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## FROM THE BRIDE TO THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

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### WE WILL SEE HIS FACE

A dear sister in the Lord sent me a song that the Lord had put on her heart. The name of the song is "No Higher Calling," and the verses read, "*Down at your feet Oh! Lord, is the Most High place. In your presence, Lord, I seek your face, I seek your face.*"

As I read this, I was reminded of a dream that the Lord gave me when He baptized me in the Holy Spirit. In the dream, Jesus came to my house. He stood at the door and when I opened I saw Him dressed as we usually see Him in pictures. His hair was the same but His face was blurred. I could not see His face. There was much more to this dream so at the time I overlooked the meaning of the face, but now the Lord clearly points it out to me.

When we first meet the Lord, we see Him as He is pictured. We see His body and His attire. With every sermon and teaching that we hear- With every moment of precious fellowship that we experience- With every gift of love and of comfort that we receive from one another, we meet Jesus in His body.

We have met Him in our battles, as He arose from the midst of our own being and touched us with His peace and love. We have met Him in his provision as He has always supplied our needs, we have met Him in so many ways, but our hearts are still crying out for more!

It was as I read this little song that I realized that what we long for and yearn for is to see is His face!

He has come to our house, but He has not yet fully revealed Himself. A face is what identifies a person fully. The beloved John says that when we see His face, we will know Him as He is for we will be like Him.

Did Peter, James and John see His face when "*He was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light?*" (Matt.17: 2) Paul explains that now we are as little children seeing only in part. "*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*" (I Cor.13: 12)

Paul is comparing our spiritual understanding to that of little children. Until we mature in Christ, we cannot understand things that are spiritual. So as little children often do, we use our imaginations to explain them to ourselves. It is at that point that we see Jesus as He is pictured in His robes with His shoulder-long hair flowing and sandals on his feet. But as my dream showed, we do not see His face, until we know Him as He really is in us.

When we see a person's face, we have the full identification of that person. After forty days, Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the tables of the Law. We are told that "*...the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance...*" (II Cor.3: 7b) They had known the face of Moses, but

now he had a new glory and they could not look upon it. He had been transformed and they could no longer see the face of this man; his true identity was concealed. He was no longer the man who had been raised by Pharaoh's daughter and his voice was as the voice of God. So Moses put a veil upon his face and hid the glory. And this was only the glory of the Law.

Now there is an even greater glory for the people of God and *"We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."* (II Cor.3: 18)

This is what the Spirit of the Lord works in us. He fills us with more and more of His glory, the glory of His resurrection. This glory is so bright that He has caused us to hide our true identity. The world and worldly Christians cannot look upon it. This is why we cannot share these truths with everyone, it would blind them and be very hurtful.

Many have talked to me about the way some of their loved ones and friends resent them for no obvious reason. I have personally experienced the same. The truth of the matter is that they cannot help it. It is spiritual warfare. It is the glory of the Christ that is arising within that they resent without knowing it. If we are aware of this, we will not react to them but we will know that it is best to keep from irritating them by being too close to them.

His glory is still hid within us, but it does stir up the spirits of this world. As His glory is revealed more and more, we will find that those who are filled with the carnal, evil mind of the world will recoil at this more and more.

However His glory arising in us is one of the greatest miracles that will ever be seen. We have been born with the face of the Adam creation. We look somewhat like our earthly parents, but as the Holy Spirit reveals His glory to us, from glory to glory, we behold the change that is coming to our own identity. We are changing and if we see with the eyes of the Spirit, we will see what Paul declared, *"nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ*

*liveth in me."* (Ga.2: 20b) *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us."* (II Cor.4: 6-7)

How can we conceive such a thing? God has kept it hidden from view in these earthen vessels. Nevertheless, it is real and it will appear fully in the day of Jesus Christ. The light that has shined in our hearts is revealing the true identity of this creature that is appearing from within.

The face that we so desire to behold is none other than the face of Jesus Christ that we now behold in a glass darkly. The glass is the mirror, the reflection of our own new being. This is the glory to behold!! He has made us His own. He has begotten us again! We now look like Him! It is NO LONGER CHRIST IN US, IT IS CHRIST AS US!

