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YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD (I Cor.3:16) **IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP** (Jn.2:19)

THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MAN... (Rev.21:3) By the Spirit, the apostle John heard these words resonate from the heavens. These were a prophecy then, but today we are actually seeing them come to pass in our midst. They speak of an exhilarating day, when the heavens and the earth are wed. A day when God's glory which was hidden in earthen vessels, is now made known outwardly and when our cloak of mortality is changed into immortality. In that day, God in Christ, will have openly entered His temple, exercising His full power from the throne of man's hearts. This is the building that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, through His Holy Spirit, has been erecting in the world; it has been an underground work. When the man after the image and likeness of God is fully formed, this entire creation which has been groaning and travailing in pain to be delivered, will come into rest. God revealed this to John in a vision, for the blueprints were already in the heavens, and now in our day, they are being revealed in us, in the earth. This work began after Jesus finished His work and entered into His glory, and now, as we are entering the third day, all is about complete. *"...In three days, I will raise it up again...but he spake of the temple of his body."* (Jn.2: 19,21)

RAISED FROM THE DEAD- *"For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened, not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."* (II Cor.5: 2-4) As by the Spirit we follow the creation of man in the book of Genesis, we find that on the sixth day, *"God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* (Gen.1:27) God is Spirit, so the man that He created in His own image on the 6th day had to be "spirit." This is how Adam and Eve were in the garden; they were flesh and bone, (not blood), bodies, and the life of their bodies was spirit. *"...This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh...Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh."* (Gen.2:23-24)

Then God made them bodies out of the dust of the earth, and they became living souls. When they disobeyed God and were cast out of Eden, they found themselves naked; their soul had lost the covering and guidance of God's Spirit, their innocence was gone. The breath of life was still in their nostrils, but their lives were in their blood; it was corruptible. They found that without the Spirit's covering, their soul was naked; they were dead. God had warned them, yet the tempter was too clever, and the temptation was too great; they believed the serpent's lies and became "wise" in their own selves. They had lost their dependence upon God and had to rely on the knowledge from the tree, whose voice is the serpent, (the carnal mind). Their first instinct was to cover themselves with fig leaves. The fig tree and fig leaves speak of the law and works of self-righteousness. This is what they began to do in order to cover their nakedness, but God covered them with "coats of skin," mortal bodies of flesh whose life is in the blood.

The enmity was between the woman and the serpent, for it was the woman, (the soul), who sinned, but the man was tempted by the woman and became as guilty; God said to him, "...*Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake...in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*" (Gen.3:17-19) The role had been reversed and man was reduced to feeding his body in order to live. The spirit of man who was to lead the woman, the soul, was now lying dead, in gross darkness, yielding to the moods and fleshly desires of his soul, (the woman). The soul without the spirit's guidance and authority is controlled by all kinds of emotions, and by the lust, (strong appetite), of the flesh, of the eye and by the pride of life. Instead of being a spirit being with a soul (a living soul), man had become a "lost soul" with no guidance in this world. Thus man had entered the world of perpetual mortality.

From that time on, death became a fearful thing, because the soul knows that when she loses her "coat of skin," she is again found naked. We fear death because death is the enemy that robs us of our covering, our bodies. It is at death that we not only face the loss of all the things we are attached to, but it is then that our soul, (if not saved), comes face to face with its nakedness, emptiness, confusion, and complete helplessness. We who had provided for ourselves, who chose our own destinies, and loved our independence, were now unable to do anything to help ourselves. We were losing the covering, the body that protected us, concealed our shortcomings, and enabled us to function in this life. In dreams, I have seen some after they departed this world with faith in Christ; they were very happy and rejoicing. But I also saw my twenty-nine year old brother who had suddenly died while he proudly called himself an atheist. In the dream, he was sitting on the floor, in the corner of a very large and completely empty room. He held his face in his hands as he wept and sobbed inconsolably because he had lost everything, even his body. Although the dream also showed that he would enter God's kingdom, nevertheless, this young man, who had worked and studied hard to accomplish his goal in life, lost it all in the blink of an eye. He had resisted Jesus then, and I know that all his weeping is the goodness of God to lead him to repentance, (Rom.2:4); but the hurt and shame of the nakedness that he felt then, were severe and very grievous.

