

# **THE ANOINTING OF THE MOMENT**

The Day of the Bride and Bridegroom

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## **PREFACE**

I am writing this book to present to you the urgency of the hour we are now living in. Many in the Body of Christ have sensed that time is short and the Lord is coming back soon. However, what does that really mean to us? What should we be doing if this is a truth being revealed to the church? How we are to be prepared for His coming is of paramount importance to the purposes of the Lord in these end times.

Many leaders in the Body of Christ are sensing this moment and are telling us we need to go out and evangelize the world. Others are saying that we need more teaching and preparation. What exactly is the Lord saying to the church? This book was written to give an answer. I have used the Amplified Bible as the source of Scripture to expound the truths that are revealed within these pages.

In the book of Revelations 2:16-17, we find a warning to the Pergamum church: "Repent! Or else I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth...to him who overcomes I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it."

There is hidden manna, hidden revelation that will bring about our total salvation or the white stone promised to the overcomers. We are to receive a new name that no one understands except he who receives it. May we open to receive this tremendous promise given to the overcomers. I have written this book to bring forth that hidden manna given by the precious Holy Spirit. This manna is a door "UP" into Glory to all who enter it.

It is extremely important that we understand the "hour" we are now living in. It is the "Anointing of the Moment", the hour of visitation of the Lord to His bride. In Luke 19:44, our Lord spoke over Jerusalem and said, "and they will dash you down to the ground, you and your children within you; and they will not leave

in you one stone upon another, ALL BECAUSE YOU DID NOT KNOW THE TIME (HOUR) OF YOUR VISITATION, (that is when God was visiting you, the time in which GOD SHOWED HIMSELF gracious toward you and offered you salvation through Jesus Christ.)

We must understand the hour we are now living in is a special time of visitation of the Lord. The Lord is manifesting Himself to His bride in a very special way. We must rightly respond to His presence in order to join Him in this marriage supper that now awaits us. The "Anointing of the Moment" is upon us; let all those that are hungry and thirsty for the Lord find the feast that is now waiting for us in His presence.

My prayer is that this book will unlock some of the mysteries of this beautiful union of our marriage to the Lord. That it will prepare us for "that which will come after." Please precious Lord, open our heart, eyes and ears to receive you as our heavenly Bridegroom.

# The Anointing Of the Moment

What is the Anointing of the Moment? I surely did not know what it was when the Lord spoke this to my spirit. At first, He let me ponder on it for a few moments. Could the "Anointing of the Moment" be another yearly conference? Is it a revival meeting or some kind of new movement that will be different from what we have experienced? Beloved, somehow I knew none of these explanations fit the words of the "Anointing of the Moment" that God had given me.

While I was pondering these things, the Lord spoke to me again and said, "***There is an anointing that must come at a precise moment in time, a perfect moment.***" This moment came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost and they were never the same. The "Anointing of the Moment" came upon Martin Luther as he received the revelation that we are saved by the grace of God and not by doing good works alone. The moment came upon all those who waited in prayer at Azusa Street as the Spirit filled them and baptized them in the Holy Spirit power. The Lord said to me, ***Henry, there is an Anointing of the Moment to come.***

***What you need to understand is that these moments are doorways. They are an open door between that which I have done and that which I will do. The time in between these two places is called the "Anointing of the Moment." The Anointing is the "Power" to go from one place of time to another in the Spirit. It is a place where you can go from one realm to another. It is a doorway between the old and the new. You must understand this if you are going to walk in the things that are about to come.***

I did not understand what the Lord was revealing concerning these things; nevertheless, I know there is a door that is now opened for us. What kind of door is being opened and revealed to us in this hour? What must those who are called to be His bride seek from the Lord? This I know; we must go through this door if we are to enter into this blessed union with our beloved

Bridegroom.

There is a doorway open for His bride, the overcomers, to come through. A door Jesus Christ opens for her. A door that brings change, transformation, preparation and safety. The Book of Revelation is where the Lord led me to look at this "Anointing of the Moment." This is the doorway that now stands open to all who will hear His voice.

Rev. 3:7-8: "And to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write: These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He who has the key of David, WHO OPENS AND NO ONE CAN SHUT, WHO SHUTS AND NO ONE CAN OPEN: I know the record of your works and what you are doing. SEE! I HAVE OPENED A DOOR WIDE OPEN WHICH NO ONE IS ABLE TO SHUT: I know you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and guarded my message and have not renounced or denied my name."

Now let us read verses 10-12: "Because you have kept My word of patient endurance, I will keep you safe from the "HOUR OF TRIAL" which is coming upon the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth. I AM COMING QUICK, HOLD ON TO WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE CAN ROB YOU OR DEPRIVE YOU OF YOUR CROWN. HE WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL MAKE A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD, HE SHALL NEVER BE PUT OUT OF IT, OR GO OUT OF IT, AND I WILL WRITE ON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD AND THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, THE NEW JERUSALEM, WHICH DESCENDS OUT OF HEAVEN, AND MY OWN NEW NAME." There is an open door for us. A doorway to become a Holy bride, a Holy City. A place where we will receive the name of our God, the name of the city of our God, and His own name as ours. Are you excited

yet? This is what the "Anointing of the Moment" will bring us. This is the doorway that is opened by God that no one can shut. Hallelujah!

How do we get in through the door? What kind of door has the Lord opened for us? To understand this we have to look at the Last Day's church in the Book of Revelation. Revelation 2 and 3 are symbolic pictures of what the church, the Lord's Body, looks like at the end of the age and at the beginning of the third day. In Revelation 1, we see Jesus as we have never seen Him before. Here He is standing in the Glory that He had before the foundation of the world. So powerful was that sight to John the Beloved that He did not even know who Jesus was. This is the same John that put his head upon Jesus' shoulders - the one that Jesus loved. If anyone should have recognized Jesus, it should have been John. However, verse 17 says, "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like as if dead." He had never seen Jesus like this before, and neither have we. However, beloved, we are about to see Him in His Glory.

In John 17:24 Jesus prays to the Father: "Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to ME MAY BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE MY GLORY, WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, FOR YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."

Get ready beloved bride of the Lord and listen to the Word of God. John 14:2-3: "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you: for I am going away to prepare a place for you. And when I go I WILL COME BACK AGAIN, AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM YOU WILL BE ALSO."

There is a door opened to us, an "Anointing of the Moment." A transitional time between where we are and where we are going. In the midst of the dark ages of the church stood a man named Martin Luther who would receive a revelation from the Lord that would change the direction of the church forever. The church was under religious bondage to the traditions of the

Catholic Church. The teaching of the church was that through water baptism and receiving communion one was saved. The church taught that if a man was good enough by the works he does that he may enter heaven. Martin Luther stood at a pivotal moment in time as He received the revelation that Salvation comes only by the sacrifice Jesus paid by giving up His life for our sins. The "Anointing of the Moment" brought forth the door through which men could be saved by grace and faith alone in the precious sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. This door led millions into the deeper life and faith the Lord desired for His people. This door led God's people out of the religious traditions of the church into a new day of freedom and understanding of God's love and mercy. One moment they were held by these traditions, the next they were free to experience the grace of God afresh!

We too are living in a similar time in history. We must know that a door is opened for us, and we must go through it. We must come out of the traditions of "business-as-usual" church, to really hear the call of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Revelation 1-3 show the state of the Last Day's church. It declares that it is full of religious bondage, sin, compromise and sexual immorality. The Church is filled with those who call themselves Apostles and are not. Many have lost their first love and tolerate the prophetess Jezebel. The book declares that Satan's throne is in the midst of her as they cling to the doctrine of Nicolaitans, and confess they are rich and in need of nothing. Nevertheless, Jesus reveals the churches real condition as He says, "You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked. Those whom I tenderly love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten. So be enthusiastic and earnest and burning with zeal and repent." (Rev. 3:17,19)

This is the state of the church in our day, but in the midst of her is a remnant that will become a bride. A remnant of

overcomers who will become full-grown sons. To all of you who can hear listen to these words: "BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK!" (Rev. 3:20)

What door is Jesus knocking upon? Is it the door of our hearts as many suggest? Alternatively, could it be a door that leads us upward? Could it be the "Anointing of the Moment?" Many believe today that this Scripture means that Jesus is standing at the door of all those who are unsaved. They believe He is standing there as an invitation for them to let Him come into their lives and save them. This is not true. The Book of Revelation is written to those WHO ARE SAVED! They are saved because they have repented of their sins and have trusted in the blood of Jesus to make them right before God. Jesus already has been invited into their hearts to save their souls. So what door is Jesus knocking upon? It is not for us to be saved, but it is a door out of where we are in our weakness and failures shown in Revelation 1-3 into the full victory that Christ has procured for us. Satan's biggest accusation against God is: You may have been able to save them, but You will never be able to change them. However, Beloved, Jesus is standing at a door. He is standing on one side of this door asking for our attention. He is trying to show us that there is a door for us to come through. A door that will bring our complete salvation and lead us into the complete Sabbath Day Rest of the Lord. It is a door that brings the transfiguration of His bride with the glory of the Lord. Here in the beginning hours of the third or seventh day, He is knocking and inviting us into a new hour and a new day of Glory. We will explain in more detail this third day, seventh day rest in the later chapter.

It is sufficient to say that there is something all those called to be His bride must do NOW! "If anyone hears my voice and OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME INTO HIM AND WILL EAT WITH HIM, AND HE WILL EAT WITH ME. HE WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL GRANT HIM TO SIT BESIDE

ME ON MY THRONE, AS I MYSELF OVERCAME AND SAT DOWN BESIDE MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE." (Rev. 3:20-21)

Our opening the door is to rightly respond to His call of intimacy. Our call is to eat what He eats and drink what He drinks. He already has overcome and now sits down on the throne next to His Father. We too must partake of His victorious food and drink and overcome as well. We must respond to this call of intimacy and open our door to enter His doorway upward into the heavenly places that we are to dwell in. We have a place in the heavenly realm to come eat and drink with Him NOW! This place of intimacy is not to happen when we die, but now! Jesus told us in John 14 that He would come back again to us and bring us to where He is. He is NOW seated at the right hand of God.

Ephesians 2:5-6 says, "Even when we were dead in our sins, He made us alive together in FELLOWSHIP AND IN UNION WITH CHRIST. He gave us the very life of Christ, for it is by grace that you are saved. And HE RAISED US UP TOGETHER WITH HIM AND MADE US SIT DOWN TOGETHER, GIVING US JOINT SEATING WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY SPHERE BY OUR VIRTUE OF OUR BEING IN CHRIST JESUS."

We must obey the Lord's Word that, "If any man OPENS THE DOOR, I will come into him and will eat with him, and he will eat with Me, He who overcomes, I will GRANT HIM TO SIT BESIDE ME ON MY THRONE. (Rev.3:20-21) This is what God has planned for us in this "Anointing of the Moment." May we come to see this heavenly place as we continue in the unfolding of this book?

## Seated In Heavenly Places

In this chapter we are going to look more deeply at Ephesians 2:6 and its living reality. This Scripture has been named and claimed for years amongst many believers, yet few have ever experienced its power. What does this Scripture really mean? What does the reality of this verse look like? Let me make a statement to you. It looks nothing like we have ever seen before. The disciples did not know what they were going to become after the day of Pentecost, but when it came, they were never the same. They waited for it by prayer and fasting. Jesus told them to "tarry until they were clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

The Day of Pentecost came upon them as an "Anointing of the Moment." The disciples were hiding, praying and were afraid for their lives because Jesus had gone. They all wondered what would become of them and the ministry Jesus had given them. Acts 2:1-4 gives us the answer to their concerns on this "moment" of destiny. "And when the DAY OF PENTECOST HAD FULLY COME, they were all assembled in one place, WHEN SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND FROM HEAVEN, (please pay attention to THERE WAS A SOUND!) LIKE THE RUSHING OF A VIOLENT TEMPEST BLAST, AND IT FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE IN WHICH THEY WERE ALL SITTING. AND THERE APPEARED TO THEM TONGUES RESEMBLING fire, WHICH WAS SEPERATED AND DISTRIBUTED AND WHICH SETTLED ON EACH ONE OF THEM. AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT KEPT GIVING THEM CLEAR AND LOUD EXPRESSIONS." The rest of the chapter gives us an eyewitness account of what the people outside the house heard. As this happened, Simon Peter was a changed man and he stood up and spoke the Word of the Lord to them. "You Jews and all the residents of Jerusalem, let this be explained to you so that you may know and understand: LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!" (Acts 2:14) He then goes on to tell them about the prophesy of Joel that God had promised to pour His spirit upon all

flesh. In verse 22 he says again, "You men of Israel, LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!" He then declares to them the counsel of God. In verse 41, we hear WHAT HE HAD TO SAY to them. It was so powerful that, "those who accepted and welcomed the message were baptized, and there were added that day about 3000 souls."

In this "Anointing of the Moment", they were transformed as men. They were in one place one moment and in another the next. They were hiding, afraid, living outside of their great commission. The next moment they were saying, LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY! This is an anointing of the moment. They were called to tarry in Jerusalem UNTIL! They were called to come to a certain place at a certain time for a certain purpose. The church was birthed with a blaze of Glory.

However, in the first chapter of Revelation we see the state of the Church at the end of the church age and the beginning of the seventh day. Jesus is standing on the outside of the church. He is knocking at the door inviting all who can hear His voice to come in and eat with Him and He will come in and eat with us. What lies between the sound of His knock and the call to come up here? A heavenly doorway called the "Anointing of the Moment."

At the writing of this book, I am about to begin a new ministry in Tucson, Arizona. This new ministry is to build a "tent of meeting" out in the wilderness for His bride to come and meet Him. The Lord has asked me to establish a meeting place for His bride to have intimate fellowship with Him. It is going to be a 24-hour a day, 7 day a week ministry to and for the Lord. It will be a place of intercession, worship, prophecy and equipping the saints. It was divinely revealed to me to go to the desert wilderness to do such a work. This work is to be like John the Baptist and help His bride become a "voice crying in the

wilderness, making straight a path for the Lord." We are to help prepare the way for the Lord and His bride to come together.

The Lord spoke to me and said, ***I am going to finish my final work of preparation for my bride. I am going to marry her in the wilderness and cause her to sup with Me forever.*** In obedience to the Lord, I went to Tucson to scout out the land. I went there in September 2003 to pray and seek the face of the Lord. I went out in the wilderness and up into the mountains to pray and hear from the Lord. I knew as I stayed in Tucson, the Lord was calling me to do this work.

I went back a second time in November and held some meetings and tried to share the vision with as many as I could. It was a blessed time in the Lord. During this time, I was on a diet and exercise plan to lose weight. I found a beautiful park in the center of the city to do my walking. On the second day of exercise I ventured a little further than normal and found the central entrance of the park. There standing in the entrance way was a silver doorway with a door opened for all to see. The Spirit of God came all over me and said to me, ***See what I have placed before you, A DOOR! You must come to Tucson to do this work.*** Of all the things to find in the center of the park, I found a doorway and a door. Usually there are statues or other types of objects, but here in Tucson there is a door. I said to the Lord, "I will come here by your Word." When I came back to Florida for Christmas, I could not get the door out of my mind. I asked the Lord, "Why is that door there?"

Over the next few weeks, I began to get some insight. Finally, the Lord said to me, ***The door is an "Anointing of the Moment!"*** It is a place of transition and transfiguration. He instructed me to read Revelation four. I obeyed His instruction and read the chapter. The Holy Spirit then explained to me that there is a transitional doorway between what was and that which is to come. This is what happened on the day of Pentecost. On that day the disciples went from one place in time to another. They went from one realm of the spirit to a new one. They were

weak and afraid of the future when they went into the upper room and they came out clothed with **POWER FROM ON HIGH!**

The "Anointing of the Moment" always begins with a call. It is a call that can be heard on the earthly and heavenly side of the door. The earthly side is where you hear the knock of Jesus trying to get in; the heavenly side is where you hear the call of Jesus to "Come up Here." Rev. 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone..." Rev. 4:1 says, "After this I **LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN!**"

As we look at these two doorways, we see that one side is here in the earthly where Jesus is knocking. Then we see the other side is a door in the heavenly realm that is standing open for us to behold. Now watch the next part of the verse, "And the first **VOICE** which I heard addressing me like a **WAR TRUMPET SAID: COME UP HERE! AND I WILL SHOW YOU THE TIDNGS TO COME IN THE FUTURE.**" There between the two doors is a voice like the sound of a war trumpet. John is standing in between the two doors in the midst of the voice. We find in Rev. 1:10 John was already in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. Beloved, this is symbolic of the first fruits of the Day of Pentecost. That day came as a mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire. The former rain was promised to them. It was a great and mighty birthday for the church. A day that John had experienced for himself. In Rev. 1:10, John testifies that he is in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. The Lord's Day is the Sabbath day, the seventh day. It is a day of resting from all our works (Hebrews 4:8-10). This is quite significant in understanding the purpose of the doorway.

Let us look at the reason in John 21:20-23, "But Peter turned and saw the disciple that Jesus loved following the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper and had said, Lord, who is it that is going to betray you? When Peter saw him, he said, **WHAT ABOUT THIS MAN?**" Why is this event recorded for us? It seems so petty in comparison to all that Jesus was telling them. Why the concern over this man? Was it just jealousy over his relationship with the Lord? On the other hand, was there

something prophetic we are to learn about the ministry of John? "Jesus said to him, IF I WANT HIM TO STAY ALIVE TILL I COME, WHAT IS THAT TO YOU? YOU FOLLOW ME. So the word went out among the brethren this disciple was not going to die, but if I want him to stay alive until I come, what is that to you?"

Beloved, we know John died, so how could he stay alive until Jesus returns? Hear this beloved saints: John did stay alive to see the second coming of the Lord. While John remained a prisoner on the Isle of Pathmos, He experienced the "Anointing of the Moment" IN THE SPIRIT! He was lifted up through the doorway of heaven and was able to see the future himself. John was able to see the coming of the Lord. The Bible says in Rev. 1:10, "I was in the Spirit (rapt in His power on the Lord's Day) and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet." John is in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. 2Peter 3:8 declares, "Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape you, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as one day."

Some church historians believe that from the birth of Adam until now has been 6000 years. They also believe that from the death of Jesus until today has been 2000 years. The year 2000 began a new thousand year period called the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I believe that this period is the third or seventh day of spiritual time for a day is as a thousand years. A new day has dawned upon us that few are aware of at the writing of this book. The Book of Hosea tells us that something is going to happen on this third day. It tells us in Hosea 6:1-2, "Come and let us return to the Lord, for He has torn us so that He may heal us; He has stricken us so that He may bind us up. After two days, (2000 years) he will revive us; on THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM!" When will we live before Him? The Lord has said we will live before Him on the third day. This is when we are seated with Him in heavenly places. Verse 3 says: "Yes, let us go on to know Him, let us be zealous to know the Lord, His going forth is prepared and certain as the dawn, (the dawning of a new

day) and HE WILL COME TO US! (Do you get it) as the heavy rain, as the latter rain waters the earth."

All this begins in Revelation one, as John sees Jesus on the Lord's Day. He is still alive at the revelation of this coming of the Lord. He is taken into the "Anointing of the Moment". He gets to see our day from a far. He is alive at the appearance of the Lord in the fullness of His glory. Therefore, when Jesus tells Peter, what is it to you: IF I WANT HIM TO STAY ALIVE TILL I COME! John did stay alive to see this great event. John saw Moses and Elijah were alive standing with Jesus on the Mountain of Transfiguration. They were not dead men. Peter wanted to make tents for them to stay in. The disciples saw them alive discussing that which was to come. Hosea 6:2 says. "After 2 days He will revive us and on the third day, He will raise us up to live before Him." Listen to those words, HE WILL RAISE US UP. In Rev 4:1 let us look again at what is happening here: "After this, ("I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day") I looked, and Behold a DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN! And the first voice which I heard addressing me, (at the beginning of the third, seventh day, the voice that declared to me the state of the church) like the calling of a war trumpet said, COME UP HERE, AND I WILL SHOW YOU THE THINGS TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE."

Beloved, the Book of Revelation is the writing of what John sees on the Lord's Day. He sees the fulfillment of all the days of man and the establishment of God's kingdom on earth and the New Heaven and the New Earth. He sees the New City all adorned like a bride. He sees it all! And when that voice says, I must show you the things that are going to happen in the future, He comes through the doorway. "At once, I came under the Holy Spirit's Power, and BEHOLD A THRONE, WITH ONE SEATED UPON IT." (Rev. 4:2)

John is taken into a new place and a new time. He only gets to see it from a distance. He gets to write it down for us to see. He only saw the shadow, but beloved we get to see the reality of it now. We are the generation that will live before Him here on the

earth, as it is in Heaven. We are the ones that will receive all John saw from a distance, Praise the Lord! When He is called up through the door, He enters the realm of the Glory of the Lord. Here, he beholds the Glory of the Kingdom of God in all its power and dominion and authority. This is our place of destiny. Not one end time (tribulation) event is released from this book until John is taken into the throne room to see God the Father, where He sees Jesus and the Holy Spirit in their fullness of Glory. The Door was standing open in heaven to come into this new place of intimacy with the Lord.

What John is about to see is the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17:24, "Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me, MAY BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE (BEHOLD) MY GLORY, WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." Beloved this prayer must be fulfilled and is being fulfilled right now. The door is open wide on the earth and is standing open in the heavens for such a time as this. The call has gone out to His bride, COME UP HERE! We are to be ready to come through the door, and the Spirit of God is here to prepare us to come up now. Rev. 19:7 speaks to this very call: "Let us rejoice and shout for joy! Let us celebrate and give glory and honor, FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB (AT LAST) HAS COME, AND THE BRIDE PREPARED HERSELF."

As I close this chapter, I want you to see the hour we are now living in. It is an hour of Glory that has been prophesied to us in Isaiah 60:1-2: "Arise and Shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness all the people, BUT THE LORD SHALL ARISE UPON YOU, AND HIS

GLORY SHALL BE SEEN UPON YOU, AND NATIONS SHALL COME TO THE LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR RISING."

Hosea 6:2 declares this even more, "AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM." Listen to the promise in Eph. 2:6: "AND HE RAISED US UP TOGETHER WITH HIM AND MADE US SIT DOWN WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALM IN CHRIST JESUS, HE DID THIS THAT HE MIGHT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THROUGH THE AGES TO COME THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS FREE GRACE AND GOODNESS OF HEART TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS."

Rev. 2:21 declares our heavenly victorious place made for us by Jesus, "He who overcomes, I WILL GRANT HIM TO SIT BESIDE ME ON MY THRONE, AS I MYSELF OVERCAME AND SAT DOWN BESIDE MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE." Beloved, this is our "Anointing of the Moment." It is our time of arising in the Name of the Lord. This is our divine hour of transfiguration like on the day of Pentecost. We look like the disciples did in that upper room afraid and unsure of that which is to come, but the "Anointing of our Moment" is going to change us and the world just as it did for the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. It is God's promise to us. Listen to Hosea 2:14-23: "Therefore, behold, I will allure her and bring her into the WILDERNESS, and will speak tenderly to her heart. There I will give her vineyards and make the valley of Achor (troubling) A DOOR OF HOPE and expectation...And it shall be in THAT DAY says the Lord, that you will call me HUSBAND and no more call Me Baal...and I will BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER, YES I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE AND IN MERCY...AND IN THAT DAY, I WILL RESPOND TO THE HEAVENS, (WHICH ASKED FOR RAIN TO POUR UPON THE EARTH) AND THEY WILL RESPOND TO THE EARTH."

## A New Place in God

I pray that at this point of the book you are hungering and thirsting for all that the Lord is about to give us. I have heard many preachers say the greatest days of the Church are ahead. I believe that is true for the remnant of the Lord, or His own ones. I am not saying that God has two different classes of Christians by design, but there are those who are called and those who are chosen. Rev. Wade Taylor of Pinecrest Bible Training Center has taught that the "many" referred to in Mathew 20:16 are not the unsaved, but all those who are saved. He maintains that all saved Christians are called to a deep intimate abiding fellowship with the Lord, but few will pay the price to qualify to be chosen. As you read this book, the chosen will be referred to as the overcomers of Revelations 2 & 3, and as the bride of the Lord as found in the Song of Solomon. This potential bride is found in the midst of the daughters of Jerusalem, which is the entire church proper. In Song of Solomon, the potential bride is drawn out of religious churchy life. She is called to come out from the midst of the Daughters of Jerusalem to enter a period of transformation and change until she comes out of the desert leaning upon her Beloved. (SOS 8:5)

Her testimony in Song of Solomon changes three times to show forth the progression of spiritual growth in her life. She pays the price to qualify to be chosen of the Lord. Listen to the confessions she makes in her walk with the Lord that show that spiritual growth.

In SOS 2:16, she declares her present spiritual growth in the Lord by saying, "My beloved is mine and I am His." Here in this first part of her separation from the daughters, she sees the Lord for what He can give her, "He brought me to the banqueting table, and his banner over me is love. Sustain me with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love." (SOS 2:4-5) The Lord is not angry with her because He sees her potential. He chooses to address her real spiritual needs as he calls to her to, "Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away." She responds to this call rightly and begins to desire Him for Himself and not just,

what He gives. "So I went with him and 'we were climbing the rocky steps up the hillside..." (Verse 14)

She continues on this upward climb and begins to be transformed. She begins to see what His needs really are and wants to be with Him. Therefore, her testimony changes and the growth process is accelerating. She is getting farther and farther from church-as-usual and is becoming specially chosen of the Lord by HER DESIRE FOR HIM ALONE. IT IS DESIRE FOR THE LORD THAT CAUSES US TO BE CHOSEN OR TO BECOME OVERCOMERS. In Song of Solomon 3:1-4 the bride says, "In the night I dreamed that I sought the one whom I love. I looked for him but could not find him. SO I DECIDED TO GO OUT INTO THE CITY INTO THE STREETS AND THE BROADWAYS AND SEEK HIM WHOM MY SOUL LOVES, BUT I COULD NOT FIND HIM. The watchmen who go about the city found me, to whom I said, HAVE YOU SEEN HIM WHOM MY SOUL LOVES? I HAD GONE A LITTLE WAY PAST THEM WHEN I FOUND HIM WHOM MY SOUL LOVES. I HELD HIM AND WOULD NOT LET HIM GO UNTIL I BROUGHT HIM INTO MY MOTHER'S HOUSE, AND INTO THE CHAMBERS OF HER WHO CONCEIVED ME."

She now desires the Lord. She wants to eat with Him and for Him to eat with her. She is now willing to pay a greater price than the normal Christianity of church going and doing things, to find the one who her soul loves. Jesus responds to this kind of passion and love and He tells her in 4:9, "You have ravished my heart my sister, my bride, you have ravished my heart and given me courage with one look from your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace. How beautiful is your love my sister, my bride! How your love is better than wine!"

Here we see a bride making herself ready. She is becoming a chosen one, an overcomer and a bride by her desire for intimacy with the Lord. She exclaims in S.O.S 6:3, "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. She has grown into a deeper maturity, seeing His needs first and hers are second. However, the Lord is not

finished making her yet. He takes her into a deeper walk where she will have to make a deeper and firmer commitment to fellowship with Him intimately. He will not let her become satisfied with her present level of spirituality. He then begins to withdraw His manifest presence from her senses as if she never knew Him or could find Him. This seemingly deliberate withdrawal of that presence is to cause her to go deeper in Him. This will produce in her the readiness she needs that we find in Mathew 25. She must learn to buy the extra oil for her lamp by her daily surrender to the Lord. He causes her to see her real and only need as He did with King David in Psalm 27:4. "One thing I desire of the Lord that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the House of the Lord, (the presence of the Lord) all the days of my life. To behold and gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." The bride learns to respond rightly and now is ready for her end time work with the Lord.

She has been prepared and beautified by the Lord. She was called, and paid the price to be chosen. Her full-grown testimony is, "I am my beloveds and his desire is toward me". (SOS 7:10) She no longer is seeking the Lord for her needs, but to meet His every need. She can now join her Bridegroom who said to His Father, "Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, instead You have made READY A BODY FOR ME TO OFFER! Then I said, HERE I AM, COMING TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD." (Heb. 10:5-7)

There is a remnant in the Body of Christ that has been paying the price to qualify to be chosen by the Lord. They are radically in love with Him and have been allowing the Lord to refine them like gold and silver. They have been waiting for the day when their transformation will be complete and when they will walk in their end time calling. To all who have this

passionate desire to be married to the Lord, this book is written. It is for all those who are hearing the call to "rise up my sister, my bride and come away with me."

Where are we going as we rise up? The Scripture tells us to Rise and shine for the light has come and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon thee. (Isaiah. 60:1) He tells us to "Rise up, my love, my fair one and come away." (SOS 2:10) He tells us in Rev. 4:1, "Come up here, and I will show you what is to take place in the future." We are rising up to our heavenly place in the rest of God.

My prayer is that right now, right here as you read these pages, there is a quickening of the Holy Spirit within you that will respond to the call upward. I pray you will come up here to a new place in the Holy Spirit to see and meet the Lord in a deeper, more intimate way. That you would begin to BEHOLD A THRONE STOOD IN HEAVEN, WITH ONE SEATED ON THE THRONE.

This is the power of the Book of the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. Satan wants the saints to focus on the antichrist and all that he is doing. He wants us to focus on the rapture and escaping the tribulation period, and not in preparing us for the coming marriage supper of the Lamb. He does not want us in our heavenly place here on earth. He knows if we begin to understand our true heavenly position on the earth, God will give us the power to execute the judgments that are written over him. (Psalm 149:9)

Beloved the last book of the Bible is not about the power of Satan, but it is about the power, majesty and Glory of the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST AS HE REALLY IS IN HIS FULLNESS! His bride is to participate in this revealing as the Lord manifests Himself to His bride and then to the world. He will first manifest Himself to His bride. His Glory will be seen on and in her as she prepares a way for the Lord's triumphant return to earth. She will be a bride without spot or wrinkle, a Glorious church prepared by the Lord himself. The mystery of the bride and the Bridegroom is being revealed now. The mystery found in

Ephesians 5:32, "This mystery is very great, but I speak of the relationship of Christ and His church."

May you be the wise virgin invited in to the marriage supper of the Lamb! Amen! This is the new place that God has prepared for you to come. Let us now go forward into our heavenly position and obtain the fullness of all the Lord has promised. In the next chapter we will see how the Lord desires to lift us up into that very place.

## **A Spiritual Lifting**

The "Anointing of the Moment" is a place of SPIRITUAL LIFTING. To be quite honest with you, I, too, am still learning its meaning and reality. That is what this chapter is going to unfold. The Lord told me the "Anointing of the Moment" is a place of spiritual lifting. It is not a trance or a dream or even an open vision; it is much, much more. The "Anointing of the Moment" brings us into the dwelling place of the Lord far above principalities and powers. David understood this spiritual place as he describes it in Psalm 27:5. In this verse, we see David praying to the Lord; but He also is praying prophetically for our generation. He says, "For in the DAY OF TROUBLE, HE WILL HIDE ME IN HIS SHELTER, IN THE SECRET PLACE OF HIS TENT WILL HE HIDE ME: HE WILL SET ME HIGH UPON THE ROCK. AND NOW SHALL MY HEAD BE LIFTED ABOVE ENEMIES ROUND ABOUT ME: IN HIS TENT I WILL OFFER SACRIFICES AND SHOUTINGS OF JOY: I WILL SING, YES I WILL SING PRAISES TO THE LORD."

I want you to pay attention to "in the day of trouble." He will hide me in the secret place of His tent. David was surrounded by his enemies on every side. Trouble was everywhere around him, yet he found a place in God. A place where he was literally in the spirit, lifted up far above his enemies. It was a place where he was safe from their attack and where he had total and complete victory over them. He was lifted up as he dwelled in a house of the Lord, or the dwelling place with God. It is interesting that one of the only churches in the book of Revelation that is commended by the Lord is the church in Philadelphia. Listen to what Jesus says to this church, "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: "These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID!" (Rev. 3:7) I never knew, Beloved what that key was until now. The Lord has given me understanding of Psalm 27 and the key of David. In these last days the Lord is revealing this key to us. It is a key of the lifting power of God. A key that lifts us up to our spiritual place in the heavenly realm with the Lord Himself. It is a key of victory, power, dominion and

authority. A key that brings us up through the Door of God into the Throne where there is One seated upon it. Listen further, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHALL SHUT, WHO SHUTS AND NO ONE SHALL OPEN." (Rev. 3:7) This key opens the door the Lord has never desired to shut. It was shut in the garden when Adam and Eve fell by their sin. This door represents walking with the Lord in the cool of the evening. This door signifies the oneness and completion we are to have in the Godhead. This is what the Lord has desired for His creation. It is a place where He told Adam to be fruitful and multiply and to have dominion over all the earth. They forfeited their part by sin and fell from grace. However, Jesus came to bring us completely back to that place of intimacy. He came back to restore our oneness with the Lord and to have dominion over the earth which is our completed salvation.

