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THE TREASURE HUNT

*“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out the matter.”
(Prov.25:2)*

Several years ago I had a dream that the Lord is bringing back to my memory today. In the dream “I was in my house looking out of my living room window. I see a couple of people busy digging up my yard. I called to them that as soon as I get dressed I would come out and help them. They had my yard almost all dug up. I went out and saw that they had found and stacked up many stone tablets engraved with ancient writings. This is what they were digging for. I knew that these ancient writings were in French and that I would be able to understand them. I knew that there were still a few more to find.” (End of dream)

From that time forward the Lord has been bringing this dream to pass in my life and in the Body of Christ. The two people digging my yard represent those who have been seeking truth. These truths are hid within the earth of His people and it is time to dig them up. By the Spirit, the Lord has been revealing much that He had kept buried and hid within us.

Note that these tablets were written in French. The word “French” means “Free.” So this does not mean that one needs to know the French language to understand them, but it means that one needs to be free from the bondage of doctrines of men and of carnal reasoning. The dream shows that I was not quite dressed and ready to go and join the search which means that at the time I was not quite ready

to receive some of the truths that were going to be excavated next. But as the dream shows it was not long until I was dressed and ready to join in. Since that time, I was ready to dig and receive the hidden truths that God has hid within our earth (our own yard).

What did I need in order to get spiritually dressed and ready to go dig the last tablets in the yard? What steps did the Spirit take me through to make me ready to receive these last hidden truths? When the Spirit began to reveal to me the first of the tablets or truths that were hid in my earth, He began to shine His light of truth on the death of the doctrines that I was being taught at the time. Then I was able to walk away from the church and hear the next truths that the Lord had hid in me.

By the same token when He is ready to reveal the last truths or tablets that are being excavated in our earth, He shines His light of truth upon the things that we are still holding unto and that would keep us from receiving the latest revelations that the Spirit wants to convey to us.

Looking at some of God's dealing in my life since that dream, I realize that He has made me free of some of my carnal reasonings as well as some misplaced “loyalties” toward those I love. It is fine to be true and loyal to our friends and families but not to the point where it consumes us and keeps us away from hearing from God.

It would also be misplaced loyalties to keep from hearing the truth because it disagrees with their opinions and we do not want to lose our good reputation among them.

As we are being made free indeed by the truth, we are able to understand the words that the Spirit speaks to us, this is why in the dream the tablets were written in French. However, we have been bound by grave clothes that must come off layer by layer so that the new life of the Christ man within may be made manifest.

The grave clothes, layer by layer, translate into our being made free from one bondage to find that we walk right into another. This is why many of us have walked out of one church to find ourselves joining some movement or group that takes us a little farther in the truth but that in the end becomes another form of bondage. I have experienced this time after time as I spent perhaps five years with one group then joined another for perhaps three years and another for about two years then another for maybe sixteen years.

It is when we are finally made free from all of these that we are dressed and ready to dig up the last tablets that are the deeper truths that God has to reveal to us.

The truths that we hold are ancient but to us they are the daily fresh bread that we eat with pleasure and gusto. As I was meditating on this earlier, I thought about the fruits of the trees that we partake of in the garden of our souls.

God planted many trees in the garden to feed our soul. *“And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest eat...”* (Gen.2: 16) The fruits of these trees are pleasurable to our souls. I feed on one of these when I behold and study God's beautiful creation or when I travel to marvel at it.

I feed my soul when I study geography or the customs of different nations. There are also trees with very delicious fruits such as the study of music or the arts. There is a tree of cuisine and recipes that perk the interests of some while others feed on learning the sciences or about animals. These are trees in the garden of our soul that we partake of daily. And there are the two famous trees that we all know about. One of these trees feeds the desires of

our soul to excel above our fellows and become as God knowing good and evil. It is a tree of judgment and law. We know that the fruit of that tree brings death. Yet our carnal nature loves to eat that fruit.

The only tree that feeds our spirits and gives life is the Tree of Life. This tree is the Christ within and we have been given access to it through the cross. The fruit of that tree opens the realm of the Spirit to us and brings peace to our striving souls. But this tree can only be accessed as we reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ.