Sooner or later, every human will be faced with the reality that they need a Savior. Jesus Christ was sent to save the souls that belong to His Father, for all souls have sinned and died; but all souls belong to our God, "*Behold all souls are mine... the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" (Eze.18:4) "*Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and release those who through **fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.***" (Heb.2: 14-15 NKJ) In His death, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all souls, all humanity. By the Spirit of holiness that dwelt in Him, He destroyed the power of death that the devil held over all souls, therefore we never need to fear death; this is God's grace for us all, and it is also God's goodness that leads us all to repentance. Jesus covers us with the "robe of righteousness. The prophet of old saw this day and declared, "*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decked himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*" (Isa. 61:10) Indeed the salvation that Jesus purchased for us, includes the new clothing of spirit, soul and immortal body. When on the cross, Jesus cried, "*It is finished!*" He triumphantly declared to all that He had accomplished what God had sent

Him to do. He had traded His mortal body for a body from heaven. He had done this, not only for Himself but for all who will believe on Him. *"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."* (I Cor.15:25-26)

BREAD FOR THE BELLY AND BREAD FOR THE SOUL... Great multitudes followed Jesus, mostly because they saw Him do miracles and heal diseases. There was a day when five-thousand had gathered unto Him. His disciples were alarmed when they realized that they had nothing to feed them. Soon, they found a young man among them, who had five loaves of barley bread and two fishes. Jesus blessed the bread and it was multiplied to feed all, with baskets left over. After that all five-thousand finished eating, Jesus began to speak about "bread from heaven." Those who heard Him on that day could not really understand what He was talking about, and how many among us can grasp what He really meant? He explained that the loaves they just ate were for the life of their earthly bodies, just as the manna in the desert, was food to sustain the life of the people then. He was saying that there is another life to feed as well and He wanted them to know that the words that He spoke to them, was bread to feed that "other life."

When Jesus spoke of the Bread of life, He spoke of Himself, the Word made flesh, but the barley loaves spoke of the firstfruits sons, the first harvest, who would arise and pass through the fire, to be fed to the groaning multitudes. Barley is the first crop harvested after the winter, so barley represents the firstfruits of Jesus's resurrection, the overcomers who put death under their feet. This harvest is the bread who will feed the hungry multitudes; they are the sons of God, the Word of God made flesh, the body of Christ with Jesus the Head. They are the little flock that the Father gave to Jesus, the ones who become as He is, and follow the sacrificial Lamb all the way to the cross.

Jesus is the Bread of Life that came from Heaven; He is the Word that has gone through the fire of the furnace of earth, baked as bread to be eaten by those who were chosen to follow Him. When He explained to His followers that they must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have life, many walked away from Him, but He continued to work with those who remained and to open their understanding that there was much more than the things of this life to look forward to. He was speaking of another kind of life to feed with the Bread from heaven. He was teaching them that what He had to give to them, was much more profitable than what they labored for each day. He declared, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."* (Jn.6: 32-33) It was in this same teaching that He shocked His disciples by saying, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."* (Vs.53) When the Spirit feeds us the Bread of life and we chew it and take it within ourselves, we are eating the flesh and blood of Jesus; we are being changed into His likeness, even His eternal body. We are becoming as He is. This is a transformation, the first resurrection that takes place within us and that will be fully seen on the day of manifestation.

When we are changed into the likeness of the Son of God, we will be that same Bread, the Word from the Spirit, made to be eaten, digested and be formed into the covering of the new man. This flesh and blood of Jesus is what forms our new bodies of resurrection. As we eat Him who is the resurrection and the life, (Jn.11:25), a new body is formed within us. Paul explains, *"For our conversation is in heaven, (the realm of Spirit), from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our*

vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil.3:20-21)

AN AWAKENING OR A REBIRTH?- In Adam, we are born in what Paul called, "the body of this death." (Rom.7:24). The life of these bodies is in the blood, *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood..." (Lev.17:11)*. They are the covering of our soul; soul and body are one unit. The soul influences the body, and the body tries to control the soul. When the body hurts, the soul reacts with many emotions. The soul receives instructions from the world and its many spirits. The soul under the law, receives commands from the law; she is married to the law, and her righteousness is measured by her works of the law. When our spirits are quickened we are led by God's Holy Spirit and the law that controlled our souls is dead. Now our souls learn to listen and obey our new husband which is Christ. When our souls are fully sanctified and purified, they will be wed to Christ.

We began our journey when we were chosen, as spirits in Christ. We became "living souls" and we died in Adam. Then a new man was formed in us, the new creation of God in Christ, which is spirit, soul and body. *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."* (I Thess.5:23-24) In Christ, our souls are now led by our quickened, awakened spirits, who are yielded to His Holy Spirit. This is God's order of marriage; the woman, (soul), is in subjection to the man, (spirit), who is in subjection to the Head, (Christ). It was never meant to put women into bondage to men who are in subjection to the prince of this world.

So our spirits were first awakened and quickened by the voice of God's Son, and now our soul which was once born into these earthen vessels, is still needing and loving the things of this world, still entangled and trying to work its way out of the worldly and religious doctrines that her mind has learned to follow; she is still a prisoner of this mortal body. Our soul needs a new birth to receive a new body that expresses her as the new being that she and her renewed spirit have become. Peter writes to the *"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath BEGOTTEN US AGAIN unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* (I Pet.1:2-3, 23) Peter explains further, *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."* (Vs.22)

This is the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ in His body! *"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away...And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."* (Rev.21:3-6) Mighty work! Mighty God!

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