Look at the promises to the overcomers in chapters two and three of the Book of Revelation: "To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat the tree of life, which is the midst of the garden. And He that overcomes and who obeys my commands to the very end, I will give him authority over the nations: and he shall rule them with a scepter of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and his power over them will be like that which I myself have received from My Father." (Rev.2:7,17,26,27,3:5, 12,21)

The "Anointing of the Moment" is to lift us up in this realm of victory, power and dominion with the Lord. This is what David experienced personally in Psalm 27, and it is what His bride is going to experience collectively in preparing for His return. The very day of trouble that is coming upon the earth will be a day of victory for the bride. In Rev. 3:8, the Lord says to this remnant church, "I KNOW THE RECORD OF WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!" WOW! What they have been doing has been pleasing and acceptable to the Lord. She has been making herself ready by passionately falling in love with her Bridegroom. She has prepared herself by letting him refine her like gold and silver. She has received Him as the Refining fire in Malachi 3, "Behold I send my Messenger and he shall prepare the way before Me." Who is

the messenger that goes before this remnant church? No one less than the very Bridegroom Himself who is drawing her out of herself and the world to be His alone. "And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple, the messenger or angel of the covenant, (who is speaking in Revelation two and three, the messenger to the church) whom you desire, BEHOLD HE SHALL COME! Who is He coming for? He is coming for His bride! BUT WHO CAN ENDURE THE DAY OF HIS COMING? AND WHO CAN STAND WHEN HE APPEARS? (What happened to John in the first chapter of Revelation? He fell down like a dead man.) FOR HE IS LIKE A REFINER'S FIRE AND LIKE FULLERS SOAP. HE WILL SIT (Notice who is on throne in Heaven that John sees! He sees One seated on the throne!) AS A REFINER AND PURIFIER OF SILVER (Do you remember the color of the door in Tucson is silver?) AND HE WILL PURIFY THE PRIESTS LIKE GOLD AND SILVER, THAT THEY MAY OFFER TO THE LORD OFFERINGS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS." (Mal.3:1-3)

The bride has been allowing this work to be done in her. Jesus says to this church, "I KNOW THE RECORD OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING! SEE! I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU A DOOR WIDE OPEN, WHICH NO ONE IS ABLE TO SHUT. (Rev.3:8) David has received the key that would allow him to come up into the heavenly realm. As we respond to the Lord and overcome all the obstacles in our lives by His grace, we receive this same key. This key allows us to come up and dwell in the heavenly realm as well. This key opens the door for us to have our head lifted up above our enemies. We may still be on the earth in the midst of much trouble, however, our head (which is where our thoughts dwell) is safe and secure in His presence. This is because we have received the peace that surpasses all understanding. We have received the understanding that total victory is ours even though it still must be worked out in the natural realm. David said, "Then my head shall be lifted up above my enemies, in His tent I will offer sacrifices and shoutings of joy. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord." (Psalm 27:6) This is a spiritual place that the

key of David opens for us. It will bring forth in our life the lifting presence of the Lord. This key of David leads us into the place of total victory and safety in the Most High God. Let this chapter cause you to rise up and take this key and possess this land of promise.

# The Door

In this chapter we are going to continue to define what the "Anointing of the Moment" is and what it means in our lives. In the last chapter we learned that the "Anointing of the Moment" was a spiritual lifting. In this one we are going to see "The Anointing of the Moment" as a spiritual door on earth and in heaven.

The door we are about to examine exists as a transitional period between that which is and that which is to come. In Revelation 3:20, we see Jesus knocking at the Door. In Rev 4:1, we see a Door standing open in Heaven. Are these two different doors? What exactly is John beholding? The answer to these questions is the purpose and heart of this book. It is imperative that we understand the transition that is occurring between these two chapters. We will not be able to rightly respond to the Lord's calling unless we understand this transition and what He is doing in our day and hour.

The door is more than a moment in time. It is a fixed spiritual position with a fixed spiritual purpose. In Rev. 3:20, we see Jesus standing on Earth knocking on the door. He is asking us to open it for Him to come in and sup with us and us with Him. Then in Rev. 4:1, we are told to "COME UP HERE", and to behold a Door standing open in Heaven. John is called to come up and behold the Lord as He is seated upon the throne of His glory. The voice has called him upward to see the power and glory of the Kingdom of God and His Christ. Then He describes what he sees at the throne and what is in there. He testifies of seeing the Glory of the Lord and the twenty-four elders. He sees the four living creatures and the myriads of angels. He hears the living creatures saying, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and Who is and Who is to come.

John comes up through the Door to see the power, dominion and authority of God. Why is Jesus knocking at the door inviting us to sup with Him, and what exactly is the door Jesus is

knocking upon? Many people believe He is standing at the door of a sinner's heart but this is not correct. Jesus is standing in the church of Laodicea - a church that represents the last day's church. This church believes they are rich in God and in need of nothing. Jesus tells them of their real spiritual condition wretched, poor, blind, pitiable and naked. To this church, the Lord stands at the door and knocks.

In Rev. 3:20, is Jesus knocking at the door of peoples hearts so they can be saved as many believe? On the other hand, does this knocking on the door represent some other type of knock? This Book of Revelation is not written to the unsaved but the saved. The people John is writing to already have Jesus dwelling in their heart by the gift of grace. **WHAT THEY DO NOT HAVE** is gold tried by the fire, or a white garment, or eye salve. **WHAT THEY DO NOT HAVE** is the ability to see Jesus as He really is. **WHAT THEY ARE MISSING** is an intimate abiding relationship with the Lord. His knock at the door is not to save them but to get their attention. This knock is the call to come up or to go deeper into Him. He calls us to open the door of fellowship and love. He is not calling us to be saved, but to be changed by the Glory of the Lord.

How can this be possible? What kind of door must we pass through? The best way I can explain it to you is with this example. At my house I have a front door. It is black on the outside and faces the road. It is either warm by the winter air or hot by the extreme heat of the summer sun in Florida. The outside of the door has a purpose - to keep people and things from coming inside. I also have another side of that door that is in my living room. If you were to look at it from the inside, it is painted the same color as my living room. It has decorations on it to make it look more attractive. It is mostly in the cool of air conditioning since we run it 85% of the year. The winter months it is refreshed by the air that comes from the windows. If you were to look at this side of the door, you would see its purpose.

That is to keep what is inside safe and to keep it from going outside. So one side of the door keeps things out and one side of the door keeps things in.

In order for us to walk in the "Anointing of the Moment," we have to be able to hear the knock of the Lord and open the door. We must be able to go up into the heavenly realm and behold the Throne. You see, Beloved, one side of the door is here on earth and the other side is in the heavenly realm. So where exactly is Jesus standing? Where is He really knocking? Again, I would like to use the illustration of my home. When I was growing up, my friend would knock at the door to see if I wanted to go over to his house to play football or some other game. When I heard the knock, I would open the door and let him in. While he was waiting, I was getting myself ready to go over to his house. Finally, we both would leave together and travel up the street to my friend's yard. Eventually he would open up the door to his house and I would go inside to get a snack or play a game. He also had a door on his house that had to be opened. At my house, I opened the door and let him in. At his house, he opened the door and let me in. We lived in the same town and on the same street. One doorway was at my house, the other was at his house.

We would go over to each other's houses all day long. We were like brothers in the same family. We shared our time, food and fun together. I would even call his mom, "mom" and he would call mine "mom" as well. We both went through the doors of our houses for we were like family. We were as close as real brothers. Even though we lived in two different places, we were always over one another's houses.

This is a little picture of what the Lord desires to do. He desires to come into our house and stay and fellowship with us. As we experience this intimacy in our own house, He desires to bring us up to His house for an even deeper fellowship. There is a different relationship between my natural friend and I and the relationship we are to have with the Lord. We live in this world but we are not of this world. We live physically in the earthly

natural realm, but we are to exist in the Spirit realm. We are called to live and walk in the Spirit of God in the heavenly realm. Galatians 5:25 says, "If we live by the Holy Spirit, let us also walk in the Holy Spirit. If we have our life in God, let us go forward, walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Holy Spirit. This is why we are called to "COME UP HERE!"

So what door is Jesus knocking on? He is knocking on the door of our experience of intimacy. He is not knocking for us to be saved. He is knocking for us to be His bride. He is knocking on our capacity to be intimately one with Him. He is knocking for us to become married to Him. He is knocking on our present experience of God and calling us to "Come up Here" He wants us to come over to His house and be with Him. We must never forget John 14:2: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places, if it were not so, I would tell you: for I am going away to prepare a place for you. And when and if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will TAKE YOU TO MYSELF." In Rev. 3, Jesus has come back to His church in the Spirit and manifests Himself in her midst. He has come back just like He promised. He has made a place ready for us to come. He has prepared a marriage supper for us to come. He has returned in the Spirit and He is knocking at the door. He is knocking to get our attention. He is knocking to let us know He has come to take us to Himself. He wants to reveal to us the truth, "THAT WHERE I AM YOU SHALL ALSO BE!" The knocking on the door is in the earthly realm of our experience with God. The knock is to call us to "Come up here" so we can be where He is now. He wants us to join Him where He is now. He is sitting down upon the throne in complete authority and power. The knock on the door represents a moment in time to make a divine choice. It is a choice to open the door of intimacy and love and to be lifted up into our heavenly place with Him.

Just as there was a distance between my front door and my best friend's front door, so there is a distance we must travel in the realm of the Spirit. There was a doorway I had to leave at my house and one I had to enter at my friend's house. I could not just leave

my house and be in his. I had to get up, go outside and walk to get to his house. The distance between his house and my house is the "Anointing of the Moment." It is the door into the heavenly realm. No one can enter the realm of the "Behold the Throne" without going through the door. You must remember that this doorway is an entranceway between where we are and where we are going. So we must go forward and examine how this Door brings us entry into the heavenly realm. The word anointing means to be rubbed with oil as to be consecrated for a holy purpose. The word moment means an indefinite hastened period of time, or a fixed period of time or movement. Therefore, the "Anointing of the Moment" is a rubbing of oil upon us for a consecrated purpose for an indefinite fixed moment of time. The Lord revealed the "Anointing of the Moment" as a doorway between two realms and two periods of time. We must walk through the door of the anointing into the realm of the spirit. We are to walk into a fixed period of time He has prepared for His purpose.

Let us look at John 10:1-3 to see this tremendous truth demonstrated. "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, he who does not enter by the DOOR into the sheepfold, but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the DOOR is the shepherd of the sheep. The watchman opens the door for this man and the sheep listen to his voice and heed it: and He calls his own sheep by name and brings them out."

There is only one way into the sheepfold of the Lord, **THROUGH THE DOOR!** Jesus is standing at this door and knocking. He who entered by this DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP! Psalm 23:1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not lack. He leads me by the still and restful waters." Jesus is standing in the midst of His church and wants to lead us up into a new heavenly place. In Rev. 3:20, Jesus is standing at the DOOR and knocking trying to lead us up. There is a DOOR that stands between the church and the Lord that we must come through to enter our green pasture. The Lord Jesus comes to stand in the midst of the seven churches with feet burning like brass. He stands there to refine them and bring them into their destiny. He is the

one who enters by the DOOR and is the Shepherd of the Sheep. He is the only one who can take us on our journey upward. He alone has made an access way into the throne room of God.

In Rev. 4:1, John hears the call, "After this I looked up, and behold a DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN." John sees an entranceway into the heavenly realm. He sees a DOOR. John 10:2 tells us that he who enters by the door is the Shepherd of the Sheep. Jesus continues to teach us that the sheep listen to HIS VOICE! In Rev.1:10, John declares, "I HEARD BEHIND ME A GREAT VOICE LIKE THE CALLING OF A WAR TRUMPET. SAYING, I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST. WRITE PROMPTLY WHAT YOU SEE IN A BOOK AND SEAL IT AND SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES. THEN I TURNED TO SEE WHO WAS THE VOICE THAT WAS SPEAKING TO ME, AND ON TURNING, I SAW SEVEN GOLDEN LAMP STANDS."

Notice that John hears the voice of Jesus calling him. Did you notice that the voice came from behind him? The voice came from behind him in order to get his attention. It came from behind him to change his direction to hear the voice of God in a new way. It is just as when Moses saw the burning bush on the mountain of the Lord. He said, "I will now turn and go see this great sight." (Exodus 3:3) In order to walk through the Door of the "Anointing of the Moment" we must turn and see the voice that is speaking to us in a new way.

That voice leads us to the DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN. That voice is the Shepherd of the sheep and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice. He calls HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND BRINGS THEM OUT. He brings them out of their current place in their relationship with God into a new place, a new realm, to receive a new revelation of God. They are His own sheep; He has named them because they are His own. They are His personal possession, His bride. They have been so intimate with the Lord, they only recognize, listen to and obey his voice. They have been trained by the Good Shepherd Himself.

John 10:5 tells us, "They will never (on any account) follow a stranger, but will RUN AWAY FROM HIM because THEY DO NOT KNOW THE VOICE OF STRANGERS OR RECOGNIZE THEIR CALL."

Beloved, this is why the Lord says that he calls HIS OWN ONES BY NAME. These are His own ones, the overcomers, and the bride of the Lord. Today, most Christians still follow the voice of strangers. This is the rebuke Jesus brings in Rev. 2 & 3, and the reason Jesus tells them, "Nevertheless I have this AGAINST YOU!" Many Christians are listening and are controlled by other voices. The voice of the god of this world is leading them to become lukewarm. Jesus tells us that He will spew the lukewarm out of His mouth. Does that sound like a people who are His own?

NO! His own are found as overcomers. Those who have gone through the door and obeyed the call to "COME UP HERE." Those who have been fashioned and prepared by the Lord Himself. Those who recognize, and only follow, His voice. Rev 2:17 says, "TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES I WILL GIVE TO EAT OF THE MANNA THAT IS HIDDEN. (Is this not what He offers as He knocks on the door to eat with us?) And I will give him a white stone AND A NEW NAME ENGRAVED ON THE STONE, WHICH NO ONE KNOWS OR UNDERSTANDS EXCEPT HE WHO RECIEVES IT."

The overcomers get a new name because they belong to Him alone. They get a white stone, which represents complete forgiveness and freedom from sin. This is what the fullness of our salvation grants us. This is what we are to receive if we will walk through the DOOR! We are to be led by the voice of His Spirit to live to do His will alone. Romans 8:14 tell us, "FOR ALL WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD." This is a hard concept to understand, but we must if we are going to come into the fullness God has prepared for us. John 10:6 states, "Jesus used this parable with them, but they did not understand what He was talking about." In verse seven He is going to make it plain to them, "I assure you, most solemnly tell you, THAT I

MYSELF AM THE DOOR FOR THE SHEEP!" Verse two says, that He who enters by the DOOR is the Shepherd of the Sheep. In verse six He says, "I myself am the DOOR!" How can He enter into the DOOR and be the Door at the same time? That mystery is being unfolded to us in this last day. In verse seven He says, "ALL OTHERS WHO CAME BEFORE ME ARE THIEVES AND ROBBERS, BUT THE TRUE SHEEP DID NOT LISTEN TO AND OBEY THEM." In verse one, he says, "HE WHO DOES NOT ENTER BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD IS A THIEF AND ROBBER." His own must ENTER BY THE DOOR! He is standing on the earth with feet like bronze as the DOOR and He is standing in Heaven as the entranceway into the glory of the Lord. He entered into the sheepfold as the shepherd of the sheep. He, as the DOOR, entered into our spiritual lives as we accepted His perfect sacrifice for our sins. "HE WHO ENTERS BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP."

He now is the DOOR in heaven as He leads us upward and outside of our normal experience of the Lord. He has entered our lives as the Door, and we must respond to this entrance and come through the DOOR upward into the place He has prepared for us in the heavenly realm. We must go through Him as the refining feet of bronze to enter into the heavenly realm. He tells us that to enter any other way is to be a thief and a robber. There is only one way and He is the WAY! "I am the way, the truth, the life. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME." (John 14:6) The DOOR of heaven is the Lord.

In Revelation 1-3, we see the thieves and the robbers work in the house of God. He tells the church at Ephesus that they have deserted Him, their FIRST LOVE. (Rev. 2:4) He tells them to repent, "OR ELSE I WILL VISIT YOU AND REMOVE YOUR LAMPSTAND FROM ITS PLACE, UNLESS YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AND REPENT." (Rev. 2:5) To the church at Pergamum He says, "I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE - A PLACE SATAN SITS ENTHRONED! YOU CLING TO THE TEACHING OF BAALAM WHO TAUGHT BALAK TO SET A TRAP AND A STUMBLING BLOCK BEFORE THE SONS OF

ISRAEL TO EAT FOOD SACRIFICED TO IDOLS AND TO GIVE THEMSELVES TO SEXUAL VICE." (Rev. 2:13-15) The Lord goes on to tell them, "REPENT, OR ELSE I WILL COME QUICKLY AND FIGHT AGAINST YOU WITH THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH."

He speaks to the church in Thyatira and says, "BUT I HAVE THIS AGAINST YOU, THAT YOU TOLERATE THE WOMAN JEZEBEL, WHO CALLS HERSELF A PROPHETESS, AND WHO IS TEACHING AND LEADING MY SERVANTS AND BEGUILING THEM INTO PRACTCING SEXUAL VICE AND EATING FOOD SACRIFICED TO IDOLS. I GIVE HER TIME TO REPENT, BUT SHE HAS NO DESIRE TO REPENT OF HER IMMORALITY." (Rev: 2:20)

As you can now see, the Lord is standing as a DOOR to His church and wants to lead her, through Himself, upward into the place He has prepared in His Father's House. He is telling her to repent and come back to her first love and first work. He is telling her to buy gold tried by the fire. He, as the DOOR Himself, is standing and knocking on our conscious trying to get us to change and be refined by His feet of bronze. Only to the church in Philadelphia does He tell them, "SEE! I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU A DOOR WIDE OPEN, WHICH NO ONE IS ABLE TO SHUT. I AM COMING QUICKLY, HOLD FAST TO WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO ROB YOU OF YOUR CROWN." (Rev. 3:8)

This church, this remnant has something valuable from the Lord. They have kept the word of patient endurance. They have kept His word, guarded His message, and have not denied His name. This remnant church has but little strength. This is in contrast with most of the churches today. Today, the emphasis is on doing big things in the name of the Lord. Ministries have grown so large they appear to be as big and powerful as major corporations. In America we have more Christian bookstores, television stations and radio ministries than ever in the history of

the world. The church today seems to be so strong and powerful. However; have you asked the question, is what we are doing as the church really changing the world? Does it not seem like darkness appears to be getting darker?

We are doing much work for the Lord, but are we really accomplishing that which the Lord is asking of us? In the midst of this outwardly strong Christian organizational church, there is a remnant that is learning to become intimate with the Lord. There is a bride who is making herself ready by emptying herself of her own power and strength. This bride is being led into the wilderness to be broken by the Lord where she will come out leaning upon her beloved; so weak, she cannot even stand or walk without being connected to Him completely.

To this church, Jesus gives an open DOOR and stands as the very DOOR Himself. He promises to keep her safe from the hour of trial, which is coming upon the whole world to try them who dwell upon it. To this church Jesus says, "I AM COMING QUICKLY, HOLD ON TO WHAT YOU HAVE!" Rev. 3:11)

In the midst of the church today there are thieves and there are robbers. Those who lead God's servants away from the true God. They offer peace, prosperity, power, position and glory all from the heart of man and not from the heart of God. In John 10:8, Jesus says, "BUT MY TRUE SHEEP DO NOT LISTEN TO OR OBEY THEM." Then He repeats the statement of verse seven, "I AM THE DOOR: ANYONE WHO ENTERS THROUGH ME SHALL BE SAVED. HE WILL COME IN AND HE WILL GO OUT AND FIND PASTURE."

The true sheep enter THROUGH the door and have the ability to come up. They hear the knock of the Lord and receive the ability to come out and go up. They have obeyed the Lord's command to COME UP HERE! These precious ones of the Lord go deeper into His heart and are lifted out of the earthly realm into the heavenly realm to be seated with Jesus.

Jesus is the one knocking on the DOOR, AND HE IS THE DOOR HE IS KNOCKING ON! How can this be? When we are born again He came to live inside us. He has established Himself as the living door to our spiritual life. When we listen to the knock and respond to His calling, we open that door or the access way into the Spirit realm of the Lord.

He is also the living DOOR OF THE HEAVENLY REALM. He is the only way to the Father. John 14:2-3, teaches us that Jesus says, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES. IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, FOR I AM GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, AND WHEN I GO AND MAKE READY A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AGAIN, AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF!" I WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF!

He is not only the DOOR in us, but He is the Door for us to come up! He is in heaven as the DOOR STANDING OPEN. Jesus has come to bring us through Himself as the DOOR. The power that comes from Jesus being the DOOR of heaven is that all that He is and all that He has accomplished in His victorious life is ours. He must bring us through this DOOR to possess the total victory of being able to sit beside Him on His throne, even as He sits next to His Father on His throne. The Lord must lift us up to live now in the heavenly realm far above all principalities and powers. He must work in us the total victory that the cross has provided for us. Our heavenly Bridegroom will bring us into the unity of the Holy Spirit, which is nothing less than the fullness of the Godhead.

Beloved, this Jesus stands in heaven and on earth as the

Door, the "Anointing of the Moment." He is our rubbing oil of consecration for this definite moment in time. It is our destiny moment to become married to the Lord. It is our destiny moment to be transfigured into a glorious bride without spot, wrinkle or blemish. We must come through the door into the very heart and presence of God our Father who is the One seated on the Throne. In John 14:4, Jesus says, "And to the place I am going you know the way. Thomas said to Him, Lord, WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, SO HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?" This is just as true for most of the church as it was for Thomas before he met the Risen Christ. Many in the Body of Christ seem not to know where the Lord is going, or do not see Him standing and manifesting His presence in the church as in Revelation 1 - 3. I do not say this to condemn anyone but to point to a spiritual truth. If we do not see Him today as that refining fire in our midst with His feet of brass, we will miss our hour of visitation and preparation. We must grow up to understand that Jesus is standing as a DOOR on the earth as He is the DOOR standing open in Heaven. His bride must see that He is the DOOR wide open for us. The DOOR that will bring us to BEHOLD, THE THRONE AND ONE SEATED UPON IT.

Jesus says to Thomas and to the church today, "I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME!" No one comes to the Father except THROUGH the DOOR - JESUS CHRIST! (John 14:6)

Beloved, the "Anointing of the Moment" begins with the revelation of Jesus Christ as the DOOR. He lives on the inside of us knocking to open our eyes to the eternal. We have but a moment to receive the revelation and to walk in it. We must desire to walk in the fullness of our inheritance and become overcomers and a Bride. We must come up through the full work of the Lord's sacrifice because it has opened the heavenly realm for us. Listen to what the book of Hebrews tells us about our DOOR: "BY SUCH MEANS, THEREFORE, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE EARTHLY COPIES OF THE HEAVENLY THINGS TO BE

PURIFIED (anointed). BUT THE ACTUAL HEAVENLY THINGS THEMSELVES REQUIRED FAR BETTER AND NOBLER SACRIFICES THAN THESE. FOR CHRIST HAS NOT ENTERED INTO A SANCTUARY MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS, ONLY A COPY AND PATTERN AND TYPE OF THE TRUE ONE, BUT HE HAS ENTERED INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD ON OUR BEHALF. AND JUST AS IT IS APPOINTED FOR ALL MEN ONCE TO DIE, THEN THE JUDGEMENT, EVEN SO IT IS THAT CHRIST HAVING BEEN OFFERED TO TAKE UPON HIMSELF AND BEAR AS A BURDEN THE SINS OF MANY ONCE AND FOR ALL WILL APPEAR A SECOND TIME! (This is what is happening now; this is the "Anointing of the Moment") HE WILL APPEAR A SECOND TIME, NOT TO CARRY ANY BURDEN OF SIN, NOR TO DEAL WITH SIN, BUT TO BRING TO FULL SALVATION. As the door, this is what He must bring. This is our becoming a bride and an overcomer. THOSE WHO ARE EAGERLY, CONSTANTLY, AND PATIENTLY WAITING AND EXPECTING HIM! (Rev. 9:23-28) Does this not sound like the remnant in the church of Philadelphia?

Beloved, we cannot wait to be raptured out of here. We cannot even wait for Him just to come back. We are called to be married to Him forever! We should be waiting for our marriage. We should be waiting to become completely one with Him. We must wait, instead, for Him to lead us into the desert to marry us as in the Hosea 2. We should be ready to be transfigured as in Mark 9. Beloved, we must be ready to be filled with glory now as the glory of the Lord rises upon us. We must hold fast to what we have, our hope and expectation of being finished in the Lord now! We must not look for the rapture to change us and prepare us for marriage. Rev. 19:7 tells us that the bride has made herself ready. We must be ready to go through the DOOR into our promised land of marriage to the Lord. We must understand the hour we are living in.

We must understand the "Anointing of the Moment!" You may be asking yourself, is this real? You may believe that we just

need to hang on until the rapture happens. I believe those of you who are reading this book have been led to it by the Spirit of the Lord. I believe better for you that have been hungering for more of God. You must continue to search for the deep things of God. The deep in us cries out for the deep in Him. This is why none of us can settle for just playing church. All of you that have this heart and have placed their hope in the Lord will see the glory of the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ. This desire for the Lord will prepare you to be His bride and enter into your wedding day.

Precious ones, chosen by God as His own, enter in through the DOOR. Enter into the place Jesus has gone and prepared for you. Enter in and allow Him to come back for you, so that where He is you shall also be. Get ready! Behold your Bridegroom is coming! This chapter has shown us the "Anointing of the Moment" as a door and Jesus himself is that door. We are to come through that Door up into the heavenly place He has prepared for us. Let us now come to see the first miracle Jesus did on the third day in the next chapter.

# Water into Wine

How do we know this is really the season of the Bride and the Bridegroom? Will we really be married to the Lord now while we are still on the earth? What do the Scriptures say concerning these truths? That is what we are going to look at in this chapter. Please remember that the Lord has hidden manna for us to eat. These truths have been here from the beginning of time. They have been recorded at the right moment in history and are being revealed at the right moment in time.

There is a passage of Scripture we must look at that will unfold these mysteries to us. Before we do, I want us to review a portion of Scripture that is important to lay as a foundation for these parables. These Scriptures are found in Ephesians 5:5: "HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER. SO THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY HER BY THE WASHING OF THE WATER OF THE WORD. THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT THE CHURCH TO HIMSELF IN GLORIOUS SPLENDOR, WITHOUT SPOT, WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING, (THAT SHE MIGHT BE HOLY AND FAULTLESS). EVEN SO HUSBANDS SHOULD LOVE THEIR WIVES AS (BEING IN A SENSE) THEIR OWN BODIES. HE WHO LOVES HIS OWN WIFE LOVES HIMSELF. FOR NO MAN EVERY HATED HIS OWN FLESH, BUT NOURISHES AND CAREFULLY PROTECTS AND CHERISHES IT, AS CHRIST DOES THE CHURCH. BECAUSE WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. THIS MYSTERY IS VERY GREAT, BUT I SPEAK CONCERNING THE RELATION OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH."

We have discovered in the last chapter that Jesus goes through the Door and is the Door. He is the "Anointing of the Moment." He is standing on the earth in the midst of the church refining her in His finishing work. His work is sanctifying her by

the washing of the Word. We have already declared that to anoint something means to rub it with oil. It also means to set apart for consecration. Therefore, there is a present work of the Lord that must be accomplished at this moment. In Rev. 1:11 Jesus says, "I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST." Why does He declare this to John? He is telling John that He started this work of salvation in the beginning. I am the one who birthed the church on the day of Pentecost. However, I am more than just the Alpha alone. I am the OMEGA, the ONE who is going to finish the work in My church for my return. In Phil. 1:6 Paul writes, "For I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST, RIGHT UP TO HIS RETURN, DEVELOPING THAT GOOD WORK AND PERFECTING IT TO FULL COMPLETION IN YOU."

Beloved, did you notice He will continue UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST! RIGHT UP TO HIS RETURN? Beloved, He has not physically returned to the earth yet, but He has returned to His church in the Spirit. He is standing in the midst of her, calling His own ones, to come out and overcome. He is standing there as the first and the last word. He is the Word of God. John 1:1 tells us "That in the beginning (before all time) there was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the WORD WAS GOD!" In John chapter one, Jesus is revealed as the BEGINNING, but in the Book of Revelation Jesus is revealed as THE END, THE OMEGA, and THE FINISHER. The Book of revelation shows us the completion of God's creation and brings us into the eternal rest of God. It shows us of our marriage and victory to Christ, our beloved Bridegroom. Therefore, we can now see that Jesus has come to fulfill Ephesians 5:26 by washing us by the water of the Word. What exactly is that water?

In John 2, we see a very interesting miracle take place. In this miracle, no one is healed or raised from the dead. There is no one walking on the water or speaking peace to a storm. Jesus is not casting out devils or multiplying the fishes and the loaves, but nevertheless it is the first miracle recorded in John's Gospel. It will

answer the question of the water. In John 2:1 we read, "ON THE THIRD DAY THERE WAS A WEDDING IN CANA OF GALILEE, AND THE MOTHER OF JESUS WAS THERE." I want you to notice when the wedding is - it is on the third day. Many believe that the year 2000 is the year the church entered her third day season or the seventh day rest of God. We already read in Hosea 6:2: "After two days, He will revive us; on the THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM!" Precious child of God, that is what this book is all about. The "Anointing of the Moment" that will raise us up to our spiritual place seated with Jesus in the heavenly realm. This is the place we must come into, and it is about to come upon us. We are not to be caught unawares! Luke 13:31-33 also bears witness to this finishing work of the Lord, "AT THAT VERY HOUR SOME PHARISEES CAME UP AND SAID TO HIM, GO AWAY FROM HERE, AND HEROD IS DETERMINED TO KILL YOU. AND HE SAID TO THEM, GO AND TELL THAT FOX, BEHOLD, I DRIVE OUT DEMONS AND PERFORM HEALINGS TODAY AND TOMORROW (two days) AND ON THE THIRD DAY I FINISH MY COURSE, NEVERTHELESS, I MUST CONTINUE ON MY WAY TODAY AND TOMORROW AND THE DAY AFTER THAT, FOR IT WILL NEVER DO FOR A PROPHET TO BE DESTROYED AWAY FROM JERUSALEM."

Jesus says on the third day I will finish my work (the Omega). I will continue on my way on the DAY AFTER THAT. So here, in John 2, the Bible says on the third day there is a WEDDING! Notice the Bible doesn't tell us when or what the third day is. It just says that on the THIRD DAY there was a wedding. It is on the third day Jesus says, "I WILL FINISH MY COURSE." Most church leaders believe the event that will start the great tribulation is the rapture of the Church. This is the focus

of most Christians today. However, the Word of God is revealing to us that the miracle that is the beginning of the THIRD DAY is a WEDDING! Glory to God.

It is the miracle of a wedding, and what happens at this wedding that is first seen on the third day. This is the OMEGA work of God for His bride. Paul writes to us in Ephesians that Jesus will wash us by the water of the Word. What Word is this? It is the OMEGA word of God, and it is the "Anointing of the Moment." It is the way to come up and behold the throne of God. It is the rubbing oil of our present moment to finish the sanctifying work of the Lord for His bride.

In John 2, we see Jesus at a wedding with His mother and His disciples. The celebration is going on but they run out of wine. Wine in the Scriptures often represents the working of the Holy Spirit. It represents being filled with the Spirit. Water is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit work that cleanses us. The wine fills us up for service; the water washes our nature and reveals the character of Jesus in us. It is a twofold working. Near the end of the wedding reception, they run out of wine. Therefore, Jesus instructs the servants to take six clay pots set apart for purification and fill them to the brim with water. In the last ten years, there has been a movement in the Body of Christ called the Father's blessing. In this move of God, the Holy Spirit has called the River. In this move, the Holy Spirit has washed and refreshed His people as a River of life. Millions all over the world have experienced this "Refreshing of the Lord." It has brought healing, restoration and deliverance to almost every nation on Earth. It has caused many to return to their First Love, Jesus Christ, and do their first work of being intimate with Him. This water has almost filled the clay pots to the brim. Even up to the writing of this book, Toronto Christian Church has nightly soaking meetings. There are over 10,000 homes in the United States that have soaking meetings to reach their communities with this River. This soaking is filling the clay pots. This soaking is changing our nature and character by the presence of the Lord

manifesting in the lives of those who come to drink of the Spirit of God. It is an awesome move of the Holy Spirit in preparing His Bride for what is to come.

Beloved, filling the pots with water is refreshing but it is not the miracle that is to come. This is Jesus washing His Bride by the Water of the Word. This is the water of His presence filling His temple. However, something else is going to happen. There is going to be a tremendous miracle that has nothing to do with the work of man. As children of God we must come and drink of the Spirit to receive more of the life of Jesus. **"NOW ON THE FINAL AND MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE FEAST** (please note the final most important day) **JESUS STOOD** (behold a DOOR standing open in Heaven) **HE CRIED IN A LOUD VOICE, IF ANY MAN IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK!"** (John 7:33) This is what is happening to this present day. However, this is not the end of what the Lord is going to do. Many have camped out by the river instead of coming to live at the source of the river. There is so much more that is yet to come. We must be tarrying for that something more to come. There is a miracle that is about to come forth. There is going to come a command from Jesus that is about to change our lives forever. We are about to walk in that "Anointing of the Moment." We are about to go through that eternal DOOR! "Then He said to them. **DRAW SOME OUT NOW AND TAKE IT TO THE MANAGER OF THE FEAST!"** (John 2:8) This is an important prophetic utterance. He did not say take all of it and pour it out, He said, **"DRAW SOME!"**

You see we have already learned many are called but few are chosen. The servant was to draw some. He is to draw the bride, because she has prepared herself. Jesus tells them to **DRAW SOME WATER OUT!** In SOS 1:4, the first prayer the bride prays while being **DRAWN OUT** from the daughters of Jerusalem (the church) is, **"DRAW ME! WE WILL RUN AFTER YOU!"** (The we will run after you means that our entire person, body, soul and spirit will be completely given to pursue and know Him.) **"THE KING BRINGS ME INTO HIS CHAMBERS!"** This is the

prophetic cry of the bride that she will come into the deepest intimacy with the Lord. She is saying, Draw me heavenly Bridegroom. I will run after you with all that I am until you bring me into the heavenly realm with you as your bride. The rest of the church is not praying this. They are busy working hard for the Lord. In John 2:8, we see Jesus responding to the request of His mother. He commands the servant to "DRAW SOME OF THE WATER OUT!" When this drawing of the water happens, a miracle takes place. It is the miracle of the "Anointing of the Moment." Jesus tells them to take it to the manager of the feast. Therefore; they bring some to him to taste. The manager of the feast is going to taste the water turned into wine first before He gives it to the quest. He is going to check it for taste and quality. Yet the only thing in that ladle is water at this moment in time. Yet on the journey from the clay pot to the manager a miracle takes place. A miracle like on the day of Pentecost. A miracle that happens on the beginning of the third day. "And when the manager tasted the WATER THAT JUST NOW TURNED INTO WINE, not knowing where it came from (the wind blows where it wills) though the servant who had drawn the water knew - HE CALLED THE BRIDEGROOM."

