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## WITNESSES OF HIS RESURRECTION

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### WITHIN OUR REACH

It was late evening and past my usual bedtime when I sat in my chair pondering the recent words that the Lord had given us. I looked at the little desk next to my chair and I saw an unlabeled folder that had been there for quite some time. I already knew it contained blank sheets of paper in case I needed to make notes but I opened it anyway. To my surprise I found one of my old writings laying among the blank papers.

It was No.82 which means that it had been written in 1999- Fifteen years ago. I began to read it and on page four found a paragraph entitled, "Within Our Reach." Then I read the dream that I wrote at the time and I was amazed as I realized that for fifteen years I totally forgot this enormously significant dream. This was not like me; it had to be that the Lord had sealed it from my memory.

This 1999 dream was given to me as an answer to a question I asked the Lord at the time. My question was "Are some of us, who heard the call and are still alive now, among those who will overcome the last enemy which is death in these bodies and put on immortality?"

We know from the Scriptures that this has to happen and that it is what the witnesses beyond the veil are eagerly awaiting for "*They without us cannot be made perfect.*" They cannot received their bodies of glory until death is overcome here on earth.

Some fifty years ago, the Lord had shown some of us that death will be overcome by some who are here in these earthen bodies now. Can we, who are

much older, still look forward to this happening in our own bodies? The Lord answered me with this dream which I wrote at the time.

*Dream: "My husband Michael and I were traveling with others. We were in our own car and others were in their own vehicles although we were traveling together. We were going "home." It was evening and we were checking out of our motel and packing our car for the remaining of the journey. I told Michael to be sure and not forget my little red footstool.*

*Then, standing by the car, I see this tall nice-looking man. He looked very kind and extremely knowledgeable. I asked him if we could make it home in one "trek." He said yes, if you don't get too sleepy. We were traveling a two-lane road and not an expressway. There were only 225 miles to go but because it was evening and we will be traveling by night, we could easily get sleepy. He said, "If you get too sleepy don't feel bad if you have to pull over. You must pull over." (End of Dream)*

It is no wonder that the Lord held back this dream until now. I dreamt it fifteen years ago and we have0 been on our journey in the night ever since. How many miles have we covered since? We know that some could not overcome sleep and had to pull over and there is nothing wrong with that. My own husband, who was a strong believer of this word, passed away during that time.

This kind of sleepiness overcomes us when the body needs rest and can no longer go on. It can be

caused by just plain fatigue or old age. It can be from wear and tear or disease or even from an accident. But we have the little red footstool with us. This speak of the overcoming power of the blood of Jesus who puts all the enemies of the flesh man under foot.

The most significant part of this dream is that, on the very same journey, there were some who were able to keep going and overcome their "sleepiness." Some who began this journey long ago are still here at the time of this writing. Red is the color of blood and in this case the red footstool speaks of keeping the walk of the man of dust under the power of Jesus' blood.

The man standing by the car in the dream is the Lord. He has the information we need. He said that we had 225 miles to go. The end of our journey was at 225 miles in 1999. The Holy Spirit has made many changes in our beings along the way. I knew that 225 miles meant that it was close enough that it could indeed be done without stopping again. But besides that why was it 225 miles?

Then the Spirit showed me that the end of the Book reveals the end of the journey. The 225 mile marker is at the end of the Book. Revelation 22: 5 is the marker. *"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."* (Rev.22:5)

This is the end of our journey when we will no longer be traveling in the night in bodies subject to "going to sleep." There is no night at the end of this journey and there is no more going into the sleep of death. There is no need of a candle (light of natural mind) for He is our Light within. This means that we will no longer need to get our revelation through the means of books or teaching, we will know Him as He is for we will be as Him.

The Lord sealed the understanding of this dream until today because now we are arriving at our destination. There shall be no more new "wave of the Spirit" or new "Revival" for now we are reaching the end of our journey. Many who were once with

us in this word went to sleep by the side of the road, but there are some who are still on the road reaching the final destination of this trip.

Someone pointed out to me that in the last chapter of the Book, Jesus Himself announces His arrival **THREE TIMES**. By the time we reach this marker in the book things happen very quickly.

*"Behold, I come quickly."* The first time He says, *"Behold I COME QUICKLY: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."* (Rev.22: 7) To keep the sayings of these prophecies we must be alive in the earth at the time of its coming to pass.

Again He says, *"Behold I COME QUICKLY and my reward is with me, to give every man according as HIS WORK SHALL BE."* (Vs.12) This obviously refers to the greater works that He has purposed for us to do in the earth when we are like Him. These are about to take place.

