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INTRODUCTION

“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deu.29: 29)

“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out the matter.” (Prov.25: 2) Kings are rulers. The kings of the earth are those who take their power from the beast which represents the systems of this world. But there are kings who rule with Christ, *“...for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” (Rev.17: 14b)*

As kings of the great King, our hearts have been stirred to search out the things that pertain to us but that the Lord has concealed. The secrets of God's plan are hid deep down in the Spirit within us. Jesus explained to the disciples that it was not given to everyone to understand the things of the kingdom of God. It is a great honor to be able to search them out. It is an honor that our God has bestowed upon us.

The writer to the Hebrews greets us, *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling...* (Heb.3: 1a) While Paul tells us, *“For ye see your calling, brethren..” (I Cor.1: 26a)* And Peter exhorts us, *“Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure..” (II Pet.1: 10a)*

As we have been maturing in Christ, the vision of

our “calling and election” has expanded. When we were in the church system, we thought that we were called only to make converts like us for the church.

When we became separated from the “evangelical” church, we began to press into our calling as mature sons. The Word of sonship and manifestation of the sons of God became our unique vision.

Then we had the vision of becoming “one” together as we became one in the Lord. We may have had a vision of doing this in the natural realm and some have gathered together as communities. This served a purpose at the time but it came short of gathering the people into Christ.

As we reach more maturity, we find that the true gathering in Christ has been taking place as He has brought the people whom He foreknew together in the same vision by the Spirit. We find that many whom we thought were with us were actually of another fold while those we did not know are indeed our spiritual next of kin.

Now the vision of our calling has broadened even more and we understand the weight that the words of Paul carry as he speaks about the great deliverance that is coming to the entire creation of God. *“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now...For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (Rom.8: 22,19)*

THE LAND OF THE DEAD

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;” (Eph.2: 1) We have been the dead among the dead. The dead are totally disconnected from the realm of life. When we see a “dead” person in a coffin, we know that they cannot talk or smile or acknowledge anyone around them. They are dead and totally disconnected from their surroundings. We as well were totally disconnected from the realm of spirit all around us.

“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening (life giving) spirit.” (I Cor.15: 45) This is the Son of God as He is now in the earth, He is a quickening spirit. When we come to the image of the Son of God we enter into the last Adam and become “quickenings” with Him.

We were “quickenings” or made alive by the One who is the “quickenings Spirit.” Now we have been on a journey to become as He is: “a quickening Spirit.” This is the call of sonship. This is the only way the sons can be part of the great deliverance that creation is so eagerly waiting for.

John said that the “antichrist” was already among them. We see that evil working working in the church system where the truth has been twisted and the people's minds have been filled with fears and superstitions. They have taken the literal words of hell and death and made them tools to bind the people to this beast called Mystery Babylon, the Mother of harlots.

So what is the vision of the sons today? The sons who were once delivered from the darkness and corruption of the world systems are called to step into the role of deliverers for the rest of creation.

As sons, we were first called and quickened in Spirit so that we could be connected with the realm of the kingdom of God in spirit. We were also delivered from the bondage of darkness that the church systems had brought us down into. Then we were raised into the maturity of sons to inherit our land and deliver creation.

MY REWARD IS WITH ME

Paul prayed earnestly that “*the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of his inheritance in the saints...*” (Eph. 1: 17-18) We have been on an endless treasure hunt, looking for more and more light concerning the things that we are called unto not only in this age but in the age to come.

We find the resurrected Lord Jesus calling to us, “*Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work SHALL BE.*” (Rev.22: 12) The reward is Himself and each one is called to perform the works they have been prepared to do throughout eternity. These works are His reward and ours as we move from age to age restoring life to the dead.

The reward is to be as He is with the power to quicken and give life to creation. This is what the sons of God will do throughout the ages to come. We once were dead but we were quickened and made alive that in turn we may quicken those to whom we are sent.

Isaiah declared that *A nation shall be born in a day.*” Indeed the breath of life will be blowing from the sons to quicken creation. These are the works that shall be given to every man as the Lord of glory comes with this great “reward.”