This manager is about to commend the Bridegroom for having the best wine saved for last. The church was birthed in a blaze of glory by the former rain of the Holy Spirit. However; at this wedding day the wine ran out. At the end of the age it will seem like the wine has run out as well. It will look like we will never be changed into the image of Christ. The beginning work of the Holy Spirit seems like it has run out. Beloved, there is a wedding at Cana on the Third day. The water will be turned into wine and the best has been saved for this day. Praise God forevermore. "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then he serves that which is not so good, BUT YOU HAVE KEPT THE GOOD WINE UNTIL NOW!" (John 2:10) Beloved where did this wine come from? What did any man do to produce this wine? How did it come into existence? They took some water and brought it to the Master of the House. They didn't take all the water just some. What exactly is this some?

The "some" are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. They are the people who have prepared themselves to be married to the Lord. This "some" are the overcomers who are paying the price to run after the Lord with all their heart. At this moment in time, they will look the same as every other Christian in the pot. You will not be able to tell the difference outwardly. However, in a moment, or a twinkling in an eye, "the some" get transformed or better yet transfigured into New Wine! Glory to God!

There is nothing a man can do to produce this miracle. All a man can do is be ready for it to happen. There was nothing any man could do to bring about the day of Pentecost either. All they could do is obey the command of Jesus and "TARRY IN JERUSALEM UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH." (Luke 24:49) Then the Bible tells us that when "THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD FULLY COME, THEY WERE ALL ASSEMBLED TOGETHER WHEN THERE WAS A SOUND FROM HEAVEN LIKE A MIGHTY RUSHING WIND." (Acts 2:1-2)

Notice the Pentecostal flame came ON the DAY OF PENTECOST, WHEN IT HAD FULLY CAME! Yet there is a miracle and a new sound (A VOICE) that comes on the third day as well. "ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM!" (Hosea 6:2) What is the meaning of the water to become wine? Again we must turn to Ephesians 5:31, "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." The miracle at this wedding feast is the joining of the Bride and the Bridegroom. It is the Spiritual marriage supper of the Lamb. It is the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer of John 17:22-23, "I have given them the Glory (this is the miracle power) that you have given Me, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE, I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, IN ORDER THAT THEY BECOME PERFECTLY UNITED, THAT THE WORLD MAY

**BELIEVE AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU SENT ME, AND THAT YOU LOVED THEM AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME!"**

Precious ones, this miracle does not happen at the rapture. It does not happen when we die and go to heaven. It happens here on the earth, at an "Anointing of the Moment". It happens when the Lord commands His servant to **DRAW OUT SOME WATER!** It is going to happen according to Hosea 2:14, when the Lord says, "I will allure her into the wilderness, and I will speak tenderly to her heart. And it shall be **IN THAT DAY, THAT YOU SHALL CALL ME HUSBAND! I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER!**" (Hosea 2:14,19)

At a marriage ceremony something that never existed is created. A man and women joined by their marriage vows become one new family. They come to the ceremony as two individuals or like water. They leave as one flesh by the miracle power of God. It is not a miracle you can see with your eyes, but it is as real as raising the dead. No one saw the water change into wine either. It changed on its way to the master of the house. The servants knew they had drawn water, but they did not know how they poured it out as wine. The couple-to-be know they are individuals as they walk down the aisle, but they leave as one new family. They can not explain how it happens because it is a miracle.

Again, you may be asking yourself, will this really happen? In the next chapter, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins will answer this. I pray that although I am repeating many of the same Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is taking the hidden manna in them to feed your spirit to prepare you for this miracle. Each time you read or hear them, the Holy Spirit wants you to come deeper into the heart of God our Father through our Heavenly Bridegroom. This book I pray will be like an Emmaus experience. As Jesus expounded the Scriptures to them they spoke to one another and said, **"WERE NOT OUR HEARTS GREATLY MOVED AND BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE WAS TALKING TO US ON THE ROAD AND AS HE OPENED AND EXPLAINED TO US THE MEANING OF THE SCRIPTURES."**

(Luke 24:32) That is exactly what the Lord wants to do. He desires to open up to you the mystery of the Bride and the Bridegroom.

# **The Wise and Foolish Virgins**

We begin this chapter with the desire to see if this miracle will really happen? Will we really be married to the Lord here on the earth before His return? We know that the second coming of Christ will have a physical day when He will appear to all of humankind in every nation. However, this event does not just happen in a vacuum. It happens over a period of time. It begins with the Lord's first coming to His church spiritually in Rev. 1-3. It continues with the bride, the overcomers taking their place in heaven in Rev. 4-5. The event continues to unfold during the period of the tribulation and it concludes with the appearance of Jesus establishing His Kingdom on the Earth. There will be a thousand year reign that will lead us to the establishment of the New City and the New Heaven and the New Earth.

This same principle can also be found in the marriage supper of the Lamb. It begins in the spiritual with the Lord calling His Bride into the wilderness to be married in Hosea 2:14. It continues as she comes out of the desert leaning upon her Beloved ready to take her end time place in SOS 8:5. It develops more as she is literally caught up to live in the heavenly realm seated with Jesus while she still is on the earth in Rev. 4:1. She is by His side as He returns physically to the earth in Rev. 19:14-18 (And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses). She continues to take her place at the execution of the Lord's victory over His enemies as the sword that comes out from His mouth. She is invited to "come, gather yourselves together for the great supper of God. That you may feast on the flesh of rulers." Lastly, we see her again in her total victorious state. Rev. 21:2: "AND I SAW THE HOLY CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, ALL ARRAYED LIKE A BRIDE BEAUTIFIED AND ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND."

How do you explain this? I want you to remember what Paul writes by the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 5:32, "This mystery is very great, but I speak concerning the (relation of) Christ and the

church. We are to learn about our relationship with God through the gift of marriage that God has given to us as human beings. The marriage supper of the Lamb can be understood by examining the way we are to be married. We start the process of marriage by becoming engaged and setting a date for the marriage ceremony. For some people it is a short time, for others longer. I was personally engaged for two years to allow my wife to finish getting her degree. During the engagement period, there was a lot of planning to do just for the ceremony. The ceremony was what we considered our wedding day and it was.

However, the wedding day is the beginning and not the end of the marriage. In the marriage vows, most people pledge their love and commitment until death due them part. The pledge of marriage is for a lifetime. Unfortunately, today we do not regard marriage the way God does in this country. Marriage has less meaning in our society in the same way that the name of Jesus has become a curse word. Today most people just live together, or they get divorced so quickly that they end up marrying repeatedly. They go from one person to another with little regard to the commitment they made before God. I believe this is the major reason we have so little understanding of what it means to have a deep intimate relationship with God.

However, the Lord still tells us that we are to understand our relationship with God as the mystery between a husband and a wife. A marriage is a lifetime that begins with an event on a special day. That day for us to be His Bride is about to come forth. We are being led to the wilderness for such a time as this. In the last chapter, I told you this marriage is going to happen while we are in the world because God has a purpose for it. John 17:21-22: "I HAVE GIVEN TO THEM THE GLORY AND HONOR WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, THAT THEY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE. I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, IN ORDER THAT THEY BECOME PERFECTLY UNITED,

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU SENT ME AND YOU LOVE THEM AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME."

Our wedding day and marriage to the Lord is for us to demonstrate the Glory of the Gospel as a witness to the world and then the end shall come. Beloved, the end cannot come until there is a witness of the Bride and Bridegroom doing the works of the Father together on the earth. A natural marriage is made to last a lifetime. It was instituted by God for the two to grow completely together as one for the rest of their natural lives. The unfolding of the marriage of the bride and the Bridegroom is the unfolding of God's divine plan for mankind for eternity. That is Rev. 22:17 says: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE (the church, the true Christians that hear His voice) SAYS, COME!" The Holy Spirit and the Bride were made to be together forever in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the one that is given to make us one in complete unity with Jesus.

We will forever be His bride from the day He marries us here on the earth throughout the end of the age and the age that is to come. This is day of the unfolding of this eternal marriage to our Lord and King. Glory to God! It begins in the wilderness, which is where we are now being led, and it culminates as a New City descending down out of heaven where God makes His permanent abode with man. Isa. 66: I, the Lord cries out, "HEAVEN IS MY THIRONE AND THE EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL. WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WOULD YOU BUILD FOR ME? AND WHAT KIND CAN MY RESTING PLACE BE!" We find the answer in Rev. 21 :2-3, "And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem; descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified and adorned for her husband: THEN I HEARD A MIGHTY VOICE FROM THE THRONE AND I PERCIEVED ITS DISTINCT WORDS, SAYING, SEE! THE ABODE OF GOD IS WITH MAN, AND HE WILL LIVE AMONG THEM; AND THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD SHALL PERSONALLY BE WITH THEM AND BE THEIR GOD." This is the kind of house the Lord is building for

Himself. His bride is His City. It is where He is going to live forever! Isn't that glorious Beloved?"

We now have established the wedding supper is a period of time, not just one event. It begins in the wilderness. Nevertheless, who are those that will come into the wilderness to marry Him? An interesting discussion is found with Jesus and His disciples in Mat. 24:1, "JESUS DEPARTED FROM THE TEMPLE AREA AND WAS GOING ON HIS WAY WHEN HIS DISCIPLES CALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE BUILDINGS OF THE TEMPLE AND POINT THEM OUT TO HIM." He explains to them in the rest of this chapter what is going to happen in the endtimes. He begins with speaking these words in verse two, "BUT HE ANSWERED THEM, DO YOU SEE ALL THESE? TRULY, I TELL YOU, THERE WILL NOT BE LEFT HERE ONE STONE UPON ANOTHER THAT WILL NOT BE THROWN DOWN." In verse three he continues, "WHILE HE WAS SEATED ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM PRIVATELY AND SAID, TELL US, WHEN WILL THIS TAKE PLACE, AND WHAT WILL BE THE SIGN OF YOUR COMING AND THE END OF THE AGE?" He then tells them not to be deceived. He says false prophets will rise up and lead many into error. He tells them they will hear of wars and rumors of wars. He declares that nation will rise up against nation, there will be famines, earthquakes in place after place, but this would be the beginning of the birth pains. The Lord tells them there will be physical signs of the endtimes that will come. Beloved, all of these things have and are taking place in our day. He continues by telling of betrayals by family members against one another. The love of the great body of believers will grow cold and many will fall away from the Lord. He tells them that the Good News of the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached AS A WITNESS to the whole world and then the end will come. There will be the abomination of desolation when Satan sits in the temple of God as the AntiChrist. He warns us the days will be dark and wicked.

He said there would be birth pains. Birth pains are labor pains for something to be born. We know the nation of Israel came to birth in a single day after two thousand years of being in exile and scattered in the other nations. If they can become a nation in a single day, then there will be a single day for those called to be His bride to become married as well? There is a third day where we will rise up and live before Him. In verses 42-44, Jesus begins to tell us to get ready and be prepared for the day, "WATCH THERFORE AND GIVE STRICT ATTENTION, BE CAUTIOUS AND ACTIVE FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW IN WHAT KIND OF DAY YOUR LORD IS COMING!"

Did you notice He said, "in what kind of day will He come?" Most of the church is looking for the rapture as the entrance into that day. They are going to miss what kind of day His coming will be. Many have already missed that He has already come in His manifest presence to His church. He is already standing in her, calling her back to her FIRST LOVE! He has been knocking on the door trying to get her attention. Even many who are allowing the Lord to work in them can miss His coming and this marriage if they are looking for the rapture alone. It is the wedding that must capture our attention in the coming days. Our focus is not to be the tribulation period or the works of the Antichrist, or the politics of our day. Our focus should be to become a bride and to be married. When I was engaged, it is all I thought about, planned for and looked forward to. Yes, I thought about my job and where I am going to live and what our goals and plans would be. However, they were not my first priority. My first priority was to be married and become a new family. Next my priorities would be where we would live and work.

We as His bride-to-be, must put all of our focus on our upcoming marriage to the Lord. It will be in this planned marriage that we will know where we are to live, work, and fulfill our destiny. This is the Kind of Day that is coming. This is what the "Anointing of the Moment" has come for. This is why there is a call to Come Up Here to see the throne and the one seated upon it. In verse 44, "YOU MUST ALSO BE READY THERFORE, FOR

THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR WHEN YOU DO NOT EXPECT HIM!" How true this statement is, for most of the church today. The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica, "BUT AS TO THE SUITABLE TIME AND THE PRECISE SEASONS AND DATES, BRETHRENS, YOU HAVE NO NECESSITY FOR ANYTHING WRITTEN TO YOU. FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT. WHEN PEOPLE ARE SAYING, ALL IS WELL AND SECURE, AND THERE IS PEACE AND SAFETY, THEN IN A MOMENT UNFORSEEN DESTRUCTION WILL COME UPON THEM AS SUDDENLY AS LABOR PAINS COME UPON A WOMAN WITH CHILD, AND THEY SHALL BY NO MEANS ESCAPE, FOR THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE." (1Thes. 5:1-3) But we are not to be ignorant of what the Lord is doing and to His coming. In verse 4 he says, " BUT YOU ARE NOT GIVEN UP TO THE POWER OF DARKNESS, BRETHREN, FOR THAT DAY TO OVERTAKE YOU BY SURPRISE LIKE A THIEF. FOR YOU ARE ALL SONS OF LIGHT AND SONS OF THE DAY; WE DO NOT BELONG EITHER TO THE NIGHT OR DARKNESS."

Do you hear that beloved? This day should not surprise or overtake us like a thief. Why? Because we have entered through the DOOR. We have known the voice of the Lord and follow Him. He is leading us out and bringing us in. The voice of strangers we will not follow for we do not know them. We have come to the Lord the only way, through the new and living way He has made for us. We are His own, the true ones, the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. This day cannot come upon us as a thief in the night.. In verse 6, "Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake, (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober." That is what this book is being written for. For all those who have an ear to hear what the Spirit says to the church, Be sober, watching and ready. We must be ready to be married. It is the wedding that is our destiny.

In the original writing of the scriptures there were no

chapters and verses. This is important because often we tend to look at chapters as new thoughts. However; the chapters and verses are there just to make it easier to read. Chapter 25 is a continuation of the end time revelation of the last days. In this chapter, He is going to illustrate to us what the priorities should be for us during this end time plan. Remember the disciples asked him, what would be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age.

Chapter 25, sets forth what the beginning of this day looks like. It is parallel to the first miracle Jesus did at Cana. It begins with the coming of the Bridegroom. The Lord is going to set forth in a parable what we should be doing at the end of the age and the beginning of the new day. Let the Spirit of God quicken these words to your spirit and feed you with the hidden manna. **"THEN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN SHALL BE LIKENED TO TEN VIRGINS WHO TOOK THEIR LAMPS AND WENT TO MEET THE BRIDEGROOM!"** (Mat. 25:1-2) It is important to note there are ten virgins. Virgins do not speak about the unsaved, but speak of the saved saints of God. Also, ten is the number that represents judgment. There were ten plagues brought upon Egypt. In the time of great judgment there are ten virgins, **"FIVE OF THEM WERE FOOLISH AND FIVE WERE WISE!"** (Mat. 25:2) Why were some foolish and some wise? What makes some of the virgins foolish is where they have set their priorities. The destination we as Christians should have when we are saved is not just to go win the world to Christ. That is part of our ministry, but it is not our destination. Our destination is set forth for us in verse one, **"they took their lamps and WENT TO MEET THE BRIDEGROOM."** Do you see the destination? Yes, the Lord wants us to go preach the Gospel. Nevertheless, we are called first to meet the Bridegroom before we are to go into the world to witness. This should be our **FIRST LOVE**. We are called to come to the Lord to be made one with Him so we can **BE a WITNESS** with the Lord to the world. Our destination is to **GO AND MEET THE BRIDEGROOM!**

In verses 3 and 4, we begin to see what makes a virgin wise

or foolish. How many times have you read this parable? How many times have we just seen the words and missed the heart of God? The foolish are called (without forethought or thoughtless). The wise are described as being (sensible, intelligent, and prudent). What make each one of the virgins wise or foolish? "For the foolish took their lamps of oil with them, but they did not take any extra oil." What does that exactly mean for us? The foolish and the wise virgins each took their lamps with them. Do you remember what the Lord said to the church at Philadelphia, "I AM COMING QUICKLY, HOLD FAST TO WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE MAY ROB YOU OF YOUR CROWN." Rev. 3:11

The wise have something the foolish do not have. As we look at verse 4 of Mathew 25, we read, "BUT THE WISE TOOK FLASKS OF OIL WITH THEM ALSO WITH THEIR LAMPS." Each one of the virgins took their lamps. This means they both took with them their new life in Christ. Both of them have been born again by the Spirit of God. Both started out on the same destination to find the Bridegroom. The foolish however, did not take any extra oil with them for the journey. They rested in the fact that they were saved. They never went on to get the extra oil. They are unprepared for that which is to come. They are saved and they will have a place in the Kingdom, but they are about to miss the real purpose of why they are created. They never get extra oil. How were they supposed to get this oil? Rev. 3:15-18 describe the foolish, "I KNOW THE RECORD OF WORKS AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING: YOU ARE EITHER COLD NOR HOT. WOULD YOU BE EITHER COLD OR HOT! SO, BECAUSE YOU ARE LUKEWARM AND NEITHER HOT NOR COLD, I WILL SPEW YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH. FOR YOU SAY, I AM RICH AND AM IN NEED OF NOTHING, AND YOU DO NOT REALIZE THAT YOU ARE WRETCHED; PITIABLE, POOR, BLIND AND NAKED." They were content with their spiritual condition. They did not do anything to grow in their intimacy with the Lord allowing the development of His character and nature in them. The foolish stayed at their initial entrance to the Kingdom. They have been forgiven in the fact they are virgins,

but they never grow past the initial conversion. Their lack of spiritual progress causes them to stay spiritual babes, but even worse than this they become thoughtless and without forethought. The foolish never live for the coming of the Lord or to be married to Him.

The wise however are different. They get the oil spending time in the living presence of the Lord. These virgins are hungry and thirsty for righteousness and are continually being filled. The wise virgins have allowed the Lord to break them, by examining and changing their heart in their intimate time of fellowship with the Lord. They accomplish the work the bride is called to do in the Song of Solomon, which we expounded on in an earlier chapter. The wise virgins are making themselves ready. The foolish are doing nothing to prepare themselves for the Bridegroom. In verse 5, we see an interesting part of the story, **"WHILE THE BRIDEGROOM LINGERED AND WAS SLOW IN COMING, THEY ALL BEGAN NODDING THEIR HEADS; AND THEY FELL ASLEEP."**

We must note here that while the Bridegroom was slow to come, the virgins fell asleep. This at first glance would seem to be a bad thing for all of them. They are sleeping just before the Bridegroom comes. However, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the "slow in coming" represents the total amount of time the church has had since Jesus was raised up to heaven to now. It has been two thousand years or as we have learned two spiritual days. All the virgins fell asleep. Sleep is nothing more than the state of rest. The virgins all fall asleep which represents an apparent time of rest for the Body. The foolish believe they are rich and are in need of nothing and are resting in this. The seventh day is called the Sabbath Rest of the Lord. Our God rested on the seventh day. As the close of the second day and the beginning of the third day comes upon the church, she has entered the **DAY OF REST** whether she realizes it or not. You must remember the admonition in Mat. 24:42-44 where we are called to **"WATCH THEREFORE, (GIVE STRICT ATTENTION, BE CAUTIOUS AND ACTIVE) FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF DAY YOUR**

LORD IS COMING. YOU ALSO MUST BE READY THEREFORE, FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR WHEN YOU DO NOT EXPECT HIM." This is a tremendous statement. In Mat. 25:6 we observe the hour comes upon them while they are all in a DAY OR REST. They have entered into the NEW DAY unaware of their senses, but it is about to be revealed with a shout! "BUT AT THE MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A SHOUT, BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM! GO OUT TO MEET HIM."

You must see this in its importance if we are going to be ready for this miraculous marriage of the Lord. The marriage call begins at the midnight hour. Why is at midnight? Midnight is the beginning of a new day. Remember what Jesus said, "GO TELL THAT FOX, BEHOLD, I DRIVE OUT DEMONS AND PERFORM HEALING TODAY AND TOMORROW, (That is two days or two thousand years) AND ON THE THIRD DAY (The third day or seventh day) I FINISH MY COURSE." (Luke 13:32) This is what we are to be ready for; the Day of the finished work of the Omega Word of God. It begins at the midnight hour, the first hour of a new day. Do you remember Jesus weeping over Jerusalem that He wanted to gather than like a mother hen gathers her chicks? He cried out to them, "If you only knew the hour of your visitation." (Luke 19:44) Therefore, we see that it is not the rapture that starts the day, but a shout from heaven that declares, "BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM, GO OUT TO MEET HIM!"

I want you to notice that the miracle God is about to do is not win the lost, or even heal the sick or raise the dead. This he has done in the two days and is continuing even into the third day. The miracle is that while the church is still trying to find out its real purpose, the Lord speaks it from the heaven. "Behold the Bridegroom! Go out and Meet Him!" The foolish virgins have been sidetracked from their original intention. They have either let the word fall by the wayside, or allowed it to be sown in shallow ground where it will have no root. They may even have let the cares of the world choke this word out as we see in Mat. 13. Whatever reason, the Word was never sown in their hearts. This

leaves them without extra oil and unprepared for the coming of the Bridegroom. Even though they are in this spiritual position, they do nothing about it. They are saved but desire nothing more. They are rich, but are in need of nothing.

The wise did not do this. They allowed the Lord to purify their hearts, lives and motives. The Bride-to-be has allowed the Lord to break and make her to the point she has little strength. She has become weak so He could become strong. The wise virgins have become poor to obtain His riches. Even though they seem to be sleeping and in the same condition as the other virgins, they have been inwardly prepared. This potential bride has something from the Lord. She has the extra oil to finish the journey. The virgins are all about to wake up at the call of God, but only the wise will make it to the marriage ceremony.

"THEN ALL THE VIRGINS GOT UP AND PUT THEIR LAMPS IN ORDER." (Mat. 25:7). This means they all awakened to understand the call of the Lord and they examined themselves to go out to meet Him by putting their lamp in order. This is like when someone tells you to put your own house in order. You must make sure everything is ready and in its proper place. These virgins realize that they must put their lamps in order to make the journey to go out and meet the Bridegroom. Beloved, it is necessary to see in this parable the consequences of not being properly prepared. We need to see what will happen to us if we miss the "Anointing of the Moment. "AND THE FOOLISH SAID TO THE WISE: GIVE US SOME OF YOUR OIL, FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT." (Mat. 25:8) What are they really asking for? The foolish realize they do not have the oil necessary to make the journey. They have not let the Lord deal with their hearts. These unwise virgins did not live like the bride-to-be in the Song of Solomon who paid the price to be transformed to where she could testify. "I am my beloved's and His desires are towards me." (SOS. 7:10) They now realize all they have is their initial salvation and have never grown up spiritually to make the journey. They realize that their level of spirituality will not allow them to make to the wedding and to meet the Bridegroom. After examining

themselves, they realize their lamp will go out on the journey. The unwise virgins are unprepared to go out and meet him. This is why Jesus tells us in Mat. 24:44: "YOU ALSO MUST BE READY THEREFORE. THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR WHEN YOU DO NOT EXPECT HIM!" If the foolish were really expecting Him to come, they would have done what the wise virgins did and took extra oil with them. So in Mat. 8:25 they cry out, "GIVE US SOME OF YOUR OIL?" The reply of the wise virgins at first glance is stunning. It seems like they are not being very "Christian". Why are they not helping their brothers and sisters in need? Are they not just being prideful and greedy? I am sure if they would all share a little, the others might make it. The wise virgins reply; "THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH FOR US AND YOU: GO TO THE DEALERS AND BUY FOR YOURSELVES." (Mat. 25:8) That answer appears not to be very loving for their fellow virgins. The wise virgins tell them go get it for themselves. We only have enough for ourselves. Did they forget the command of love one another as I have loved you?

It was not their lack of love for them that would not give them any of their oil. The wise virgins did not give them any oil because they were not able to give it to them. The oil in this parable represents the work of the Holy Spirit that has been allowed to be done in their hearts. The oil represents the spiritual preparation that the wise have allowed to become part of their lives. It represents the dealings, the breakings, and the making of godly character in them. It is the personal work of intimacy that comes from the loving discipline of the Lord in their lives. They are unable to give it to anyone because it is personal. Beloved, no one can give to another human being what God has done in their lives. They can tell others about it. They can even lead them to the Lord and the precious Holy Spirit who does the refining work. They cannot however, give them what was done in them. It

is their own treasure. It is what the Lord instructs the remnant church of Philadelphia to hold on to so no one will rob you of their crown.

I believe if it were possible to give what they had, they would have done so lovingly. They just could not give it. Therefore; they tell the foolish virgins the next best thing. They tell them to go and get it where they got it from; the dealers. "GO INSTEAD TO THE DEALERS AND BUY FOR YOURSELVES." (Mat. 25:9) I think it is interesting to note that the wise sent them to the DEALERS. Beloved, the spiritual preparation necessary are often called the "dealings of the Lord". These dealings are the circumstances that God has allowed to come into our lives to expose what we have of the Lord and what we have not.

These dealings are called trials, tribulations and workings of the Lord. James 1:2 says, "CONSIDER IT WHOLLY JOYFUL, MY BRETHREN, WHENEVER YOU ARE ENVELOPED IN OR ENCOUNTER TRIALS OF ANY SORT OR FALL INTO VARIOUS TEMPTATIONS. BE ASSURED AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRIAL AND PROVING OF YOUR FAITH BRINGS OUT ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS AND PATIENCE. BUT LET ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS AND PATIENCE HAVE FULL PLAY AND DO A THOROUGH WORK. (Did you notice it has to have full play and do a complete work?) SO THAT YOU MAY BE A PEOPLE PERFECTLY AND FULLY DEVELOPED (WITH NO DEFECTS) LACKING IN NOTHING." My precious brothers and sisters, this extra oil is the thorough working of the Lord in our life preparing in us the qualities needed to be married to the Lord. It is these qualities that cause us to see and be dressed in white garments ready for our Husband and King. The wise send them to the dealers to get this working done in their lives. The foolish virgins have missed their hour of visitation that the Lord gave them to repent and get prepared. In Rev. 3:18, the Lord Jesus Christ gives them instructions to be ready for the midnight hour that is to come,

"THEREFORE I COUNSEL YOU TO PURCHASE FROM ME GOLD REFINED AND TESTED BY THE FIRE, THAT YOU MAY BE TRULY WEALTHY, AND WHITE CLOTHES TO CLOTHE YOU AND TO KEEP THE SHAME OF YOUR NUDITY FROM BEING SEEN, AND SALVE TO PUT ON YOUR EYES, THAT YOU MAY SEE. THOSE I DEARLY AND TENDERLY LOVE, I TELL THEIR FAULTS AND CONVICT AND CONVINCE AND REPROVE AND DISCIPLINE. SO BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND IN EARNEST AND BURNING WITH ZEAL AND REPENT."

This is the instruction given just before the "Anointing of the Moment." These are the instructions that will give each believer the extra oil they will need to enter into the marriage of the Lord. We are to buy the gold tried by the fire from the Lord. Gold represents the character and the nature of God. It is the very life of Jesus in us. This is what every believer should be doing with the time they still have left. This is the work the bride does in Rev 19:7, "LET US CELEBRATE AND ASCRIBE TO HIM GLORY AND HONOR FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB HAS COME, AND THE BRIDE HAS PREPARED HERSELF." She has prepared herself because she went to the dealers, the Holy Spirit. The bride-to-be has gotten salve for her eyes to be opened to see her heavenly Bridegroom, and she now delights to do His will. Her confession is, "I am my beloved, and His desires are towards me." (SOS 7:10) She now lives just to please the one she loves. Her obedience has allowed her to dress in white which speaks of the developed character and nature of the Lord in her. "SHE HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO DRESS IN FINE (RADIANT) LINEN, DAZZLING AND WHITE FOR THE FINE LINEN IS (SIGNIFIES, REPRESENTS) THE RIGHTEOUS, JUST AND GODLY LIVING, DEEDS AND CONDUCT, AND RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD AND OF THE SAINTS - GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE." (Rev. 19:8)

She has the oil, the spiritual preparation necessary to go out and meet him. This is why she tells the foolish to go out and buy it for themselves. The wise and the foolish at this point still do

not know the exact moment the Lord will come. They do not know when he will come to get them and bring them into the supper: So while there is still time, they tell the foolish what they need to do to get the extra oil.

Let us return to Matthew 25:10, "BUT WHILE THEY WERE GOING AWAY TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME!" My dear ones, I hope you understand that there is coming a moment when the Bridegroom comes! There comes a time in history, when we have no more time of preparation to be ready for our heavenly Bridegroom. There has come an "Anointing of the Moment" to bring us into our destiny. A moment in time when we are called to come through the Door up into the heavenly place Jesus has prepared for us. There is a moment in time we must be ready to "COME UP HERE"! This moment is now coming upon us. Are you ready for it? Please hear me, there is not much time to cooperate with what the Holy Spirit is saying to us and wants to do in our lives. Are we listening? Are we making ourselves ready? Alternatively, are we going on with our spiritual life as business as usual? Are we going through all the religious motions caught up in the Spirit of the world? Are we like what James declares in chapter three, verse four? "YOU ARE LIKE UNFAITHFUL WIVES HAVING ILLICIT LOVE AFFAIRS WITH THE WORLD AND BREAKING YOUR MARRIAGE VOW TO GOD." Does this Scripture take on new meaning to us now that we are seeing what the Lord desires from us? Do we not see that our real purpose is to go out and meet the Bridegroom? Do we see how far we have fallen from His original intention for us?" DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT BEING THE WORLD'S FRIEND IS BEING GOD'S ENEMY? SO WHOEVER CHOSSES TO BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD TAKES HIS STAND AS AN ENEMY OF GOD." (James 4:4)

Are not many in America, a generation of churchgoers, that could be called unfaithful wives having a love affair with the world? This is the state of many in the Body of Christ today. Today, Jesus is standing in our midst as portrayed in the Book of Revelation 1-3! Do you understand why there is only a remnant

of the church the Lord commends in Rev. 3:7-12 that is doing the right thing? Do you remember that in the time of Israel's exodus out of Egypt to enter the promised land only Joshua and Caleb had a different spirit that would FOLLOW THE LORD FULLY! Can you see that only to this remnant is the DOOR wide open for them to come through? They are the only part of the church Jesus offers the Key of David. This is the most serious time of our lives to make ourselves ready. We had lots of time to prepare, however, we only have moments now. The Lord revealed to me that there are only twenty minutes left of spiritual time to get ready. I do not know why he told me twenty minutes except to illustrate to me the shortness of time left for our preparation. That is why I am writing this book. I, too, thought we had more time left, and we do, but not as much as people think. I do not know how long twenty minutes of God's timing is, but I know we need to be ready for time is short. If we are not ready, what happened to the foolish virgins could just as easily be our portion. BUT WHILE THEY WERE GOING AWAY TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME, AND THOSE WHO WERE PREPARED (Do you see it?) WENT IN WITH HIM INTO THE MARRIAGE FEAST, AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT!" (Mat. 25:10)

Beloved, I tremble as I write this. I tremble because it is hard for me to accept that the Lord will shut the door. However, it is a fact, HE WILL SHUT THE DOOR! In Rev. 3:7, Jesus says, THESE ARE THE WORDS OF THE HOLY ONE; THE TRUE ONE, HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, WHO OPENS AND NO SHALL SHUT (representing a period of time for all His virgins to come and get ready) WHO SHUTS AND NO ONE SHALL OPEN." (This represents the end of that time when all the wise come in) Jesus opened the door and He has closed it. We must enter in before that door shuts. That is why the "Anointing of the Moment" is a moment of time, a transition between two places or periods of time. IT IS THE MOMENT BETWEEN WHEN THE DOOR IS OPEN AND THE COMMAND FOR THE DOOR TO BE SHUT! WE HAVE BUT LITTLE TIME TO ENTER THROUGH THE DOOR INTO OUR ETERNAL MARRIAGE AND PLACE BY HIS SIDE!

Do you really want to sit back and relax now? Do you still want to play church and do business as usual? Sadly, many in the church today have little or no idea of what the Lord is about to do. So many churches are busy with building projects, evangelistic efforts, programs, entertainment, or trying to figure out what our purpose is. Look at all the gimmicks and glitter we have to use to get people to come to church. However, that may be the whole problem; we are trying to get people to church instead of to Jesus. We are not teaching them that the work of the virgin is to go out and meet the Bridegroom first. As we develop an intimate relationship with the Lord, we will be ready to work with Him instead of working for Him. We will be ready to live with Him instead of for Him. We will stop wandering in the wilderness going around in circles and be ready for the greatest manifestation of God's Glory the world has ever seen. Is this what you really desire? I pray that it is so.

"LATER THE OTHER VIRGINS CAME AND SAID, LORD, LORD, OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!" (Mat. 25:11) This breaks my heart and must break the Lord's heart as well. In Mathew 24, Jesus told us this would be so. He told us the door was going to shut and some will not be taken in. Listen to Mat. 24:40-42, "AT THAT TIME TWO MEN WILL BE IN THE FIELD, ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND ONE WILL BE LEFT. TWO WOMEN WILL BE GRINDING AT THE HAND MILL, ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND ONE WILL BE LEFT. WATCH THEREFORE FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW IN WHAT KIND OF DAY YOUR LORD IS COMING!" I do not know if it is just a principle number or it is a real number or not, but there were two and one was taken. That is fifty percent of the people. There were ten virgins and only five go in. That is fifty percent of the people as well. Maybe it is just an illustration, but it could be literal. That is an awfully large number of people who do not get in.