Eating of that tree daily is necessary to our spiritual growth. It must be given preeminence over all the other trees. The tree of knowledge of good and evil must be eliminated from our daily routine. It is only when we eat of the fruit of the tree of Life that we rise to a place where mere human words are not legal to be uttered. How blessed we are that our Lord has given us His Spirit that we may partake of the Tree of life that is Christ within. This is the field of our treasure hunt.

The tablets were engraved with “ancient writings” denoting that God has written His plan and purpose for His creation and hid them in Christ from the foundation of the world. There is nothing happening that was not already in the plan. This plan has been planted deep in Christ in us and now by the Spirit it is being revealed line upon line to each who will seek and hear.

By the Spirit, David became aware of his relationship with God. He wrote, *“My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in **thy book** all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”* (Ps.139: 15-16)

This is a tremendous revelation if we understand the meaning that is hid therein. The Amplified translation can help a little, *“My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being formed in secret and intricately and curiously wrought (as if embroidered with various colors) in the depths of the earth*

(a region of darkness and mystery). Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days of my life were written, before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them). (Ps.139:15-16)

Of all the translation I like the one from my French bible. Literally translated, “My body was not hidden in front of You while I was still in a secret place, woven into a tapestry in the depths of the earth. When I was only an unformed mass , Your eyes saw me and in Your book were written all the days of my destiny.” (Ps.139:15-16 translated from the French by me JC)

The Spirit was revealing to David that before he was formed in his mother's womb and even before his earthly parents knew each other, God had already formed him and written his name in His book. When Saul disobeyed, God said that He had already found a man after His own heart. Actually, God said that about ten years before David was even born.

This book of God was written before the foundation of the world. This is why those “...Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Rom.8: 29) From before the foundation of the world, the Father had picked out a bride and brethren for His Son. He revealed this to David and He reveals it to those who grow into maturity in Christ.

HEART TO UNDERSTAND

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.” (Rev.1: 1)

Jesus declared that He did only that which He saw His Father do and spoke only that which He heard His Father speak. So this revelation of things to come was given to Him by the Father. In turn, the Son sent His angel (His Spirit) to show it to His servant John who in turn passed it to the churches through the Spirit. This is how the Word of God is passed on from generation to generation.

Note that the word was given through prophetic visions which have to be interpreted by the Spirit. Many have made extensive studies of that book, but because their studies were done by the intellect, the result has often been a mixture of man's carnal imaginations.

It is good to keep in mind that John received these visions AFTER Jesus was crucified and resurrected. It is also good to note that the events in the vision resulted in the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures' complete abandonment to worship. They offered their praises and all the prayers of the saints before the One who was worthy to take the book and to open its seals.

These were jubilant as they stood before the Lamb and they sang a song that had NEVER BEFORE BEEN SUNG. In other word, the message that they proclaim was something that had never been heard. This message is not the plan of salvation, nor is it any of our doctrines, old or new. It is a word that the world and we have never heard.

We know that God's plan and purposes for all has been hid IN CHRIST. And we know that Christ is the mystery that has been hid in us from ages and from generations. God has hid His plan and purposes for His creation in Christ and He has placed the Christ within His people. So when He says that this mystery is now being revealed to His saints, He is speaking about His plan and purposes for His creation being unfolded to us.

It is one thing to hear and even talk about what is revealed to us, and it is another to truly understand it. Because truth is not merely information, we understand the truth by becoming the truth. For this to happen there needs to be a measure of maturity (worthiness), there needs to be an ear to hear and a heart to understand. Jesus spoke of the people whose hearts were “waxed gross” so that they could not understand and be converted.

Understanding is a matter of the heart. As we walk with the Spirit of God and yield to the fires that He brings in our lives, we mature and our hearts begin to understand the things of Spirit.

We can have a lot of knowledge of Scriptures and even be able to explain intellectually, but if the heart has not been dealt with, the understanding is on a natural level. This is why some teachers move us and touch us in the Spirit, while others, who seem to speak deep truth, leave us empty and even confused.

God's ways are not our ways and neither are His thoughts our thoughts, and because God changes not, it is obvious that WE are the ones who need to change our ways and our thoughts in order to be changed in His image. This happens when we mature spiritually.

WHO IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE BOOK?

