSTRALIA

Because we have been separated so many times in our walk toward going home to our true Husband, there may be days when we feel alone and discouraged. I think we all have had days when we missed the fellowships that we have known in the past. This was the case of a dear sister in the Lord who wrote to me from her home in Australia.

“Dear Jackie, I just want to share a dream I had last night. I thought you would like to hear it as we are all part of each other and share what the Lord gives to us. This is what I dreamed, I am standing in a rather dark room, there is a long table behind me, and in front of me is a woman, sitting with a child on her lap! But I know the child is dead, and I go to her with my arms stretched out and take the child from her with my hands.

As I take it, it becomes a solid substance, and takes the shape of a bar or loaf?? It also has a soft golden glow. Then I turn around and place it on the table which is behind me and as I look, it has become a shimmering golden object. Again I turn to face the woman and say to her, Your son is alive and you will see him again!! Then I wake up.” End of dream.

She adds that she had been feeling so tired the night before and had told the Lord that she was weary and tired of life. She feels that this dream is an encouragement to her and to us all. She adds, *“He is very near I believe, and the race will soon come to an end and we shall stand perfected in Him.”*

I felt very encouraged by this dream. Indeed I see the woman on the chair as the true church. She is seated holding this child who seems dead. She has given birth and even raised this child which is the beautiful word that we have nurtured through the years. We have raised this child, we have held to the Word of life and now it seems that it had died. It seems that the Word that once gave us so much life has failed to live.

But the Lord is showing that the time is at hand when we can pick up that word and place it on the table of fellowship and communion with the Body of Christ and it will live!! It will become the loaf of divine bread of life that we will share at that table. The table was behind. It means that our fellowships will be rekindled with this new word of life.

This word reminds me of young Joseph. He represents the Christ in those who have gone on to follow the truth. As Joseph, we have been as dead to our brethren in the fellowships that we have known. But the day came when they knew they could no longer be sustained as they were. They knew they needed the word of life and they sought it even in Egypt. So the brethren who have rejected the Word of life before will come to the communion table and we will find fellowship in the golden loaf.

Our brethren will find the true Christ and the true Word of life when they leave their traditions and the works of their own hands that they have nurtured and cherished. When they do, they will know that the love of God was with them all along. If they had not rejected Joseph, he could not have grown to the high place that he attained to. If the brethren had not rejected us, we could not have grown in the way that the Lord had prescribed for us. We would not have been able to let go of the false doctrines and traditions of the harlot.

It is when they become aware that they can no longer find life with the ritual meetings and rites that they have established that they will find the true Son and as Joseph they will hear, *“You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good!”*

We are ready to see this child (Word of life made flesh) take His place at the table of fellowship that all may partake of life and be made whole. That day is at hand. Thank you Lord and thank you Cora for sharing your dream.

A KNOCK ON THE CURTAIN

Recently, I had a dream that was very graphic on this subject. *“I dreamt that I was sitting in my room at home. This room in the dream was separated from the next room by a large curtain or drape. I see the curtain moving as if someone was pushing it from the other side.*

As I looked I could see that it was a hand or fist trying to push through the curtain from the other side. Then as it is in dreams, I could see on the other side and I see this man and his wife and others. The man was the one trying to push through the curtain with his hand.” End of dream.

This man was a brother in the Lord who passed away several years ago. He and his wife were very close to us on this walk; his name was Phil. In this life Phil had walked the walk and many times heard from the Lord in dreams. He and his wife would visit with us regularly to go over the meaning of his dreams. He was a man of higher learning. He was a college professor with a doctor's degree from Harvard in business administration and education.

So now he is one of the witnesses on the other side of the veil. The Lord was revealing that these witnesses are ready to come through the veil and be made perfect.

A sister in the Lord with whom I shared this dream saw it this way, *“This message from God is for edification. There is something coming soon for them (the witnesses) as WE are perfected in Christ. (God having provided some BETTER THING for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.)*

So what that “better thing” is, I believe, is the Resurrection without sleeping...The accomplishment of

the promises of God (a higher word) – as in “The flesh becoming the Word”,,,unto eternal life without sleeping must come FIRST in the creation (before they are changed and raised bodily not to die again.).