Why do they not get Jesus to open the door for them? They are virgins and are saved. Listen to the answer, "BUT HE REPLIED, I SOLEMNLY DECLARE TO YOU, I DO NOT

KNOW YOU (I AM NOT AQUAINTED WITH YOU)" Mat. 25: 12.

Jesus tells them I do not know you. I was never intimate with you. They are the ones who when Jesus knocked on the door calling them to come and eat with Him, refused. They did not answer the call to allow the workings of the Lord in their lives and develop a personal intimate relationship with Him. He does not know them as a Husband is to know his wife. They never became one or understood the mystery of Christ and His church. THEREFORE, THEY CANNOT COME INTO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER. THEY CANNOT COME UP HERE INTO THEIR SPIRITUAL PLACE IN THE HEAVENLY REALM. THEY ARE SAVED, BUT ARE NOT CHANGED SO TIEY CANNOT COME TO ABIDE IN THE THRONE ROOM AS KINGS AND PRIESTS.

Let us be ready! There will be a people prepared for His Glory and the marriage of the Lamb and there will be those who will not be prepared. What happens to these two groups of people is most important in the unfolding of the third day and the endtimes. We will look at this in a later chapter. The question now before you is this: will you be a wise or foolish virgin? That depends on the choices you are about to make in this ordained time of the Lord. You must enter into the "Anointing of the Moment" to enter into your eternal place by His side in glorious splendor. Will you do it, beloved of the Lord? This chapter reveals to us the important truth of the wise and foolish virgins. It encourages us to prepare ourselves now to be married to the Lord. We have learned that the shout is about to come at the midnight hour. It does not tell us what minute the call comes in that hour, but it does come. In the next chapter we will examine

what we need to do to be chosen of the Lord as His bride. Please pray that the Lord will cause your heart to be open for His call to Come up Here!

## **The Chosen of the Lord**

We are now standing at the doorway of eternal destiny. It is the final moment of time to enter into the place Jesus has for us. He said in John 14, that when He returns He is going to come and take us to Himself that where He is we should also be. It is so beautiful to see the heart of our Heavenly Bridegroom. It is equally beautiful to see the heart of our Father. In this chapter, we are going to see the longing heart of God who is jealous over us. James 4:5 says, "OR DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT THE SCRIPTURE IS SPEAKING TO NO PURPOSE THAT SAYS, THE SPIRIT WHOM HE HAS CAUSED TO DWELL IN US YEARNs OVER US AND HE YEARNs FOR THE SPIRIT (TO BE WELCOME) WITH A JEALOUS LOVE." The Lord is jealous over us because we were created to be with Him forever. His desire is for His house to be filled. John. 14:2 declares, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES, IF IT WERE NOT SO. I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, FOR I AM GOING AWAY TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU."

What a loving Bridegroom! I remember when I was engaged all my attention was focused on being married. I did all I could to give my future bride the love and security she needed to be joined to me as a family. My heart's desire was to give her the wedding of her dreams and to provide a home for her to come to. I wanted to give her the best I could afford. I wanted her to be happy in the place we were to start our married life together. So it is with the Lord. Why did Jesus go and prepare a place for us? Because, we need a place to live together forever. We need a home to live for our entire lives. Jesus went back to His Father's house as He ascended into Heaven where He is to this day. He goes to prepare a place for us. He has heard the bride cry out of her being, "Draw me, we will run after you. The king brings me into His chambers." This is exactly what the Lord desires. In John 14, He tells us that He is coming back to get us. He is coming to marry us and take us into the place He has prepared for us to live in the heavenly realm. He says in verse three, "AND WHEN I GO AND MAKE READY A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK

AGAIN AND TAKE YOU TO MYSELF (which is to marry you)  
THAT WHERE I AM YOU SHALL ALSO BE!

This is the glory of Revelation 4 and 5. Here, Jesus is showing John the place He has prepared for us to come and live. It is the place He has prepared for His bride, the overcomers to live. This is the place He invites every believer to come. He begins this invitation in Luke 14 with a shout or a call from heaven: "COME, ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY! (Luke 14:17) But who is going to respond to the call? What about those who are now being saved or will be saved? Jesus gives us the answer. Let us now look at it: "AND AT THE HOUR FOR THE SUPPER HE SENT HIS SERVANT TO SAY TO THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVITED, COME, FOR ALL IS NOW READY!"

I want you to notice that it begins with an hour, the hour that Jesus said we need to watch and wait for. We are to tarry for this hour as they tarried on the day of Pentecost. At that hour, He sends His servant to say, "Come, for all is now ready." In Revelation 1 - 3, the Lord continually tells us, that He who has an ear let them hear what the Spirit of the Lord says to the churches. Therefore, our heavenly servant is speaking to God's people. He is speaking: "COME, FOR ALL NOW IS READY! This is the same voice that cries, "BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM, GO OUT AND MEET HIM!" Mat. 25:6. This happens at the midnight hour of the third day. It is the call for the bride to come and be married to the Lord. Who are those who are going to hear the call of the Lord? "BUT THEY ALL BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSES AND TO BEG OFF." (Luke 14:18) Do you ask yourself how could this possibly be? How could they refuse the call to meet the Lord and come to the feast? What could convince them that there are more important things than to come to the Lord's banquet? You must remember that many are called and few are chosen. Here all the saved ones are invited to come, but here is a group of invited ones who will not pay the price to qualify. They are consumed in the worldly priorities. Listen to their reasoning, "THE FIRST SAID TO HIM, I HAVE BOUGHT A PIECE OF LAND, AND I HAVE TO GO OUT AND SEE IT; I BEG YOU, HAVE ME EXCUSED AND ANOTHER SAID, I HAVE BOUGHT FIVE YOKE OF

OXEN, AND I AM GOING TO EXAMINE AND PUT MY APPROVAL OF THEM, I BEG YOU, HAVE ME EXCUSED. AND ANOTHER SAID, I HAVE MARRIED A WIFE, AND BECAUSE OF THIS I AM UNABLE TO COME?" (Luke 14:18-20)

Beloved, now is the time to prepare and pay the price to enter into this marriage. The invitation is for all, but few will come. Discipleship is conditional in that you must respond and deny yourself and pick up your cross. Salvation is a free gift from God based upon the sacrifice of Jesus' blood washing our sins away. Hidden throughout the Bible is a call for the bride to come and prepare herself to be married to the Lord, but it will be at great cost, Mat. 10:34-36 declares, "DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO BRING PEACE UPON THE EARTH; I HAVE NOT COME TO BRING PEACE, BUT A SWORD. FOR I HAVE COME TO SEPARATE A MAN FROM HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER FROM HER MOTHER, AND A NEWLY MARRIED WIFE FROM HER MOTHER-IN-LAW. AND A MAN'S FOES WILL BE THEY OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD."

The cost of being chosen is high. High because it separates you from all that is important in the world. The call of God causes you to choose Him above your own family. It will divide you from all who desire the world more than God, and you will face persecution. "HE WHO LOVES FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME; AND HE WHO LOVES SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME; AND HE WHO DOES NOT TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME, CONFORMING WHOLLY TO MY EXAMPLE IN LIVING AND DYING IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. WHOEVER FIND HIS LOWER (EARTHLY) LIFE WILL LOSE IT (THE HIGHER

SPIRITUAL LIFE). AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LOWER (EARTHLY) LIFE ON MY ACCOUNT WILL FIND IT (THE HIGHER LIFE)." (Mat. 10:37-39)

There is a choice to be made and a price to pay. In Luke 14, they all make excuses of why they cannot come. Are you making the same choice today? How many of today's precious saints are in this position? It is a most dangerous position for us to be in because we will lose so much by clinging to this world's priorities. Hebrews 3: 12, gives us a warning, "THEREFORE BRETHREN, TAKE CARE, LEST THERE BE IN ANY ONE OF YOU A WICKED, UNBELIEVING HEART THAT REFUSES (do you see they refuse the invitation to come) TO CLEAVE TO, TRUST IN, AND RELY ON HIM, LEADING YOU TO TURN AWAY AND DESERT OR STAND ALOOF FROM THE LIVING GOD." The excuses the invited guests make do not sound like their requests are that bad, "Please have me excused. We can not come right now we have more important priorities. Maybe we will come to the supper later." What are these invited ones really saying to the Lord by making excuses? These guests are turning their back to His call and deserting Him by asking Him to excuse them from coming at the time the Lord desires. They want to come in their own time and their own way. Can you imagine how this must break the Father's heart? Look at all He has done to make and prepare a place for them to come. He sent His own Son into the world to die for our sins. The Father sent Jesus into Hell to conquer death and the grave and raised Him from the dead. Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. Finally, Jesus sends down to us His precious Holy Spirit to come and live in us. What more could He give?

It is a terrible mistake to make excuses not to come when the Lord is calling us. That is why we are called to warn one another while we still have time. That is what the Lord desires for me to do in writing this book. "BUT INSTEAD WARN ONE ANOTHER EVERY DAY, AS LONG AS IT IS CALLED TODAY!" (Heb. 3:13) Why does He say this? Because it says in Revelation chapters 1-3, "He who has an ear let them hear!" Heb.

3:7 says, "Therefore as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART AS HAPPENED IN THE REBELLION OF ISRAEL IN THE DAY OF TESTING IN THE WILDERNESS, WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED MY PATIENCE AND FOUND I STOOD THEIR TEST, AND THEY SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS."

Beloved, we have seen the works of God and heard His Word for our lifetime. We have two thousand years of history of the church, yet people are still going to make excuses. It is going to be possible that many Christians today will be just like these invited guests who make excuses of why they cannot come when He calls. These are a people who say they are rich and in need of nothing. They believe it is enough to go to church Sunday and Wednesday. They rest in the fact they pay their tithes and even teach Sunday School. They may even go to all the church functions, but they still have a greater priority, their family, house and job must be attended to first. Lord, forgive us for the hardness of our heart. Heb. 3:10 says, "AND SO I WAS PROVOKED (DISPLEASED AND SORELY GRIEVED) WITH THAT GENERATION, AND SAID, THEY ALWAYS ERR AND LED ASTRAY IN THEIR HEARTS." Are not these people in Luke 14:17 being led astray in their hearts? How could they refuse the call of the Lord to come to the marriage feast when He says, COME ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY?

How are they led astray? Listen to the word of God, "AND THEY HAVE NOT PERCEIVED OR RECOGNIZED MY WAYS AND BECOME MORE PROGRESSIVELY BETTER AND MORE EXPERIMENTALLY AND INTIMATELY AQUAINTED WITH THEM" (Rev. 3:10) This is the indictment against the foolish virgins who were invited to come but made the same excuses many do in the church today. They do not know the Lord intimately, nor do they know His heart or His ways. "ACCORDINGLY, I SWORE IN MY WRATH AND INDIGNATION, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER INTO MY REST." (Heb. 3:11) This means they will not have a part in the

third day or seventh day marriage of the Lord. We see in Matthew 25, that they are all resting or sleeping at the beginning of the day. When the call to behold the Bridegroom comes to go out to meet Him, the foolish cannot go because they are unprepared. When they finally arrive at the DOOR, it is slammed shut and Jesus will not let them in. Heb. 3:11 says, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST!"

I pray that no one who is reading this book will ever hear those words spoken to him or her. I do not want to see one believer in Christ ever hear those words. That is why the warning must come while it is still TODAY! We are in the day of choice. The question is who is on the Lord's side? Who is going to pay the price to qualify to enter the door? Discipleship is conditional and requires us to prepare ourselves. Salvation is choosing to be forgiven and saved by the grace of God. Discipleship requires a deeper sacrifice in giving up this earthly life for a heavenly life. We must voluntarily pick up our cross and follow Him. Our cross is made when our will (priorities) collides with God's will (priorities) for our lives. This collision of wills usually brings about a great suffering to the disciple. The suffering is the fact that we have the choice to do something other than what God wants. We can take our lives into our own hands. We have the power to save ourselves from suffering by grasping our will and not God's. The cross is formed when we resist this temptation with all our spiritual might. It becomes a cross when we choose to do it God's way instead of our way. It can cost us our reputation, money, family, acceptance, and we will even be called a fool for Christ. We will see in a moment why you must pay the price to enter in to this supper, but we must pay it.

How does the Lord respond to their excuses? Look at verse( Luke 14:21), "SO THE SERVANT CAME AND REPORTED THESE ANSWERS TO HIS MASTER. THEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE SAID IN WRATH TO HIS SERVANT." Does this sound as if the Lord is happy? Is the Master of the house saying oh, that's okay. You really do not understand what I am asking. No, the Master of the house is angry,

full of wrath. He has given us everything we need and completely made a way for us to come. Yet, those invited say not now! The Lord is angry and makes a decree, "GO QUICKLY INTO THE GREAT STREETS AND THE SMALL STREETS OF THE CITY AND BRING IN HERE THE POOR AND THE DISABLED AND THE BLIND AND THE LAME." (Luke 14:21)

I want you to examine the first two words, Go Quickly! Why? Because time is closing out? The Lord is about to shut the door and no one will be able to open it. He is going to have a bride. The sad part is all those who are rejecting the call of God, or not hearing it, will not make it in to the supper. They may even be praying for it or believing for it, but they will not make it in. They can cry or beg Him, but they missed the hour of their visitation and invitation.

Therefore, the Lord is going to bring in another harvest of souls to be married to the Lord. In these last moments, His call to come to the wedding is going to ring throughout the world; As a matter of fact, it is already begun. Many precious ones the church would say could never possibly make it into the supper will make it in. Many of those who the church has looked down upon, the nobodies, the lowly, the desperate ones will make it into the supper. Our Lord taught us, the first would be last and the last would be first. There will be a people who will come and will not make excuses. There will be a people who will love Him above all others. A people who will be prepared for the Glory of the Lord to come in its fullness.

Luke 14:22-23 teaches us, "AND THE SERVANT SAID, SIR, WHAT YOU HAVE COMMANDED ME TO DO HAS BEEN DONE, AND YET THERE IS MORE ROOM. THEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE SAID TO THE SERVANT, GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES AND URGE AND CONSTRAIN (COMPEL) THEM TO YIELD AND TO COME IN, SO THAT MY HOUSE MAYBE FILLED!"

This is the work of the wise virgins in this hour. They must

compel others to come into the house of the Lord to be married. How will she do this? She will do it by the "Anointing of the Moment?" The moment begins with a call and a knock on the DOOR, and the revelation that there is a DOOR and a throne standing in heaven. It begins with a call to COME UP HERE! The bride-to-be is responding to that call now and is being transformed into His image. She is beginning to see the Bridegroom as He really is. She is not completed yet or fully transfigured, but she wants Him more than her own life. She is love sick as we find in SOS 5:8, where she cries out to the daughters of Jerusalem, "If you find my beloved, that you tell him I am lovesick." The bride-to-be's life has been so changed she can answer the question the daughters of Jerusalem ask, "WHAT IS YOUR BELOVED MORE THAN ANOTHER BELOVED, THAT YOU GIVE US SUCH A CHARGE?" (SOS 5:9) "SHE REPLIES: MY BELOVED IS FAIR AND RUDDY, THE CHIEF AMONG TEN THOUSAND. HIS HEAD IS THE FINEST GOLD, HIS LOCKS ARE CURLY AND BUSHY AND BLACK AS A RAVEN. HIS EYES ARE LIKE DOVES BESIDE THE WATER BROOKS, BATHED IN MILK AND FITLY SET. HIS CHEEKS ARE LIKE A BED OF SPICES OR BALSAM. HIS LIPS ARE LIKE BLOOD RED ANEMONES OR LILIES DISTILLING LIQUID SWEET MYRRH. HIS HANDS ARE LIKE RODS OF GOLD SET WITH TOPAZ. HIS LEGS ARE LIKE STRONG AND STEADY PILLARS OF MARBLE SET UPON BASES OF GOLD. HIS APPEARANCE IS LIKE LEBANON, EXCELLENT, STATELY, AND MAJESTIC AS THE CEDARS. HIS VOICE AND SPEECH ARE EXCEEDINGLY SWEET, YES, HE IS ALTOGHETHER LOVELY. THIS IS MY BELOVED AND THIS IS MY FRIEND." SOS 5:10-16

Wow! Does she know Him intimately? Yes! This intimacy will compel the poor, the disabled and blind to come into His house. They have never seen anyone like this bride-to-be before or never heard about her bridegroom/King . Her testimony will be one where she can demonstrate the compelling love relationship she has developed with her Lord. This will cause those who are the least in this worlds standards to desire what she has, and they

will "Come Up Here" into the supper of the Lord.

So powerful will her testimony be that she will be used to allure others into the desert to be married to the Lord. We now live in that exact moment. We are in the first seconds of the "Anointing of the Moment." Her engagement relationship is so powerful that it will constrain the others to come. Look at the fruit of this in SOS 6:1, "WHERE HAS YOUR BELOVD GONE, O YOU FAIREST AMONG WOMEN? (AGAIN, THE LADIES SHOWED THEIR INTEREST IN THE REMARKABLE PERSON WHOM THE BRIDE HAD CHAMPIONED WITH SUCH UNSTINTED PRAISE: THEY TOO WANTED TO KNOW HIM, THEY INSISTED) WHERE IS YOUR BELOVED HIDING HIMSELF? FOR WE WOULD SEEK HIM WITH YOU!"

What a glorious testimony of the bride-to-be. This is only the beginning of that testimony for even greater things are going to come. Don't you remember the words of our Lord, "I ASSURE YOU, MOST SOLEMNLY TELL YOU, IF ANYONE STEADFAST BELIEVES IN ME, HE WILL HIMSELF BE ABLE TO DO THE THINGS I DO; AND HE WILL EVEN DO GREATER THINGS THAN THESE, BECAUSE I GO TO THE FATHER." (John 14:12). Jesus says, All this you will do because I go to the Father. He has gone and prepared a place, a feast and a marriage for us to come to. The Lord boldly tells His disciples, I have gone and made a place for you so there where I am, you shall also be. What greater works can there be other than to be made one with Him? What is greater than being able to live in the heavenly realm and be seated with Him on His throne? Hallelujah!

The greater things are coming. How much greater love can there be than for God to give His only Begotten Son for us to marry? Now the world is about to see that Son again. They will begin to see Him in the ("Anointing of the Moment") being made one with His bride. She will manifest to the world this beautiful marriage and demonstrate its miraculous power. Then they will see Him coming in all of His Glory to establish His Kingdom on the Earth. The Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom

of our God in Christ!

This is what the invited ones, (the foolish virgins) are passing up by making their excuses. The Lord slams the door on them as He did in Matthew 25 by saying in Luke 14:24, "FOR I TELL YOU, NOT ONE OF THOSE WHO WERE INVITED SHALL TASTE MY SUPPER!" Did you hear that beloved? NOT ONE of those invited shall taste of my supper. This is not a joke or a threat. This is reality. We must be found on the right side of the call. We must respond to the Lord now in the "Anointing of the Moment." We must come through the DOOR out of the earthly up into our place in the heavenly realm.

It is a conditional position based upon our choices and is not automatic. We are not going to get there doing rapture practice or by playing church. We are not going to get there doing business as usual. There is a great cost or price that must be paid by every believer desiring to be married to the Lord. We have a part to complete in cooperating with what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. The day we live in now demands us to become a bride, a real disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to become "TRUE SHEEP" that Jesus spoke about in John 10. We must be the ones that only hear His voice and follow Him wherever He leads us. We are to be a people who will never follow the voice of strangers anymore because we will not recognize the voice of strangers or follow their direction. This is what it means to be a disciple or a bride.

This has nothing to do with our conversion and our initial salvation. That is a free gift given to us by God Himself. Discipleship is different, because it is conditional upon us obeying the voice and the word of God. Remember the choice that made the Lord shut the door on the invited guests was that they chose the world first over the Lord. They said to Him that their job, family and house was the MOST IMPORTANT CONCERN IN THEIR LIVES. THIS IS THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES THAT CHOKES THE WORD OUT THAT JESUS WARNS US OF IN MATTHEW 13!

In many of today's churches, we give greater priority to getting members saved than to developing an intimate relationship with the Lord. Often times our meetings are directed to get everyone to pray the sinner's prayer and join a church. These things are good things to do, but are they enough in preparing a bride for the Lord? I believe the answer is obvious to you if you have read this book. Was it the Lord's intention in dying for us just to get people to go to church, or is there more that He desires for us to become? Many Christians may teach Sunday school or may even be workers or ministers in their church, but that does not make them disciples or a bride. Keith Green said that, "going to church doesn't make you any more of a Christian than going to McDonalds makes you a hamburger."

It is possible in the time we are now living for a believer just to go to church, work in a ministry and never know the **WILL AND VOICE OF GOD!** Many Christians do not even know that the Lord is still speaking today. They believe the only way God speaks today is in reading the Bible. They do not know that the Lord still **UTTERS HIS VOICE BEFORE HIS ARMY!** (Joel 2:11) They do not realize that the word of God says, "**TODAY IF YOU HEAR MY VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.**" (Rev. 3:7-8) They do not know that in the Book of Revelation 2 and 3, Jesus says, "**HE THAT HAS AN EAR TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES!**"

Unless you are developing a deep abiding relationship with the Lord and waiting upon Him to hear His voice, you can never become a disciple/bride. Discipleship means you must be willing to change your life completely and live in a different realm with God. It means you have to be in the world but not of the world. You must live like a stranger and an alien in this world and have your citizenship in heaven. Disciples store up their riches in heaven and not on the earth. That is why discipleship is predicated by your own choice.

You alone are the one who has to make a choice to become a disciple/bride or not. The tragedy of Luke 14 is that those who

were invited to the feast would not come. That choice is going to cause them not to be chosen as a bride because they would not come when the Lord called. They will remain forgiven and saved from their sins but that is all they will possess of His kingdom. They may still work hard in church, but they will never become a bride.

I am stressing the point for a reason. We must prepare ourselves to become a bride. We must pay the price of being chosen. We must make ourselves ready NOW! TODAY! The invited ones made excuses at the very hour of the supper. How could they do it? This is the choice so many Christians have made throughout the two thousand years of the church. There still remains in many believers today an evil heart of unbelief that will not enter in the Sabbath rest of the Lord. They are not willing to count the cost of following Jesus all the way to the end now or even at the HOUR OF THE SUPPER! This is a sad testimony, and it could be the testimony of many Christians of today unless they repent. I want to close this chapter with looking at what Jesus says the conditions of discipleship are and how we enter the rest of God.

Heb. 4:7-11, "AGAIN HE SETS A DEFINATE DAY, A NEW DAY (do you see it yet?) TODAY, (AND GIVES ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY OF SECURING THAT REST) SAYING THROUGH DAVID AFTER SO LONG A TIME IN THE WORDS ALREADY QUOTED, TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE AND WHEN YOU HEAR IT, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART. (THIS MENTION OF REST WAS NOT A REFERENCE TO THEIR ENTERING CANAAN) FOR IF JOSHUA HAD GIVEN THEM REST, HE WOULD NOT SPEAK AFTERWARD ABOUT ANOTHER DAY! (He is referring to our day, our "Anointing of the Moment.") "SO THEN, THERE IS STILL WAITING A FULL AND COMPLETE SABBATH REST RESERVED FOR THE TRUE PEOPLE OF GOD. (Is this not what John 10 says about the "true sheep" who know His voice and follow Him?) FOR HE WHO HAS ENTERED GOD'S REST; ALSO HAS CEASED FROM HUMAN LABORS (This is ceasing from all our man made ideas

and churchy religious activities.) JUST AS GOD RESTED FROM THOSE LABORS PECULIARLY HIS OWN. LET US THEREFORE BE ZEALOUS AND EXERT OURSELVES AND STRIVE DILIGENTLY TO ENTER THAT REST OF GOD, THAT NO ONE MAY FALL OR PERISH BY THE SAME KIND OF UNBELIEF & DISOBEDIENCE INTO WHICH THOSE IN THE WILDERNESS FELL."

Beloved there is a work to do now; We must enter that rest by preparing to be married to the Lord and be His True disciples. We must live our lives after what the Lord requires and not what man requires. When Jesus finishes the teaching about the invited guest, He turns to the crowd and says in Luke 14:26-27, "IF ANYONE (this is the conditional part because it is your choice, if any man) COMES TO ME AND DOES NOT HATE HIS OWN FATHER AND MOTHER AND LIKEWISE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YES EVEN HIS OWN LIFE ALSO HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. WHOEVER DOES NOT PERSEVERE AND CARRY HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE HIS DISCIPLE. Verse 33, "SO THEN, ANY OF YOU WHO DO NOT FORSAKE (RENOUNCE, SURRENDER CLAIM TO, GIVE UP, SAY GOODBYE) ALL THAT HE HAS CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE."

This is how the invited ones fail to answer the call and never become disciples. They were content in just being saved and never qualify to be a disciple. By their choice, they cannot be a bride nor can they come to the supper of the Lord. Do not let this happen to you. We are about to look at what it will take to be ready for that wedding day in chapter nine. Before we do, if you are reading this book and you have lived this kind of life, repent now and pray this prayer with me before we proceed.

Heavenly Father, I am saved, but I am not yours. I have lived my life as a Christian in my own way on my own terms. I know today I am not a disciple nor am I prepared to be your bride. I have wasted my time in religious things or my own things and I

never took the time to develop a real relationship with you. I confess I have never heard your voice speak to me, nor have I wanted to hear you. Please forgive me and wash me in your precious blood. I choose today to change and become a bride. I choose today to come out to meet my Bridegroom. I place my life again in your hands. Please fill me again with your Holy Spirit and Fire and restore me to the place you have prepared for me. I give you my entire life, Jesus. Completely save me forever and finish the work you started in me in your name Jesus I pray. Amen and Amen.

# **The Great Separation of the Sheep**

In the Book of Revelations chapters two and three, the Lord is standing in the midst of the church calling her to become overcomers. He is calling her to come out of darkness, sin and the power of the world to come up where He is. This call is to separate ourselves from everything that is hindering us from the relationship that the Lord desires. In 2Cor. 6:14-18, we hear this call of separation of the Spirit: "DO NOT BE UNEQUALLY YOKED WITH UNBELIEVERS (DO NOT MAKE MISDATED ALLIANCES WITH THEM OR COME UNDER A DIFFERENT YOKE WITH THEM, INCONSISTENT WITH YOUR FAITH). FOR WHAT PARTNERSHIP DOES RIGHT LIVING AND RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD HAVE WITH INIQUITY AND LAWLESSNESS? OR HOW CAN LIGHT HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH DARKNESS?"

This is a most serious question. Remember the invited guests of Luke 14 all had excuses for not answering the call of the Lord. They set their minds on the things of this world instead of the things of God. Here Paul writes to us that we cannot remain in darkness, iniquity, and sin and continue in the Lord. This is the heart and soul of what the Lord is saying to the church in Revelation chapters two and three. He is knocking on the door to call us up and out of darkness, out of iniquity and lawlessness and compromise into the glorious realm of His total victory. Why is it so important for us to come out and be separate?

The Lord is coming for a bride without spot, wrinkle or blemish. A holy bride that will be filled with His Glory. He is not coming back for a harlot. He is coming for a bride that is absolutely in love and set apart for Him. He is coming for a bride that will ravish His heart and has the single eye of the dove upon Him alone. This process of change begins as we rightly respond to the Lord's discipline and correction. Many in the Body of Christ are ignorant of or reject the purifying process of the Lord. They have rejected the Refining fire of the Holy Spirit and loved the world more than God. The Lord warns us of this in 2Timothy 3, when He says,

"THEY WILL HAVE A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENY THE POWER THEREOF." There will be many people who say they belong to the Lord and call themselves sheep. They may go to church and do great works for the Lord, but they will not make the marriage supper. How could this happen to those who call themselves believers? How could a believer think they were in a right relationship with God and yet not be? The churches in the Book of Revelation thought they were in right relationship with God, but listen to what Jesus tells them in the second and third chapters! In Sardis, Jesus tells them they had a reputation of being alive, but were dead. The church at Laodicea believed they were rich and in need of nothing, but Jesus tells them they are poor, blind, pitiable and naked. It is quite possible for a person not to know their true spiritual condition. So how does the Lord address this problem in the church?

He begins with a call of separation. Hosea 2:14: "THEREFORE, BEHOLD, I WILL ALLURE AND BRING HER INTO THE WILDERNESS, AND I WILL SPEAK TENDERLY TO HER HEART." In the wilderness the Lord begins this process by a call to come out and separate yourself from all that is in the world. This process is spoken of again in the New Testament in the following verses in 2Corinthians: "WHAT AGREEMENT CAN THERE BE BETWEEN THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND IDOLS? (None) FOR WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD: EVEN AS GOD HAS SAID, I WILL DWELL IN AND WITH AND AMONG THEM AND WILL WALK IN AND WITH AND AMONG THEM AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD AND THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE. SO COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND SEPARATE YOURSELF! (Do you hear our command to come out and separate ourselves?) FROM THEM SAYS THE LORD AND TOUCH NOT ANY UNCLEAN THING: THEN I WILL RECEIVE YOU KINDLY AND TREAT YOU WITH FAVOR.

AND I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU AND YOU WILL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY." (2Cor. 6:16-18)

Beloved you must come out before you can COME UP HERE! The "Anointing of the Moment" is a period of time between two realms and two places. In this period of time we must walk through the DOOR OF TRANSFIGURATION GLORY and COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM. We must allow the Bridegroom to allure us out to the desert where He can speak tenderly to our hearts to prepare us for our wedding day.

The Lord will allure us out of our present spiritual growth level to come into the wilderness for a time to grow into the maturity level of a bride. The wilderness always represents a place of separation from the world. It is a testing place where men and women of God are made. Abraham, Moses, the children of Israel, David, John the Baptist and Jesus were all led into the wilderness by God. The wilderness is the place of testing where we become separated from all the "ways of the world" including power and temptation. It is in this place we must learn to completely surrender our will to God and make the choices that cause us to inherit our land of promise. If we do not learn to surrender all to the Lord and learn the lessons of the wilderness, we will forfeit our promises as the majority of Israel did when they came back after spying out the Promised Land. This was their "Anointing of the Moment." Over two million people stood at the banks of their destiny, but all they could see was how large the giants and walls stood. The Lord wanted them to learn how to trust Him and surrender their will to His own. He would have subdued every enemy for them if they would have allowed Him to change and work in their hearts.

The desert wilderness is a place to be alone with the Lord. Here our hearts (our will and desires) must be dealt with so we can be transformed with His character and nature. It is in the desert wilderness we are to be made one with Him. That is why He chooses this place to marry His bride.

The choice before us is this: will we come out of our present circumstances and life and follow the Lord where He leads? Will we give up all that this world has to offer? Will we allow the Lord to work His total victory in us until we choose His will over our own? This is the power of being married to the Lord, to overcome the **POWER OF SIN** once and for all? "For God has done what the Law could not do being weakened by the flesh (the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit) Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh as an offering for sin. God condemned sin in the flesh, subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power for all those who accept that sacrifice." (Rom. 8: 3)

Jesus has come back again to His people and is standing in her midst now. He has come to lead His bride into the wilderness not to bring forgiveness from sin, but to break for the last time the **POWER OF SIN** over her life. This is why "she comes out of the wilderness leaning upon her beloved." (SOS 8:5) This may seem like an impossible task for us to accomplish! It is impossible for us. Nevertheless, what is impossible for man is possible for God! Hallelujah! **"THEREFORE, SINCE THESE GREAT PROMISES ARE OURS, LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM EVERYTHING THAT CONTAMINATES AND DEFILES BODY AND SPIRIT, AND BRING OUR CONSECRATION TO COMPLETENESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD."** (2Cor. 7:1) Listen to the Word of God concerning this separation: **"SO WHOEVER CLEANSES HIMSELF FROM THAT WHICH IS IGNOBLE AND UNCLEAN, WHO SEPARATES HIMSELF FROM CONTACT WITH CONTAMINATING AND CORRUPTING INFLUENCES WILL THEN HIMSELF BE A VESSEL SET APART AND USEFUL FOR HONORABLE AND NOBLE PURPOSES, CONSECRATED AND PROFITABLE TO THE MASTER, FIRM AND READY FOR ANY GOOD WORK."** (2Tim. 2:21.)

We must allow the Bridegroom to allure us out of where we are still living with mixture from the world. We must come to the holy place of the Wilderness to cleanse ourselves and prepare

ourselves for our wedding day. The bride has already begun this process and has experienced some change, but now she is being drawn out to the desert to be caught up into the glorious finishing work of the Lord. We must rightly respond to the call to COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM! We must yield to the alluring love of our heavenly Bridegroom for a miracle is about to take place. We are going to be changed from water into wine.