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.” (Rev.5: 1-3)

Why is it so important to open the book? Why was the strong angel crying with a loud voice? The answer is obvious, the time has come for God's plan and purposes for His creation to be revealed. What is written in the book needs to be made known. This book had been held secret for a very long time but now it MUST be opened that it may come to pass.

This book is Christ. It has been hid in His saints from generations and although men have tried to break the code, they have never been able to. Earlier I mentioned that in my dream the tablets that were being dug up were engraved with ancient writings and these were in French. This means that one must be totally free of the doctrines of men to be able to read and understand what is written and revealed. These tablets in the dream represent the book which is Christ in us.

In John's vision, the loud cry was, *“Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?”* In my dream, it was knowing French that would make it possible to read and understand. The word “wor-

thy” here means “deserving.” John said *“And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.”* (Rev.5: 4) John was heartbroken when he beheld the situation.

But then, one of the elders came to console him and said, *“Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”* (Vs.5b)

To better understand who the Lion of the tribe of Juda is, we must recall the prophecy of Jacob over his sons *“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”* (Gen.49: 10) From the tribe of Judah issues the One who is ordained to rule and reign. Judah receives the scepter.

A scepter is a baton held by a sovereign as a sign of royal or imperial authority. It is the scepter of the Son. *“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”* (Heb.1: 8) The authority of the Son is not based on any court of law or any written law; it is totally based on God's righteousness (God's right way- God's will).

It is the Lion of that tribe who is worthy to open the book. God speaks to us through symbols so we can understand the things of spirit, we look at the “lion” and find that in the jungle, the lion is “King of the Beasts.” He is well known for his beauty and his power. We know that Jesus Christ comes in many dimensions. When he opens the book that no one else is worthy to open, He comes as the Lion of the tribe who bears the scepter or power of God's righteousness.

In this dimension, Jesus Christ comes with full power and authority. He has conquered and He conquers. He is raised in full resurrection power. He is the One who has overcome death and hell and who sits at God's right Hand.

There is something to be understood here. After Jesus conquered death and hell, He sat down at God's right hand, in full power, until His entire

Body conquers death and hell as well. *“For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”* (I Cor.15: 25-26)

The “feet company” has to put all enemies under His feet as well. The complete Christ (Head and Body) is the One who arises to open the book and break the seals thereof. Together with Him we are the book written from before the foundation.

“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood A LAMB as it had been slain...And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.” (Rev.5: 6a)

It was the Lion who had been found worthy to open the book, but it is the Lamb who comes and takes the book out of the right hand of the one who sits upon the throne.

And lo and behold, after he took the book, the great company of beasts and elders who were gathered there fell on their faces before the Lamb and they took all the prayers of the saints *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongues, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign in the earth.”* (Vs,9-10) They were jubilant. They knew that now the book would be opened.

The Lamb and the Lion are one and the same. The Lamb is the dimension of Christ who laid His life down as a sacrifice, and the Lion is the same Christ in the full power and beauty of His resurrection. You see dear ones, it is not possible for the Lion to appear unless the Lamb has laid His life down. By the same token, if we are to be found in the Lion, we must be found in the Lamb. We cannot come through in His resurrection unless we have followed the Lamb nature within us and tasted of His death. We cannot rule and reign with Him unless we have suffered with Him.

No one can open or understand the book written within and on the backside unless that one is found

in the Lamb and in the Lion. This means that these two natures arise within each one who follows Him wherever He goes.

It is when our minds and hearts move according to these natures, that we are able to open and read the things that pertain to us in Christ as well as to God's creation in eternity.

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO READ THIS BOOK

Before the foundations of the world, God wrote a book of His plan and purposes for His creation, Then He sealed the book to be opened at a certain time, by a certain one. When that time came, God sent a **strong angel** with a loud voice to call out the person worthy to open His sealed book. This angel was relentless and specific in his call.

God had securely sealed His book. No one, except the One who had gone from death to life would be able to open it. Man, by his intellect, is now able to look into many intricate and wondrous things. Knowledge of every kind is opened to him, but his intellect cannot open THAT book. Even though he is great at trying to figure God out, He cannot look into the things that God has prepared for those who love Him. *“But God has revealed them to us by his Spirit;:for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”* (I Cor.2: 10)

Today there are geologists, botanists, chemists, biologists and branches of science to probe every area of creation, however, the spiritual world that governs the universe and all life, cannot be deciphered by any scientist of any kind. God has sealed it so it can only be revealed by His Spirit!!