When Jesus said that we would do greater works than the works He Himself performed in the earth, it was a promise that has not yet come to pass. No man on record has ever done the works that Jesus did, much less greater works. So how and when will this begin to take place?

The preparations for these has certainly been on going. When the Lord spoke the mysteries of the end time to the prophet Daniel, He told him, “*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*”

(Dan.12: 4) But John heard the angel say, "...SEAL NOT the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Rev.22: 10) The secret is out...the Lord comes quickly to give the reward which is the work that is assigned to each one who has been prepared. The Firstfruits are the first to be made ready for these works.

Paul speaks of the Firstfruits as the "sons of God" when he says, "*Because the creature (creation) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children (sons) of God.*" (Rom.8: 21)

The sons who are first to mature (Firstfruits) have been subjected to many trials in order to refine the silver and the gold (divine nature) that have been deposited within their hearts and minds.

As we go through trials and difficult times, we need to keep this in mind, however we usually are not able to keep that focus because if we did, the trial would be easier than it is supposed to be and it would not do the complete work that it is sent to accomplish in us.

THE GATHERING

There came a day when Jesus told His disciples, "*The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*" (Lk.10: 2) A gathering is a harvest.

When we read this verse, we have assumed that the Lord was speaking about a "harvest of saved souls" and surely evangelism serves a great purpose as part of God's plan. But now the church is entering a time of greater maturity and therefore we understand that Jesus at the time was yearning for the special harvest of His firstfruits.

We have had multitudes of labourers in the harvest of souls, but the labourers have indeed been few in the harvest of His firstfruits. It has indeed been a long and tedious process as the firstfruits have been harvested from the four corners of the earth.

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect

from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt.24: 31) The angels with the great sound of a trumpet are the messengers who blow the great words of gathering with a certain sound. This trumpet is not heard in the worldly churches; it is heard in the realm of Spirit where the elect who are scattered in the four winds are being prepared.

When Israel was camped in the wilderness, the Lord commanded that they should make two trumpets. One of these was for the gathering of the tribes. Paul spoke to the church, "*For if a trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?*" (I Cor.14: 8)

During the past one hundred years, we have been hearing the great sound of God's trumpet calling us out of the Babylon of religions and unto Himself. From this has stemmed the great warfare within our thoughts that are anchored in the traditions of men. Coming all the way out of Babylon may seem easy on the surface, but there are deep roots that must be pulled up by force and blood and tears.

The word that the Lord sends us is clear and distinct. It has kept us in the place which is divinely designed for us. It has been sealing our understanding in the things of Spirit.

The great gathering of the harvest of Firstfruits has been on-going so that when we meet the members in particular we are amazed at how we all have been taught by the same Master. As the Lord permits we meet one another through the many ways of communication that He has made for us today and we realize that truly we are coming from the four winds where we have been scattered.

We each have come from different backgrounds but the spirit that has been formed within each of us is the One we all have come to know. Indeed we have been gathered by His own Hand and we cannot deny our own.

In the past we have been able to pick and choose our "assemblings" and they have been only temporary. But what God has put together, no man can put asunder. We are truly the "assemblage" of the Lord

bound by the threefold cords of His love. *"..And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."* (Ecc.4: 12b)

THE HEART OF THE FIRSTFRUITS

As we mature into Firstfruits our hearts are changed and our thoughts are no longer the same. Being in the image of the Son of God is to feel as the heart of God feels for His creation. Remember that He so loved the world that He had created that He gave His only begotten Son to save it.

In Adam we are born with a heart filled with vanity and selfishness. *"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.."* (Rom.8: 20)

Before the sons can possibly deliver creation from the vanity that keeps them sinning, they must themselves be made free from the same. When we were called out of the church system, we found our hearts coming down harshly upon the leaders that had held us in bondage. This gave us the power to come out and stay out. But as time passed, we found that this attitude must only be temporary for we could not allow our hearts to harbor bitterness against anyone.

Nevertheless, the ways of the shepherds that have led the flock of God in the land today are intolerable and must be abolished. In the days of Ezekiel the Lord sent these words, *"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out."*

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." (Eze. 34: 11-12)

Is this not the way that the Lord Jesus sought after us and brought us out as we were scattered among the worldly churches and assemblies of men? As firstfruits, we find ourselves moved by the need to deliver God's sheep from their bondage to the world's systems.