At the very end of the Book He testifies that these things are true then He repeats *"Surely, I COME QUICKLY"* and we answer in unison, *"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."* (Vs.20) His coming with the saints and in the saints is sealed by His Word and we answer with a loud and joyous "Amen."

## **SOUNDS OF THE LAST TRUMP**

In the Old Testament, God commanded His people to make two trumpets, each of a whole piece of silver. *"...that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camps."* (Numb.10: 2b)

In the New Testament, trumpets speak of a significant and urgent message. We are told that at the time of manifested resurrection, *"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven (appear from the invisible realm of spirit) with a shout, with the VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD: and the dead shall rise first."* (I Thes. 4: 16)

The last trump is the clear and urgent message from the Lord coming through the voice of the Archangel Michael. A few years ago the Lord spoke to me in a

dream about the Archangel. *"I was told to go to my closet and there I was introduced to my husband Michael. Only it was not my flesh and blood husband, it was a huge angel and I know it was the Archangel Michael."*

In this dream the Lord was showing me that a new Word was about to be given. My closet is my spirit or place of prayer and communication with the Lord. From that place I would be introduced to this word that I was now married to. As I pondered this dream, I knew that the Word in my closet was the word of the last trump. And surely it has been the Word that the Lord has dropped into my heart.

This last trump message is the Word of our transformation into immortality. The Archangel Michael has descended from heaven and taken his place in the Spirit (closet) of those who are His Body. He is blowing word of the last trump *"..the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed."* (I Cor.15: 52b)

And again, *"But in the days of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."*(Rev.10: 7)

The seventh angel blows the last trump. The mystery of God is the unveiling of His new creation in Christ. This message has been blowing loud and clear in the Spirit, how long does it need to blow until it is finished? It has to reach the total assembly who has been waiting on tiptoe for this event. I believe it is nearly here.

We read in the book of Acts that when the Spirit is poured out upon all flesh, God's servants and handmaidens prophesy, young men see visions and old men dream dreams. This denotes some of the ways that the Spirit communicates His word to us. The trump of God speaks of the Word that God sends to us by means of the Holy Spirit.

It was by way of a dream that the Lord introduced me to the Word of the last trump. And not to me only but all around the globe, in heaven and in earth, to all who have an ear to hear.

We are still cloaked in our corruptible robes of

this death, but we know that the next step for us is to be raised from these corruptible bodies into incorruptible ones. This is the change that will come in the twinkling of an eye.

Actually, the change has long been at work in the inner man. The inner change has come through painstaking trials and testing. But the change of the outer man will come in the blink of an eye. This will happen when the last words of this last message will have been spoken.

### **"THEY" ARE MORE THAN READY**

After enumerating the many who had passed the test of faith yet have gone behind the veil, the writer of the book of Hebrews informs us, *"God having provided some better things FOR US, that they without us should not be made perfect."* (Heb.11: 40) "They" are the few that are listed in this chapter but there are many more and since the beginning of the New Testament there have been many more still.

These dear ones are patiently awaiting their change. During his fiery testing, Job declared, *"I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, YET IN MY FLESH I SHALL SEE GOD: Whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."* (Job 19: 25-27)

The book of Job is said to be the oldest book in the Bible yet Job had the same vision we have received of the Spirit. IN MY FLESH I SHALL SEE GOD. In his time, Job did not receive a body of flesh that could stand and live before God, but it is certain that he stands waiting with all the saints behind the veil for the hour of his perfection.

In one of my recent writings, I told the dream of *"...the heavy curtain or drape dividing my bedroom from the next room. I was sitting in my chair when I see the curtain move. As I looked I see that someone on the other side was trying to push through. As it is in dreams, I could then look on the other side and saw some that I had known in Christ and who had*

*passed behind the veil. They were all standing as if waiting for something. One man whom I knew well had his fist against the drape. He was the one trying to push through.” End of dream.* The curtain exists in the dream only; I have no such curtain in my house.

Recently, I was listening to a tape that someone sent me. It was a message given by a brother that I know in the Lord. He related a sister's dream that fit right in with what the Lord has been speaking to us.

In the dream she saw *“saints being gathered from both sides of the veil. As she walked to the veil she could see a company of people pressing into the veil. She could see their noses and the contour of their faces pressing through the veil. She could see their feet coming through from the other side.”* End of dream.