This will not happen until we are totally changed. *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."* (I Jn.3: 2-3)

What is this hope? The hope is that we shall be like Him so that we can see Him. It is this hope that causes us to yield ourselves to the purifying fires of God. We desire to be made pure because we want to be like him. If our hope is to be raptured in the sky, we will not yearn to be pure and we will turn away from the fire of purification.

When we see Him appear we shall be like Him and we will behold Him in the mirror and it is His face that is reflected to us. *"And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."* (Rev.22: 4) What does this mean? The face that they see will have His way of thinking. If His name is on my forehead then the face is His. As we grow and mature in Christ, we will see this. It is not easy to comprehend but it is where He is taking us...in Him.

#### **PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE**

When a bride marries, she changes her identity. When I married Michael, I took on the name Caporaso. I changed the name on my Social Security, driver's license and so on. When the minister ends the wedding ceremony, he presents "Mr. and Mrs. Jones." They are no longer Mr. Jones and Miss Smith, they are a unit. When the bride marries her Bridegroom, she will no longer bear the name of Adam, she will bear the name of Christ. Marriage changes the name, in the Spirit, this speaks of the nature,

Paul wrote that Christ so loved the church that He gave Himself for it; *"That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself."* (Eph.5: 26-27)

**Men should love their wives as their own bodies!** This is an amazing statement, but the truth is that she is now **bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh**, they are actually **one body!** We can conclude that the bride of Christ is none other than the body of Christ. If Christ does not take His bride, He has no "body", that is He only has the body that the Father has given to Jesus. Indeed this is a mystery!

With this in mind, we understand what has been taking place in our lives and why it is vital for each one to yield to the sanctifying and purifying of His Spirit. This is why the journey has been long and often difficult. The sanctifying and cleansing by the word is what allows us to have union with Him (the Word). The word "sanctify" means "set apart." In no way are we able to take in (eat) and retain His word as part of our being if we are not sanctified or set apart from the world and the worldly church.

Line upon line He separates us from the things that have been near and dear to us but that are only of the natural man. His Holy Spirit works with each one of us on individual basis, although in Christ we are one body. Men seemingly of good will have

tried to separate us unto themselves, to do their religious works but it is very important that each be sanctified by the Spirit within. Something within us always desires to please men and not offend but the Spirit will teach us to please God and not fear men.

It is human to seek approval from our peers, the carnal man has an instinct to follow the "herd." This is the reason why there are so many "denominations." If we listen carefully, we will hear the Spirit speak confidentially to our hearts. He will show us the way that we are to go and never lead us astray. This is our "sanctification."

When the Spirit sets us apart, the work is always done within. This is usually not a geographical or physical separation, although it can be. But when it is geographical, it still needs to be done in our hearts or sooner or later, the sow that was washed returns to her wallowing in the mire. This has been proven over and over again.

It is when we are separated unto Him that we are cleansed by His word. He reveals our shortcomings and the things that hinder us from moving on, only to ourselves. It is a very private experience. It is as entering our bathroom and closing the door behind us. The washing of water by the word takes place each day because He loves us as His own body.

This is happening because we are called and chosen to be His bride. There is a wedding coming and there is a **marriage supper** as well. This is at the door. *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for **the marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife hath made herself ready...And he saith unto me, 'Write, blessed are they which are called unto the **marriage supper of the Lamb**. And he saith unto me, *These are the true sayings of God.*"* (Rev.19: 7,9)

We see in these two verses that there are two occasions listed here. The first is the marriage of the Lamb, the second is the marriage supper of the Lamb. These two are one event, yet they are not the same. To better understand this, we need to go back and study the way Jewish traditions were at the times of Jesus on earth.

## THE TRADITIONAL JEWISH WEDDING

## The Betrothal

First, there was the selecting of the spouse. Frequently, couples were matched by parents without the prior consent of the boy or girl. This in fact is much like the bride and the Lamb. Both were chosen by Father before the foundation of the world.

Then there was the BETROTHAL. A great significance was placed on the betrothal period which normally lasted one year. A major part of this transition were negotiations over finances- how much the father of the bride was to receive, and the goods that were to accompany the bride. After the arrangements were finalized, the couple were considered man and wife, but their union was not consummated for a year.