The truth is that the devastation that we see everywhere today will not end by introducing what we

believe are better things for them. The problem cannot be solved by introducing better worldly things to the world; the problem can only be solved by delivering the people from the religious systems that are ruling over them.

If one cannot see that they are controlled by religious devils, they are deceived. The ruler of this world is Satan himself, the chief serpent who is the spirit of antichrist and the dragon who has usurped the place of Christ. He rules proudly and arrogantly through the brilliant minds of strong men in the world. The root of the serpent is "religious." His passionate desire has always been to be God. He is the god of this world.

MEET BLUEBEARD

I once had a very vivid dream that exposes the power of this enemy and the role that we play as sons in the deliverance that must come. First we needed to be delivered ourselves, then we are made ready to deliver others.

In the dream *"I was transported to a huge capsule like a fortress way up in space. It had a solid very thick iron door and when I entered I was in a large round lobby with many closed doors all around. The place was solid and tightly locked. I found out that it was kept by a strong giant of a man who was violent and murdered his wives. It put me in mind of the Bluebeard of the French literary folktale I read about as a child. I knew I had to quickly get out of that place."*

I had to get the front door opened again for it had locked behind me. I looked over the top of the door and saw a long crowbar that I could use to pry it open. I took it down and opened the door. Then I saw that I was way up in space over the earth but there was a narrow rope ladder that hung down from the fortress all the way down to the earth."

It had rope hand rails for a time and although it was very precarious I managed my way down almost half way when I saw that there were no more handrails and now I just had to go down the rest of the way without that help."

I finally made it all the way down when someone greeted me and said, alright now that you know what to do I am sending you back up to deliver the people there.” (End of dream)

The fortress was way up high, denoting the high places where the strongholds of “religions” are located. The purpose for all the preparations we have been going through is to bring the great deliverance that is coming to all who are in bondage to the religious systems. Even our own walk under the bondage of this violent and murderous jailer was part of our training. Then we experienced our deliverance firsthand that we may show the way out to the rest of creation.

This “ugly Bluebeard” is no other than the religious strong man of traditions and deceptions that the people are tied down to. Believing that they are following the truth, they are on lock down in their narrow prisons, as dead men in their graves, unable to hear the voice of the One who is calling unto them, “Come out of her.”

We may think that the “her” of this coming out refers only to the membership we may have held in the denominations, but make no mistake. The “her” that the Lord calls us out of is also the load of garbage that our carnal religious minds had accumulated while in Mystery Babylon.

Long after we have attended our last service in the worldly churches and assemblies, we still hold on to echoes of their teachings. Until the Truth has made us free of all these, we will always fear new doctrines and we will always strive to do our own works of righteousness to please God.

This is so important because as long as we fear anything but God Himself, we are in bondage to our fears. When, in my dream, I came down that flimsy rope ladder, I had to overcome great fear. Yet that was the only way of escape made available to me. Most of all I had to flee from this formidable Bluebeard.

Although I was not aware of it at the time, I had been placed in that position and chosen to find my way out in order to know just how to help all those

who were in captivity in that fortress. You see my dear sisters and brothers in the Lord, Firstfruits are called to just that.

We are called to experience this deliverance firsthand in order to make the way for all others. This has been part of our preparation. If we cannot be free ourselves then we are not Firstfruits and we will be delivered with the rest later.

At any rate we can be sure that the way out of bondage will be no different for those who come later than it was for us. All have to experience the captivity and the captor and all have to overcome their fear and move out. My heart just leaps as I write this because I know how important it is to our Lord to set all the captives free.

The prophets of old were shown this great deliverance. Joel declared, “*Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand...And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in the mount of Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*” (Joel 2: 1, 32)

“*And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; (Man of flesh) and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.*” (Obe.21) There is no doubt about this. It is a done deal. This is the reason for our calling. We were sent to do just that.