This was so much like the dream I had about those on the other side of the curtain pressing in to come into my bedroom. Indeed the dear saints that have been held until all be fulfilled are now ready to come into their inheritance which is their body of glory in Christ.

That City which is the church is ready to descend out of the invisible realm of God and bring their witness into the earth. Heaven and earth being a witness of the wonderful work of the Spirit of God in Christ Jesus. Showing the glory of that creation of God which is described as the City with a street of gold (single nature of God, no mixture). That City with walls of precious stones and gates of pearls.

That City which is the Lamb's wife, the Holy Jerusalem and the Body of Christ. *“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULNESS OF HIM THAT FILLETH ALL IN ALL.”* (Eph,1: 22-23)

That City has been prepared by His own Hand in the invisible realm of Spirit, whether on this side or the other side of the veil. When she appears, she will be so glorious that to describe her John had to liken her attributes unto jewels of the earth. This is the people whom He has gathered behind the veil to

be met by the overcomers in the air (realm of new earth) and be made one to show forth the glory of the work of God to the world.

That City is a people who have gone through the fires and have been made pure as He is pure. That City is the fulfillment of what John saw by the Spirit... *“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”* (Rev.21: 3)

It is then that these people are no longer subject to death for their bodies are the tabernacle of God. The tabernacle or tent denotes an individual body but we read, *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be NO MORE DEATH, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”* (Vs.4)

The former things are the sin and corruption that caused all the pain and death. These are the things that only the consuming fire of God can destroy in the hearts of men. God does not accomplish this by destroying all men, He does it by raising up a people in His image. A people that has been totally cleansed and purified by fire from the foul and corrupt practices of the death infested flesh.

The members of that true Church form the City, the Bride, the Body of Christ, the New Jerusalem who is about to appear in the earth to replace all the former THINGS with the beauty of holiness. What a mighty God!

The prophets of today are given dreams and visions as John received, only he saw what was to shortly come to pass while we are seeing it happen in reality. In times past it took months and even years for dreams to come to pass. But today they come to pass the very next day. The momentum has gained speed and what God is speaking is taking place almost simultaneously.

## **A HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR THOUSAND**

And John saw another awesome vision. *“And I*

*looked and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him and hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.”(Rev.14: 1)*

Who are these dear ones standing on top of Mt.Zion? We are told that they are faithful followers of the Lamb and that they have HIS FATHER'S NAME IN THEIR FOREHEAD. In other words they are sons of God who have come up in the same way as the Lamb. Their foreheads speaks of their minds or thoughts. Isaiah wrote that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, but these have now gone through changes and their thoughts are the same as their Father's.

Keep in mind that we are talking about John's “heavenly visions” and that these visions are spiritual images which portray real things that will shortly take place in the earth. These visions were given some two thousand years ago and so it is not too presumptuous to declare that these things are now in place in the spirit and in the earth.

These dear ones are singing a new song before the throne. They know things that no man has ever known before and that no other can know or sing about except these hundred and forty-four thousand.

A song tells a story or message that is to be repeated over and over again. Some of the songs I learned as a child are still very vivid in my memory and I find myself singing them over and over again. A song are words put to music and harmony. These firstfruits are given the Words of God and they are repeating them over and over in perfect harmony.

These are firstfruits because they have reached the full potential given to them by the Lord. They have become the perfect offering to God and to the Lamb. *“And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God.”* (Rev.14: 5)

What John saw is what is about to be fully made manifest today. It is the company of sons who have overcome corruption and death in the flesh. The number one hundred and forty-four is symbolic of

their perfection in Christ. One hundred and forty four is the square root of twelve. The thousands mean that there are multitudes yet because it is specific number, it also denotes that it is a limited company and not the fulness of humanity.

They stand on Mt.Zion which denotes the place of Christ ruling. Zion was a Jebusite fortress conquered by King David. It became the place of David's throne. In the Spirit, Zion is symbolic of the Kingdom of God or government of God here in earth.

The Zion within each one of us has also been the stronghold of giants ruling the human heart through the carnal mind. This is a battle within that we are well acquainted with. Our carnality is being conquered by King Jesus who is establishing His rule by writing His laws in our hearts and minds.

Sons of God who are firstfruits are first to conquer this kingdom by the power of the Christ within. This is why the Spirit shows us that we have been climbing Mt. Zion as we follow the Lamb and as He leads us to conquer every giant in the way. The name Zion means dry and indeed we have been climbing through dry places in the realm of our thoughts and emotions.