It was during this period that the bride made herself ready. And so it is that we have been betrothed to our bridegroom, but the union has not yet been consummated. The arrangements were made when we accepted Him as our Bridegroom and His blood redeemed us fully to the Father. But there needed to be a walk before Him, with the knowledge that we were set apart and chosen to be the wife of the One who had paid the price for us.

In Jewish traditions, the bride made herself ready, but the Word tells us that our bridegroom is the One who *“sanctifies us and cleanses us with the washing of the water by the word, **in order to present us to Himself...**”* This is what we have been experiencing as the Lord by His Holy Spirit has set us apart (sanctified us) and has been washing us with the Word that He speaks to us.

On the day of the wedding, the bride and her attendants walked from her house to join her bridegroom at a place he chose and from there, they walked together to his father's house. The bride was gorgeously decorated in beautiful clothing and jewelry. Many months were dedicated to making these garments and the guests could not attend without their special festive wedding garments. This brings to mind the the parable of Jesus about the guests that were invited to a certain king's wedding... More about that later.

From the word that we are receiving at this time and from all that is taking place around us and in our lives, we know that we will soon meet our Bridegroom face to face and enter the wedding chamber to be fully joined unto Him.

After the ceremony, the bridegroom took his bride unto himself and when the marriage was consummated, he came out to show to all who were gathered there, the evidence of their union and of her virginity.

This is very significant to us, because our Bridegroom will display the beauty and virginity of His Church to all the guests who are gathered at the feast. Yes, the wedding supper or banquet was next. The festivities did not begin until the marriage was consummated. The feast lasted seven days or more. Seven is the complete number. We need to understand that the MARRIAGE SUPPER was AFTER THE WEDDING so that we rightly know the steps that He is leading us through at this time.

## THE MARRIAGE SUPPER The Dream

To better explain the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Lord reminded me of a dream that He gave me some time back. *“I was in my house. It was much larger than my actual house. It had many bedrooms that had never been occupied but were all furnished and ready for guests. My husband and I were using a large sunny front room as our 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 room that my husband and I used as our 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.*

*At the end of the long hallway, a door opened unto a huge place that reminded me of the Railroad Terminal in Rome Italy. It had a high glass dome ceiling and bright sunlight came flooding into the place. There were people milling around everywhere. By this hallway door, my house was connected directly unto this huge place, although it was not really a part of it.” (End of dream)*

When I awoke from this dream, I felt great joy in my heart. I knew that something good was coming and I had great anticipation. I waited to get the understanding from the Lord.

Sometimes dreams come to pass all at once, but at other times dreams develop their full meaning over weeks, months or even years. This particular dream has taken new meaning from time to time. Now, because the time of its deeper significance has come, the Lord is bringing it back to my mind as vividly as if I dreamt it last night.

In the dream I represent the Church that is being prepared for her marriage. We have been redeemed to the Father and betrothed to our husband but the marriage has not been consummated. By His Spirit, our Bridegroom has been cleansing and purifying His bride (our soul). But the union, as sweet as it has been, is only in the Spirit. The full union of spirit, soul and body is the consummation of this marriage.

By the Spirit, we have shared a bed of rest with Him. He has brought us to a place of great light and transparency. The Master bedroom is filled with sunlight and had several glass sliding doors, denoting the transparency of this relationship. He has shared with us many secrets in this place even mysteries that He only can reveal. He has treated His dear church with great love. Our union with His Holy Spirit has given us much comfort and solace as much as maturing. The things that we have shared in this place cannot be shared with just anybody.

Now He is stirring up her nest and a new desire is

arising within His beloved church. Is it possible that the beautiful truths that He whispered in her ear will be revealed and fed to those who have been fed on husks and are so hungry for truth? She begins to make preparations for a banquet. Her heart finds the needs to share the things what she has learned in private with the believers who are so weary.

She is transforming the Master bedroom into a dining room. This means that the things that were shared in this Master bedroom will now be served to the guests that will come. Many guests are expected in this house. They will find rest and they will also find provisions on a table filled with delightful foods served in the brightest of light. These foods are truths that the guests will be able to digest, fully understand and enjoy.

The guests will come from many places but they will all need to wear their wedding garment. They are the ones that will come through the door at the end of the hallway. Jesus is the Door. They will need to come through Him as believers; this is the wedding garment.