At this present moment in time, the call has gone forth and the Lord is finding out who are really His Own Ones. He is finding out who are true sheep and who are not. "NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME ON THAT DAY, (this third or seventh day.) LORD, LORD, WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. MANY WILL SAY TO ME ON THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESED IN YOUR NAME AND DRIVEN OUT DEVILS IN YOUR NAME AND DONE MANY MIGHTY WORKS IN YOUR NAME? AND I WILL SAY TO THEM OPENLY AND PUBLICLY, I NEVER KNEW YOU (I was never one with you or intimate with you. I never supped with you) WHO ACT WICKEDLY DISREGARDING MY COMMANDS!" (Mat. 7:21-23)

What commands are we to obey? We must obey all of them including, come out from among them my people and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you! "FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT YOU SHOULD BE CONSECRATED (SEPARATED AND SET APART FOR PURE AND HOLY LIVING) THAT YOU ABSTAIN, SHRINK FROM ALL SEXUAL VICE, THAT EACH ONE OF YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO POSSESS AND CONTROL YOUR BODY IN CONSECRATION AND PURITY, (SEPARATED FROM THINGS PROFANE) AND HONOR, NOT TO BE USED IN THE PASSION OF LUSTS LIKE THE HEATHEN, WHO ARE IGNORANT OF THE TRUE GOD AND HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL." (1Thes. 4:3-5)

In these beginning seconds of the "Anointing of the

Moment", there is a call of separation and consecration to the purposes of the Lord. If we have heard the call and the inner knocking of our DOOR, Jesus Christ, then we will follow Him out. For He has come to bring us out completely. "THE SHEEP LISTEN TO HIS VOICE AND HEED IT, AND HE CALLS HIS OWN BY NAME AND BRINGS (LEADS) THEM OUT. WHEN HE HAS BROUGHT HIS OWN SHEEP OUTSIDE (outside of the worlds power, out from the power of sin in our lives, out of all that contaminates us and all idolatry.) HE WALKS ON BEFORE THEM, AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM BECAUSE THEY KNOW HIS VOICE." (John 10:3-4)

Please note there were many who said Lord, Lord, look at what we did in your name. Jesus replied He never knew them. They were workers of lawlessness and iniquity. What exactly is lawlessness? It is doing your own will and not God's will. If we do not come out now and walk in the "Anointing of the Moment" or if we do not hear and respond to the call of repentance in the Book of Revelation chapters two and three, we can fall away. Listen to the warning of 2Thess. 2: 1-3: "BUT RELATIVE TO THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND OUR GATHERING TOGETHER TO HIM, WE BEG YOU, BRETHREN, NOT TO ALLOW YOUR MINDS TO BE QUICKLY UNSETTLED OR DISTURBED OR KEPT EXCITED OR ALARMED, WHETHER IT BE BY SOME REVELATION OF THE SPIRIT OR BY WORD OR BY LETTER FROM US, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD HAS ARRIVED AND IS HERE. LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY, FOR THAT DAY WILL NOT COME EXCEPT THE APOSTASY COMES FIRST (UNLESS THE PREDICTED GREAT FALLING AWAY OF THOSE WHO PROFESSED TO BE CHRISTIANS COMES) AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS IS REVEALED, WHO IS THE SON OF DOOM."

Beloved this is the great separation. This is where people are going to come out and come up or be given over to lawlessness. Jesus said His family are those who DO THE WILL OF GOD!

Has this great falling away happened? How will we know we are in the beginning of that day? The Antichrist has not been revealed yet. How can we know the day has begun? We can know by not being caught unawares. We can know by being sober and vigilant for that day. The day begins with Jesus standing in the midst of His church and what does He see? He sees her spiritual condition. He sees that many have deserted Him, their first love. He sees her lukewarm and ready to be spewed out of His mouth. He sees her as having a reputation of being alive, but is dead. He sees her so dangerously close to falling away that He says, " He will take away her candlestick and fight against her with the Sword of His mouth." He so sees her spiritual state that He will strike her children dead so they will know that He alone searches the heart and mind, the very thoughts of His people.

The day of falling away has already begun. That is why He is standing in the midst of the church in the Day of Separation. That is why He says to His remnant church, Behold: "I HAVE THE KEY OF DAVID. SEE, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU AN DOOR WIDE OPEN WHICH NO ONE IS ABLE TO SHUT!" (Rev. 3:7) Beloved this doorway is the way out and the way up. It is the way to be allured into the wilderness for our finishing work. It is through this DOOR, AND OUR COMING UP THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD THAT WE WILL BE TRANSFIGURED WITH GLORY. IT IS THROUGH THIS DOOR WE WILL BECOME OVERCOMERS, SEPARATED ONTO GOD FOR HIS PURPOSE!

Will you come now and separate yourself onto God? Will you come and respond to His call? This is the day of the Bride and the Bridegroom. The day she will go into the chambers of the Lord to put on her wedding gown. Will that be you?

There are two results from the choices we are about to

make. We are either going to overcome or be overtaken, the choice is ours. The decisions we are now making in our spiritual life have the greatest of consequences. In Matthew 25, The Bridegroom lets the wise virgins into the supper, and the foolish are shut out. When the wise, prepared virgins come in, the Lord shuts the door. This is a door of separation for eternity. 1Corinthians 3 tells us that our lives are going to be tried by fire and only two results can happen. Either what we build will last or it will be burned up. 1Corinthians 3:11-15: "FOR NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN BE LAID THAN THAT WHICH IS ALREADY LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST. BUT IF ANYONE BUILDS UPON THE FOUNDATION, WHETHER IT BE WITH GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES, WOOD, HAY, STRAW, THE WORK EACH ONE HAS DONE WILL BECOME (plain) KNOWN FOR WHAT IT IS; FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST WILL DISCLOSE AND DECLARE IT! BECAUSE IT WILL BE REVEALED BY fire, AND THE fire WILL TEST AND critically APPRAISE THE CHARACTER AND WORTH OF THE WORK EACH PERSON HAS DONE."

An important point to focus on in this passage is the day Christ will disclose and declare it. In Revelation 1, John sees Jesus as he has never seen Him before. John does not even recognize Him. When Jesus entered the world as a man, He entered to bring us a new beginning as the Alpha of God. His Alpha life on earth was completed when He died upon the cross as a man. Jesus hung on that cross and said, "IT IS FINISHED." With that word, Jesus inaugurated a new day. Now all He had accomplished could be given to us after the Father raised Him from the dead and sent down the promised Holy Spirit. That finished work, that complete and victorious life, began on the day of Pentecost as was now our Alpha beginning of the church. Here in Revelation 1, Jesus not only reveals Himself as the Alpha but as the Omega. This is a huge point to understand concerning our final separation onto God. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and baptized them with power from on high. It is from this day the church was birthed and walked in their Alpha revelation of the Lord. However, as I already stated a complete separation work must come. The work of the

Sabbath's day rest. This work is not done in the Alpha revelation of Jesus but in the Omega revelation of Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This is why John hears the voice of the Lord behind him like the calling of a war trumpet. The Lord is going to bring forth to John the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Omega of God. The voice tells him, "I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST." (Rev. 1:11) This is critical to our understanding of why we are being separated now to meet the Bridegroom in the wilderness. There is a choice we must make now. This choice will determine our place with Him forever.

The OMEGA revelation of Christ is to bring forth the fullness of the Godhead in our lives. It will bring about our complete restoration to the place we are to be in Christ Jesus. Just as they did not know what was going to happen to them on the day of Pentecost, neither do we. Nevertheless, we do know from that day forward they were never the same. They were filled with the Spirit and became men and women filled with faith. Their transformation caused the whole known world of their day to hear the Gospel message. As they waited for the fullness of the day of Pentecost, they did not know what to expect, but the result was that they were changed. They had to obey Jesus' command to tarry in Jerusalem to wait for the power. We too are commanded to watch and wait.

As I stated earlier, we are not waiting for the ALPHA revelation of Jesus. We already have it. He is already our savior and redeemer. We must receive the empowering of the OMEGA revelation of Jesus Christ. So powerful is that which we are about to receive, we must separate ourselves completely unto the Lord. We are about to be filled with His Glory. This new OMEGA revelation will fulfill the Scriptures promise: "FOR I AM CONVINCED AND SURE OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU. (This is the Alpha revelation) WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST, DEVELOPING AND PERFECTING AND BRINGING IT TO FULL COMPLETION IN YOU." (Phil 1:6) Another translation says, He who has begun this good work in you will be faithful to

complete it. The FULL COMPLETION of our salvation is the OMEGA revelation of Jesus as Lord.

If we do not respond correctly and allow the Lord to separate us out from among the powers of this world and lead us into our wilderness wedding place, we will not have our rightful place in the Lord. We will not experience the TOTAL AND COMPLETE VICTORIOUS GLORY OF THE LORD THAT IS ABOUT TO COME. If we do not listen now and obey Him here, we will miss out for eternity. We will build upon the FOUNDATION that which can't stand on the DAY OF THE LORD. THE DAY OF FIRE THAT REVEALS ALL THINGS AS THEY ARE!

The OMEGA revelation of Jesus is known as the DAY OF THE LORD. It begins on the seventh or third day with the call to be married to the Lord. It is a call to COME UP HERE into our rightful place beside the Lord.

The OMEGA revelation appears to John in Revelation chapter 1 as Jesus stands amidst the Golden lamp stands of the church. John is taken up to see Jesus as the ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, but He does not recognize Him as Jesus. He does not know Him as this OMEGA revelation of the Lord. You must remember that this same John put his head upon the breast of Jesus. He saw Jesus perform all the great miracles. He saw the BEGINNING, ALPHA work of the Lord, but now He is going to see the FINISHER OF THE WORK. He experienced Jesus as the ALPHA. Jesus does not need to show him that He is the Beginning, but He must reveal Himself as the End (the Omega). It is the OMEGA WORK OF GOD that must be seen in this hour. It is as miraculous as the Day of Pentecost was in the BEGINNING of the church age.

Listen to how John describes Jesus and see if this is different than how he knew Him before:: "AND IN THE MIDST OF THE LAMPSTANDS (ONE) LIKE A SON OF MAN, CLOTHED WITH A ROBE WHICH REACHED HIS FEET

AND A GIRDLE OF GOLD ABOUT HIS BREAST. HIS HEAD AND HIS HAIR WAS WHITE, LIKE WHITE WOOL (AS white AS SNOW), AND HIS EYES FLASHED LIKE A FLAME OF fire, HIS FEET GLOWED LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE AS IT IS REFINED IN THE FURNACE, AND HIS VOICE WAS LIKE THE SOUND OF MANY WATERS. IN HIS RIGHT HAND HE HELD SEVEN STARS, AND FROM HIS MOUTH CAME FORTH A TWO EDGED SWORD, AND HIS FACE WAS LIKE THE SUN SHINING IN FULL POWER AT MIDDAY!" (Rev. 1:11)

What a powerful description of the OMEGA! Here is Jesus standing in the midst of His church appearing as He has never been seen before. This appearance to His church in the Spirit is for everyone who has an ear to hear what the Spirit says to the church. All who will separate themselves to the Lord; all those who will prepare themselves like a bride will behold JESUS THE OMEGA.

Beloved, this will be a life changing event as the Day of Pentecost was for the 120 in the upper room. Just as the revelation of the Holy Spirit came to live in them, so will the GLORY fire OF THE LORD be revealed in us as the FINISHING WORK OF WHAT JESUS BEGAN. John the Baptist spoke of He that is mightier than I, who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire! The first part of that came on the day of Pentecost and has been restored to us through the centuries. However; the BAPTISM OF FIRE IS YET TO COME! It is a different baptism from the other. THIS BAPTISM OF FIRE IS THE BAPTISM THAT WILL BRING THE TRANSFIGURATION GLORY OF THE LORD TO RISE UPON THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THEMSELVES READY. THIS HOLY FIRE WILL FINISH THE WORK COMPLETELY!

Are you getting excited yet? The "Anointing of the Moment" is to prepare us for this very work of Glory. It is to bring us into our destiny of abiding forever with the Lord as Husband and Wife. It is the Great Mystery of Christ and His church. Is it not worth holding onto anything of this world to keep you from allowing the Lord to separate you for this very purpose? What could we hold onto of this world that could ever compare with the Glory of the Lord rising upon us? As the world enters this day of the Lord, it will see great darkness. Mathew chapter 24 tells us that the world will see the darkness as the signs of His coming; but Isaiah 60:2a declares to us: "FOR BEHOLD, DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH, AND DENSE DARKNESS ALL PEOPLE, (This is Mathew 24's explanation of the end-times events.) This is what the world and foolish, virgins will see. However; if you have heard the voice of the Lord and come out and be separated onto Him it will be different for you. "BUT THE LORD SHALL ARISE UPON YOU, AND HIS GLORY SHALL BE SEEN ON YOU!" (Isa. 60:2b)

This is the portion the wise virgins received from the Lord because they were ready to go out and meet Him. They were the ones who had the extra oil from the Lord. They are not caught unawares. The day did not overtake them like a thief in the night. They were ready and went to meet the Bridegroom and enter into the marriage feast. These are the overcomers, the bride of the Lord, who will be lifted into her spiritual position sitting beside the Lord. These overcomers will behold the Throne and the One seated upon it. They will be the ones singing that new song, "YOU ARE WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL AND TO BREAK THE SEALS THAT ARE ON IT, FOR YOU WERE SLAIN AND WITH YOUR BLOOD YOU PURCHASED MEN UNTO GOD FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION. (this is the ALPHA work of the Lord) However, there is still more to hear! AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM, (this is the OMEGA work) A KINGDOM AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD AND THEY SHALL REIGN AS KINGS OVER THE EARTH!" (Rev. 5:9-10) GLORY TO GOD!

The separation of the bride begins on the third day or the seventh day. We are now in the beginning moments of the Third Day of the Lord. "On the third day He will raise us up to live before Him." This OMEGA revelation of the Lord is Jesus in His Glory, and it begin by revealing our true spiritual condition. We have already read that we can build nothing upon the foundation of Christ that is not Christ. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 3 tells us that the Day of Christ will reveal our condition spiritually. In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, are we not told of our spiritual condition. Is He not telling us to repent and return to our first love? Is He not telling us we must change and separate ourselves back to the Lord alone? If He is not saying repent as He stands here in the midst of the Third Day Church, He is not saying it anywhere. Beloved, He is standing at the DOOR AND KNOCKING! Even though He is the DOOR (THE ONE WAY TO GOD THE FATHER) Jesus is knocking to get our attention. He desires for us to come out and come up to be with the Lord at His supper. Beloved, there is a baptism of fire we have never seen. For this fire WILL TEST AND CRITICALLY APPRAISE THE CHARACTER AND WORTH OF THE WORK EACH PERSON HAS DONE! (1 Cor. 3:13)

Jesus says in Revelation 3:19, "THOSE WHOM I LOVE, I TELL THEIR FAULTS AND CONVICT AND CONVINCE AND REPROVE AND CHASTEN. SO BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND IN EARNEST AND BURNING WITH ZEAL AND REPENT!

Precious ones of the Lord, we have so little time to repent. Our lives must be judged now before the Lord judges us forever. Our place in the Kingdom of God is at stake. Listen to the last part of 1Cor. 3:14-15, "IF THE WORK WHICH ANY PERSON HAS BUILT UPON THIS FOUNDATION SURVIVES, HE WILL GET HIS REWARD, BUT IF THE PERSON'S WORK IS BURNED UP UNDER THE TEST HE

WILL SUFFER THE LOSS, THOUGH HE HIMSELF WILL BE SAVED, BUT ONLY AS ONE WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE FIRE!"

The day of Christ **WILL** disclose our lives. What will your position with the Lord be? Does everyone get to the same place? If everyone was to receive the same place why do we need to be overcomers? If initial salvation determined our place, then why does the Bible teach us of a Bridegroom drawing His bride from the midst of the Daughter of Jerusalem? Why would the Bridegroom say to her, "BUT MY DOVE, MY UNDEFILED AND PERFECT ONE, STANDS ALONE, (ABOVE THEM ALL), SHE IS THE ONLY ONE OF HER MOTHER, SHE IS THE CHOICE ONE OF HER WHO BORE HER?" (SOS 6:9) Yes, beloved there is a separation of the wise and foolish virgins, and of His Bride from the midst of the Daughters of Jerusalem. . A separation that comes about by your choice and not the Lords. The separation comes on those who choose correctly and will pay the price to qualify. I am going to close this chapter with an illustration of this principle from the Old Testament as well.

Eze. 44:5-16 tell us the heart of God in this matter: "And the Lord said to me, Son of Man, mark well and set your heart to see with your eyes and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord and all its laws, and mark well and set your heart to KNOW WHO ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEMPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SANCTUARY. And you will say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: O your house of Israel let all your previous abominations be enough for you. You have brought into My sanctuary aliens, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in the flesh, to be in My Sanctuary and pollute and profane it, even My House, when you offer My bread, the fat and the blood; and through it all and in addition to all your abominations, they and you have broken My covenant. And you have not kept charge of my holy things, but you have chosen foreign keepers to please yourselves and have set them in charge of My Sanctuary. (Do you

see the parallel yet? Know ye not your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit. What agreement is there between the Temple of God and idols?) Therefore thus says the Lord God: No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh shall ENTER MY SANCTUARY (where no one but the priests might enter) of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel. BUT THE LEVITES WHO WENT FAR FROM ME WHEN ISRAEL WENT ASTRAY, WHO WENT ASTRAY FROM ME AFTER THEIR IDOLS, THEY SHALL BEAR (the punishment) FOR THEIR INIQUITY AND GUILT. (Listen carefully to the next part!) THEY SHALL MINISTER IN MY SANCTUARY, HAVING OVERSIGHT AS GUARDS OF THE GATES OF THE TEMPLE AND MINISTERING IN THE TEMPLE. THEY SHALL SLAY THE BURNT OFFERING AND THE SACRIFICE OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEY SHALL ATTEND THE PEOPLE TO SERVE THEM. BECAUSE (the priests) MINISTERED TO (the people) BEFORE THEIR IDOLS AND BECAME A STUMBLING BLOCK OF INIQUITY AND GUILT TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, THEREFORE I HAVE LIFTED UP MY HAND AND SWORN AGAINST THEM, SAYS THE LORD, THAT THEY SHALL BEAR THE PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR INIQUITY AND GUILT. (Here is what you need to grasp) AND THEY SHALL NOT COME NEAR TO ME TO DO THE OFFICE OF A PRIEST TO ME, NOR COME NEAR TO ANY OF MY HOLY THINGS THAT ARE MOST SACRED, BUT THEY SHALL BEAR THE SHAME AND THEIR PUNISHMENT FOR THE ABOMINATIONS THEY HAVE COMMITTED. YET I WILL APOINT THEM AS CARETAKERS TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE TEMPLE, FOR ALL OF THE SERVICE OF THE TEMPLE AND FOR ALL THAT WILL BE DONE IN IT."

Did you hear that beloved? Look at what their sin cost them. Look at what their unrepentant heart produced for them forever. They cannot come near to the Lord and minister to Him or His most holy things. Do you remember the foolish virgins who had no extra oil? The door was slammed shut to them and they could not come in! These priests would not separate themselves

from the world. They ministered to the people in front of their idols instead of confronting their idols. In 2Cor. 6:16 Paul writes: "what agreement is there between the Temple of God and Idols? THERE IS NONE NOW OR WAS THERE NONE THEN." The majority of the priesthood lost their heavenly place forever. The Lord said they would bear their shame. Yet in Rev. 3:18, Jesus tells us to buy gold tried by the fire and white raiment to cover the SHAME OF OUR NUDITY! What will happen to all those who do not buy the gold? What place will they have? The Lord said that on the DAY OF THE LORD EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE WOULD BE REVEALED BY FIRE TO TRY AND TEST THE CHARACTER OF WHAT HAS BEEN BUILT IN OUR LIVES! If we do not repent, change, and separate ourselves now to prepare for our upcoming marriage to the Lord, we will suffer the loss of everything. We will enter into the Kingdom by just escaping the fire. We will lose our opportunity to be married to the Lord. We may be an attendant in the ceremony. We may even be a guest invited to watch the wedding. Nevertheless, our perfect destiny will be lost forever.

Let us read on, "But the Levitical priests, the sons of zadok, (this was a remnant tribe of the priesthood like the church of Philadelphia) WHO KEPT THE CHARGE OF MY SANCTUARY, when the children of Israel went astray from Me, (pay attention to this) SHALL COME NEAR TO ME TO MINISTER TO ME, AND THEY SHALL ATTEND TO OFFER TO ME, THE FAT AND THE BLOOD, SAYS THE LORD. THEY SHALL ENTER MY SANCTUARY, AND THEY SHALL COME NEAR TO MY TABLE AND MINISTER TO ME, AND THEY SHALL KEEP MY CHARGE!" (Eze. 44:14-16)

This is the Old Testament picture of the New Testament overcomers. It is a picture of the Philadelphia remnant bride of the Lord who has been faithful to keep the charge of the Lord. They have faithfully sought out the Bridegroom and have the

ability to go and meet Him. They have pleased the Lord because they held on to what they had until He came. They separated themselves totally for the purposes of the Lord.

Now you understand the purpose of this chapter. You have to decide what you want in your relationship with the Lord now! You are either going to separate yourself completely to the Lord and come into the "Anointing of the Moment" that is upon us or alternatively, you will be one to whom the door was shut. The choice is yours, but I believe if you are reading this book, you have already chosen the better way. So now, let us behold the Glory of the "Anointing of the Moment" and the miracle that is to come for all who will passionately fall in love with Him. As you can plainly see this is the time of the separation unto the Lord. Let us allow this process to begin to work in us as we move into the next chapter which brings forth the glory of the transfiguration.

# The Glory of the Transfiguration

One of the greatest joys I have as a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to perform a wedding ceremony. I have performed many ceremonies over my eighteen years of full time ministry. Each one of them was special, unique and different. I always took the ceremony very seriously and tried to prepare the expecting couples for the beauty and majesty of this special day.

I would tell them on this day a miracle was going to happen. A miracle that is not seen with the eyes, nevertheless as real a miracle as they would ever see. As the bride would come down the aisle and take her place next to her husband-to-be, a miraculous transformation was going to take place. I would explain to them that as they exchange the vows of marriage with one another a new covenant would be made. This covenant would produce a supernatural transformation right in their midst. As each one of them say to each other, "I do", the Lord of Glory comes and seals their union. He sends the Power of the Holy Spirit down upon them and these two separate people become ONE! No longer are they two individuals but they are now a **NEWLY CREATED FAMILY** by the power and glory of God!

I tell the happy couple and the invited guests that they have witnessed a miracle of love. It then becomes one of the greatest privileges to introduce to the guests the result of this miracle. I announce to all in attendance, "ladies and gentlemen, I want to present to you for the first time the miracle of a (**BRAND NEW FAMILY**), Mr. and Mrs. John P. Doe." As the couple walks back down the aisle, they are not the same people that came up the aisle. Their lives have completely been transformed or transfigured! The two individuals have become one flesh. No longer are they John Doe and Jane Smith. They are Mrs. and Mr. John and Jane Doe. The bride has taken on her husbands name to declare this miracle for the rest of her life. Beloved, it is one of the greatest miracles God performs in making two people become one.

A glorious transfiguration takes place on the wedding day

that is to last for the rest of their lives. Their hearts and minds have changed from seeking their own needs and plans into having a mind that seeks the needs of their family. They no longer just live to take care of themselves, but now they must give their life for the other. It is so beautiful to behold when two born again believers enter into this covenant with God and one another.

One of the most beautiful moments to behold at the wedding reception is the joy and love they have for one another as they dance their first dance as man and wife. Often people describe it as the most radiant moment of the reception. I have heard people say to the newly married couples, "Your faces are glowing and radiant." At the moment as they dance with one another, I believe they experience God's Glory upon them. The Word of God tells us that that the Lord dances (rejoices) over us. The dance of the Bride and Groom is the expression of the Lord rejoicing over us as we rejoice in Him. I do not know about you, but I cannot wait to dance with my heavenly Bridegroom.

If the married couple remain in their rightful place in seeking the Lord together, that radiance becomes brighter and brighter through the years of their marriage. That radiance causes them to grow so much together that they begin to talk alike and think alike. They really KNOW one another. They KNOW each other's desires, hopes and dreams. They learn how to sacrifice and give for each other. They give their lives helping the other become everything God has planned them to be. They become so united that if you were to see and get to know one you would know and see the other. They talk and think alike because they have the same values and priorities. The miracle that began on their wedding day has grown into the fullness of all God has planned. "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." (Eph. 5:31)

This is a very short explanation of the miracle of marriage. Beloved, it is a miracle! It is Transfiguration Glory. In the establishment and growth of the marriage, the Glory of God is

revealed. Yes, God's Glory is revealed, as the two become one flesh.

In verse 32 of the same chapter Paul writes, "THIS MYSTERY IS VERY GREAT, BUT I SPEAK CONCERNING (THE RELATION OF) CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH." All throughout this book, we have been learning about the Marriage of the Lamb that is about to come. We have learned that the Lord is calling His Bride to come out and meet Him. It has been made plain that the Lord is preparing a place for this marriage to take place in the wilderness. It is His desire to allure us there and speak tenderly to our hearts to marry us while we are still here on the earth.

The Lord's intention is to walk with His bride and show forth to the entire world the Glory of God as revealed in the Bride and the Bridegroom. We have learned that the Bride comes out of the wilderness leaning upon Her Beloved ready for her endtime work by His side. It is the heart of God to show the world His great love for Jesus and for us by giving us the same Glory He has given Jesus. Why is He giving us this Glory? He does this for two reasons. First, "I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY AND HONOR WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THAT THEY MAY BE ONE EVEN AS WE ARE ONE. JUST AS YOU FATHER ARE IN ME AND I IN YOU, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US." (John 17:22) The second reason is this, "SO THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE AND BE CONVINCED THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME. I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BECOME PERFECTLY UNITED, THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU SENT ME AND THAT YOU LOVE THEM EVEN AS YOU LOVED ME." (John 17:23)

How is it possible for us to ever become one with the Lord like this without a miracle taking place? Today, this very moment we are born again, Spirit-filled believers. We speak in other tongues, cast out devils, and heal the sick. We have testimonies of the dead being raised in some countries. We have seen great revivals, renewals and the birth of Christian Television. We have crusade meetings, seminars, music, books and tapes all over the land. Yet, none of these things has convinced the entire world that God has sent Jesus and us in the world. We have done many things to reach them, yet how much impact are we really having? Yes the Gospel of salvation has been preached to the whole world. The Gospel of the Alpha work of God has been proclaimed. However, they have not heard the Gospel of the Kingdom (the Omega work) preached as a witness in every nation. This Kingdom Gospel must be demonstrated throughout the whole world as a witness before the end can come. This Gospel of the Kingdom message begins with the Marriage of the Lamb with His Bride for all the world to behold. The message they will proclaim to the nations is "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Prepare ye the way of the Lord." This will be done in demonstration of the power and Glory of the Lord that shall arise upon His Bride. Just like Isaiah prophesied, "the nations shall come to the brightness of your rising."(Isaiah 60:3)

The Lord knew this would be the plan all along. Matter of fact, He planned it that way. He planned that at the end of the age on the beginning of the third day or seventh day a miracle of such magnitude would need to take place to bring forth the finished work of the Lord. The Lord has come to bring an event even more powerful than the Day of Pentecost. He is going to bring forth to the whole world the revelation of the bride and the Bridegroom as a witness to every nation.

As we have learned, this marriage is to begin soon here on the earth. We have learned that the "Anointing of the Moment" is to bring us from one realm into another. It is to bring us from one place in time to another. The Lord is knocking at the door. He is that very DOOR bringing our attention back to Him to be our first

love. In the book of Hosea 2:14-21, His plan is to allure us into the desert wilderness to speak tenderly to our hearts. What words will He speak to us? The words that I have come to marry you! Hallelujah! "THEREFORE, BEHOLD, I WILL ALLURE HER AND BRING HER INTO THE WILDERNESS, AND I WILL SPEAK TENDERLY TO HER HEART. THERE I WILL GIVE HER VINEYARDS AND MAKE THE VALLEY OF ACHOR (TROUBLE) A DOOR OF HOPE AND EXPECTATION. AND SHE WILL SING THERE AND RESPOND AS IN THE DAYS OF HER YOUTH AND AS THE TIME WHEN SHE CAME UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT. AND IT SHALL BE IN THAT DAY, (do you hear it beloved? It is in that day, this day) SAYS THE LORD, THAT YOU WILL CALL ME HUSBAND, AND NO LONGER CALL ME BAAL! AND IN THAT DAY WILL I MAKE A COVENANT WITH ISRAEL (This is the marriage covenant to us) WITH LIVING CREATURES OF THE OPEN COUNTRY AND WITH THE BIRDS OF HEAVEN AND WITH THE CREEPING THINGS OF THE GROUND. AND I WILL BREAK THE BOW AND THE WORD AND CONFLICT OUT OF THE LAND AND WILL MAKE YOU LIE DOWN SAFELY. AND I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER. YES I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND YOU WILL KNOW AND CHERISH THE LORD!"

This is our beloved Bridegroom speaking to us in the wilderness. He is proposing to us, but even more than this, He says here in the wilderness, YOU WILL CALL ME HUSBAND! Something is about to happen to us. Something so miraculous that the whole world is going to see and believe that God has sent Jesus into the world. We know that not everyone will accept Him. However; they will be convinced that Jesus has been sent by God and we have been sent to demonstrate that love to the world. This is the "Anointing of the Moment", the period of time God has given us to answer the knock at the door. It is the time for us to come through that door here on earth so we can be lifted up to BEHOLD, A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN. As we respond to the Lord as He desires, we will then participate in the marriage of the lamb. We will begin to experience the MIRACLE

OF THE WEDDING OF CANA OF GALILEE! We enter into the wedding day as an empty clay pot set apart for the ritual of purification. We are filled to the brim with the water of the Holy Spirit and then as the Lord draws out some of the water the miracle takes place.

One second in time we are like water, the next we become new wine. Only wine gets to be served at the wedding. It is what all the guests must drink. The miracle we are about to receive will be the wine the world must drink to enter into the Kingdom of God through the marriage of the Lamb.

When this marriage day comes in the fullness of the moment, we will be transfigured from servants to disciples or from believer to bride. Jesus told His disciples at the last supper that He no longer called them servants but FRIENDS, for servants do not know what the master is doing. Our understanding of friendship is much different from the Lord's. The highest honor He could have given them was to call them His friends. Friendship to God means absolute intimacy and trust. Only His friends will receive the secrets and the mysteries of His Kingdom. Friendship with God means absolute trust and confidence in the relationship. Listen to how the Lord considers friendship.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 20:7 says, "DID YOU NOT, O OUR GOD, DRIVE OUT THE INHABITANTS OF THIS LAND BEFORE YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL AND GIVE IT FOREVER TO THE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM YOUR FRIEND." Beloved, even in this generation of Israelites far removed from Abraham understood Abraham was A FRIEND OF GOD. Abraham is called the Father of the faithful. This is for every true believer that would be true descendants of him. He is our father by example in that he believed God and it was counted unto him as righteousness. We are the ones to receive the promises of Abraham as our portion. What gave Abraham this right? He believed God and was known as God's FRIEND! At the Last Supper, Jesus gives them a new place alongside Himself. You are no longer servants, but YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!

This friendship is the same thing as marriage in the heart of God. This FRIENDSHIP represents being ONE with the Lord. It is the place He can trust you completely with His secrets, mysteries and plan. It is our purpose to become a bride, the true FRIEND OF JESUS AND OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

I just want to note here, that if I would tell you who my very best friend here on the earth is, it would be my wife Donna. It is with her that I can share my heart, dreams and plans. She has proven repeatedly her faithful friendship to me. She knows and sees my real needs and desires and gives herself in helping me become all God desires me to be. I pray that I am her best friend as well. I pray she would know that I would give my life up for her to become all God created her to be. I hope she has seen that I want only to cherish her and love her the way Jesus does. I pray that she sees that I will give up my life to help her reach her destiny. I pray I have proven to her my faithful friendship to her as she has done for me. Beloved, this is what it means to be ONE. This is what it means to be married and to be God's friend. I still have a long way to grow in my relationship with my wife, but these are my priorities. I may fail and fall short, but I repent and get up keeping my eyes on what is ahead.

This is a very important concept to receive if we are going to be ready for Transfiguration Glory! Do you think that it is by accident that when the Lord Jesus teaches about real love He says these words?: "THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU? NO ONE HAS GREATER LOVE (NO ONE HAS SHOWN STRONGER AFFECTION) THAN TO LAY DOWN HIS OWN LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. YOU ARE MY FRIENDS IF YOU KEEP ON DOING THE THINGS THAT I COMMAND YOU. I DO NOT CALL YOU SERVANTS (SLAVES) AND LONGER. (This represents a transitional time or moment. They are at this moment servants but, they are about to become something else. This is the glory of the transfiguration) FOR THE SERVANT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING

(WORKING) BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, (I will betroth you to me in righteousness, and you will call Me Husband) BECAUSE I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER. YOU HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, THAT YOU MIGHT GO AND BEAR FRUIT AND KEEP ON BEARING, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT WOULD BE A LASTING FRUIT, SO THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME, HE MAY GIVE YOU." (John 15:12-16)

Here, we see the fullness of what FRIENDSHIP means to God. As His friend, we share all that He has for us and all He came to give. He gives this only to those who He can trust. Remember many are called, but few are chosen. It is to the "chosen" He gives the right to become FRIENDS. IT IS HIS FRIENDS HE HAS COME TO MARRY. His FRIENDS have ravished His heart and caused Him to look away because of the great love they have for Him. FRIENDSHIP ESTABLISHES THE RIGHT TO SPEAK AND BE WITH GOD FACE-TO-FACE. THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT GLORY REALLY IS! IT IS A FACE-TO-FACE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD HIMSELF! Let us look further into this friendship as we begin to behold the GLORY OF THE LORD.