Years ago I dreamt that I was climbing a dry and rugged path up a mountain. When I finally got to the summit, I could see the tops of many mountains all around me. The mountain I was on was higher than all the others. I was told in the dream that I was on Mt. Zion.

The dream was saying that there are many kingdoms in the earth (mountains), but Mt. Zion is the highest of all for it represents God's kingdom, the seat of David or the seat of Christ. This is why I was climbing this high rugged mountain. This depicts the arduous walk that we as the Body of Christ have to complete in order to enter the Kingdom of God. It is not a walk of “works;” it is a walk of following the Lamb daily, and the Lamb's destination is the top of Mt.Zion.

This is where we find ourselves as part of the Body

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of Christ. Our company is not found as a visible group upon the earth. We may be part of a group and be in that company, but it is not the group that ensures us we are of that company. This is an erroneous and subtle concept that is taught in order to keep members attached to a group.

This sort of teaching brings its followers into the bondage of fear. It is the fear of leaving the group and losing the security of the structure and therefore the life of the Spirit. It also takes away the freedom to move as the Spirit leads for their members are taught that only leaders or elders have the right answers for their lives and by themselves they do not.

The Lord has shown me the bondage of such people in dreams and I thank my Father for those who hear His voice and are made free from this form of abuse of power.

Our identity and security in Christ is not tied to any group whether they have a name or not. Our identity in Christ is in the nature that is in us. Zion represents the Kingdom of God in the earth although it is not in any geographical place; it is found in the hearts of those who are part of it.

This Company is seen standing on Mt. Zion with the Lamb having His Father's name written in their foreheads. They are those who overcome the corruption of the old nature by the power of His death and resurrection. Because He overcame death in His flesh, by the same Spirit, these will be the first after Him to also overcome death in the flesh.

Some are on this side of the veil and some on the other side. There are many more on the other side than on this side now, but it will take only a few on this side to finish the work of overcoming death in the flesh. So all who have had the vision but are on the other side of the veil have become the cloud of witnesses encompassing us. But they cannot be made complete without this side overcoming death in the flesh.

Together we are witnesses of His resurrection until we become His resurrection and appear in the earth. This is the manifestation the entire creation is waiting for.

The first disciples who walked with Jesus for forty days and nights after His resurrection are certainly among the many witnesses. They recorded what they saw and heard in the Bible and their records are a daily witness of the Christ who walked the earth and of His death and resurrection.

John wrote, *“That which was from the beginning, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of God.”* (I Jn.1: 1) Is there a greater witness than the one of those who have seen Him in the flesh? Yes! The witness of those who have seen Him by the Spirit is just as strong and even stronger.

The apostle Paul's encounter with the risen Christ not only knocked him off his horse but it totally changed him. A few have been witnesses of His resurrection while it took place here on earth but most are in the great circle of witnesses, who as Paul have seen Him by the Spirit.

Because they have seen Him by the eye of the Spirit they are convinced without a doubt that He is and that He is accomplishing that which God has promised from the beginning. All who have been called have this in common: their faith is built on the fact that He has revealed Himself to them. This is the Rock that our house of faith is built upon. If we are built on what we have learned in books or heard from preachers only, our faith will not withstand the storms of life.

Among God's faithful witnesses we must list Joseph. *“By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.”* (Heb.11: 22)

Why did Joseph take an oath of his brethren concerning his bones? By the Spirit, he knew that God would bring them out of Egypt and bring them to their promised land. He did not want to be left behind at the time of resurrection. Joseph is a true witness of His resurrection.

And what about the women among them *“who*

*were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain A BETTER RESURRECTION. And others had trial of cruel mockings, and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned (Stephen), they were sawn asunder (Isaiah), were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;*

*Of whom the world was not worthy: they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth (David, Gideon and God's prophets). And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.” (Heb.11: 35-40)*

### **THE WITNESS OF JOB**

From the beginning of the book, God's great witnesses stand out to confirm our faith in the better resurrection. Job is said to be the oldest book in the Bible yet Job's witness is as strong a witness of His resurrection as the witness of the disciples that lived in the times of Jesus on earth.

It is with great faith that Job declared, *I know that my Redeemer liveth and that IN MY FLESH I shall see God.* Job knew that with his own eyes he would see God. This is the witness that Job gave to the world. It is a solid confirmation of the promise we have been given in Christ.

Job had been battling Satan on all fronts. His nagging wife and friends were ceaselessly demoralizing and discouraging him as he found himself sitting on a pile of ashes scraping his sores with a piece of a broken pot.