Jesus referred to this once in a parable. Guests had been invited to this king's wedding. The guests that had been invited would not come. Each had their own thing going and were too occupied to go to this wedding. So the king destroyed their cities and sent his servants into the highways and byways to invite as many as they could find.

*“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” (Matt.22: 11-14)* The chosen are in the Lamb company, and the called are the guest at the marriage supper.

The hallway door connected the RR terminal to the house of the Bridegroom and Bride (the true church). The RR terminal was like unto the one in

Rome Italy. Rome, in the dream, represents the center of the Christian religious world. It is a terminal because it is where travelers reach their final destination.

When Christians who have been traveling the road of the religious world come to the end of their journey and can go no farther, they will find a Door to connect to the true church and the wedding feast.

This house is the true Church. The world of Christians on their earthly journey can find their way to this house. Indeed many Christians have been seeking answers. They have been part of a huge denominational religious system of rituals and good works that man has established in the world and they have believed that this was their way to God.

Many have believed in the redeeming blood sacrifice of Jesus and deep down in their hearts, they are looking for the Truth, the Way and the Life, but have not been able to find it in any of the places where they so faithfully served. They have been fed with husks and are starving for a good spiritual meal.

Soon the marriage will be fully consummated. The feast will begin and the guests, all dressed in their garments (redeemed) will enter and enjoy the feast that has been prepared for them. The food will be served in a stately, regal room flooded with light. It is a place in the Spirit where there is no guile nor anything that defiles.

This Church, will house, feed and teach weary pilgrims who have been strapped down with heavy burdens. They will find their place of rest. How wonderful it is and how we rejoice to know that because of the work of the Holy Spirit of the Lord within us, many will come and enter His rest. *“The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”* (Rev.22: 17)

Yes indeed there will be many guests invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. They are not part of the Lamb company, but they are the reason for it

all!

## THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

It is important to note that the bride is not called the “bride of Christ” as it is often quoted. When the angel came to John and invited him to come see the bride, he said, *“Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.”* (Rev.21: 9b) The word bride and wife are interchangeable.

It is also written, *“Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.”* (Rev.19: 9b) It is not called the marriage supper of Christ, it is called the marriage supper of the Lamb. There is a very good reason for this because the name denotes the nature. The Christ of God may be as the Lion of Judah but when it is the Lamb He is the sacrificial One who lays His life down for the sin of the world. The Lamb is pure and sinless, without blemish.

When the bride marries the Lamb, she has been made spotless, pure and holy. She takes on the nature of the Lamb. She has to take on that nature because many will come through her house to find the word of life. She had to give her own life for this and she joyfully and willingly did this. Now she can bear the manchild (word of life) to as many as will answer the call.

*“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.”* (Joel 2: 32)

This time will come when the bride has made herself ready and the marriage has been consummated. This time is shortly coming upon us. At that time we will fully be like Him, spirit, soul and body. How we yearn for this and how we rejoice and look to that day as a bride yearns for her bridegroom!

As soon as this happens, the time of our being hid is over and the many who are seeking truth but have not yet found it will come.

This is when the Church opens up the wonderful truths that have been shared behind closed doors

and reserved for such a time as this. It is when she begins to feed the hungry. Some may call this a time of great “revival,” others may call it the time of the thousand year reign of Christ. At any rate, it is a time of great teaching and illuminations for those who have been in darkness.

The bride of the Lamb has not only a great wedding to look forward to, she is also preparing for the great feast that will follow. As Jesus taught by parable, this feast is for the invited guests wearing a wedding garment. It is for those who have been seeking truth and have come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the way the Lord deals with those who call upon His name but, He deals with the world in a totally different manner.

### **SATAN SHALL BE LOOSED**

*“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations (heathens) which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” (Rev.20: 7-8)*

The satanic forces that are deceiving these nations are already at work in the earth. They are strong religious forces that are dead-set against the Christ of God. We read that *“They went up on the breadth of the earth (everywhere) and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them” (Rev.20: 9)*

These are religious demonic strongholds as numerous as the sand of the sea. They have gathered themselves to make war against the saints of God. They have no hatred or animosity against Buddha or any of the other gods that man has conjured up, but their hearts are dead-set against the Christ and his saints. The beloved city here is not only the literal city of Jerusalem, it reaches into the spirit realm and includes Jerusalem from above. These malign and murderous religious hordes have been gathering their forces all over the earth with the main purpose of eradicating Judaism and Christianity.