Exo. 33:7 begins with, "NOW MOSES USED TO TAKE HIS OWN TENT AND PITCH IT OUTSIDE THE CAMP AND HE CALLED IT THE TENT OF MEETING (OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE). AND EVERYONE WHO SOUGHT OUT THE LORD WENT OUT TO THE TENT OF MEETING, WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE CAMP!" I just want to point out that this is exactly why there is an "Anointing of the Moment." It is a doorway up and out to enter into the place where the Lord has desired outside the camp to meet the Lord. It is in this moment of time; we must get up and get out of the camp. We must open the door and let Jesus come in and eat with us, and allow Him to take us up where He is and eat with Him. I want you to notice Moses called it the TENT OF MEETING! That is what this book is all about for we are about to meet the Lord in the power of His GLORY! This

is what you are about to see in verse Exo. 33:9. "WHEN MOSES ENTERED THE TENT, THE PILLAR OF CLOUD WOULD DESCEND AND STAND AT THE DOOR OF THE TENT! (Are you getting the picture yet? The Cloud comes and descends and stands at the DOOR!) AND THE LORD WOULD TALK TO MOSES." Beloved, I want you to begin remembering who was with the Lord talking to Him on the Mount of Transfiguration. Was not one of them Moses? AND ALL THE PEOPLE SAW THE PILLAR OF CLOUD STAND AT THE TENT DOOR! Exo. 33:10, What did John see in Revelation 4, "Behold, A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN? And all the people rose up and worshiped, every man at his tent door. AND THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES FACE TO FACE, AS A MAN SPEAKS TO HIS FRIEND. MOSES RETURNED TO THE CAMP, BUT HIS MINISTER JOSHUA SON OF NUN, A YOUNG MAN, DID NOT DEPART FROM THE TENT." (Exo. 33:11)

Beloved, Joshua learned the secret. He learned the secret of the Tent of Meeting. He learned that intimacy and fellowship with God was what He lived for. This qualified him to be the next leader of Israel. He was the one that led them into the promised land. He learned the secret of FRIENDSHIP. God spoke to Moses face-to-face, as a man speaks to His friend. This is the highest state of blessing God can bestow upon a man. This is what it means to be best friends. Jesus takes us even a step deeper than this. He establishes the fact that not only do I want friendship. I want you to marry me so we can have our friendship to the fullest. No greater friendship can we see on earth than the picture of a man and wife. In the marriage, we have the highest and most blessed state of friendship ever created by God. It is in the marriage of the man and women we see the very heart of intimacy and friendship God desires to have with us. That is why Paul writes that "This MYSTERY is great, but I speak in regard of Christ and of the Church." (Eph. 5:32)

Why do you think that the greatest attack of Satan is upon the family? Why do you think he hates the marriage? In this country, the attack is so strong that he has convinced millions they

do not need to get married, just live together. Satan has convinced millions that marriage is not forever, they can divorce anytime they want for any reason. His demonic deception is convincing a generation that marriage is not just between a man and a woman, but between man and man and woman and woman. Satan is perverting the very picture of the heart of God. He is distorting marriage on television by showing people having affairs as if it were nothing. Today's popular music has as its theme song, "what's love got to do with it." People are being deceived that living together out of wedlock is better than traditional marriage.

Satan wants to remove the cost and sacrifice that is necessary in a marriage relationship to hide the true vision and mystery of Christ and His church. He has so denigrated marriage that people today cannot see God as He really is. This demonic deception has caused many not to desire God. Satan tells the people who want to live a deviant lifestyle that God does not want you to be happy. He deceives people into believing that God does not want them to know real love by forbidding these certain kinds of relationships. Satan has deceived people into believing that these relationships with people of the same sex, extra-marital affairs, or having premarital sex are normal relationships. He tries to defame God convincing many to believe marriage is a useless act of religion only for those who are out of touch with the "real world."

This is a strategic plan to pervert our real FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD! Beloved, I have good news for you. The "Anointing of the Moment" has come. Jesus has come to marry His bride for all peoples and nations to behold the Glory of God. He has come to establish a Witness on the earth of what a real relationship with God looks like. He has come to marry His bride to convince the world that God has sent Him to restore mankind back to the place they had in the garden. He will demonstrate to the world what friendship and intimacy with our Creator really is. Glory to God!

Beloved, behold the GLORY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION HAS COME! IT IS OUR TIME FOR

ETERNAL DESTINY TO UNFOLD. ALL OF CREATION HAS BEEN WAITING FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD, THE BRIDE OF THE LORD! THE "ANOINTING OF THE MOMENT" IS HERE TO BRING US THROUGH THE DOOR INTO THE WILDERNESS TO MARRY THE LORD OUR GOD AS A WITNESS TO THE WORLD OF THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US!

The Lord's hearts desire is for us to be His friends, but even greater, to be His bride. This chapter has led us to the mountain where we are about to be transfigured with the Glory of the Lord. Let us now proceed forward in developing our intimacy with the Lord. The next chapter is about to bring us UP THE MOUNTAIN OF TRANSFIGURATION!

# **It Is Time to Go Up The Mountain**

There is a place in the wilderness where the Lord must bring us to be transfigured with His Glory. This will be the place where the fulfillment of what Jesus prayed for in John 17:22 will take place. "I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY AND HONOR WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE EVEN AS WE ARE ONE." It is a spiritual place where we will wait upon the Lord to reveal that very Glory.

On the day of Pentecost, they were all assembled in one place called the UPPER ROOM! I want you to notice that whenever the Lord is going to reveal Himself in His Glory, He always brings us up! He reveals Himself to us in these high places. He called Moses up the mountain to see a burning bush and to receive the Ten Commandments. He brought the children of Israel to meet Him at the mountain. When Jesus leaves the earth to return to the Father He is taken up into heaven. He is lifted far above all principalities and powers and seated on the Throne. If we are to see in Him in His glory it can only happen If we go up. That is why He calls us up in Revelation 4:2. COME UP HERE!

When He calls us up, we are to be seated with Him in the heavenly realm far above these things also. When David finds the key to reaching God in Psalm 27:4-6 he says, "One thing I desire of the Lord that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life." He goes on to tell us that then "my head shall be lifted up far above my enemies." (vs.6)

This is why we must answer the call and come up into the place in the heavenly realm. In Revelation 1, John experiences Jesus as the ALPHA AND OMEGA, on the Lord's Day. He tells us that He is in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. This is a higher place than just being in the natural. He is not just praying prayers from His head here, but He has allowed the Holy Spirit to lift him up as on eagles wings into a deeper spiritual place in God. In Isaiah 40:31 says, BUT THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD (WHO EXPECT, LOOK FOR, AND HOPE IN HIM) SHALL CHANGE

AND RENEW THEIR STRENGTH AND POWER (How do they change?) THEY SHALL LIFT UP THEIR WINGS AND MOUNT UP CLOSE TO GOD AS EAGLES (MOUNT UP TO THE SON); THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT." In this passage of Scripture we see that as we tarry or wait for the manifest presence of the Lord to come, we will change and be lifted out of the earthly into the spiritual. We will renew our strength and change as we get close to God. The question we need to ask is how close can we come to God? That is what this book is trying to explain. The answer is that we can get so close to God that the two shall become one. We can become so close that we are called friends of the Lord, His bride.

John has experienced this coming up higher in Revelation 1. This is a place he had never been before. In this place, He sees Jesus as the Alpha and Omega. However; what he is about to experience is even a higher place than where He is now in Revelation 1. I hope you understand that for us to be married to the Lord and walk in the glory that He is about to bring, we must COME UP HERE! Revelation 4:1-2 declares, "AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN. (Do you notice where He is looking up?) AND THE FIRST VOICE, WHICH I HEARD LIKE THE CALLING OF A WAR TRUMPET SAID: COME UP HERE! You cannot experience the Transfiguration Glory down here where you presently are. The "Anointing of the Moment" is the call to COME UP HERE! AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT MUST TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE."

What John is going to see first is not the power of the tribulation period. The first thing He is going to see is THE GLORY OF GOD! He is going to experience a deeper lifting, or a higher place than he has ever experienced before. We know he was already in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. This represents our present level of spirituality in the Lord where John is beginning to see Him as the OMEGA OF GOD! This unfolding of the Lord's OMEGA WORK exposes the very hearts of man and brings the word of

correction to His people in Revelation 2 and 3. However, there is still more to come. "AT ONCE I CAME UNDER THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER, (Does this sound a little like Pentecost but deeper?) AND BEHOLD, A THRONE STOOD IN HEAVEN, WITH ONE SEATED ON THE THRONE!" (Rev. 4:2)

Why is this so important? Do you remember what happened at Moses' tent of meeting? The Lord came down in a cloud of Glory and filled the tent and God spoke to Moses face-to-face. Here in Revelation 4, we do not see God coming down, but John going up. We are going up to the high places in God. We are going into the very throne room of God. This is the day we are to be lifted up into our heavenly place. Yes, Jesus is coming physically back to the earth to set up His Kingdom's reign. However; He is first coming spiritually to the church with a plan. The plan is not to keep us here earthly-minded and defeated, but to lift us up into the heavenly realm and be seated with Him. John 14:2-3 says, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES. IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, FOR I AM GOING AWAY TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU." Beloved, that is exactly what Jesus has done and He has come to bring us UP into this heavenly realm. "AND WHEN I GO AND MAKE READY A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AGAIN AND TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM YOU SHALL ALSO BE!"

Precious saints of the Most High God, this is our destination - UP! The Lord reveals His Glory only when we go up with Him. He reveals His transfiguration Glory on the top of a high mountain to His disciples. It is in this Spiritual high place we will be transfigured forever with His Glory. Isa. 60:1 proclaims, "ARISE AND SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU." (It does not say stay where you are, or say that you should go down. It says arise and shine!) Isa. 60:2 says, "BUT THE LORD SHALL ARISE UPON YOU, AND HIS GLORY SHALL BE SEEN ON YOU! AND THE NATIONS SHALL COME TO YOUR LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR RISING!" Do you understand yet beloved? They come to our rising. They will

come to our arising as we "COME UP HERE" into the "Anointing of the Moment".

Let us look at this process from the Scriptures. In Exodus 33:12, we see the intent of the Lord and how He will reveal His Glory to us. "Moses said to the Lord, See, You say to me, BRING UP THIS PEOPLE! (Bring up!) But you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you said, I know you by name and you have also found favor in your sight." Moses asks the important questions for us. Whom will you send with me? Why do we have to be married now? Is it not so we can be sent to the world? Who is to go with us? Is it not our heavenly Bridegroom? Does not Moses remind the Lord of this fact - you know my name. Does not the Lord teach us that He is the DOOR and that He knows His sheep by name?

Beloved Moses is God's friend. God knows his name intimately and personally. They have a deep abiding fellowship with one another and God's favor is upon Him. This is a picture of our marriage to the Lord. Remember what Jesus said about His True Sheep, that they know Him and His voice and they will never follow the voice of strangers?

Out of this friendship and oneness with the Lord, Moses seems to get very bold and asks the Lord these powerful questions. "NOW THEREFORE I PRAY YOU, IF I HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT, SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, THAT I MAY KNOW YOU AND THAT I MAY FIND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT. AND LORD PLEASE CONSIDER THIS NATION IS YOUR PEOPLE." (Ex. 33:13) Moses cries out the right kind of prayer of friendship. "TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O GOD! I WANT TO KNOW YOU MORE INTIMATELY AND DEEPLY, PERCEIVING AND RECOGNIZING AND UNDERSTANDING YOU MORE STRONGLY AND CLEARLY." His heart's cry is just to know Him more. This is what Eternal Life really is. John 17:3 says, "THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE (IT MEANS) TO KNOW (TO PERCEIVE, RECOGNIZE, BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH AND

UNDERSTAND) YOU, THE ONLY TRUE AND REAL GOD AND TO KNOW HIM, JESUS, WHOM YOU HAVE SENT!

The Apostle Paul prays the same heart prayer in Philippians 3:8: "YES I COUNT EVERYTHING AS LOSS COMPARED TO THE POSSESSION OF THE PRICELESS PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD AND OF PROGRESSIVELY BECOMING MORE DEEPLY AND INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH HIM. FOR HIS SAKE I HAVE LOST EVERYTHING AND CONSIDER IT ALL TO BE MERE RUBBISH IN ORDER THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST." This is the heart of God's friends and His bride. This heart leads us UP INTO THE HEAVENLY PLACES! Why is that so? Because this is heart that the Lord desires that can live in those heavenly places. "A TIME WILL COME, AND INDEED IT IS ALREADY HERE, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, FOR THE FATHER IS SEEKING PEOPLE AS THESE AS HIS WORSHIPPERS. GOD IS A SPIRIT (A SPIRIT BEING) AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH!" (John 4:23-24)

Therefore, we see that the Father is seeking true worshippers who will worship in spirit and truth. That is why the marriage of the lamb begins first in the Spirit. That is why we must come up into that new spiritual place to receive the Fullness of the Glory Jesus prayed we would have. It will happen to us first in the Spirit. We will be caught up into our heavenly place in the Spirit while we are still on the earth. We will begin to live as a Bride and Bridegroom now in the Spirit to reveal the Glory of the Lord on the earth. His word says that His Glory shall fill all the Earth.

Our heads on (THE DAY OF TROUBLE) will be LIFTED UP ABOVE OUR ENEMIES IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH GOD! Blessed ones of the Lord, this is not for when we die, IT IS FOR NOW. IT IS THE "ANOINTING OF THE MOMENT!" The Lord is calling us to "COME UP HERE" to behold the Throne and ONE seated upon it! We must come now while we have our hour of visitation. We must tarry for it as they

did on the day of Pentecost. The Lord is coming to marry us and bring us up spiritually to where He promised in John 14. He is bringing us to the marriage feast that we might eat from the tree of life in the midst of the garden. **LET US GO UP AT ONCE AND POSSESS THE LAND!**

In Exodus 33:14, we see the physical application of our spiritual journey into that Glory. "And the Lord said, **MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH YOU, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST!** Here we begin to understand what is about to happen. The Lord tells Moses, "my presence shall go with you." How do we get that full measure of the Lord's divine presence? Paul prays in Ephesians 3:17-20 the heart of this very work, "**MAY CHRIST THROUGH YOUR FAITH MAKE HIS PERMANENT HOME IN YOUR HEARTS! MAY YOU BE ROOTED IN LOVE AND FOUNDED SECURELY ON LOVE.**" How does the Lord answer this prayer to make His permanent home in your hearts? Notice it is not a temporary place!

I thought Jesus was already in my heart living there? I am born-again. So what could Paul be praying for us? When someone comes to make his or her permanent home with someone, it is a marriage. When a man and wife get married they go to live together forever in their home. Jesus told us He went away and prepared this place for us and has now come to take us where He is! This is the same thing He tells Moses, "**MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH YOU, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.**"

That is the interesting part of what He tells Moses. I WILL GIVE YOU REST! This is what Jesus said "I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND LEARNED, AND REVEALED THEM TO BABIES! COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST!" (Mat. 11:29-30) Beloved, the REST is promised to all those who will "COME TO ME! It is our time to COME UP HERE!

The Lord promises Moses two things. That His Presence and His rest shall go with Him. "And Moses said to the Lord, IF YOUR PRESENCE DOES NOT GO WITH ME, DO NOT CARRY US UP FROM HERE!" (Ex. 33:15) This is an extraordinary answer from God's Friend Moses. Why does He say this? Is it because He is afraid? On the other hand, could it be He is getting the revelation of the Glory of God? "FOR BY WHAT SHALL IT BE KNOWN THAT I AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT? IS IT NOT IN YOUR GOING WITH US THAT WE ARE DISTINGUISHED, I AND YOUR PEOPLE, FROM ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE EARTH?" (Ex. 33: 16) WOW, WOW, WOW!

Moses God's friend wants God's Glory to be seen in all the earth. He knows that which makes them special to God is the fact that God is with them. I hope you are beginning to see why this is so important to us in our day. The Lord Jesus prays for us to have the same Glory He has. That Glory is the fact that He is in the Father, and the Father is in Him. He prays for us to be one with them as they themselves are One. He prays that WE WILL BE IN THEM, AND THEY WILL BE IN US. Why you ask? "SO THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THE FATHER HAS SENT THE SON AND HE LOVES US JUST LIKE HE LOVES HIS OWN SON." (John 17:24)

THIS COMING GLORY IS TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD MANIFESTED IN THE BRIDEGROOM AND HIS BRIDE TO THE WHOLE WORLD FOREVER! Moses saw the need for the world to see this very fact.

Jesus prayed that in us the world would see this fact. Now we are here in that very "Anointing of the Moment!" Let us continue to read in Exodus the Lord's reply, "And the Lord said to Moses, I WILL DO THIS THING ALSO YOU HAVE ASKED, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR, and LOVING KINDNESS AND MERCY IN MY SIGHT." (Ex. 33:17) Now listen to this last part carefully! "AND I KNOW YOU PERSONALLY AND BY NAME!"

Do you remember the foolish virgins in Mathew 25:12 when they knocked on the DOOR to enter the marriage feast? What did the Lord tell them? "I SOLEMNLY DECLARE TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU (I AM NOT ACQUAINTED WITH YOU)! Jesus does not open the door to them. He did not know them personally nor was He going to marry them.

What does this truth have to do with the Transfiguration we will soon see? Moses then ask the Lord the boldest request any man has ever asked." And Moses said, "I BESEECH YOU, SHOW ME YOUR GLORY! (Ex.33:18) Did you hear that beloved ones? Show me your Glory? However; even more miraculous than the question is the Lord's answer to His friend. "AND GOD SAID, I WILL MAKE ALL MY GOODNESS PASS BEFORE YOU, AND I WILL PROCLAIM MY NAME, THE LORD, BEFORE YOU, FOR I WILL BE GRACIOUS TO WHOM I WILL BE GRACIOUS, AND WILL SHOW MERCY AND LOVING KINDNESS ON WHOM I WILL SHOW MERCY AND LOVING KINDNESS. BUT, HE SAID, YOU CANNOT SEE MY FACE, FOR NO MAN SHALL SEE ME AND LIVE." (Ex. 33: 19)

Yet, Beloved, we see David in Psalm 27 desiring to see the beauty of the Lord and His sweet attractiveness. We see John looking right into the face of the ALPHA and OMEGA. That is why he fell upon His face like a dead man. In Song of Solomon, the bride declares exactly what His face looks like to the Daughters of Jerusalem and they want to seek Him also.

Why does He tell this to Moses, "you cannot see my face?" The answer is because it was not time to see it. The Glory of God is progressively revealed. It can be seen more and more as each day passes by. The Glory is to be revealed in us, and we are to experience the fullness of the glory from one degree to another. At this point in history, Moses could not look upon that Face. This is the beginning of God's friendship with man being revealed. The Book of Revelation however is the revelation of the finishing work of God's friendship with man. Therefore, that which Moses could not see yet, John sees completely in the Book of Revelation. It is a progressive unfolding or revealing of the Lord in His glory. We are being transfigured by that glory. So let us return to what happens in Exo. 33:21, "And the Lord said, BEHOLD, THERE IS A PLACE BESIDE ME! (Have you heard that somewhere in the New Testament?) AND YOU SHALL STAND UPON THE ROCK, AND WHEN MY GLORY PASSES BY, I WILL PUT YOU IN THE CLEFT OF THE ROCK AND COVER YOU WITH MY HAND UNTIL I HAVE PASSED BY, THEN I WILL TAKE AWAY MY HAND AND YOU SHALL SEE MY BACK, BUT MY FACE SHALL NOT BE SEEN."

What does this mean to us in our journey upward? First, the Lord says that there is a place beside me. This is the promise to over-comers in Rev 3:21, "HE WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL GRANT HIM TO SIT BESIDE ME ON MY THRONE."

Beloved, there is a place Jesus has prepared for us to come and sit down now! Secondly the Lord says, "I WILL PUT YOU IN THE CLEFT OF THE ROCK AND COVER YOU WITH MY HAND UNTIL I HAVE PASSED BY." The cleft of the rock is the spiritual high place we must come to see the Glory of the Lord. Remember it is progressive so it is going to pass Moses by. He will only see the Lord's back. The reason for this is that the Lord is moving; His Glory is moving. Moses sees the back of the Lord as the Lord goes forward through History revealing the Glory that is to come. The fullness of that Glory must be completed by Jesus' prayer in John 17:22: "I HAVE GIVEN TO THEM THE GLORY AND HONOR WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, THAT THEY

MAY BECOME ONE AND PERFECTLY UNITED."

The unfolding of the Glory starts here with Moses seeing it. The Scripture goes on to say that when He sees it. He had to cover His face because of the brightness of the fading Glory. It faded because of the time He was living in. Nevertheless, the Lord kept moving through time to a place where His Glory would fill His temple and never fade. He went forward to the day of rest where mankind would see His glory in the face of Jesus. John 1:14 declares, "AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONGST US; AND WE ACTUALLY SAW HIS GLORY, THE GLORY THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON RECEIVES FROM HIS FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH."

Beloved ones; there is still more to behold and receive. Jesus prays in John 17:24, "FATHER I DESIRE THAT THEY ALSO WHOM YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO ME MAY BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE THE GLORY, WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME; FOR YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." THIS IS THE OMEGA WORK AND THE REVELATION OF GOD FOR OUR "ANOINTING OF THE MOMENT!"

John tell us in John 1, that he actually saw the glory of the only begotten son. Yet, this revelation of glory was not enough to finish the work. Jesus prays that those that are His own ones would see the Glory that He had before the foundation of the world. This is the finishing OMEGA WORK of the Lord.

Where did Moses have to go to see and receive this initial experience of the Lord's Glory? He had to be put into the cleft of the rock. Let us move on to Exodus 34 and see what happens. "The Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tables of stone like the first, and I will write upon these tables the words that were on the first tables, which you broke, BE READY AND COME UP IN THE MORNING TO MOUNT SINAI, AND PRESENT YOURSELF THERE TO ME ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN!" ( Ex. 34:2)

Oh hear this saints of the Lord; This is the secret of the entranceway through the DOOR! We have already heard the call to be ready in Mathew 24 and 25. We are called to, "Come Up Here" to our spiritual mountain to meet the Lord. We are called to present ourselves on the top of the mountain. The Lord uses the mountain physically with Moses to teach us how to come up spiritually! If we are to meet the Lord to receive this Glory, we must go up our spiritual mountain. What is that mountain? It is the upward hunger and climb to know Him. It is counting everything as dung in comparison to the priceless privilege of pressing on to know Him. It is the pursuit of the Lord and waiting in His presence that leads us upward. As we become still, we will know that He is God!

This mountain process is what the Lord told His disciples to do before He ascended into heaven, "TARRY IN JERUSALEM UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH!" (Luke 42:49) They had to stop doing business as usual and do their first work, which was to seek the Lord. In Mathew 6:33 Jesus says, "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU." On the sermon on the mount Jesus tell us, "BLESSED are those who HUNGER and THIRST after righteousness, for THEY SHALL BE FILLED!" (Mat. 5:6)

Please note that in Mathew 5:6 we must hunger and thirst after righteousness, and in Mathew 6:33 we must seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and its righteousness. It is this desperation for God's presence that causes the Lord to come to us and manifest Himself.

That is why the Bride and the Spirit say, Come Lord Jesus! This hunger leads us up the mountain of change and transformation. We decrease and He increases the higher we climb in this journey. As we travel up the mountain, we are reduced with King David until there is only desire left. "ONE THING THAT I DESIRE OF THE LORD, THAT WE WILL SEEK AFTER." What is that one thing? THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD (THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD) ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE! (Ps. 27:4)

Beloved this is our entering through the DOOR. It is the only way we can "COME UP HERE!" As we answer the call to RISE UP AND COME AWAY WITH THE LORD, HE COMES TO TAKE US UP WITH HIM. It must be a mutual cooperation between you and the Lord. We must come up and the Lord comes down to us. This is what the Father is seeking from His Worshipers. This is the place the Lord says to Moses, "Be ready and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me on the top of the mountain." This is a spiritual place we must come and prepare ourselves for as well. This is the Door we must pass through up into the heavenly realm. We must begin to seek it with every fiber in us as they did on Pentecost.

When we rightly respond to the call upward, the Lord brings us up. SOS. 2:10-14, "RISE UP, MY LOVE, MY FAIR ONE, AND COME AWAY! FOR BEHOLD, THE WINTER IS PAST, THE RAIN IS OVER AND GONE. THE FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH; THE TIME OF THE SINGING OF THE BIRDS HAS COME, AND THE VOICE OF THE TURTLEDOVE IS HEARD IN OUR LAND." There is much in this prophetic passage of Scripture to study, but for our study all of these signs are to tell her it is now her season or hour of visitation. Jesus told the disciples the end of the age that the hour of His visitation to the world would begin with great darkness covering the earth. This will be one of the signs of His coming and the establishment of His Kingdom. This is what the world will see, but the same period of time for His own ones (disciples) will be like a time to go out and meet the Bridegroom. Here in the Song

of Solomon, the Bridegroom is telling His bride-to-be that all these signs in nature are to show her that it is her season to meet the Lord in a new way.

He tells her in order to see Him in His glory, she must rise up and come away. The Season of the Bride and the Bridegroom is our hour of that revealing glory of the Lord. It is our time to "COME UP HERE" and come away with Him into a new spiritual place. In verse 13, he says, "THE FIG TREE PUTS FORTH HER GREEN FIGS, AND THE VINES ARE IN BLOSSOM AND GIVE FORTH THEIR FRAGRANCE." The Bridegroom repeats to her the importance of understanding the time she is living in. He has to make clear to her this is the time of visitation of the Lord for Her. The fig trees are putting forth their figs and the vines are in blossom. Now is the time for her to come and be with the Lord. It is her hour of visitation. Listen to the word of God in Mathew 24:32: "FROM THE FIG TREE LEARN THE LESSON; AS SOON AS ITS YOUNG SHOOTS BECOME SOFT AND TENDER AND IT PUTS OUT IT LEAVES, YOU KNOW FOR A SURETY THAT HE IS NEAR, AT THE VERY DOORS." Is Jesus not these doors? Is He not standing in the midst of the church knocking at the door as well as the door standing open in the heavens? Beloved, for a surety, He is near and at the very doors.

Jesus has come to take the bride-to-be up into a new place to see and know Him in His Glory. Therefore, He repeats the call to her, "ARISE, MY LOVE, MY FAIR ONE, AND COME AWAY!" (SOS 2:13) This is the cry of the Lord to His future bride now! COME UP HERE! The call of the Lord to us this very moment is to, "ARISE AND SHINE FOR THE LIGHT HAS COME AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL APPEAR UPON YOU! (Isa. 60:1)

The Lord tells us that He will do this work. "I will draw her into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to her heart." (Hos. 2:14) We are to come into the wilderness to be alone with the Lord so we can seek Him for the Miracle that is yet to come. Many people refer to it as the former and latter rain pouring down

together and this is part of it. However, this implies we are receiving the rain just for service alone. This great outpouring to come is first and foremost for marriage! As we enter the wilderness with the Lord, which is our type of Spiritual Mountain, He says He will come and speak tenderly to us there.

In SOS 2:14a, we see this work of going up, "SO I WENT UP WITH HIM, AND WHEN WE WERE CLIMBING THE ROCKY STEPS UP THE HILLSIDE, MY BELOVED SHEPHERD SAID TO ME (Notice when He speaks to her. He speaks as though they are together climbing up the rocky steps of the hillside, out from where she used to know the Lord. She is coming out of her familiar places of worship and relationship with God into a place she has never been before. It is in this upward climb together she hears Him speak.): O MY DOVE, (WHILE YOU ARE HERE) IN THE SECLUSION OF THE CLEFTS IN THE SOLID ROCK. (SOS 2:14b)

The Lord brought Moses into the cleft of the rock as well to reveal His Glory to Him. This secret place is the place David knew and where he sought the Lord Himself until God could say of him that he was a man after His own heart. This place is an abiding place where His glory is to be revealed and it is always upward. It is higher than you ever have been before. Remember the Lord would not let Moses look upon His face, but he did allow him to look at the progression of this unfolding Glory. This Glory that passed him by as the Lord proclaimed His name to him. In the Song of Solomon listen to what our Beloved Bridegroom, The Lord our God, now says to His bride-to-be: "LET ME SEE YOUR FACE, LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE, FOR YOUR VOICE IS SWEET, AND YOUR FACE IS LOVELY." (SOS 2:14)

This is not a God that is hiding anymore, not that He ever was. This is a God who is seeking such a personal, deep, intimate relationship with us. He already knows what we look like, He has made us, so why does He say let me see your face? This desire is not from a distant God, but from a God who desires to see you face-to-face and to become one with you. This desire is a spiritual

closeness that the Lord wants to have with His creation. He wants to hear our voice. He says our voice is sweet. This is so hard to understand unless you see that the Glory that is now to be revealed is the revelation of the Bride and the Bridegroom.

This is the great mystery of Christ and His Church. He wants to see our face so we can see His. He wants to hear our voice so we can hear His. This desire is exactly the same desire that a man has for his wife. There is the same intimacy and the same relationship God desires with us but much deeper in the Spirit. "It is not good for man to be alone!" (Gen. 2:18)

To hear this call of intimacy, the bride had to come up with Him up the rocky steps of the hillside. She had to go with Him upward to learn how to have this intimacy. This desire to see us face to face and hear our voice is the drawing of the Lord to be intimate with us. There is even a deeper intimacy that He desires to bring and that is to be married. Just like in the natural being engaged is wonderful and you can learn much about each other. However, you cannot become intimately ONE just being engaged. That can only be made complete by marriage. This chapter has led our journey up the mountain to the secret place in the cleft of the stairs. However, there is still more to climb to make the crest of the mountain. That is where our next chapter will lead us.

## **The Glory on the Mountain**

It is exciting to finally arrive at that place where the "Anointing of the Moment" is to take us. From the beginning of this book, we began to glance on that which is to come. We have seen it from a distance, and now we are closer to its unveiling. I pray that a hope and expectation has risen up in your heart. Our beloved Bridegroom has given us a DOOR OF HOPE!

We have examined where the Lord took Moses up to the Mountain and put him in a safe place in the cleft of the rock. We have seen that the Lord would not let him look upon His face. He allowed Moses to only see His back. We also have understood why the Lord had to pass him by. It was to teach us that the Glory of God was to be progressively revealed throughout all the generations. This Glory is to come into its final resting place in the marriage supper of the Lamb and the establishment of the heavenly city. Rev. 21:10: "THEN IN THE SPIRIT HE CONVEYED ME AWAY TO A VAST AND LOFTY MOUNTAIN! AND EXHIBITED TO ME THE HOLY AND HALLOWED AND CONSECRATED CITY OF JERUSALEM DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD." In Rev. 21:1, we see what that city that is coming down out of heaven really is: "AND I SAW A HOLY CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, ALL ARRAYED LIKE A BRIDE BEAUTIFIED AND ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND."

This is the Glory of the Lord. This is the place he has chosen to be His resting place. This is the answer to His cry in Isaiah 66:1, "HEAVEN IS MY THRONE AND EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL. WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME? AND WHAT KIND WILL MY RESTING PLACE BE? In Rev. 21 we see the answer. It is a bride He has prepared and married called His New Jerusalem. It is not just a physical city. It is city made up of living stones. She has a new name, the New Jerusalem which is the promise to the overcomers in Rev. 2:12: "HE WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL MAKE A PILLAR IN THE

SANCTUARY OF MY GOD: HE SHALL NEVER BE PUT OUT OF IT, AND I WILL WRITE UPON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD AND THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, THE NEW JERUSALEM, WHICH DESCENDS FROM MY GOD OUT OF HEAVEN AND MY OWN NEW NAME." This is our heavenly position for eternity. This is our destiny to be a city for our God. We are to be a bride beautified and adorned for her husband.

We must notice where the city is located. It is on the vast and lofty mountain. This is where the Bride has come to meet her Husband. How does this beautification come about? Is it just the continuation of the process of sanctification, as we presently know it? On the other hand, is there an EVENT that is going to come to bring about this work? To answer this question, we have to look at the Day of Pentecost. Let us look at Acts 1:4-5, "AND WHILE BEING IN THEIR COMPANY AND EATING AT THE TABLE WITH THEM, HE COMMANDED THEM NOT TO LEAVE JERUSALEM BUT TO WAIT FOR WHAT THE FATHER HAD PROMISED, OF WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD ME SPEAK. FOR JOHN BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER, BUT NOT MANY DAYS FROM NOW, YOU SHALL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." Jesus tells them not to keep going on with business as usual. He tells them to wait for something to happen; to wait for what the Father had promised them. They could not begin their great commission without something happening to them. They had to be clothed with power from on High. This power was the ALPHA work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the disciples. The Bible tells us that they became different men completely. They began to preach boldly and were unafraid of men. They began to work great miracles to convince the people of the resurrection of the Lord. They were delivered out of prison by angels. When they gathered to pray the Holy Spirit fell again and shook the whole house. This and much more happened because of this EVENT!

This event started the process of change and transformation in the life of the early church. In Acts 2:42-46, we see that they stayed together every day and prayed. They ate together. They sold their possessions and gave to all in need until there was not one lacking among them. The Lord added to this church daily such as were to be saved. Because of their love and generosity, the Apostles preached the Gospel with great power and authority. This event transformed their lives, but it was only the beginning.

The premise we have been bringing forth by the Holy Spirit is this. An event like that was what was needed to begin the work our Master gave us. There is an event that is going to happen that will bring about the finishing work. It will be nothing that will come from the mind of men, the programs of men, or even the desires of men. It is coming by God himself. The event that is coming is our marriage to the Lord himself in the Spirit, now on the earth. This event will be of a greater magnitude than the Day of Pentecost.

To understand it we return to John 2. As previously stated in an earlier chapter, the Bible declares on the **THIRD DAY**, there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee. We already know Jesus, His mother and the disciples are there. We know that the wedding has run out of wine to drink. Beloved, that wine has been drunk for two thousand years. However, there comes a time at this wedding that the wine runs out. This is parallel to the time of the ten virgins when the Bridegroom lingered and they all nodded their heads and fell asleep. However, Jesus performs a miracle of the third day. He tells them to fill the empty water pots, six of them, to the brim with water. Then He tells the servant to **DRAW SOME** out and bring it to the master of the House. We know He calls the Bridegroom and praises Him for saving the **BEST WINE FOR LAST!** We also know that as the water traveled from the pot to the Master of the house it changed into wine. Another word for that change is transformed or transfigured. Jesus says to His mother about the problem, what does this have to do with Me? My time has not yet come. **"WHAT IS THAT TO YOU AND ME, WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON?"** (John 2:4a)

Here we have to consider Jesus' next statement, "LEAVE IT TO ME, (not to anyone else, not to the disciples, no one!) MY TIME (HOUR TO ACT) HAS NOT YET COME." John 2:4b

There is a great amount of hidden manna in this miracle. This miracle is a prophetic act that begins on the third day. The third day will begin with the pots empty and the wine having already run out. That which began on Pentecost will seem to be not able to finish the work. Today, many are turning away from the faith. Great darkness is covering the earth. It seems like Satan is winning the war. It was not Jesus' time to act then. Nevertheless, He was going to do something powerful at this wedding ceremony. We have mentioned already that the third day does not begin with Rapture but with a WEDDING DAY. Jesus is going to perform a MIRACLE ON THIS DAY that will cause the Master of the House to praise the Bridegroom for what He had done. He saved the best wine for last.