Yet Job's inner man was strong in the faith and he never turned from the hope and the vision of seeing His God in the flesh. While he was a despicable example of humanity, Job is still one of God's greatest witness in this world. *“But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I SHALL COME FORTH AS GOLD.” (Job. 23: 10)* Job's vision was not set on his ordeal; it was set on his transformation into God's image.

When we have seen the Lord by the Spirit, we are His witness and it matters not what Satan does to our flesh, our vision remains steadfast and our faith fails not. We may not be tested as harshly as Job was but our trials and overcomings bring us to the same level of faith. In the end we find ourselves all alone with our Father desiring above all to be a son. We are sitting on the pile of ashes that once was the life we had built in the flesh scraping the sores that the flesh had produced

As firstfruits, we first taste of this death with Jesus. But we also taste of His resurrection power if so be that the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead dwells in us. The death of the old Adam is indeed a must. The two Adams can no longer co-exist in us. The Last Adam is Christ and He is arising from the ashes of the old Adam. This is our testimony for we are witnesses of His resurrection as He arises within each of us.

We meet more witnesses in the Book. The greatest test that Abraham went through was when he took his only son Isaac to Mount Moriah for a sacrifice. *“By faith Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him as a figure.” (Heb.11: 17-19)*

The faith that Abraham demonstrated at that time was beyond human understanding; it was faith in the powers of resurrection. God had promised him a seed that would bless all the nations of the world. And now God was asking him to slay the only source of that seed of promise.

Of that seed, Paul said, *“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed; which is Christ.” (Gal.3: 16)*

So when Abraham took Isaac on Mt. Moriah and lifted the knife to slay him, the faith that arose in his heart was the powerful faith in His resurrection. **“ACCOUNTING THAT GOD WAS ABLE TO**

RAISE HIM UP EVEN FROM THE DEAD.” Abraham could not have done this without that kind of vision and faith. As we know, the scapegoat appeared in the thicket and the voice of God blasted in his ears to stop him from going all the way. It was enough. Abraham had passed the test and he would receive all the promises in his seed and that seed is Christ. The scapegoat who saved the life of Isaac that day was a type of Jesus Christ. God's only son who tasted of death for all men.

### OUR FIRM FOUNDATION

There was a day when Jacob's life was threatened by his much stronger twin brother Esau. So their mother Rebekah, arranged for Jacob to leave home and go stay with one of her relatives in another country. This place was Padan Aram which means a High Place.

Indeed although this was a very physical journey for Jacob it was a journey that would lead to his complete inner transformation. He went out as Jacob but would return as Israel. The story of Jacob is very typical of our own spiritual journey.

At the very beginning of his journey, God equipped Jacob with the foundation that would hold him until the end. It was on his first night out and Jacob prepared to lay down and go to sleep. He did not inflate an air mattress or pitch a tent instead he found some stones that he could use for a pillow and laid down.

*“And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land where thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”* (Gen.28: 12-14)

God spoke to Jacob in a dream. This kind of dreams are not the common ordinary kind; they are personal words from God and they are prophetic.

God spoke to him about his seed. These were the same great promises given to Abraham. Jacob was of the same seed and he would continue the chain that began in Abraham and Isaac.

But God did not stop there, He added, *“And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: FOR I WILL NOT LEAVE THEE, UNTIL I HAVE DONE THAT WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN TO THEE OF.”* (Vs.15)

What a firm foundation this is! The Word of God promising to never leave Jacob in ALL PLACES where he was to go. This showed him that he would be going to places that would not be easy but in it all, God would support him.

Jacob awoke and he did not try to reason the dream away. He knew that even though what he saw and heard was a very real visitation from God. Jacob realized that by the Spirit he had seen God. *“Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.”* (Vs.16) Jacob became a witness of God. He had seen Him by the Spirit.

This is the way God calls His witnesses. In Christ we receive the same promises. *“I will not leave thee until I have done all that I said I would do!”* These words belong to each of us in Christ. Along the way, He reveals Himself to us through some unmistakable experience. He gives us an assurance from within that He will always be there for us; and that He will perform that which He begun in us.

Jacob saw the “Ladder.” He saw God at the top and he saw the angels (messengers of His word) ascending and descending, up and down this ladder. We have a mighty Ladder as well. God's Holy Spirit is our Ladder. He opens our understanding to the words of life that he sends us each day. On our Ladder God's angels descend to our conscious mind with the understanding of the Word and ascend to take our petitions to the Lord. Hallelujah! Thank you Lord Jesus!

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