AND IT CAME TO PASS

It was eleven years ago that I shared a dream with you and now the Lord brings it back to my attention. At the time, I knew a “generic” interpretation of this word, but now as we have moved on in God's plan, the dream has become a real landmark and a great encouragement to me. And so I would like to share the joy that it brings to me with you.

In the dream “*I was in my house. It was a much larger house than my actual house. It had many bedrooms that had never been occupied although they were all furnished and ready. My husband and*

I had been using a large sunny front room as our own bedroom. This room had several glass sliding doors letting in a lot of sunlight. It also had a beautiful fireplace and gorgeous parquet floors. It looked somewhat like a room in a palace.

So now I was changing things and moving rooms around. I took that nice front bedroom and converted it into a dining room. I called my husband to show him what I had done and he was smiling and very pleased. We would take one of the many bedrooms and turn it into our Master bedroom.

As I walked down the long hallway and looked into the many very neat bedrooms, I knew that I could use them for those who might come in and need a bed to rest. At the end of the long hallway a door opened unto a huge place that reminded me of the Termini Railroad Station in Rome Italy. In the dream and as I remembered it, it had a high stained glass dome ceiling and bright sunshine of every color came flooding into the entire place.

There were people milling around everywhere. By this back door, my house was connected directly unto this place, although it was not really part of it.” (End of dream) When I awoke from this dream I felt great joy in my heart and I knew that something good was coming in my life. And indeed it came and it is still coming. This dream explains the way that we have been in training with the Lord. First it is a love affair and a marriage relationship. The house represents the place where we live in the Spirit. We, the church, live together with our Husband the Holy Spirit.

Our house is large and ready to provide “rest” to the many spiritual travelers that may come our way. (The many bedrooms)- Our time with our Husband is behind closed doors but it is a place of great light and of great beauty. It was like a palace. It is the place where He reveals Himself to us and plants the Seed of life within the garden of our souls (our re-born understanding).

But now it is time to prepare our house for the many “pilgrims” who will come our way. So I was moving the rooms around. The fruits of the words

of revelation and the experiences that we have gathered in our moments of rest and of special intimacy with Him must now be served to those who will come seeking to know Him.

The place where our Husband revealed His secrets to us, the place we could run into and find comfort and peace. The place where we have felt protected from all harm and where He has assured us of His forever love and care. All that was this lovely bedroom, was now being transformed into a large dining room with a long table ready to accommodate many hungry souls that would come.

As His love has drawn us closer to Himself each day, we have been prepared to bring others to the same place. This is to be done as we turn our “bedroom” experience with the Lord into food for the seekers of truth.

This is very encouraging and beautiful yet the most significant part of the dream is the back door that opened onto this huge terminal that reminded me of the Termini Station in Rome. In reality, the main entrance of that station sets across the ancient thermal baths of Diocletian, the name Termini in Latin or Italian means “a place where something ends or is complete.”

Indeed that Railroad Station is very unique and special, it is an architectural masterpiece. With almost two million passengers traveling through each year it is one of the largest in Europe.

So it is not surprising that the Lord picked that one in particular for the message of this dream. Rome is called “The Eternal City.” It is filled with visitors from all around the world coming to see this “Eternal City.” Only this is a message from the Spirit and so a new DOOR has been opened to those who are coming to the end of their journey and who are seeking “eternal life.” We become the Bread of life.

The ingredients for the Bread of life are not found in the literal word of the Bible or in any doctrine. The ingredients of the Bread of life are the life experiences that Christ has brought us triumphantly through. The Bread of life is Christ Himself in His Body having suffered unto overcoming death itself.

This is what the people are seeking after. They yearn for that Bread.

The Door is Christ Himself that opens to bring in the weary and hungry into a place where they can find spiritual food and rest for their souls. He is the Door that has been given for them in the house of the Lord (the sons of God) who have been prepared for such a day.

My dear brothers and sisters, the things that we have suffered from being set apart has not been in vain. It has all been designed by the God who so loves the world that He gave His only begotten Son and all the sons in Him to bring His plan of redemption to pass.

How could we not see this glorious plan as it unfolds before our very eyes? This is not doctrine beloved, this is truth and reality. This is our calling in Christ. This is why we have been through the testing and experiences that He has led us through.

