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## THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BELIEVE

**MEDITATIONS-** Through Moses, God gave His people the Law, including the ten moral commandments, written on tables of stone. In Jesus, God's Law became alive, written on the tables of man's hearts. The Law of Moses, called the Law of sin and death, has no power to save a soul from death, but following it will help one prosper and be successful in this life. When Israel was entering their land of promise, God told Joshua, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Josh.1:8) In Christ, the Law of the Spirit of life, leads to eternal life. This Law is the living Word of God that followers of Christ are called to meditate thereon day and night. This Law comes to our hearts by the knowledge that arises from deep within, which is the witness of His Spirit within. The Spirit of God speaks directly to our hearts, as we go through daily experiences or through revelations, meditating on what the Spirit speaks to us is a lifeline out of darkness.* 

**ENTERING INTO THE FLOW-** Recently, the Spirit has led me to meditate upon the very intense and moving prayer of our Lord Jesus to the Father, concerning those who had been given to Him, and that He would soon leave behind. These include, not only the disciples whom He had called to walk with Him then, but all those that He has called since. We hear Him say in John 17, *"I have manifested thy name unto the men that thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them me and they have kept thy word...(vs.6). They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth...(vs.16) Neither do I pray for these alone, but for them also which shall believe in me through their word; that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. (vs.20-23)" In this ardent prayer, the Son of God pours out the great love and the intense yearning that He holds for His little flock. His desire is for them to succeed in becoming one with each other, and one with Father and Son, that the world might believe on His salvation.* 

Jesus came as the Word made flesh, to show to the nation Israel, and to the world that was then, the attributes, the power and the love that the Father, the very Creator has for them. And since that time, by the power of His Holy Spirit, He has been raising up a great company of sons, to manifest the glory, power and love of the Father and of the Son for the entire creation. Jesus as one Man, showed forth the glory of the Father, and many believers followed Him. Among these, the firstfruits or sons, have yielded themselves daily to His Spirit, and are being transformed into His likeness, to do the "greater works" of showing forth the Father's love, power and glory to the entire groaning creation. *"For the earnest expectation of the creature, (creation), waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."* (Rom.8:19)

In a dream, I once found myself dancing gracefully, light as a feather, with a man whom I loved so much, and who loved me and cherished me. It was heavenly. In reality, I dance with two left feet, but in the dream, I just followed this man's lead with so much ease and delight. In the dream, I represent all who are called to come into perfect unity with Christ. The Spirit was revealing the oneness that we are coming to in following Christ. The music stands for the Word. Our walk is as a very lovely dance of perfect harmony with the Word.

Today, this dream and all its feelings returned to my mind and heart, and began to speak to me in a much deeper way than at first. It speaks of our coming into union with the Word and the will of God. This oneness is the union that our souls are yearning for. It comes as a result of following each step of the way, in union with the daily flow of His Spirit within. When a woman, (the soul), dances with a man, (the spirit), she allows him to guide her and move her, letting the rhythm of the music control each movement. Their feet move in the same direction and hit the floor at the very same time. It is a beautiful thing to behold. The music is the Word that directs our steps and actions each day. In like manner, the Holy Spirit, who is our new life, catches us up into the flow of Father and Son and the three become one.

**THE THREE ARE ONE-** "But if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal body by his spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom.8:11) Our mortal bodies live by the life of the Spirit of resurrection, the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. It is that same Holy Spirit of resurrection, who catches us up into a daily dance with Father and Son. And it is that same Holy Spirit who is joining us, spirit and soul, to the Son and to the Father, until the redemption of our bodies. "...even we ourselves, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." (Rom.8:23)

This "threesome" of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the answer to the prayer of Jesus, "that they may be one in us!" It is the flow of Father, Son and Holy Spirit that forms the complete Christ in us. *"For in Him, (Christ), dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."* (Col.2:9-10) When we are complete in Him, we are in the Godhead which is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**THAT ALL MEN THROUGH HIM MIGHT BELIEVE-** The intent of our being one with Father and Son is that "the world" might believe in Him who is the only One who can give eternal life to the world. *"That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."* (Jn.17:21) Jesus came to show the world that the Father sent Him and that He, was truly the long awaited Messiah that God's prophets, including John the Baptist, spoke of. His own nation rejected Him, but God's plan did not stop there. The seed of God that gave birth to Jesus, the Word in flesh and blood, would now be sown into earthly people, and some would nurture it and bring forth the fruit thereof, some up to one hundred fold. Our works cannot grow this life in us, it is only by faith that we can grow in spirit. James wrote that it is the trying of our faith that makes us *"perfect and entire, wanting nothing."* (Jms.1:4)

**"FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH**, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Eph.2:8) Salvation is indeed a free gift of God, but it is through faith that we receive that gift. In other words, to receive it, we must believe in Him. "But without faith it is impossible to please him. For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb.1:6) Grace is not pushed upon us, salvation is not forced upon us; it is when we believe that God is, that we freely receive His grace. The Bible tells us that "...God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

(Rom.12:3), therefore everyone has the capacity to believe, however, our carnal minds are totally opposed to faith and continually sow seeds of fear and doubt in our thoughts.