As Paul declared, *“But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring down the things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence.”* (I Cor.1: 27-29)

To be able to read God's book by the Spirit one has to have a certain qualification: the nature of the

Lamb. A lamb is a totally defenseless animal. He portrays the one who will not defend himself or fight for his worldly rights. This, among men, is truly despised. The world admires men with brute strength and refined intellects, but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.

God chose the one with the submissive nature of the Lamb to open the book. It is the Lamb who takes the book from the hand of the One on the throne. It is only when the nature of the Lamb prevails that the Lion shows up. It is the nature of the Lamb who has the power to rule and reign as the Lion.

Jesus is the Lamb that was slain on Calvary, and in Christ, we are crucified with Him. To be found in Him is to have the same nature. We are restrained from fighting, we are as lambs for the slaughter. Jesus went to the cross because it was His Father's will. Before going, He prayed that if it was possible He would not have to go, but then He yielded to the Father, "*O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt.*" (Matt.26: 39b)

Think not that this was easy for Jesus and being found in Him it will not be easy for us. The cross leads us to complete self-denial. This does not mean that we should sleep on beds of nails or beat ourselves with whips as some religious orders teach. It means that in every situation we are called to take the low road, deny the self who wants to be proven right, and walk humbly with our God.

It means to "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*" (Phil.2: 5-8)

The more we know Him and become as He is, the more we humble ourselves and embrace the cross. This is not a message that will fill the churches and pay for the buildings, all the programs and upkeep,

the ministers, but nevertheless it is the truth. It is a liberating message because when we are ready to lay our egos on the cross, we know we are closer to God. Note that Jesus did not have to go to the cross, He became obedient to the will of His Father.

Jesus was the sacrificial slain Lamb. In John's vision He is the one standing in the midst of the elders. He has the seven horns (all powerful mind) and seven eyes (complete vision), which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth in all the earth. "*And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.*" (Rev.5: 7)

OTHER BOOKS WERE WRITTEN

There are many books mentioned in the Bible. Many are listed in the Old Testament. The books are records of what God spoke to His servants and what His servants did as a result. There is the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah as well as of the kings of Israel. There is "*the book of the wars of the Lord, what he did in the Red Sea, and in the brooks of Arnon....*" (Numb.21: 14)

There is the Book of the Law of Moses where we read about the service of the temple and the setting of the courses and divisions "*as it is written in the book of Moses.*" (Ezra 6: 18)

God told Isaiah to write the visions in a book. The words of God that Isaiah spoke came to him by means of visions from God. Most prophets of the Old Testament and of the New as well, understood what God spoke to them when they saw God's words through dreams and visions. The books of the prophets are often introduced as the "Word of the Lord which he saw..." Or the "vision of Obadiah or the book of the vision of Nahum." Or "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amos..."

Prophets SEE God's words. "*And He (the Lord) said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.*" (Numb.12: 6)

Many believe that the gift of prophecy is the same as the "calling" of "prophet" but it is not. Although

a prophet does prophesy, yet any may prophesy without being a prophet. Prophecy is a “gift” of the Spirit. When Paul taught the church he said, “Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.” (I Cor.14: 1) Paul exhorted the church in the gifts and especially in the gift of prophecy.

A prophet is one who takes the word of the Lord to the people, while a priest is one who takes the burden of the people to the Lord. God's prophets are often called to experience firsthand the Word that He is sending to the people.

Ezekiel had to eat the book (Word that God sent him) and it was “..written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.” “Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.” When God told Ezekiel to eat this book, He meant that every word of lamentation and woe would become part of the prophet's life; he not only read that book, he became that book.

There is the book that contains everything that the Lord showed to Daniel, but Daniel could not reveal any of it, he had to seal the book for it was written for the time of the end, “But thou 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)

Because of the abundance of ways of communicating, men at the time of the end, are able to accumulate a huge amount of knowledge in every field. However, God will not allow His plan of the ages to be opened to anyone until He is ready to reveal it to His servants by the Spirit. So although men have delved into the Scriptures and have come up with many interpretations, none have been able to know the true plan of God for His creation because it has been sealed from human knowledge.