But have no fear, note that God has strategically or-

daigned this war. It is His plan to let them come to the end of their wicked design and then swoop down upon them to devour them. God is a consuming fire, He is able to consume them in one breath. If the verses of the book of Revelation are in chronological order, this takes place between the thousand year reign and the great white throne judgment.

However, because it is greatly possible that the chapters and verses of this book are not in chronological order, it is more than probable that these visions and prophecies are already being fulfilled in this day. Even the youngest of saints today can understand this book by the events that are happening in our world today.

Therefore, look not to the hills or to any human to save the world, for none are able, but greatly rejoice that our Lord and God has always loved the world and He knows the end from the beginning. His great plan cannot fail, so fear not, for He is mighty! Praise Him for the battle is the Lord's and it's already won! Amen.

### **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE**

I have written several times about the judgment of the Great White Throne, however because of recent inquiries, I feel to quickly go over what the Spirit is speaking to me today. This throne describes the final judgment of all who either did not make it in first resurrection or else were not present during the age of the thousand year reign of Christ.

First, it is good to remember that God cannot look upon Adam's sinful nature. With His beloved son, God made a way for the Adam nature to be crucified on the cross. So if a person leaves this earthly realm without Christ, he or she is sent to one of the various temporary places that the Lord provides for them.

The Great white throne is the full authority of the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Christ. When He appears, the souls that have been in these various places are called to stand before Him.

*“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before*

*God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea, gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.” (Vs.13)*

This judgment is obviously an extension of grace from the heart of God. The Son of righteousness in His full body, for “*Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?*” (I Cor.6:2a), raises the dead that have been held in the depth of the sea, and of death and hell and looks for their name in the Book of Life. The book of life is Christ. He is looking to find, Christ within each one of these because, only the least trace of Christ within can save them from the second death.

So they stand to be judged according to their own works. I have seen the goodness of God in some who had never called themselves Christians. Their actions or works spoke louder than their words. And so, lovingly and carefully, the Lord brings them out of their darkness and unto His marvelous light. I know that this is not what many have been taught, but it is what is written in the book and what the Spirit has revealed and confirmed to my heart.

But there is more, “*And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And **whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***” (Vs.14-15)

The lake of fire is the second death. We already know that the second death hurts and we also know that it kills for it is death. This is the purpose of the lake of fire. We know that if death and hell were thrown into this place, it was because they would no longer be needed, so they are forever destroyed.

It would be nice if the word stopped right there, but it says that after this careful white throne judgment, **WHOSOEVER** was not found in Christ, or in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire. We know that there is no life apart from Christ.

Fire can be very good. It is through the fire that our old nature is consumed and that we enter into

Christ. But this is done by His Holy Spirit who leads us daily a little at a time that we may not be destroyed. This is part of walking out our salvation with fear and trembling. As soon as we begin to walk with the Lord, He starts the process of burning out our carnal nature from us. This continues until Christ within grows in stature and Adam is totally consumed. If we do not yield ourselves to this daily work of the Holy Spirit, there will be none or not much of the Christ formed within.

When God led Israel into their land of promise, He told them that they would face enemies bigger and mightier than they were. For this reason, He would deliver these enemies into their hands a little at a time, lest they be consumed. “*And the Lord will put out these nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.*” (Deu.7:22)

This is significant because as we have been delivered from the old Adam nature, God's Spirit has not passed us through the fire all at once. It has been a little at a time. The fire of God would consume us if we were to face Him all at once. In dreams, the Lord has shown me that this is as if we expose too much flesh to the hot sun for too long and it results in a very bad sunburn.

Christ in us is as the silver that is refined but not consumed in the fire. Paul speaks of the day of fire that will consume the wood, hay and stubble (the carnal nature). These are saved though as by fire because Christ is found within. Even if it is a very small piece of silver, it saves to the uttermost.

So what happens to those in whom no life of Christ is found? Do they meet God's presence without Christ and therefore meet Him as a consuming fire and the second death? Many opinions have been formed and voiced about this, but what is written is written. May our hearts truly desire truth and not figments of our imaginations. May we fear Him and continue on the road of life.

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*