She continues by saying that *we are the ones who are given that higher Word (from Heaven) and becoming that Word through judgment, perfection and resurrection. The man appeared to be breaking through the veil into your temple (so to speak) to let you know (as a messenger for the dead in Christ),that they are standing in wait for the resurrection of their body).”* End of quote.

Indeed, this was a message from the witnesses who have gone before us. The reason it was this brother in the dream is that he was a man of higher learning. This has nothing to do with his natural learning but represents those who have walked a higher Word of revelation in God. The Lord is confirming that He is closing the ranks of the sons of God.

The time is at hand when we will walk triumphantly out of the bodies of this death unto the glorious liberty of the Sons of God. Liberty, because we will be totally free of the nature of sin that is in the Adam man. We will be found only in the new man from Heaven.

“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.” (I Cor. 15: 53-56)

The entire Company in Christ is ready to manifest this victory to the world. This is becoming more and more exciting for there is a breakthrough even at the door. O! Father, extend your loving grace unto us as we stand without wavering.

MYSTERY IN THE CLOUDS

By the Spirit, let us take a look at some of the “clouds” in the Bible. For instance the cloud into which Jesus disappeared was not a cloud as we know it, yet it may have been seen as a cloud by those who were watching. We are all acquainted with the “cloud of witnesses” that we find in the Book of Hebrews. *“Therefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a CLOUD OF WITNESSES...”* (Heb.12: 1a)

The writer makes it plain that this cloud speaks of the gathered ones who are beyond the veil waiting for the better resurrection. Just as, in the language of the Spirit, the stars were angels and not stars, so clouds are not always clouds; they are those who surround us in the invisible realm of spirit.

Over the years many of our brothers and sisters in the Lord have gone to the other side of the veil. I have had dreams of some of them showing me what they are doing there. Mostly they are being prepared as we are, for the time of their perfection. However, we know that *“God having provided some **better thing** for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”* (Heb.11: 40)

The word “perfect” in this verse is translated from the Greek meaning “complete.” This means that they cannot be complete or completely whole without us. This is why they surround us. We need them, they are those on whose shoulders we stand. Their works went before them.

They kept the faith and continued their progress in the word of His revealing. We continued the race after them to be where we are now. We walked in their footsteps and progressed in their revelations.

But as much as we need them, they also need us for they without us cannot be made perfect. We are connected as one in the Body of Christ. Our overcoming death in these bodies is key to their perfection.

The revelation of the Lord has increased mightily and now we almost see Him as He is. When we do, we will be like Him as He is now. *“When he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”* (I Jn.3: 2b) This cloud of witnesses is vital to us and we are vital to them.

John met up with one of them as he was in the Spirit on Patmos. This one was called an “angel” in this case a “messenger” but when John bowed down before that angel to worship him, he heard, *“See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and OF THY BRETHREN THE PROPHETS, and of them who KEEP THE SAYINGS OF THIS BOOK; worship God.”* (Rev. 22: 9)

Those who KEEP THE SAYINGS...as this brother did, are those who are walking out the fulfilment of the prophesied Word of God. Those who are on the other side of the veil are walking these out as we are in Christ.

GOD'S TIME TABLE

Who among us has not asked the same question that the disciples anxiously asked the Lord, *“Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”* (Matt. 24: 3b)

In our day, some have made interesting studies to figure out the approximate date or year of the end of this age. They have come to conclusions and have published their findings. Bonnie Gaunt, a sister in the Lord, had a particular anointing in the study of the “gematria” of the Bible.

Personally, I have not been led of the Spirit to delve into this complicated way of interpretation. I do know that it is a system of finding the numerical value of words as in ancient mystical Jewish traditions found in the Kabbalah to derive insights into sacred writings. For instance, the words “Jesus Christ” have a numerical value of 888-

Bonnie Gaunt's last book is called, *“The Dawn of Earth's Great Millennium.”* Someone sent me a

copy and in it I found the timelines with her diagrams explaining the times of Jesus' appearing and of God's great Millennium or thousand year reign of the sons of God in the earth.

There is also a book called *"The Book of Isaiah"* written by Garrison Russell. In the book, he compiled the prophecies of Isaiah into chronological topics.