It is written of John the Baptist in this way, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." (Jn.1:6-7) John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the Light or life of the world; his calling was to bring men into believing that Jesus was the truth and the light. But it was not long until the serpent spirit snuffed out the witness of John the Baptist, and began to devise ways to snuff out the Light that was Jesus. The rulers of God's people at that time were the Pharisees and Sadducees; they were the religious orders of that day, being seated "...as God in the temple of God, showing themselves to be God." (II Thess.2:4) They were the "antichrists," the counterfeit christs, ruling over God's people. This is the same spirit that still rules most of the religious establishments of our day. They are deadly, because they have replaced the truth of the living God with their laws and doctrines. "They have made themselves to be God. Howbeit, God still uses them, as many fall into their trap for a time of learning submission to authority, until they are ready to escape, like the eagle in the chicken coop, into the Light, and soar into the heavens of the Spirit of truth. These establishments also serve as a smoke screen for the true church. (May he who has a heart to understand, rejoice in this truth.)

John the Baptist's mission was to give witness of the true Light, that **all men might believe** in Him and be saved. *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* (II Pet.3:9) It is not God's will that anyone perish, and so God has designed a plan, through which in the ages to come, He will bring all men to repentance. When Jesus rose from the dead He *triumphed over all principalities and powers; "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more. And I have the keys of hell and of death."* (Rev.1:18) By His resurrection, Jesus stripped the enemy of his power to lock people into eternal death. Paul urges us to not despise the riches of God's goodness, forbearance and longsuffering; for it is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance. (see Rom.2:4) God who is love and wishes not that anyone perish, has made a way for all men to come to repentance and be saved through Jesus Christ who has full power to bestow eternal life upon all men. When we pray for God's will to be done, we are praying for all men to come to repentance. "*Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven."* (Matt.6:10)

**THE MEASURE OF FAITH-** It is true that most of humanity has not believed the Gospel, even when thousands of preachers, teachers and missionaries, have dedicated their lives to the cause. The question now must be asked, "however can all men believe?" Most Christians are taught that this is impossible and that all who have not confessed Jesus Christ in this life are doomed to an eternal burning hell; yet we know that *"With God, all things are possible."* (Matt.19:26) Jesus knew this, and it was with that in mind that He prayed to the Father, and asked that His called-out ones be sanctified, (set apart for a godly purpose), and enter into union with Him and the Father.

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one, as thou Father are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (Jn.17:20-21) The supreme calling of God's sons, is that the whole world might become believers of Jesus Christ, and receive salvation. The deliverance that the entire world is groaning for, is to be saved from hell and death. The ministries given to the church gathered the sons, and matured the sons, so that in turn the sons, clothed in God's glory and in the likeness of Jesus, display the express image of the true God, and bring the rest of humanity to repentance and into the Kingdom.

**FAITH N THE VISION-** The prophet Habakkuk lived at a time when violence had spread over the nations, and God did not seem to be doing a thing about it. He goes on and on in his lamentation, crying out to God for the very things that so many are asking Him for today. "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, 'Violence!' And You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; and there are that raise up strife and contention. Therefore the law is powerless and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore perverse judgment proceeds." (Hab.1: 2-4) Then the Lord answered His prophet and instructed him to write plainly this vision, although it was for a latter time: "Woe to him who builds a town with bloodshed, who establishes a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the peoples labor to feed the fire, and nations weary themselves in vain? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Hab.2: 12-14) God gave this same vision to His prophet, Isaiah, "...for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isa.11:9). And so, at at the mouth of two witnesses, every word is established and the prophecy is being fulfilled.

Then, Habakkuk's faith was kindled and he wrote, "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock be cut off from the fold, there be no herd in the stalls- Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." (Hab.3: 17-18) He had seen the vision and He believed His God. It no longer mattered what he saw all around him; he knew that His God was in charge and that salvation (deliverance) would not fail to come to earth. This is what is expected of us. We have heard God's word over and over again, we have seen the Word made flesh in Jesus, and now we are witnessing the Word being made flesh in us. No matter what takes place around us, we have found Christ within and we know that full deliverance is at hand. All the little, and not so little, testings of our faith have served to salt us and prepare us to stand in this day. We have been lifted up in a realm of faith that enables us to go through such times without wavering. This is the true "rapture" of the saints. This is how we meet Him in the air, (in the Spirit), and this is where we are called to stand firm in the faith knowing that He is truly able to save to the uttermost.

Because we stood through thick and thin and still proclaim the vision that God showed us, we can stand in full faith and know that no matter what is happening, *"The knowledge of the glory of the Lord, WILL cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."* And what we are seeing today, is even greater than what Habakkuk and Isaiah saw in their day; it is not just restoration, it is a brand new earth and a brand new heaven, a brand new people where the knowledge of God's glory fully resides.

May our faith soar, and may we all be strengthened in our inward man, and may the joy of the Lord fill our hearts and souls, to the glory of God and His Son Jesus Christ, forever and ever.

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