This wine cannot come about just by progression. If you let the water stay in the pots long enough, will it someday become wine? Never will that water ever become wine on its own. It has to come about by a Divine Intervention of God. A Day likened unto the Day of Pentecost. John the Baptist said not only would Jesus baptize them with Holy Spirit but also with fire. This fire is to finish the work of preparing us to be married to the Lord. It is the OMEGA work of God!

What does it look like? Let us look at Mark 9:1, "AND JESUS SAID TO THEM, TRULY AND SOLEMNLY I SAY UNTO YOU, THERE ARE SOME STANDING HERE WHO WILL IN NO WAY TASTE DEATH BEFORE THEY SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD COME IN ITS POWER!" The disciples saw the Kingdom of God come in power on the day of Pentecost before they died.

Beloved there is more to come. "SIX DAYS AFTER THIS!" (Mark 9:2a) After that we do not know, but we know that a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day. We

also know that it has been six thousand years from Adam until now. Therefore, something is going to happen after six DAYS! Remember Hos. 6:2, "On the third day He will raise us up to live before Him."

Let us see what Jesus does, "JESUS TOOK WITH HIM PETER, JAMES AND JOHN AND LED THEM UP A HIGH MOUNTAIN." (Mark 9: 2b) Here, Jesus leads the three disciples up the mountain. Why only three? Again, this is a prophetic act like the turning of water into wine. The three represent the church within the church. It is symbolic of the bride in the midst of the Daughters of Jerusalem. It is the remnant Philadelphia church of overcomers. They have all paid the price to come and be with the Lord and to see Him in Revelation Glory.

These three are going to see something the other nine will not see. In order to see what is about to happen you have to be chosen, or pay the price to qualify. To partake of what is about to happen you must follow Jesus in a new way, up the high mountain. As they come to the top of the mountain, they are going to witness the Miracle of Transfiguration. They are about to see the Glory of God. "HE LED THEM UP A HIGH MOUNTAIN APART BY THEMSELVES" (Mark 9:2c) This represents the call of the "Anointing of the Moment." For the Lord desires us to open the door and walk through it. He wants us to answer the knock and COME UP HERE into a new place in Him! They are about to see the EVENT THAT IS GOING TO FINISH THE WORK JESUS STARTED.

It was not Jesus' time at the wedding celebration to work this miracle in His fleshly time on the earth. However, there would be a time when He would do it. On this mountain, they are going to see the miracle of Transfiguration! "AND HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM AND BECAME RESPLENDENT WITH DIVINE BRIGHTNESS, AND HIS GARMENTS BECAME GLISTENING WHITE AS NO FULLER LAUNDERER ON EARTH COULD BLEACH

THEM." (Mark 9:2-3) Why did He show them this? Did He want to convince them He was the Son of God? Did He want to show them His power? Alternatively, could there be something else they need to see? "AND ELIJAH APPEARED TO THEM ACCOMPANIED BY MOSES, AND THEY WERE HAVING A PROTRACTED (VERY LONG) CONVERSATION WITH JESUS." (Mark 9:4)

What they were talking about we do not know. We do know that in the time of tribulation there will be two witnesses that will proclaim the Word of God boldly that will shake the whole earth. Moses was the deliverer of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt. For us as believers He represents Jesus delivering us out of sins bondage. Elijah was the prophet who confronted the false prophets of Jezebel that was leading Israel after other god's. He called down fire from heaven to prove our God was God. Then he killed all the false prophets with the sword. Both of these men brought judgments of God upon the false powers of their day. They both were deliverers of God's people from bondage.

Here, Jesus transfigures before them and they see the Glory of God. It does not say they covered their faces or hid from the Lord. It says they saw this event happen. What did they see? Jesus was not just God, He was man. He was all man as you and I are or He could not be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He was Son of God and Son of Man. The Bible calls Him the second Adam.

When Adam and Eve fell, they lost the Shekinah Glory of the Lord or their covering. The Glory of the Lord covered them with His presence so that they did not even know they were naked. The moment they sinned that Glory was removed and they saw they were naked and hid themselves from the Glory of God. When God made them He breathed His breath in them. When they sinned, they rejected that breath and now they would die. They were not made to die, but to live forever with the Lord.

God in His infinite wisdom knew this was going to happen and planned our redemption before the foundation of the world.

Jesus was the lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world. Jesus came into the world to live the perfect life that Adam was to have lived. He did it not as God, but as a man. Phil. 2:5-6, tells us: "LET THIS SAME MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO ALTHOUGH BEING ESSENTIALLY ONE WITH GOD AND IN THE FORM OF GOD DID NOT THINK THIS EQUALITY WAS A THING TO BE EAGERLY GRASPED OR RETAINED. BUT STRIPPED HIMSELF OF ALL PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTFUL DIGNITY, SO AS TO ASSUME THE GUISE OF A SLAVE, IN THAT HE BECAME LIKE MEN AND WAS BORN A HUMAN BEING. AND AFTER HE HAD APPEARED IN HUMAN FORM, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF FURTHER AND CARRIED HIS OBEDIENCE TO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS! THEREFORE BECAUSE HE STOOPED SO LOW, GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND GIVEN HIM A NAME ABOVE ALL OTHER NAMES."

He was God, but he laid down all that it was to be God to become a man. So here, on this high mountain Jesus shines! He allows them to see what was inside of Him. Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit in the river by John the Baptist. The Spirit came upon Him like the appearance of a dove. He was LED by the Holy Spirit to be tested by the devil. He overcame him there and came out of the desert in THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT. It was not until He was led FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL, THAT HE COME OUT VICTORIOUS IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT. The filling of the Spirit became the power of the Spirit to begin His ministry.

On that mountaintop, Jesus is showing them what that power look liked. What they are witnessing is the GLORY OF THE LORD FILLING THE TEMPLE! The Bible tells us that our BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST. Here on the mountain Jesus is showing them what is going to happen in the last days. He is showing them the OMEGA work of God. We see the Glory of God on the inside of Jesus shining outward, brighter

than the sun. The three were terrified and did not know what to do. Therefore, Peter says, "MASTER, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE. LET US MAKE THREE TENTS, ONE FOR YOU, AND ONE FOR MOSES AND ONE FOR ELIJAH. FOR HE DID NOT REALLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY, FOR THEY WERE IN A VIOLENT DREAD!" (Mark 9:5) Jesus does not answer them, but something happens to them, "AND A CLOUD THREW A SHADOW UPON THEM, SAYING THIS IS MY SON, THE MOST BELOVED ONE, BE CONSTANTLY LISTENING TO AND OBEYING HIM. AND LOOKING AROUND, THEY SUDDENLY NO LONGER SAW ANYONE WITH THEM EXCEPT JESUS ONLY. (Mark 9:7) This is the work of the transfiguration. The Glory of God is going to come and fill the bride so she can continually listen to and obey Him. This is the very thing Jesus did perfectly. He continually listened to and obeyed His Father completely. He was the first fruits of many brethren. He is the perfect author and finisher of our salvation.

If it was the Lord's intention to show on this mountain, His Glory as Creator, He could have done a lot of other things to show that Glory. What He wanted to show them was the miracle that is about to come; That His temple was going to shine with the Glory of God. This is what the Word of God promises. When Solomon dedicated the temple to the Lord, the Glory of the Lord came and filled it. No one could even minister to the Lord because of this manifestation of His glory. This was an outward sign of what the Lord would do in us. This picture in Mark 9 is the prophetic look at Isa. 60:1-2. Let us look at it again: "ARISE AND SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU. FOR BEHOLD, DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH, AND DENSE DARKNESS ALL PEOPLES, BUT THE LORD SHALL ARISE UPON YOU, AND HIS GLORY SHALL BE SEEN ON YOU!"

Could there be any other reason for Him to transfigure before them? Transfigure means to transform, to change the appearance of the form or outward appearance. It means to change the condition, or nature or function of something, or to convert the

personality or character of something. Is that not what is happening in Isaiah 60? Is not God changing the appearance and the condition and nature of His people? Is He not changing the condition, and nature and function of His people from where they were He finds them. Listen again to the word, "ARISE (from the depression and prostration in which the circumstances have kept you - rise to a new life) Is that not the very definition of Transfiguration? "SHINE! FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU!" (Isa. 60:1)

Moses could only see the back of that Glory. The bride in the Song of Solomon was called up for the Lord to see her face and hear her voice. This is a deeper Glory. On the mountain of transfiguration, we see the completed work of God in man as the Glory of God has risen upon Him. The heavenly city comes down from the mountain as a bride all beautified and adorned. This transfiguration of Glory will cause, "THE NATIONS TO COME TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR RISING! THEN YOU SHALL SEE AND BE RADIANT AND YOUR HEART SHALL THRILL AND TREMBLE WITH JOY AND BE ENLARGED." (Isa. 60:3)

This is what they are beholding on that mountain top; the Glory of God filling His temple. This is going to come about by an upward journey onto the high mountain in the Spirit with the Lord. This is what is going to happen to us as we go into the wilderness and marry the Lord. He is going to release the FINISHED WORK. THE OMEGA GLORY OF THE LORD! This is not a progression of time, IT IS A NEW EVENT WE NEED TO LOOK FOR AND BE READY FOR. THE FIRST EVENT HAPPENED IN AN UPPER ROOM, AND THE LAST ONE WILL HAPPEN IN THE WILDERNESS ON THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD.

Whether we will be the ones chosen like Peter, John, and James will depend on our rightly responding now to the Lord. All throughout this chapter, we are seeing the need to follow after the

Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We must be ready to be led up to the crest of the mountain for transfiguration glory. In this next chapter we will explore that the Lord who started the work in us, will finish it. For He declares to us today, Grace to it!

## Grace to It, Grace to It

Yes, Beloved, it will happen like that. There is an event that is to come. That is why there is an "Anointing of the Moment." There is a period of time to come up to that mountain with Peter, James and John. Our mountain top experience will not just be to see something, but to become something. We will become married to our beloved Bridegroom. This event has to happen. Jesus is going to make ready a bride. Let us examine the fifth chapter of Ephesians: "HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES, AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER, SO THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY HER HAVING WASHED HER WITH THE WATER OF THE WORD." (Eph. 5:25)

Do you remember what went into those six clay pots? Water. These were pots set apart for the ritual of purification. Therefore, the water that fills them is the water of sanctification. However, there is more. "THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT THE CHURCH TO HIMSELF IN GLORIOUS SPLendor, WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THINGS, THAT SHE MIGHT BE HOLY AND FAULTLESS." (Eph. 5:26)

If this was all done at the cross, why are we not there? If this was all done at the day of Pentecost, why are we not there? There is still a washing that is coming by the water of the Word. He is going to present His bride to Himself in glorious splendor. Why are we not there?

The disciples were commanded by the Lord not to leave Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Holy Spirit. We are to tarry now until we receive the transfiguration fire of glory! We, too, have an EVENT that is to come. We, too, are going to be allured into the wilderness to marry our Lord. This marriage is what happens to us when the two become one. Have you thought about that for a moment? What happens to us when we are spiritually joined to the Lord? Do you think we will stay as we are? As we enter through THE DOOR AND COME UP HERE, we will enter the "Anointing of the Moment." During this brief period of

time we are going to be made clean and ready for marriage; our uniting to the Lord and our going forth.

Let me show you this miracle transfiguring glory, which is about to happen to His bride. Zec. 3:1-2 declares, "THEN THE ANGEL SHOWED ME JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST STANDING BEFORE THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND SATAN STANDING AT JOSHUA'S RIGHT HAND TO BE HIS ADVERSARY AND TO ACCUSE HIM. AND THE LORD SAID TO SATAN, THE LORD REBUKE YOU SATAN! EVEN THE LORD WHO CHOOSES JERUSALEM, REBUKE YOU! IS NOT THIS (RETURNED CAPTIVE JOSHUA) A BRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE!"

Let us look at the condition of Joshua before the Lord. Joshua was commanded to rebuild the temple; He was doing what the Lord asked of him. Let us look at what is going to happen to Him in the Spirit. He is going to be transfigured as Jesus was on the mountain. He is going to experience a super natural event that will change His life forever. "NOW JOSHUA WAS CLOTHED WITH FILTHY GARMENTS AND WAS STANDING BEFORE THE ANGEL OF THE LORD. AND HE SPOKE TO THOSE WHO STOOD BEFORE HIM SAYING: TAKE AWAY THE FILTHY GARMENTS FROM HIM. AND HE SAID TO JOSHUA, BEHOLD, I HAVE CAUSED YOUR INIQUITY TO PASS FROM YOU AND I WILL CLOTHE YOU WITH RICH APPAREL." (Zec. 3:3-4)

In Rev. 3:18, we are called to be gold tried by the fire. Here Joshua is called a "BRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE." He is the prophetic sign of the overcomers that have returned to the Lord. What is being done to Joshua here in the Spirit is what John is seeing in the Book of Revelation. Not only does John see Jesus standing in the midst of His church as a refining fire, He sees those who will overcome in chapters 4-5.

Here in Zechariah, we are seeing the process of overcoming by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT! This is a divine

work of the Lord, which we have called the OMEGA work of the Lord. "AND I SAID, LET THEM PUT A CLEAN TURBAN ON HIS HEAD. SO THEY PUT A CLEAN TURBAN ON HIS HEAD AND CLOTHED HIM WITH RICH GARMENTS. AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD STOOD BY." (Zec. 3:5)

As we look at what the Lord Jesus Christ tell us to buy, we begin to see what the extra oil the wise virgins had in their lamps consisted of. They were ready to go out and meet the Bridegroom. They tell the foolish to go to the DEALERS to buy for themselves. The wise had spent time in the presence of the Lord. They allowed Him to prepare them for the marriage supper of the Lord. What exactly will that oil do for the overcomers? Let us read it again.

"THEREFORE I COUNSEL YOU TO PURCHASE FROM ME GOLD REFINED BY THE FIRE, THAT YOU MAY BE TRULY WEALTHY, AND WHITE CLOTHES TO CLOTHE YOU AND TO KEEP THE SHAME OF YOUR NUDITY FROM BEING SEEN, AND SALVE FOR YOUR EYE, THAT YOU MAY SEE." (Rev. 3:18) Can you see what is given to Joshua in this heavenly realm of the Spirit? He gets a clean turban and is clothed with "RICH" garments. We are told that if we buy this gold we will be truly wealthy and will have white clothes.

All this is happening UP IN THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT! IT IS NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAYS THE LORD. Joshua is receiving a transfiguration. Remember what the word means, to transform, to change the appearance of the form of the outward appearance. Is this not what is happening to Joshua in the heavenly realm? It means TO CHANGE THE CONDITION, OR NATURE OF THE FUNCTION OF SOMETHING! Beloved, are we not seeing this with our very eyes happening to Joshua? In Exo. 33:13, Moses asks the Lord, "Who is going to go with me?" And the Lord answers Him: "My Presence shall go with you." (Exo. 33:14) Moses then prays, "I BESEECH YOU, SHOW ME YOUR GLORY!" We have examined that the Lord's glory passed him by, and he was only able to see the back part of the Lord. This passing by is a prophetic sign to us of the progressive revelation of God's

Glory to be revealed throughout all generations.

This revelation must continue until the prophetic word in Hosea 6:1-2 and Luke 13:32 would be fulfilled. The Lord says after two days I will revive you, and on the third day, I will RAISE YOU UP TO LIVE BEFORE ME! The friendship relationship Moses has with the Lord is this "LIVING BEFORE ME" in demonstration. Jesus took the three disciples up the mountain to witness this FRIENDSHIP as He reveals what the glory of the Lord looks like in His temple. This is where the TRANSFIGURATION GLORY IS ABOUT TO BRING TO US. A PLACE WHERE THE FIRE WILL COME TO LIFT US UP AND BRING US INTO THE GLORY OF THE LORD. THE LORD HAS COME TO RAISE US UP INTO THE HEAVENLY REALM TO BE MARRIED TO HIM.

Beloved, this event must come. That is why we are standing at the crossroads of time in the "Anointing of the Moment." What we are seeing here in Zechariah is the EVENT that is to come hereafter. It is the OMEGA EVENT of the Lord. It is the finishing work of the Lord in His bride. This is what Peter, James and John are witnessing up on that high mountain. We must come into the place where will be RAISED UP TO LIVE BEFORE HIM! Isaiah 60:1 must happen, WE MUST RISE AND SHINE, FOR THE LIGHT HAS COME. What light is that? The LIGHT OF TRANSFIGURATION GLORY! IT WAS SO BRIGHT IN JESUS THAT HE SHINED AND BECAME RESPLENDENT WITH DIVINE BRIGHTNESS. THIS IS THE GLORY OF GOD.

Then the next description of Jesus testifies of the finishing work of the Lord, "AND HIS GARMENTS BECAME GLISTENING, INTENSELY WHITE, AS NO FULLER LAUNDERER ON EARTH COULD BLEACH THEM." (Mark 9:3) This testifies that there is nothing that man can do to bring about this purity. There is no laundry or dry cleaners that can cause these garments to be so white and holy. This testifies to us that this is a divine work, the OMEGA work of the Lord. It will not come

through the church, but to the bride who is waiting upon the Lord.

Did you notice there was something in the heavenly realm that could now be given to Joshua as he removed his dirty garments? "AND THEY CLOTHED HIM WITH RICH GARMENTS." (Zec. 3:5) Yes, this garment of dazzling white was waiting for him prepared by the Lord himself. Jesus himself by His perfect life and victory allows us to buy the white raiment to cover the shame of our nudity. This covering is the Shekinah glory of the Lord. This is the real covering we had in the garden. What we are about to receive is the OMEGA COVERING OF THE LORD! In the garden, they hid from the presence of the Lord and made for themselves a covering of fig leaves. The Lord found them and removed their man made covering of fig leaves. He killed an animal and covered their nakedness with animal skins. The animal skins represented that something had to die in their place because of their sin, for them to live.

The finished work of Jesus, who was slain for our sin and raised from the dead, has given us back the fullness of our covering. The Glory of the Lord is our covering. This Glory allows us to walk before Him and for Him to walk with us. This Glory brings us into the heavenly realm where we can be seated with Jesus. The first time Jesus came, He came to forgive us of our sins. This is the ALPHA work of the Lord. This work was the beginning of the restoration of Glory to His temple. That is why we were told to work out this salvation with fear and trembling. The fact that we have to work it out, shows us that salvation begins with forgiveness and ends with our perfection in Christ being displayed. The process of time of this work is called sanctification.

At the end of the age and the beginning of the third day there is a wedding we are called to attend. This EVENT is going to prepare us to GO OUT AND MEET THE BRIDEGROOM. We are now at the "Anointing of the Moment" to enter into this heavenly event of the TRANSFIGURATION OF GLORY!

Zechariah 3:6-7 continues to unfold this event. "AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD PROTESTED AND AFFIRMED

TO JOSHUA, THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS: IF YOU WILL WALK IN MY WAYS AND KEEP MY CHARGE, THEN ALSO YOU WILL RULE MY HOUSE AND HAVE ACCESS TO MY COURTS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU ACCESS TO MY PRESENCE AND PLACES TO WALK AMONG THESE WHO STAND HERE! HALLELUJAH!"

In this heavenly realm, Joshua will receive authority to rule with the Lord. He will have access to the Presence of the Lord as Moses did. He is given to walk among those who stand here. Do you remember what the three disciples saw on the mountain? Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. In this transfiguration moment, they are opened to the heavenly realm and are allowed to see the Glory of Eternity. Peter says, ~~It is good for us to be here." He was correct in his assessment. For in this moment of time, this TRANSFIGURATION MOMENT, they are allowed to WALK AMONG THOSE WHO STAND HERE.

In Rev. 4:3-5, what does John see? Is he not seeing and walking in the same place? "AND HE WHO SAT THERE APPEARED LIKE JASPER AND SARDIUS, AND ENCIRCLING THE THRONE WAS A HALO THAT LOOKED LIKE A RAINBOW OF EMERALDS. TWENTY FOUR OTHER THRONES SURROUNDED THE THRONE AND SEATED UPON THESE THRONES WERE TWENTY FOUR ELDERS ARRAYED IN WHITE CLOTHING, WITH CROWNS OF GOLD UPON THEIR HEADS. AND AROUND THE THRONE, IN THE CENTER AT EACH SIDE OF THE THRONE WERE FOUR LIVING CREATURES WHO WERE FILLED WITH EYES IN FRONT AND BEHIND." This is the place the overcomers, His bride, are to come and live and walk in. He said, "On the third day He will raise us up that we might live before Him." This is where Joshua is prophetically taken. He is taken up into this moment of Transfiguration Glory and He is transfigured and empowered to finish the work. This is what is awaiting the bride in the wilderness.

This EVENT we see happening in Zechariah 3 is a

prophetic sign to us of how the Lord will bring forth the overcomers, the bride, the Man-child of Rev. 12. It is a divine event from the Lord. It comes at the time where the whole earth is in travail for the manifestation of the Sons of God. It will never come about by human efforts. Not all our thinking, understanding, and building can ever bring it about. It is a divine moment of time God has prepared for us. It begins at the midnight hour with a shout, "Behold, the Bridegroom. Go out and meet Him." (Mat. 25:6)

This Transfiguration Glory that we are witnessing in Zechariah 3 is the sign to our generation of what Jesus showed the three disciples on the high mountain. Listen carefully to verse eight of the third chapter of Zechariah, "HEAR NOW, O JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST, YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, (These are the overcomers, the bride of the Lord) WHO SIT BEFORE YOU - FOR THEY ARE A SIGN, (THEY ARE A SIGN!) OR OMEN OF WHAT IS TO COME!"

Do you understand what is to come precious Bride of the Lord? This transfiguration of Joshua and his companions ARE A SIGN OF WHAT IS TO COME! When John is finished telling us that Jesus is standing knocking at the door, something happens to him. "AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN, AND THE FIRST VOICE WHICH I HEARD ADDRESSING ME LIKE THE CALLING OF A WAR TRUMPET SAID, COME UP HERE, AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT MUST TAKE PLACE AFTER." (Rev 4:1)

The Spirit of God lifts John up to see what is to come after. The same Spirit of God lifts Joshua in the Spirit into the heavenly realm to be transfigured and they are called a SIGN OR OMEN OF WHAT IS TO COME! John sees these people in Rev 5:8, the four living creatures and the twenty four elders are holding a harp and a bowl full of incense which are the prayers of God's people and they declare: "AND NOW THEY SING A NEW SONG, SAYING, YOU ARE WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL AND BREAK THE SEALS THAT ARE ON IT, FOR YOU WERE

SLAIN, AND WITH YOUR BLOOD YOU HAVE PURCHASED MEN UNTO GOD FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION! AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS TO OUR GOD, AND THEY SHALL REIGN AS KINGS OVER THE EARTH!"

John is seeing the fulfillment of what is happening to Joshua in Zechariah 3. He sees the Father and the Son. He sees the elders, the living creatures, and all those called to rule and reign with Him. These people are the married of the Lord and they are going to receive from the Lord like the disciples did on the Day of Pentecost. Zec. 3:8, tells us that this remnant will be a sign and omen of what the Lord is going to do. He tells us in Zec. 4:9, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it." Here, the Lord promises the finishing work. The hands that start the work are the hands that will finish it. Jesus said, "Upon this Rock, I will build my church." Phil. 1:6, "And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it in you." Beloved, our finishing day is at hand. The "Anointing of the Moment" is here to bring forth His bride, the Branch. Zec. 3:8 says, "FOR BEHOLD, I WILL BRING FORTH MY SERVANT THE BRANCH."

Beloved, this is a powerful statement, deep in meaning for us in these last days. In John 10:3, Jesus says, "THE WATCHMAN OPENS THE DOOR FOR THIS MAN, AND THE SHEEP LISTEN TO HIS VOICE AND HEED IT!" What did the voice say out of the cloud to Peter, John and James? "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, BE CONSTANTLY LISTENING TO AND OBEYING HIM!" (Mark 9:7) The people who do this are the ones that Jesus is talking about in John 10:3, "AND THE SHEEP LISTEN TO HIS VOICE AND HEED IT, AND HE CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND BRINGS THEM OUT. WHEN HE HAS BROUGHT (HIS OWN) SHEEP OUTSIDE, HE WALKS BEFORE THEM AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM BECAUSE THEY KNOW HIS VOICE!" Here, the Lord does not say all the sheep, but describes a special kind of

sheep called (HIS OWN ONES). Beloved these OWN ONES are His bride. "THEY WILL NEVER FOLLOW A STRANGER, BUT WILL RUN AWAY FROM HIM BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW THE VOICE OF STRANGERS OR RECOGNIZE THEIR CALL." (John 10:5) How are they able to do this? They receive the EVENT that is to come. They enter into the TRANSFIGURATION GLORY OF THE LORD!

"ALL OTHERS THAT CAME BEFORE ME ARE THIEVES AND ROBBERS, BUT THE TRUE SHEEP DID NOT LISTEN TO AND OBEY THEM. I AM THE DOOR; ANYONE WHO ENTERS IN THROUGH ME WILL BE SAVED. HE WILL COME IN AND HE WILL GO OUT, AND WILL FIND PASTURE." (John 10:8-9)

The Lord reveals to Joshua what this means to those who will be His bride, "THEN ALSO YOU WILL RULE MY HOUSE AND HAVE CHARGE OVER MY COURTS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU ACCESS TO MY PRESENCE, AND PLACES TO WALK AMONG THESE WHO STAND HERE." (Zec. 3:7) Joshua and his companions are a sign of what is to come. Moses brought them out, but Joshua brought them in. Even though this is not the same Joshua, it is a statement of the fact that Moses started the work, but Joshua is to finish it. Joshua is to bring God's people into the rest of God. Jesus is our Joshua

who has come to transfigure us .He will bring us into the full and complete Sabbath rest that has been reserved for the TRUE PEOPLE OF GOD. (Hebrews 3:9)

Those who will enter into this "Anointing of the Moment" will be changed and transformed. They will be sign to the endtimes people. They will be the ones coming out of the wilderness leaning upon their Beloved. They will be prepared to unveil to the world the Glory of the Lord in His temple that will full the whole earth. Praise to the Lord! The Lord says, Behold, I will BRING FORTH MY SERVANT THE BRANCH! (Zec. 3:8) That is what we are seeing here the BRINGING FORTH OF THE BRANCH!

The Bride of the Lord is that BRANCH. This is what the Lord is about to do, bring forth MY SERVANT THE BRANCH! "AND IN THAT DAY SEVEN WOMEN SHALL TAKE HOLD OF ONE MAN, SAYING, WE WILL EAT OUR OWN BREAD AND PROVIDE OUR OWN APPAREL: ONLY LET US BE CALLED BY YOUR NAME TO TAKE AWAY THE REPROACH OF BEING UNMARRIED." (Isa. 4:1a)

Beloved, in the midst of the present day church, the Bride has taken on the reproach of the whole church in the eyes of the world. Because of the sin and compromise in the church, it has been difficult for the world to see the plan of the Bridegroom and Bride. The desire of the Bride in (Isa. 4:1b) is "LET US BE CALLED BY YOUR NAME TO TAKE AWAY THE REPROACH OF BEING UNMARRIED. Our unmarried state has brought reproach as the church has had a love affair with the world. The future bride is over two thousand years old and still unmarried. She is like a woman who is not married in her 30's or 40's. She is known as undesirable to be given in marriage to a husband. However, let us read on to the answer of her prayer to be married.

"IN THAT DAY, (the third day) THE BRANCH OF THE LORD SHALL BE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS, AND THE FRUIT OF THE LAND WILL BE EXCELLENT AND LOVELY

TO THOSE OF ISRAEL WHO HAVE ESCAPED." (Isa. 4:2) This is what Joshua is receiving at the Moment of Transfiguration. He represents the over comers, the bride of the Lord those who are overcomers. Let us read again the description of this bride City found in Rev. 21:2 and how it compares to Isa. 4:2-3. "AND I SAW A HOLY CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, ALL ARRAYED LIKE A BRIDE BEAUTIFIED AND ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND." Now contrast this with verses 2 and 3 of Isaiah, "IN THAT DAY THE BRANCH OF THE LORD WILL BE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS. AND HE WHO IS LEFT IN ZION AND REMAINS IN JERUSALEM WILL BE CALLED HOLY, EVERYONE WHO IS RECORDED FOR LIFE IN JERUSALEM AND FOR ETERNAL LIFE."

I want you to realize this happens to all "who are left in Zion." This is the remnant church of Philadelphia, the Bride of the Lord. She is going to receive the miracle of the wedding of Cana. The bride-to-be is going to experience the "Anointing of the Moment" and enter through the door to live in the heavenly realm while she is on the earth. She is going into the wilderness for the GREAT EVENT that is to come, her Wedding Day! This EVENT is not like anything we have ever seen. No one knew what the day of Pentecost was going to look like and neither do we know what this Moment is going to look like. Nevertheless, we must be prepared for it. The disciples knew what the result would be, before they experienced it. They would be clothed with power from on high. They were going to receive the promise of the Father of the Holy Spirit. They knew the result, but not what it would be or what it would look like in their lives.

That is how it is today. We can know the result: that bride-to-be will be married to the Lord and become one with Him. His bride will know that she will be washed by the water of the Word. She will have a clean turban on her head and receive rich garments. These overcomers will have access in the presence

of the Lord continually. They will be able to rule His house and walk amongst those who are in Heaven, because they will live their spiritual life in the heavenly realm.

Beloved, we know the result, but not how or what it will look like in our lives. We do know that we will be changed and transfigured. Isa. 4:4-5 gives us another glance. "AFTER THE LORD WASHES AWAY THE FILTH, (takes away those filthy garments) OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ZION, AND HAS PURGED THE BLOODSTAINS OF JERUSALEM FROM THE MIDST OF IT BY THE SPIRIT AND BLAST OF JUDGEMENT AND BY THE SPIRIT AND THE BLAST OF BURNING AND SIFTING. AND THE LORD WILL CREATE OVER THE WHOLE SITE, OVER EVERY DWELLING PLACE, (In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.) AND OVER HER ASSEMBLIES, A CLOUD AND SMOKE BY DAY AND THE SHINING OF A FLAMING FIRE BY NIGHT; FOR OVER ALL THE GLORY SHALL BE A CANOPY (A DEFENSE OF DIVINE LOVE AND PROTECTION). AND THERE SHALL BE A PAVILION FOR SHADE IN THE DAYTIME FROM THE HEAT, AND FOR A PLACE OF REFUGE A SHELTER FROM THE STORM AND THE RAIN."

He says to the remnant in Philadelphia, "Because you have guarded My word of patient endurance, I also will keep you SAFE FROM THE HOUR OF TESTING WHICH IS COMING UPON THE WHOLE WORLD TO TEST AND TRY THOSE WHO DWELL UPON IT!" (Rev. 3:10) King David said as He wanted to dwell forever in the Presence of the Lord: "FOR IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE HE WILL HIDE ME IN HIS SHELTER, IN THE SECRET PLACE OF HIS TENT WILL HE HIDE ME, HE WILL SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK, AND NOW SHALL MY HEAD BE LIFTED UP ABOVE MY ENEMIES." (Psalm 27:5-6)

This is what we are about to become and where we are going. In that day, the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious. Yes, Jesus is called the branch of the Lord also, but he does not have to remove any filthy garments or be washed from

sin. Whom are we marrying? The Lord who is our Branch who is also called the Vine. John 15:5 says, "I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES, WHOEVER LIVES IN ME, AND I IN HIM BEARS MUCH FRUIT." Isa. 4:2 tells us: "AND THE FRUIT OF THE LAND SHALL BE EXCELLENT AND LOVELY TO THOSE OF ISRAEL WHO HAVE ESCAPED."

If we are marrying the Vine, yet He is also a BRANCH, what does that make us? How about ONE with Him? He is the branch from God our Father to us as a Vine and the life source of our being. If we are married to Him, and live and abide in Him, we will bear much fruit for the Lord. This is what married life is all about. He takes His rightful place as the Vine of God, who is our head and Bridegroom. We take our place as the Branch of God, as His servant bride.

As we finish this chapter, why is it important for us to understand the Transfiguration Glory that is to come? Jesus is the Alpha and Omega the true foundation stone we are to build upon. Paul writes in 1Cor. 3:11 "that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is already laid, which is Jesus Christ," (the anointed one). He is the stone the builders rejected but our cornerstone. (1Peter 2:7) He is the DOOR, our anointed one who is standing in heaven calling us to "Come Up Here!" He is giving us an "Anointing of the Moment" by calling His Bride into the wilderness. He plans to marry her and finish her by the Omega work He is about to reveal. There is an EVENT that is about to come. It is the washing and purification of the bride and her preparation for marriage to the Lord. This chapter shows you that it is a divine event likened unto the day of Pentecost but even greater. It was upon the Cornerstone, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, that the house of the Lord began to be built. It will be upon this finishing stone Jesus Christ, King of Kings, that the house will be completed. Jesus said to us, "Upon this Rock, I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Mat. 16:18)

I conclude this chapter with Zechariah 3:9-10, "FOR

BEHOLD, UPON THE STONE WHICH I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU, UPON THAT ONE STONES ARE SEVEN EYES OF FACETS of the ALL EMBRACING PROVIDENCE OF GOD AND THE SEVEN FOLD RADIATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD. BEHOLD I WILL CARVE UPON IT ITS INSCRIPTION, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS, AND I WILL REMOVE THE INIQUITY AND GUILT OF THIS LAND IN A SINGLE DAY."

Let us move on to the next chapter thanking the Lord who is our cornerstone. The one our lives are built upon. Let us proceed to the next chapter where a MAN CHILD is born.

## **A Man Child Is Born**

One of the most important points of the last chapter is what happened to Joshua the High Priest as He ascended up into the heavenly realm. We saw that Joshua is transfigured and changed outwardly by the Lord Himself. The Lord lifts him to live and have access in the heavenly realm. He gives Joshua power and authority to rule His house, charge of His courts, and access to the continual presence of the Lord. This is where the "Anointing of the Moment" is to bring us.