I rejoice greatly as I write this because the glory that has been hid in us is soon to be revealed to all whom God will bring and they are coming from the four corners of the earth. They are being gathered in this great "spiritual Termini Station" and they will find the door to the true church where their souls will be well fed and delivered from the death and corruption that their world-molded mind has kept them in.

ZION AND JERUSALEM

Jerusalem is the city and Zion is the Mount within Jerusalem. It is the seat of David's throne. Paul explains that there are two Jerusalems. *"For it is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise."*

Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." (Gal.4: 22-26) There are two Jerusalems, the literal city overseas and the

one "from above" which is the church of Jesus Christ in the Spirit. In the same way, there are two Zion. Anytime that we mix these in our teachings, there is confusion. We cannot mix the literal and the spiritual. They each have their own sets of teaching.

The visible church that assembles in the world under the name of Jesus Christ mostly teaches the literal letter of the Word and is under a bondage akin to the literal Jerusalem which teaches Judaism.

The true church comes down from heaven. This means that her teachings are spiritual. She is hid in God. *"And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* (Rev.21: 2) She is seen adorned as a bride because her only desire is to wed her Beloved Husband.

Just as there is a Jerusalem from above, there is a Zion from above. This is the Zion that the prophet Joel was talking about when he said, *"And in Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance."*

Zion is the highest mount in Jerusalem. It stands 2510 ft above the city. It is the same as Mount Moriah where Abraham offered up his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Zion had been a Jebusite stronghold and many tried in vain to conquer it. But David fought for it and it became "The City of David" where he established his throne.

This speaks of the great deliverance that the Lord has wrought in the spiritual Zion of God. Indeed the sons that are called to bring forth the image of the Son of God in the earth had to be first delivered of the bondage of their own strong warlike personalities and will power. (These are traits of the Jebusites)

In the Spirit, Zion represents the place where Christ rules and reigns in us. It is this same Zion that is bringing forth her sons. Hear the great prophet of the kingdom as he saw the times that we are in now, *"Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy,*

*and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise **from the city**, a voice **from the temple**, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a manchild. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? **For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.***

Shall I bring to birth and not cause to bring forth? Saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? Saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her..." (Isa.66: 5-10)

Jerusalem represents the entire Church of Jesus Christ while Zion is the part of Jerusalem who has been caught up in a higher dimension and has given birth to the Word that was planted in her.

As Zion we have been raised up into the sons to whom we gave birth. The Word (Seed) that we have received and nurtured has to come to its manifestation. *"For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee."* (Isa.62: 5)

The prophet wrote, *"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles (heathens) shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name."* (Isa.62: 1-2)

It is Zion that is giving birth at this time. It is the church that has been raised up in Christ. However, the entire church will also rejoice when they see that their time of mourning is over. The brethren who hated us because of the Word that we proclaimed in the name of the Lord, shall be ashamed.

Nothing and no one can stop this now. The trump of God has been blowing. The Word of this happen-

ing had been first written then spoken by the prophets. It is now being fulfilled in all its glory. Indeed, the time has come when He shall appear to our joy.

Shall the earth (we are the earth) bring forth in one day? Amen. Shall a nation be born at once? Amen to that also. The words that were once shrouded with darkness have become perfectly clear and understandable to us. Shall I bring to birth and not cause to bring forth? Shall I shut the womb that is giving birth? No way!

The prophet ends the chapter with these wonderful words, *"Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold **his reward is with him**, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken. (Vs.11-12)*

This is how the Lord sees us. This is what He has made us to be. We are the city of God, New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. We are being revealed by the Word that is coming from the place where it was hid with Christ in God.

This is who we are forever, we are the Body of Christ, the church in heaven and in earth. *"And he is the head of the Body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."* (Col. 1: 18)

The Body and the Church are one in Christ. And He is the firstborn FROM THE DEAD which means He came down and partook of the same death as the first Adam in order to bring us out through the same power of holiness in resurrection.

We are not yet manifested but the power of His resurrection has been at work in us all along. The hope of glory which has been the mystery hid within is about to be revealed to the world. My Lord and my God, how great Thou art!

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