

REMEMBERING
“IT’S ALL SPIRIT”
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I was awakened early this morning saying “It’s All Spirit”. The revelation of this came directly home to me when The Lord took me to Genesis where it says “in the beginning God created the heavens and earth and the earth was without form or void; then, God said, let there be....; just as a grown-up abandoned as a child vaguely remembers a faceless person or an image from the past, so the sons of God are awakening to the memory of who we are and who we are in Him. We are the visible expression of the Invisible One, created in His likeness and image before the foundation of the world to express Him to all creation. We were created as an expression of Himself to Himself. We are the very apple of His eye. In Adam mankind was separated from God. Eve, the soul part of him, received the polluted word of the enemy; Adam who was spirit agreed with Eve and mankind was subjected to vanity and death. The thing that changed in Adam was his way of thinking. There was no separation except in his mind. God looked for him one day and he said he had hidden himself because he was naked. God’s reply was who told you that? The deception had taken place IN HIS MIND.

We as sons of God are remembering our place in God before the foundation of the world and realizing that we have been living in a state of confusion and an illusion that has been a veil over our minds. Christendom would have us await rapture, an escape, from this “world” in order to be reunited and rejoined with Our Father. They have yielded to Passover and Pentecost but Tabernacles to them comes only after we have been “caught away” and the rest of the world is left to perish in hell and the lake of fire for all eternity. Not So. The scripture declares that as “all died in Adam, so shall all be made alive in Christ Jesus. Mankind has not only been redeemed, it has been positioned for total restoration and reconciliation to become one with The Father. Forty-two generations of prophets foretold of a day coming when mankind would be regenerated. It culminated in the person of Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, our Lord and Savior. The high priest would offer sacrifice after sacrifice for the sins of the people. These rituals were only temporary and did little more than cover them. But God robed Himself, as He told Abraham (I’ve provided myself a ram), and became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, making one offering, one sacrifice, for the sin of the whole world; not just those who would confess “over here” but all who died in Adam, ALL. He has become our kinsmen redeemer, our elder brother. There is not enough condemnation the church world can spew to negate the finished work at Calvary and the plan of God. Praise His Holy Name.

Religion has reserved hell and the lake of fire for all those who miss the “rapture” (for the most part). But Paul declares “and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified”. Creation is waiting for the sons of God to manifest and God is bringing us to that very manifestation in this hour. I didn’t understand until recent years

how God was going to bring us into that manifestation, but it's becoming clearer and clearer that it will be for the most part through our wilderness experience on the way to our Calvary. As a young saint, I believed this to be a dreaded place that you had to pray your way out of, praise your way out of, and even shout your way out of. If you were going through the wilderness, you must have done something wrong, you were not following all the rules, paying your tithes or obeying the pastor. For the most part, my way of thinking was like a lot of other Christians, it was dual and religious.

But God has begun revealing the wilderness in a new light. Moses was driven to the backside of the desert when God called him to deliver the children of Israel out of Egypt. Here, God tested him, tried him, as He prepared him to be useful in His hands. Moses did not understand this calling, this preparation, he felt he couldn't do it; but it became clear when he was sent forth as the deliverer; he stood as God before Pharaoh. When Joseph was abandoned and rejected by his brothers to a pit, God knew He would use him one day to deliver his family and kinsmen; he stood as a type of Jesus Christ in his day. John lived in the wilderness eating locusts and wild honey before God called him forth as the Forerunner for Jesus. When he was on the Isle of Patmos, the revelation of Jesus was unfolded to him. When he baptized Jesus and the Spirit descended upon Him as a dove, the scripture says He was immediately led into the wilderness. When He came forth from the wilderness He was not only ready to begin His earthly ministry, but ready to go to the cross. Saul, who persecuted the church, got a new name, new "eyesight" from his Damascus Road experience. He not only became the first Gentile preacher, but He got the revelation of what the prophets through the ages had been preaching, that is, "Christ in us, our hope of glory. What each had in common was their complete surrender to what God had purposed for them to do. As sons of God we're awakening to the reality of the wilderness and its purpose for our lives. It's that place (in our minds) where everything that can be shaken is going to be shaken; it's that place where we're being beheaded, where all dross is being burned off in order for pure gold (who we're becoming) can come forth. It's that place where religious lies and half-truths are being seared from our consciences that we'll no longer speak death, hell and condemnation but we'll speak life and that more abundantly.

In this place we're going to learn the true love of God, we're going to find the heart of Our Father that created and loved us all. We will begin to understand and experience the true compassion that He feels when He thinks on us. God is going to become all in all to us. Our eyes are being opened and spiritual salve is being applied that we see anew, no longer knowing anyone by the flesh but by the spirit. We'll not look on others to scorn, even those in the religious element, but we will see every man as our brother because the blood of Jesus has been applied to all. We've been like buzzards eating the unclean things, living in the beggardly elements of the old life when we've been called as new creatures into the new. It's time for the sons of God to go head first into the fire of purification as the three Hebrew boys did rejoicing that they were not alone. He's called us to set the captive free; can't you hear them groaning?

In His Light!
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