Speaking of these prophecies, he writes, *"To gain a better understanding of God's plan it is beneficial to rearrange the prophecies of Isaiah, collecting together all the portions pertaining to the same subject. This produces an intense volume of information on each topic which can yield a fruitful harvest of insightful discernment into the workings of God."*

In his study he found that the prose falls naturally into six recurring themes: "The Captivity of Israel" "The Coming of Christ" "The Battle of Armageddon" "The Millennium" "The Battle of Gog and Magog" "The New Heavens and Earth." He writes, *"These six events comprise the entire plan of God for mankind."*

Both books arrive at the same conclusion. They both determine that the present captivity to Babylon (the religious systems) are from the fall of Adam to the year 2000 and that the rule of the sons of God or Body of Christ will begin some time after the year 2000.

From the book of Isaiah, I quote, *"The Millennium which is the rule of the Body of Christ will begin some time after the year 2000 and will end around the year 3000- Then comes the Battle of Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennium. During the Millennium Satan is chained but at the close he will be released and carnality and deception will flourish for a time. This will be in order to bring to maturity all those who are now in possession of the seed of life from Christ."* End of quote.

These calculations are in agreement with the findings derived from the seventy weeks of the Book of

Daniel and with the understanding that many have received by the Spirit.

However, we must add the words of Jesus to these conclusions. When the Pharisees and Sadducees asked Jesus about signs from heaven He said *"...O, ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"*

We may go by calculations but we must also discern what is taking place in us and in the world. When Jesus spoke of the signs of the end of the age, He said, *"For there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor never shall be."*

AND EXCEPT THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE SHORTENED, THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED: BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED." (Matt. 24: 21-22)

Even though the times of the end may be calculated in the Scriptures, I believe that things are beginning to happen even now. Jesus gave a list of signs to watch for and these signs are in place today.

We see clearly that this world is rapidly changing, some for the worst and some for the better. Paul declared, *"For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: BECAUSE A SHORT WORK WILL THE LORD MAKE UPON THE EARTH."* (Rom.9: 28)

Speaking of God's coming kingdom Isaiah wrote, *"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS."* (Isa.9: 7)

Zeal is an eager desire to get to the goal quickly. Indeed because of His zeal to get this work done, our Lord has shortened the time...He is making a quick work. Even so come Lord Jesus!

FAITH IN HIS BLOOD

How powerful is the blood of Jesus? It has the power to swallow up the death in the blood of humanity. It has the power to change our nature and to raise us up into resurrection life. Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God. He has the power to redeem us. Jesus could not have redeemed us if His blood had not been sinless. Jesus was not born with the sinful nature of Adam.

His blood did not come from the Adam seed or He could not have redeemed us by His blood. *“And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation...”* (Rev.5: 9)

“...Unto him that loved us, and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD.” (Rev.1: 5b) *“For **all have sinned** and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through FAITH IN HIS BLOOD, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”* (Rom.3: 23-24)

We are redeemed by the blood. We often sang...*“There is power, power, wonder working power, in the blood of the Lamb...”* Indeed it is because the blood of Jesus was never soiled by sin that He could redeem us all. Our faith stands on this truth, THE BLOOD OF JESUS WAS SINLESS.

It is THROUGH FAITH IN HIS BLOOD. This means that Jesus Christ has the power to redeem us and wash us clean from our sins because the blood that flowed in His veins was the blood of a man who had never sinned. There was no death in His blood.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ,

as of a LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT.” (I Pet. 1: 18-19)

On the cross Jesus was made sin for us. *“For he had made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* (II Cor.5: 21)

Jesus' experience on the cross was extremely painful because while His flesh was being bruised and torn, His soul was descending into hell and death. Jesus became sin. He put on the sin of the world in order to redeem all.

Paul explains, *“Therefore it is said, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive (He led a train of vanquished foes) and he bestowed gifts of men...He who descended is the very same as He who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He (His presence) might fill all things (the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest).* (Eph. 4: 8,10 Ampl.)

He gave men as gifts to men. These gifts are ministries anointed to bring the church to maturity. They have been highly counterfeited among religious men yet they have been working mightily to get the work done.

The blood that Jesus shed on the cross reaches to every kindred, tongue, people and nation. Jesus will present the entire kingdom to His Father that God may be all in all. Jesus has suffered the fires of hell for this and He will not fail. He has defeated hell and death and securely holds the keys.

While we are still in the realm of hell and death (this present evil world) ourselves, we are not of it. We know that our Redeemer liveth and that *“...He is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”* (Jude 24-25)

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