In this chapter we will examine what it means to be known as a Son of God. The Scripture says, "FOR ALL WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD! (Rom. 8:14) "FOR EVEN THE WHOLE CREATION WAITS EXPECTANTLY AND LONGS EARNESTLY FOR GOD'S SONS TO BE KNOWN, (WAITS FOR THE REVEALING, THE DISCLOSING OF THEIR SONSHIP." (Rom 8:19)

Creation is waiting for God's sons to be revealed. This is the completed work of Christ finished in His Bride and revealed to the world. This is the ONENESS Jesus prayed the glory would bring to us. This OMEGA work is now ready for us to receive.

Every believer is invited to come and receive this very work of God. The Lord does not have favorites in this manner. God is no respecter of persons. There is no Greek or Jew, nor male or female, just those who are in Christ. He provides this opportunity to all who receive Him as their Savior. Unfortunately, few will be chosen. Few will want this glorious inheritance by either lack of knowledge or lack of will to possess it. The children of Israel lost their part in it by unbelief and disobedience. It will be like that for many in the church if they do not hear or refuse to hear. "FOR THOSE HE FOREKNEW, HE ALSO DESTINED FROM THE BEGINNING TO BE MOLDED INTO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, (to share in this inner likeness), THAT HE MIGHT BECOME THE FIRST BORN OF MANY BRETHREN." (Rom. 8:29) This is what is offered to every

believer in Christ. He offers us a glorious position of faith and victory. A victory that will bring us up to be seated with Jesus in the heavenly realm now while we are here in the earth. "AND THOSE WHOM HE THUS FOREORDAINED, HE ALSO CALLED, AND THOSE HE HAS CALLED, HE ALSO JUSTIFIED, AND THOSE WHOM ARE JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO HAS GLORIFIED!" (Rom. 8:30a)

This is what the "Anointing of the Moment" has come for. It is not enough just be foreordained, (loved by the Lord beforehand, for God so loved the world). It is not enough to be called or to be justified. There is a maturity of our salvation that the bride must come obtain. "AND THOSE HE HAS JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO HAS GLORIFIED (RAISING THEM TO A HEAVENLY DIGNITY AND CONDITION OR STATE OF BEING)!" (Rom 8:30b) This, beloved ones, is the OMEGA WORK that is the "Anointing of the Moment." It is time to raise up, to rise and shine, to our place of heavenly dignity and condition. It is time to receive our new state of being in which the transfiguration of Christ stands as our prophetic sign. It is the omen, sign and wonder of the Book of Zechariah. IT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN ANY MOMENT. IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE NEXT TWENTY MINUTES OF SPIRITUAL TIME AS THE LORD REVEALED TO ME!

The Book of Revelation 1-5 are the days of visitation and lifting for the overcomers, the Bride of Christ. As the King of Kings reveals Himself and His Kingdom to us, we are lifted up out of the old and into the new place in the third day of God. As we rightly respond to the Lord, we will be led into the wilderness to marry the Lord. We will be transformed into man and wife and receive the fullness of the mystery of the Bride and the Bridegroom or Christ and His Church. As we travel along this path, our eyes are opened to see the Lord of Glory, as He really is - the Alpha and the Omega. This revelation or beholding will literally catch us up in the Spirit into our divine place in the Lord.

I have already written to you that the Glory of God

manifested to the world has been a progressive unfolding. The glory of the Lord passed Moses by and has led us up to this day, this moment of History. We are about to be revealed as God's Sons and His bride on the earth. We are about to demonstrate to the world the glory of God in us as we lean upon our Beloved coming out of the wilderness. This is the glory that will make us completely one with Him as He is with His Father. It is the answer to the prayer that Jesus prayed, "that they and We will be one." 2Cor. 3:18 tells us of this process and day, "AND ALL OF US WITH UNVEILED FACE CONTINUE TO BEHOLD AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF GOD, ARE CONSTANTLY BEING TRANSFIGURED IN EVER INCREASING SPLENDOR AND FROM ONE DEGREE OF GLORY TO ANOTHER. (FOR THIS COMES FROM THE LORD WHO IS THE SPIRIT."

Our destiny is to be transfigured by this glory of God. One of the most beautiful truths revealed in Rev. 1:11 is that Jesus says to John, "I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END!" The day has come to finish the work. That is what Jesus says to the Pharisees in Luke 13:32, "ON THE THIRD DAY I FINISH AND COMPLETE MY COURSE!"

That day is here, the day the Lord will remove our iniquity in a single day. Get ready, Beloved, if you have an ear to hear what the Spirit says to the church, We are going up into our heavenly position with the Lord of Glory. Jesus already went to prepare a place for us. He is coming to marry us and bring us with Him, that where He is we shall also be. He has come back in the Spirit to take us to Himself. He has made ready a place.

Now it is time to see where and how Jesus makes this place ready. In Zec. 3:8, the Lord says to Joshua the High Priest, "what I am doing to you is a sign or omen, warning OF WHAT IS TO COME!" Rev. 4:1, John is caught up to "SEE THE THINGS THAT MUST COME AFTER." We are going to make it precious ones. We are going to be married to the Lord forever and ever. Our wedding day is beginning now on the earth and this marriage

supper will last forever with the Lord. Our lives will witness His total and complete victory over sin, death, hell and the grave. We will see and partake of the Kingdoms of this earth becoming the Kingdoms of God.

Revelation chapter 12 explains the fullness of what Zechariah chapter 3 records as a sign and warning of what is to come. This twelfth chapter expounds to us the spiritual reality of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. We examined in Mathew 25 the wise virgins were ready to go out and meet the Bridegroom. They had an extra supply of oil for their lamps. The distinguishing mark of the wise virgins over the foolish was that they had extra oil to bring for their journey to meet the Bridegroom. This is greatly significant in what is about to be revealed in this chapter. In the parable of the virgins, the wise enter in through the door into the marriage feast of the Lord. The foolish virgins are unprepared because they do not have the extra oil and have to go buy it from the dealers. While they went away to purchase this oil, the Bridegroom came! And those who were prepared went in with Him to the marriage feast and the door was shut. The foolish came back and tried knocking on the door to get in, but the Bridegroom told them I do not know you, you cannot come in.

Revelation 12 is going to show us what happens to the wise virgins and what happens to the foolish. It shows us where each one will be in the endtime events that are to come. When the wise go in, it means that they go up. The wise actually answer the call of "Come Up Here!" They are lifted into a new heavenly realm with their Bridegroom. These virgins are caught up into the throne room of God to be made priests and kings. They are now prepared to rule and reign with Him.

The prophetic happenings to Joshua the High Priest in Zechariah 3 declare this truth to us. The mountain of transfiguration of Jesus prophetically declares this place for those who are prepared to come. The wise virgins have overcome and now enter into a glorious place with the Lord. However; Matthew

25 does not expound to us what happens to the foolish virgins. Revelation 12 is going to explain what happens to both the wise and foolish virgins.

We have learned that Joshua was a sign of what is to come in Zechariah 3. Here in Rev. 12:3-4 we read, "AND A GREAT SIGN (wonder, warning of future events of ominous significance) APPEARED IN THE HEAVENS, A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN, WITH THE MOON UNDER HER FEET, AND WITH A CROWNLIKE GARLAND OF TWELVE STARS ON HER HEAD. SHE WAS PREGNANT AND SHE CRIED OUT IN HER BIRTH PANGS, IN THE ANQUISH OF HER DELIVERY.

THEN ANOTHER OMINOUS SIGN WAS SEEN IN HEAVEN: BEHOLD A HUGE, FIERY RED DRAGON, WITH SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS AND SEVEN KINGLY CROWNS UPON HIS HEAD, HIS TAIL SWEEPED ACROSS THE SKY AND DRAGGED DOWN A THIRD OF THE STARS AND FLUNG THEM TO THE EARTH. AND THE DRAGON STATIONED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS ABOUT TO BE DELIVERED, SO THAT HE MIGHT DEVOUR HER CHILD AS SOON AS SHE BROUGHT IT FORTH."

Beloved, what exactly are we seeing here in chapter 12? The first sign is a woman who is pregnant, clothed with the sun, and has a crown of twelve stars on her head. This woman represents the whole church age of God's people. This pregnant woman represents the entire population of saved people that are from the beginning of the church age until now. She is clothed with the sun. The sun represents the glory of the Lord. The church is to be clothed with this Glory. The church is pregnant and is about to give birth to someone. Rom. 8:19 says, "For even the whole creation waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship)."

The second sign we see is Satan and the demons are

waiting for this birth. The one third of the stars are the angels that rebelled against the Lord and were cast out of Heaven. Satan is aware of what is to come. He has positioned himself to try to kill this offspring. I want you to notice again that the day a child is born is an **EVENT!** It is a specific day, (a birthday) and moment of time. It has an exact day and time to happen. Satan has positioned himself to destroy this child as soon as He is born. It is obvious this child to be born cannot be Jesus. For Jesus already came into the world and is the Savior of it. He is already seated on His throne beside His Father. Therefore, someone else is coming to life and being born. As we look at the miracle in Zechariah 3, we see a miraculous intervention of the Lord as He takes Joshua the High Priest up into the heavenly realm and transfigures Him. He then tells Him, that He is going to remove all the iniquity of the land in a single day. We call that day the seventh or third day. We have also seen in Hosea 6:2, the Lord says on the **"THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM."** No matter how hard Satan tries, He **CAN'T STOP THIS EVENT OR DAY FROM HAPPENING.** The word of God says, "Heaven and Earth may pass away, **BUT MY WORD SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY!"** (Mark 13:31)

That which the Lord has said will happen. **HE WILL RAISE US UP THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM! WE WILL ARISE AND SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE RISEN UPON US.** This woman is about to give birth to the Miracle of Transfiguration. She is about to bring forth the **OMEGA** work of our Jesus. At this point in time, we are at the climax of the "Anointing of the Moment." We are here at the juncture between two periods and two realms of the Spirit. It is here we will see the power of the "EVENT" that is to come. At a designated moment in time, this woman is going to bring forth a miraculous birth of a man-child. As it was on the day of Pentecost the church age was birthed by the power of God, so will the finishing work of His bride be birthed by the power of God. Let us look at it. **"AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH A MAN-CHILD, ONE WHO IS DESTINED TO RULE ALL THE NATIONS WITH AN IRON**

**SCEPTER, AND HER CHILD WAS CAUGHT UP TO GOD!"  
PRAISE BE TO GOD FOREVER AND EVER! (Rev.12:5)**

At the time of the fullness of the church comes, (like a mother who comes full term with her pregnancy) she gives birth to a MAN-CHILD. That is an interesting term, man-child. The child is called a man-child for a specific reason. It is born a man, which represents a full grown stature and maturity. We already were born again as newborn babies who need the milk of the Word of God. Now, our full grown maturity must also have its own birth. It has to have a birth because it is the work of God and not of man. It is divine. The man is also born a child because he is a son of the king. This man-child is destined to rule all the nations with an iron scepter and is caught up to God and His throne. Do you see it yet?

Let us go back and look at Rev. 2 verses 26-28, "AND HE WHO OVERCOMES AND WHO OBEYS MY COMMANDS TO THE VERY END (doing the works that please me) I WILL GIVE HIM AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A SCEPTER OF IRON, AS WHEN EARTHEN POTS ARE BROKEN INTO PIECES, AND HIS POWER OVER THEM SHALL BE LIKE THAT WHICH I MYSELF RECEIVED FROM MY FATHER, AND I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR, HE WHO IS ABLE TO HEAR, LET HIM LISTEN TO AND HEED WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES."

This is the power and authority that Jesus gives to the overcomers. This is the authority given to His bride the one He is marrying. How do I know this? Because of what He says to the overcomers, "I will give them the power that I received from my Father." This is in answer to John 17:22, "FATHER I PRAY THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE, JUST AS YOU FATHER ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US." Beloved the overcomers and the bride are one in the same. Jesus says that, "I HAVE GIVEN TO THEM THE GLORY AND HONOR WHICH YOU HAVE GIVE ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE. I IN THEM AND YOU IN

ME, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE PERFECTLY UNITED!" (John 17:23)

This man-child that is birthed is immediately caught up into Heaven. This is their destiny to be caught up into the heavenly realm to be seated with Him in the heavenly realm. It is the fullness of our salvation. "IT IS BY GRACE YOU ARE SAVED, AND HE RAISED US UP TOGETHER WITH HIM AND MADE US SIT DOWN TOGETHER (GIVING US JOINT SEATING WITH HIM) IN THE HEAVENLY SPHERE IN CHRIST JESUS CHRIST. (Eph. 2:5-6)

So where does the man-child, the bride go? UP! She is caught up to God and His throne. Remember these are the wise virgins who have the extra oil for their lamps. They have entered through the DOOR. They have responded to the knock and went through the DOOR, and they now supernaturally have "Come Up Here!" They have walked through the "Anointing of the Moment." Where does the moment take her child?" AND HER CHILD WAS CAUGHT UP TO GOD AND TO HIS THRONE! "(Rev. 12:5)

Where is John taken up to when He comes through the DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN? "AT ONCE, I CAME UNDER THE HOLY SPIRITS POWER, (and her child was caught up to God and to His throne), AND BEHOLD, A THRONE STOOD IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SEATED ON THE THRONE!" (Rev. 4:2) From this point forward, the wise virgins have been married to the Lord and are now in their heavenly place beside Him.

"AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM A KINGDOM AND PRIEST TO OUR GOD, AND THEY SHALL REIGN AS KINGS OVER THE EARTH." (Rev. 5:10) The wise virgins are now the bride of the Lord. Hosea 6:16, "AND IT SHALL BE IN THAT DAY! (The day the man-child is caught up to God and to His throne) SAYS THE LORD, THAT YOU SHALL CALL ME MY HUSBAND. AND I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER, YES, I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME IN

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE AND IN STEADFAST LOVE, AND IN MERCY. I WILL SOW HER FOR MYSELF ANEW IN THE LAND. (This is in the new land of promise, the land of victory for the Bride and the Bridegroom.) This is the place for the wise virgins who have prepared themselves and went in with Him to the marriage feast to be married. Then Jesus shut the door.

The door is shut because no one can get in, not even Satan. This is the place of overcoming and victory for the bride and the Bridegroom. However, what about the foolish virgins? What happens to them? Let us see what happens in the rest of the chapter.

When the man-child is caught up to heaven, it releases the fullness of the EVENTS that are going to affect the world. When we come into our heavenly place in the realm of the Spirit seated with Jesus, we have taken back our rightful place God has created for us. As we come up into the heavenly realm, that which was in our place has to be cast down to where we were. "THEN WAR BROKE OUT IN HEAVEN, MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS WENT FORTH TO BATTLE THE DRAGON, AND THE DRAGON AND HIS ANGELS FOUGHT. BUT THEY WERE DEFEATED, AND THERE WAS NO ROOM FOUND FOR THEM IN HEAVEN." (Rev. 12:7) HALLELUJAH! Why is there no more room for him in Heaven? For the Bride has come up, the man-child has been caught up to God and His throne. There is no more room for Satan and his demons in the heavenly realm. This is the picture we see in Zec. 3:2. Listen to it again, "THEN THE GUIDING ANGEL SHOWED ME JOSHUA BEFORE THE ANGEL OF THE LORD, AND SATAN STANDING AT JOSHUA'S RIGHT HAND TO BE HIS ADVERSARY AND TO ACCUSE HIM. AND THE LORD SAID TO SATAN, THE LORD REBUKE YOU, O SATAN! EVEN THE LORD WHO CHOOSES JERUSALEM, REBUKE YOU! IS THIS NOT A BRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE?"

Satan is standing there ready to accuse Joshua before the

Lord. However, before Satan can say a word the Lord says to those who stood with him, "TAKE AWAY THOSE FILTHY GARMENTS FROM HIM." (Zec. 3:4) It is these filthy garments that Satan could bring accusation against Joshua. Before Satan could say a word, the Lord commands the garments of accusation to be removed from Him. He commands that clean and holy garments be put on Him. This is the OMEGA work of the Lord. This is the event that cast Satan out of the heavenly realm. This is the Lord washing His Bride with the water of the Word. His NOW WORK is to present to Himself the church, (bride) in GLORIOUS SPLENDOR, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing (that she may be holy and faultless).

The miracle that we see in Zechariah is this OMEGA WORK that comes forth from the "Anointing of the Moment." This is the beginning of the unfolding of the mystery of the Bride and the Bridegroom. This is the very great mystery between Christ and the church. (Eph. 5:32)

The Lord commands that the filthy garments be removed and commands that He is given clean clothes. When this happens in the heavenly realm, the bride takes her rightful place of power and authority with her heavenly Bridegroom. Satan does not even speak one word in this chapter because as this is happening to the bride, the remnant brand that comes through the fire, something is happening to Satan and his demons. "AND THE HUGE DRAGON WAS CAST OUT, THAT AGE OLD SERPENT, WHO IS CALLED THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, HE WHO IS THE SEDUCER OF ALL HUMANITY THE WORLD OVER; HE WAS FORCED OUT AND DOWN TO THE EARTH, AND THE ANGELS WERE FLUNG OUT WITH HIM! GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! (Rev. 12:9)

Rev. 12:10-11 says, "THEN I HEARD A STRONG LOUD VOICE IN HEAVEN, SAYING, NOW IT HAS COME, THE SALVATION AND THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND THE POWER OF HIS CHRIST, FOR THE ACCUSER OF OUR BRETHREN, HE WHO KEEPS BRINGING BEFORE GOD CHARGES AGAINST THEM DAY

## AND NIGHT HAS BEEN CAST OUT!"

Now, dear reader, you may understand the importance of what the Lord is saying to us. We now may see that this "Anointing of the Moment" is going to bring forth a tremendous fulfillment of the promise to the Bride. As this EVENT happens, there will no more accusations that can be brought against the Bride. The accuser has been cast out. The Bride has prepared herself and has entered into her wedding day. The OMEGA WORK OF THE LORD HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN HER, AND SHE CAN NOW SAY AS ONE WITH THE LORD, THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD IS COMING, BUT HE FINDS NO PLACE IN ME!

As this miraculous day comes upon us, we will eat the fruit of the fullness of salvation. The Bible tells us that at Pentecost we enjoyed the first fruit of that which is to come. However, on the third day, we are not eating the first fruit anymore, we are eating the whole fruit and it shall remain. Isa. 4:2, "IN THAT DAY THE BRANCH OF THE LORD SHALL BE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS, AND THE FRUIT OF THE LAND SHALL BE EXCELLENT AND LOVELY TO THOSE OF ISREAL WHO HAVE ESCAPED."

It will be lovely for all those who are invited to the marriage supper of the lamb. It will be a day like no other day. The Bride and the Bridegroom are going to come out of the wilderness together as man and wife and reveal to the world the GLORY OF GOD! This is the heavenly position for all who are overcomers! How did they overcome? This next Scripture takes on a new meaning in light of the "Anointing of the Moment."

In the Book of Revelation 12:11, "AND THEY HAVE OVERCOME HIM BY MEANS OF THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY, FOR THEY DID NOT LOVE AND CLING TO LIFE WHEN FACED WITH DEATH."

What does this mean to the Bride, listen again to Rev. 3:10,

"BECAUSE YOU HAVE GUARDED MY WORD OF PATIENT ENDURANCE AND HELD FAST THE LESSON OF MY PATIENCE WITH THE EXPECTED ENDURANCE THAT I GIVE YOU, I ALSO WILL KEEP YOU SAFE FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL WHICH IS COMING ON THE WHOLE WORLD TO TRY THOSE WHO DWELL UPON THE EARTH. I AM COMING QUICKLY; HOLD ON TO WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE CAN ROB YOU OF YOUR CROWN."

This is the word of their testimony. They overcame by the blood (the Alpha work of the Lord) and BY THEIR TESTIMONY OF LOVING NOT THEIR LIVES TO DEATH. They have become true sheep and disciples and obeyed the word of Jesus in Luke 14:26 which says, "IF ANYONE COMES TO ME AND DOES NOT HATE HIS MOTHER AND FATHER AND LIKEWISE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTER, YES EVEN HIS OWN LIFE ALSO HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE." Verse 33 says, "SO THEN, ANYONE OF YOU WHO DOES NOT FORSAKE (RENOUNCE, SURRENDER, GIVE UP CLAIM TO, GIVE UP AND SAY GOOD BYE TO) ALL THAT HE HAS CAN NOT BE MY DISCIPLE."

This is the first death the Bride had to face, the same one Jesus had to face in Phil. 2:8, where it says Jesus carried His "OBEDIENCE TO THE EXTREME OF DEATH" (the death to his will at Gethsemane), even the death of the cross. These overcomers in Revelation 12 loved not their life unto death. They surrendered and put their will to death. They did not cling to it, they allowed the Lord to transform them until they could say, and "I AM MY BELOVED'S AND HIS DESIRE IS TOWARD ME!" (SOS 7:10) This is the victory in the "Anointing of the Moment." Are you ready to arise and shine for the Lord has come!

What happens to the rest of the church or the foolish virgins? For the answer to this we must return to Rev. 12:13-17, "AND WHEN THE DRAGON SAW THAT HE WAS CAST DOWN TO THE EARTH, HE WENT IN PURSUIT OF THE

WOMAN WHO HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO THE MALE CHILD. BUT THE WOMAN WAS SUPPLIED WITH THE TWO WINGS OF A GIANT EAGLE, SO THAT SHE MIGHT FLY FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE SERPENT INTO THE DESERT (WILDERNESS). "Do you remember where the bride is drawn in Hosea 2? She is drawn into the wilderness! This is the place of preparation. "SHE IS TO BE KEPT SAFE AND FED FOR A TIME, AND TIMES, AND HALF A TIME" (three and one-half years). What does this mean? It means that the time of the tribulation begins, the seven years of trial has come. Verse 17 tells what happen to the rest of the virgins, "SO THEN THE DRAGON WAS FURIOUS AT THE WOMAN, AND HE WENT AWAY TO WAGE WAR ON THE REMAINDER OF HER DESCENDANTS WHO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND HAVE THE TETIMONY OF JESUS." In order to understand this you must remember that which did not let the foolish ENTER the wedding ceremony. They could not enter because they did not have extra oil to finish the journey. They were told to go buy from the dealers. It does not say where they went after they see the door is closed. It may be that they did go and buy and will stand with the measure of the work of God they allowed the Lord to do in them. The book of Revelation bears this out. The overcomers, the Bride, is now in the heavenly realm in Rev. 5:9-10, SINGING A NEW SONG." You have made them a Kingdom of Priest unto our God and will reign with Him over the earth."

However, there is also another testimony that is in heaven by a group of saints. They are not singing. Their testimony was different, Rev. 7:9-10, "AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND A VAST HOST, (this is the many who are called) APPEARED WHICH NO ONE COULD COUNT, GATHERED OUT OF EVERY NATION, FROM ALL THE TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. THEY STOOD BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB; THEY WERE IN WHITE ROBES AND WITH PALM BRANCHES IN THEIR HANDS. IN A LOUD VOICE THEY CRIED." The BRIDE is in her place in heaven SINGING, while the REST of the VIRGINS are CRYING, "SALVATION, SALVATION IS DUE TO OUR GOD, WHO IS SEATED ON THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB!"

Do you see the different places that the two groups of virgins will have? The Bride is seated in a position of power and authority and is ruling with the Lord. She is singing a new song; You are worthy to open the seals. The unwise virgins are not singing, they are crying. Their testimony is not we have been priests unto God, but SALVATION, SALVATION is their cry. That is all they have. They have escaped as just passing through the fire. Each group of virgins will go through the trial that is coming on the earth. The Philadelphian church remnant, or the Bride, will be kept safe in the hour that is coming to try the whole earth. She has held onto what she had, and has gone out to marry the Bridegroom and has been taken to the place where He is in the Spirit. She has a position of power and authority on the earth to reveal the mystery of the Bride and the Bridegroom. She will have power to rule with an iron scepter (rod of iron) and have power over the nations. The wise virgins have become a bride, a friend of the Lord, and have entered the rest of God.

The rest of the virgins that do not make themselves ready will also go through the trial of the hour to come, but they will have war waged upon them by the dragon. They will have to fight unto death to stand before the Lord. They are going to have a place in the Kingdom also. They will be crying SALVATION! They will come out of the great tribulation having their robes washed and

made white by the blood of the Lamb. They do not get the rich apparel, that is given to the remnant bride represented by Joshua the High Priest. They are not given a new turban and rich apparel. These saints have to have **THEIR ROBES WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB!** Why must they wash their robes when they are already saved? Most likely their initial salvation was of the head and not the heart or they would not have been foolish. They would not have made excuses when the Master of the house said, "Come all things are ready!" Now they had to make the deepest commitment of their lives and give up their life and even be killed for the Lord.

These ones have made it in by just passing through the fire. They are brought before the throne of God and will serve Him day and night in His Temple. That sounds like a wonderful place, but notice it does not say they will rule and reign with Him. Remember the Levitical tribe that went astray in Israel? They could only be in charge of the temple. They were forbidden from ministering to the Lord personally. Here in Revelation 12, it says that these saints serve Him day and night in the temple. That is what the majority of the Leviticus tribes could do. But the sons of Zadok, were called to minister to the Lord Himself and the holy things of the Temple. This is prophetic to the rest of the Body of Christ who do not overcome during the "Anointing of the Moment." They will be brought before His throne not to rule, but to be healed. That is a great blessing alone. I am not diminishing the love of the Lord that is demonstrated here, but look at the condition they enter heaven. **"THEY WILL HUNGER NO MORE, NEITHER THIRST NO MORE: NEITHER THE SUN WILL SMITE THEM, NOR ANY SCORCHING HEAT."** (Rev. 7:16)

All of this is the result of the dragon waging war upon them. The Lord will guide them to the waters of life to be healed and restored, **"AND GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES."** (Rev. 7:17) You must see that they enter

in crying, "SALVATION!" This is still a tremendous act of love by God to His people, but it falls short of the divine destiny that the Lord has planned for us as His Bride.

Therefore, there are two groups of people, those who will be transfigured in the "Anointing of the Moment," and those who will not. There are two different places for them in the hour of Trial. One will live safe and victorious in the heavenly realm as they marry the Lord while they are here on the earth. They will sit down with Him and receive power and authority to rule the nations. They will preach the Gospel of the Kingdom as a witness of the Bride and the Bridegroom in every nation. They will bring forth the miracle power of God to the nations so all will be without excuse. The other group will be tried by the fire of tribulation in order to wash their garments in the Blood of the Lamb. They will be brought before the Lord to be healed and restored, but they will only be able to have a place to work in the service of the temple. It will not be a place of ruling, reigning, or ministering to the Lord.

Beloved, the choice is ours and we are about to have to make it. We are being called to "COME UP HERE!" We are being called and allured into the desert to be married to the Lord. What are you going to do in this "Anointing of the Moment?" Will you come up to meet the Lord in marriage or stay in your present spiritual condition?

My prayer for you is that you hear the cry of the Lord in this chapter, and that you see the two different places the wise and foolish virgins have in heaven. One place is ruling and reigning with Him for all those who overcome and become a bride. There she will be singing to the Lord a new song as kings and priests. The other is for the rest of the Body of Christ who will enter heaven having to be washed in the blood of the Lamb. She will not have a place of ruling and reigning but will enter into heaven crying, "Salvation, Salvation." They will have their wounds bound and their tears wiped away, but they will not have a place of authority with Him. The choice is before you. Which choice will you make? The next chapter will recap all that was written and

give you a chance to present your prayer need before the Lord. I pray you will desire the highest and best that our King and Bridegroom has prepared for your eternal destiny.

## Let Us Return To the Lord

It is now time to summarize what we have learned from this book. First, there is an "Anointing of the Moment" that is about to come for the bride-to-be that will prepare her for her wedding day. This "Anointing of the Moment" is a specific period of time that God has ordained to bring forth His finishing (OMEGA) work in His Bride. The Lord is about to bring about a special intervention of the Holy Spirit that will bring His bride into the fullness of maturity. It will be like the day of Pentecost but in the power of the miracle at the wedding at Cana on the third day.

We have learned that this miracle is a spiritual lifting into the place Jesus promised He would go away and prepare for us. The bride-to-be is to come to be seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The Lord is going to allure her into the wilderness for a time of transfiguration likened to what Jesus experienced on the Mount of transfiguration. It is going to be a supernatural act of God. It will be His finishing work to bring His Bride into the seventh day rest of God.

We have learned what we must do to cooperate with the Lord in reaching this eternal place of destiny, the marriage supper of the Lamb. It has been brought forward that we must be as the wise virgins who were prepared to go out and meet the Bridegroom. The bride-to-be must have the extra oil necessary to finish the journey to go out and meet Him. We have discovered that all throughout the Bible, the Lord's heart is revealed of His desire for intimate friendship with us - nothing less than being married.

All those that have heard the message of this book must understand the cost involved in overcoming and entering into the feast promised in Luke 14. It is imperative that not one who hears this call make excuses of why they cannot come when the Master calls.

It is my sincerest prayer that you, the reader, have seen

Jesus as the Door. He is the only way into the Father's heart for this intimate fellowship. May each one of you respond correctly to the Lord as you separate yourself from the world and allow the Lord to bring you into the wilderness. THIS wilderness will be the great place of transformation in your life that will cause the nations to come to your rising as found in Isaiah 60.

My prayer for you is that this book has helped you see "that which is to come!" That you understand the "Anointing of the Moment." The choices we are making now are affecting our place with the Lord for eternity. We do not get a second chance once we get into Heaven. Earth is the place God has chosen to bring forth a bride. It is here and now that we are being made into overcomers.

Finally, the mystery of the Bride and the Bridegroom is beginning to be revealed to all those that have an ear to hear what the Spirit of God is speaking. There is an EVENT that is about to come likened onto the day of Pentecost but even greater. This moment of time is going to change those who have been preparing themselves to marry our heavenly Bridegroom. Those who cannot hear or choose not to hear and obey, we found will have a much more difficult time in the time of tribulation to come. We see that they will have to have a real born-again experience and lay down their life not to deny Christ. We see that they will come with their robes washed in the blood, but their testimony reveals their inheritance, salvation, salvation.

It is so important, Child of God, that you rightly respond to the Lord in our hour of visitation. We must fully cooperate with the dealings and processes of the Lord that will bring about the transfiguration power and glory in our lives. If you are reading this book then I believe this is the heart that you have. A heart ready to follow the Master wherever He may lead, and that you will allow the Holy Spirit to complete the work in your life in spite of the cost.

I again want to remind you, for it bears repeating here, that I do not confess to have the whole picture of that which is to come.

All I have is a word the Lord revealed to me called the "Anointing of the Moment." I did not know what it meant at first, but the Lord has been unfolding it to my spirit over the last 18 years. It is just as we enter our third day miracle, the Lord has been unfolding the revelation of the "Anointing of the Moment."

It is my belief that we are in the transitional time between Revelation 3 and 4. We are about to come up into the fourth and fifth chapters of this book. These two chapters are the reason for the writing of the "Anointing of the Moment." We are about to see the throne and one seated upon it. Our eyes are going to gaze upon the 24 elders and the four living creatures. We will see the myriad of angels crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.

The Alpha and Omega Jesus Christ will be revealed to us and in us, as we take our rightful place by His side. We will witness Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, who has won the right to break open the seven seals.

Lastly, we will be singing a new song, worthy are you to take the scroll and break the seals that are on it. We will sing you have with your blood purchased unto God from every tribe and nation. "AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM A KINGDOM (A ROYAL RACE) AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD, AND THEY SHALL REIGN, (AS KINGS) OVER THE EARTH." (Rev. 5:10)

What a glorious day this will be for the Bride and Bridegroom. The third day is here. The seventh day rest reserved for the true people of God is upon us. LET US STRIVE DILIGENTLY NOW TO ENTER THAT REST. The place Jesus has gone and prepared for us and now has come back to bring us where He is. To God be all the glory now and forever. Amen.

# Epilogue

## A Call to Prayer

If you have read this book and the Spirit of God has burned these truths into you, let us pray right now. If you have read this book and it has shaken you up and broken some of your old thinking about your relationship with God, let us pray for you also. Lastly, if this book has crushed and broken you, and you do not know how to change and respond to the Lord, let us pray right now.

Heavenly Father, you know the people who have read this book. You know exactly what they are feeling and in what spiritual condition they are. You have not come into the world just to forgive our sins, but to free us from the power of sin in our lives. You have come into the world not just to start a work in us but to finish the work you have started. There are many afraid that they will not be able to make it. There are some who do not even believe they can even start. Some who have been so bruised and broken they cannot even get up. Finally, some find themselves in the place of the Laodicean church. They have said they are rich and in need of nothing, but have found out their true spiritual condition. They are wretched, poor, pitiable, blind and naked. Each one of these precious ones needs your help. They confess to you right now that they have no power to make it. They each confess their helplessness to you and cry out to you this day to completely save them. Lord, we ask you this day not just to forgive us, which we know we need, but also to free us completely to be wholly your bride forever.

Your Word says where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and freedom. Holy Spirit baptize us in fire. Examine every part of our lives to see where we are lacking in our lives. We bring every area of lack to you in weakness and humility and ask you to fill our very being. We ask you to reveal in us the mystery of the bride and the Bridegroom and to make us one as you are One with the Father. Lord we join with Moses this day and beseech you to **SHOW US YOUR GLORY!** However, even more than this **FILL US WITH YOUR GLORY! LET US BE VESSELS FIT FOR YOUR USE FOREVER. WE ASK THIS TODAY IN YOUR PRECIOUS NAME, JESUS**

CHRIST. AMEN

## **Recommended Reading**

The Foolish Things of God - Pastor Henry Falcone

Secret of the Stairs - Rev. Wade Taylor

Waterspouts of Glory - Rev. Wade Taylor

Muslim to Minister: My Journey to God - Rev. Patrice Turner

Show Yourself Friendly - Rev. Patrice Turner