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WE ARE COME

It was some twenty-five years ago, that the prophetic voice of David Wilkerson was heard speaking of the days that we are in now. He wrote, "There is something very powerful and awesome going on in the world today! God is at work doing something hidden and quiet- and it is so supernatural, it's beyond human comprehension. Yet what He is doing right now is going to affect the whole world in these last days." End of quote. When I read this, the Spirit took me to a verse in the book of Hebrews, "*But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.*" (Heb.11:16) The "they" that this verse is speaking about, are the patriarchs of the faith that are listed in that same chapter. They are Abraham and Moses among many more, who left all behind to follow God by faith. They are also those of us who received a new vision from God, and embarked on a journey to find citizenship from above, a new kind of "being," a spiritual, or heavenly place in Father's house. This same insight has continued to move God's called out ones, ever since. The patriarchs of the faith were seeking a better place to live physically, although Abraham had a greater vision, but for us, we see something greater yet; we see a new "man" in the image and likeness of the Son of God, establishing a new kingdom of peace and goodwill on earth, as it is in heaven.

Truly, the unrest of our world today, stems from the people's need to find a "better city," a "better way of life," a place where God is not ashamed to be called their God. Deep down, humanity will never be satisfied with the old ways warmed over; humanity is looking for something solid and permanent where they can live and have their being. As God called out people, we have been given the vision a "*...city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*" (Heb.11:10) Such a place has never yet been seen in this world, but this is what the patriarchs of our faith were seeking, and it is what is the real desire of every individual that has lived or lives upon the earth.

The heroes of faith in the Bible reached their natural land, but we also join the journey in progress and found the many saints rejoicing as we all are come to our destination. For WE ARE COME, yes, "*... ye are come unto the mount of Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*" (Heb.12:22-24). They had left all of their existing life behind, guided by the faith in their hearts. They overcame many obstacles on their way, and suffered many hardships, led by their need to find the land of their heavenly vision. And now, the Spirit said. *Ye are come to the mount of Sion, (Zion), the City of the living God.*" They had found their dwelling place, and it was filled with innumerable company of angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect. And in the midst, there is Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, offering His blood for the saving of the world. This is the city we are coming to as well.

Jerusalem and Mount Zion speak of the place of God's government. The rock and dirt physical city of this world called Zion is merely a symbol of the Zion from above, for as the physical city was where king David ruled, and where the Ark of the Covenant abode, so it is from the Zion above that Christ

rules and where God's covenant with man abides. I once dreamed that I was climbing Mt. Zion, and when I reached the top I looked at all the surrounding mountains and saw that I stood higher than all of them. The kingdom of God is ruled by Christ who stands in spiritual Zion, above all other rulers of the earth. This applies to Christ in us, who rules above all the rulers of our flesh, and it also speaks of Christ's power which is rising over the kingdoms of this world.

As we are coming to the complete joining of the saints and the revealing of that city, the world of darkness is reeling. Indeed, what we are witnessing in the world is not something that can be simply repaired by the election of any man; what we are witnessing is the shaking that will not stop until the old is gone, and God has made all things new. The old world was built by the imaginative power of the old Adam man; the new world is appearing by the power that is working in the hearts of God's new creation man, the new man from heaven, the many-membered man led by the Spirit of God, and not by the power of the prince of this world.

Our carnal minds are the strongest hindrances on this path. They lull us into longing for the rites and rituals that gratify the soul, but keep us from moving on to new spiritual truths. On a journey we behold new vistas each day, even if much is the same, it is always new. It is the same as we behold the new spiritual vision that God's Word leads us through each day. May we never become as the people of Ezekiel's day who came together regularly to hear him, but never really changed their ways.. *"And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouths they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do not do them."* (Ez.33:31-32) Could we hear or read the Word the Spirit speaks to us, but thinking that we have heard it before, we miss the true new meaning that it conveys for us today? Lord keep us attentive on the road of life, and let us partake of your Word with new desire and understanding each day.

And now "we are come." We, the church, the body of Christ, have reached the place that we were seeking when we began this journey. As His bride, we have yielded ourselves to His love as well as His cleansing waters and purifying fire, and now we are deeply in love with all that He is. In a dream I previously shared, the Father approved the marriage saying, *"Because I know that you truly love my Son!"* It is not just holiness and righteousness that He first and foremost looks for, it is the love in our hearts for the One who is the Word. We are being changed inwardly. In the mirror, we still see our old "self," but inwardly, we are no longer among the dead, we are from above. Paul writes, *"For which cause, we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."* (II Cor.4:16-17) *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us."* (Rom.8:18) As God's Spirit leads us into more Light, we are coming out of the darkness of this world, into a whole new realm of life. This is not a world out in space somewhere; it is the reality of who Christ is, and who we are in Him. It is the glory of Jesus Christ, the new creation Man and His Seed, (sons), ruling and reigning in the earth.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name, (and nature), which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil.2:9-11) Yes, we think to ourselves, **"What a wonderful world! "**

Because He is love, *Jackie Caporaso*