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WE'RE MOVING ON UP!

Recently, I had this dream, "My husband was showing me the new house that he had built for us to dwell in. Everything was brand-new, and no furniture had yet been moved in. The house was several stories high with a very high-pitched roof that reminded me of a church roof. The rooms were all large with high-ceiling and were flooded with light from the many large windows. The floors were all carpeted and finished too. I knew that none of our early-American furniture would fit in this house. I asked my husband about the insulation in the attic, as there was none. He shrugged and I knew that he meant the attic would not be insulated at this time." End of dream.

This dream is simple, but very powerful. My husband in the dream is Christ, and the church is His house. The roof being high pitched and reminiscent of a church, speaks of the church that He has been building in us, individually and corporately. The new house is the new level that we are coming to in Christ. It has huge windows, to let in more light, so this house is receiving more truths as well as the same truths more clearly. Windows in a house determine the amount of truth that the dwellers are able to receive. As our souls are being purified, greater knowledge of Him is beginning to pour into our minds and understanding. A higher clearer vision of Christ within is coming into view. The house had no furniture at the time, and I knew that none of my old, early-American furniture, would fit in. Indeed none of the old traditional ways of the past fits our new house. The entire floor is carpeted; this is a "soft walk" before the Lord, and to walk on carpet, we need to take off our shoes, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:8)

Jesus said that He was going to the Father to "...prepare a place for you, (us), that where I am, there ye may be also." (from Jn.14:2-3). To better understand what this new dwelling place, mansion or body that Jesus is preparing for us, really is, we should remember that in this world, we are soul-people and that each soul needs a house or body. Adam was formed of the dust of the ground and by the imparted breath of God, Adam became a living soul.

The soul-man was given a dwelling of dust. These mortal bodies of flesh and blood are the houses provided for this soul-man. These are the bodies in which our souls express themselves through intelligence, emotions and senses. The soul has been led by the spirit of this world which Paul calls the prince of the power of the air (lowest realm of life). This prince has been our husband, and the soul has been deeply enamored with this husband and greatly attached to him and its body of sin. The soul has been mostly living to satisfy the needs, cravings and lusts of this body. It feels like a comfortable house until it gets sick or in pain. It has been in bondage to the fear of death. Death and decay being the greatest fear of all for the soul-man. Jesus came and through death and resurrection, rescued the soul and promised her a new Husband, a new Leader, and a new body that would never see death. This is not the old body transformed, it is a new body, a new house for the transformed soul.

What a grand journey this is. Along the way, we, our souls, have been meeting our new Husband and have dwelt in various spiritual houses, (levels of spiritual understanding and development). We have

been moving from glory to glory as Christ within has been revealing Himself, and as we behold His glory. This has been an awakening from the dead, a calling out of the tenebrous grave. It has been the process or progress of being "...saved by grace, through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God." (Eph.2:8) Then the Holy Spirit began to stir us with more truths, and awaken our spiritual senses to lead us each day toward our change. "But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (II Cor.3:18)

Father and Son are One, and they are the Light and Life of this new house. Up to now, they have been dwelling in the crude dwellings of our lowered humanity. But from light to light, truth to truth, the Son has been building us as a new mansion in Father's domain. As we moved from one glory to another in the truth, we have been tempted to take some of our old furniture with us. This has caused a mixture and a confusion, a clutter in our understanding the truth clearly. Yet, our husband Christ, has been tirelessly at work, building this brand new house for the new creature that is arising in us. And now, none of the old furniture fits, for indeed, none of the old doctrines and rituals we have formed and clung to in the past, are of any use to us now.

To move into this house, the old ways of worship have to be set aside. "Therefore, leaving behind the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permits." (Heb.6:1-3) We used to read this, and although we believed it, we never really felt its impact until we had to actually leave them behind. If one was to read these words anywhere else but in the Bible, one would truly rise up against the one who came up with such ideas. Nevertheless, these are some of the old furniture that no longer fit our new house.

I will close with a short but powerful dream that one of our sisters just received. She writes, "I was going to a new restaurant. The restaurant was in a newly built, modern building, so it was the only business in it so far. The building was made of large glass windows. To get to the restaurant I had to walk up a small bank with lots of small stones. I made it up to the concrete sidewalk, I went into the new restaurant it was very modern looking and I sat at a table and the chef, dressed in a white chef's coat, came out with a lot of new dishes, food I had never seen before. He sat down at my table and as I looked at him, I realized he was my son." End of dream-

This dream confirms the new and higher level of truths that we are reaching in Christ. The new restaurant with its large glass windows, letting much more light in. To reach this restaurant, she had to walk up a small hill, over small stones. We reach this new place as we keep walking little by little over the small but precious truths, (stones), that He is revealing each day. The new dishes that we have never seen before, representing brand new knowledge of Him, (eat my flesh) that we can partake of and enjoy. And most of all, the Chef is sitting at the table with us, to sup with us, and share with us. What's more, the Chef is the Son Himself! The Son that has been formed in us and is now arising within, ready to be revealed in His glory. Oh happy Day!

Because He is love, Jackie Caporaso