There is also a “Book of Remembrance” written for them that feared the Lord. “Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of re-

membrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the **Lord of hosts**, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” (Mal.3: 16-17) Note that this word comes from the Lord of Hosts. This is the Lord of the Armies and it indicates that these jewels are protected in the midst of warfare.

Wherever God writes His Word, it is a book. Paul told the Corinthian Church, “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.” (II Cor.3: 2) When God writes His Word in the hearts of men, they are as books known and read of all who are able to read them.

THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK

If one researches the books that were written concerning God's dealings with His people, one will find many other books. But then there is **the Volume of the Book** as the Son declares, “Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.” (Heb.10: 7) The volume speaks of a roll that is a collection of books. A volume speaks of separate books bond together making up a set or a **complete work**.

So the Son speaks of coming in the Volume of the Book, in other words, He is part of all of the books that were written but He comes or appears when the books are collected together and become a volume. In the complete work- it is written of Him, and in the volume, “Lo! He comes!”

And He comes “TO DO THY WILL, O GOD!” We are the books and Jesus has sent His Spirit in us and written His laws upon our hearts and minds. As this happens, we become of the same mind and hearts as He. So as we walk with Him, we find ourselves in Him, in the volume of the book and we also declare, “I come to do thy will O God.”

If we read the Bible by the Spirit, we find Jesus in each and every book, and by the same token, because we are part of His body, we find ourselves in them as well. This is why “types and shadows” are

so exciting when taught by the Spirit. We find Jesus in every type and shadow and because we are in Him, we find ourselves in them as well.

Jesus is part of each book and He comes or appears in the Volume of the Book. He has been here from the beginning for He is the Alpha (beginning) and the Omega (end) of the Book.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Each person has an ancestry and each person can be found in that ancestry as well as in the events of their own lives. Each person is a book or a story. Christ has a story, its ancestry is from before the foundations of the world. Christ is the "Book of Life."

Our life here on earth is the "Psuche" life. It is the life of a living soul and this life is as far as our nostrils; as long as we are able to breathe air, we have this life. Isaiah declared, "*Cease ye from men whose breath (life) is in his nostrils.*" (Isa. 2: 22a) Man became a living soul when God blew His breath into his nostrils. This is the earthly life of the soul.

But the Book of Life speaks of "Zoe" life which is the eternal life of God. This life comes from the Spirit and it comes to the soul man through the power of the cross. It is a higher form of life; it does not depend on the air we breathe, it comes from the Spirit. This life is found in Christ in us; He is the Book of life and when our soul is caught up into Him, our name is found in that book.

There has been a great deceiver in the world. He began as the "serpent" and grew into the one called the dragon. He works through the carnal minds of men. In Christ we are called to overcome and cast out the deceiver, first from our own carnal understanding, then from the world. "*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*" (Rev.12: 9)

This great deceiver had been sitting in high places. This means that he had been able to enter into the

minds and hearts of men who govern this world system and to deceive them. We know by experience that this is what has been happening to us. We were in bondage to the teachings and reasonings of this world religious systems. But by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our own testimonies we have cast this serpent away from us.

We no longer believe all the doctrines of fear and doom that men have taught, we have been made free and are seated in "heavenly" (high) places in Christ. This means that by the Word that we speak, we break the power of these false doctrines from our lives. We cast that serpent of old into the earth.

Jesus the Lamb of God has become the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He has taken the book out of the right hand of Him that sat on the throne. In Him we are no longer focused on the life we had as a "living soul," we are opening the book of Life in Christ. We have been made free from the fears of death and hell and we have found our new and true identity.

Note that when he had taken the book, the **four beasts** and twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb and they sang a new song. Indeed, these are not natural wild beasts, they are "Zoe" creatures. They are the Christ creation who hold the prayers of all the saints. They have overcome the dragon deceiver and now they are ready to lead the groaning creation out of darkness.

They have been "*...redeemed to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*" (Rev.5: 9b) Kings and priests unto God have power to bring redemption in the earth. A priest is one who bridges the gap between the people and God!! One must always remember that this is our calling in Christ. We are called to be priests of God. We have often felt powerless to deliver those who suffer in darkness, but take heart priests of God, you are coming into your priesthood! Forever Amen!

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*