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TWO BLACK SWEATERS

THE DREAM- "I am walking home to my Father's house. It is evening and soon to get dark; I am tired. I see the house up on a hill. It's a huge house as large and long as a shopping center. I am carrying a black purse and **two black sweaters**.

I walk up the hill to one of the two back doors of the house; both doors are very wide, glass sliding doors. I lay my purse and two black sweaters down on a stool outside the sliding doors, but as I lift up my foot to enter, a man working inside calls out with urgency to stop me. He says, you can't come in this way, we are still working on the floors; you must go to the front door. I go to the second door and the same thing happens. I have to get back down on the road and walk all around the hill to the front door of the long building. I get back on the road to resume my walk steadily and briskly to the front door; night is falling fast. I think about calling my husband on my cell phone in my pocket, but will not even slow down to do that. I just keep walking as quickly as I can." End of dream.

The dream speaks of the last lap of our journey toward our destination, which is to enter Father's house, where Jesus has prepared a place for us. This is where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Even though it sounds like it could be, this is not a geographical place; it is a spiritual dimension within our heart and soul. The Holy Spirit has been preparing us to enter fully into the Son in whom dwells the fulness of the Godhead bodily. "...in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and ye are complete in him..." (Col.2:9-10) Our perfection, or completeness can only take place when we enter into the Son in whom dwells the fulness of God, bodily; this is our destination, and the time of arrival is at hand, for the ones who are called to enter the front door, (as in the dream). Our spirits have been raised into resurrection, our soul is being raised into Him who is the resurrection, and the redemption of our bodies will be our complete resurrection. This has been happening while we are still taking care of our responsibilities in this world; it is a work within the inner man.

As this takes place within us, we find that many things are changing for us. The Spirit of love, entreats us to seek Him in the Word, and our thoughts continually turn toward the things that the Spirit whispers to our hearts. The entertainments of this world no longer attract us as they once did, we find peace in the things from above; our transformation has begun; it is on course. The love that wells up in our hearts, is as the love of a bride for her husband to be; our steps are energized by this love. Jesus told the Laodecean church, "You have lost your first love." Our journey is empowered by this first love arising in our hearts for the Son, "...If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (Jn.14:23) It is love that draws us to keep His Word; it is not the law or the fear of hell

I am reminded of the dream I once shared, where "...the man who loved me so much and that I loved as well, had to bring me to his Father, to approve our marriage. When the Father saw me. he put his arms

around my waist, and said, "because I know you love my Son, I approve this marriage." It is the love of this bride for the Son, that the Father is pleased to approve. Remember always that in Christ there is neither male nor female; the bride and the sons of God, are used interchangeably. Paul said that he had been made a minister, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for his body's sake, which is the church." (Col.1:24) The church and the body of sons are the same; they are two separate symbols because of the role they play, but they are one substance in Christ.

In the first dream Father's house was on a hill, which represents Mt. Zion, the church of the living God, the collective body of Christ. "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." (Heb.12:22-23) This is a place in Christ, where the souls who have left their earthen bodies, are gathered in Him.

TWO BLACK SWEATERS- Continuing with the first dream, we note that as I walk, I am carrying my purse, (my earthly identity and wealth), and two black sweaters. I could not bring these things inside, and I could not enter through the back doors either; the floors are not yet finished; I have to go to the front door. These back doors are two wide sliding glass doors, and the way is not ready for the many who will come later to enter. The firstfruits must go to the front door, and it must happen before the end of this Day; this is why I was in a hurry. The firstfruits are those who open the way for the many who enter through wider doors.

Turning our attention to the two black sweaters, we learn by the Spirit, that a "sweat...er" speaks of the body of this death. We sweat in these bodies, we earn our living by the sweat of our brow, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread..." (Gen.3:19). I once knew a dear brother in Christ who became very ill; he was in the hospital when, "In a dream I saw this him in bed in his hospital room. Then he got up from his bed. He was wearing a heavy gray wool sweater. As he came to the door and was reaching for the doorknob to leave the room, the heavy sweater dropped to the floor in a pile." The next day, I received the call that he had passed away. I knew then that this heavy sweater represented the body of this death, which he had left behind as he exited his sick room. When we are born into this world, we are clad with the body that will take us to the grave. This is the symbol of the first black sweater; we carry this black sweater, this body with us through "this life." "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Cor.15:22)

Note that Paul is not saying, "as in Adam all died," as if this was only collectively done in Eden; "die" is present tense, saying that each who is born into this world of the Adam man, dies as they are born; we are born into the body of this death. "O Wretched man that I am; who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom.7:24) We cannot escape and actually do not want to escape the death of these bodies of suffering. We cannot enter Father's house in these vile bodies. As wonderfully made as these bodies are, they are only temporal; they serve their purpose. Man identifies us by our fingerprints, our eyes, but God looks **upon the heart**. "For our conversation, (citizenship, identity), is in heaven, (in the 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) The Lord, by His Spirit, has been working within our soul, to cleanse and purify us, and make us ready to drop the old, and don our body of glory.

TWO KINDS OF DEATH- When we are born into this world, we are totally dead. "Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead." (Lk.9:60). When a man dies, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." (Eccl. 12:7) This was the picture, until Jesus came and broke through the chains of death and hell. The Bible speaks of a second death, a hurtful death, "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." (Rev.2:11) And, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Rev.20:6) There is the death of the overcomer, and there is the second death, which is a hurtful death. The Word is not saying that the overcomer does not go through the second death; it says that the overcomer does not get hurt by the second death. Daniel's three companions went through the furnace of fire, heated seven times hotter, but they were not hurt; they came out without even the smell of smoke on their person. This is a great type of overcoming the second death.

THE SECOND DEATH- The second death takes place while we walk this earth, "I am crucified with Christ. nevertheless, I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal.2:20) Our daily crucifying is our second death; it is the death which opens the door to the first resurrection. The first resurrection comes first to our spirit, then our soul, and when we enter Father's house, we enter into our complete resurrection, the redemption of our body, and leave these two black sweaters outside. All who have part in the first resurrection, die again with Christ on the cross. They take up their cross daily, and follow Him; they suffer with Him, being rejected for their Word. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Rom.8:16-17) This suffering is our daily cross which is not only the dying of the old man in us, but also the yielding of the new man unto the will of the Father. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (Jn.15:13)

THE LAKE OF FIRE- At this point, the Spirit gave me a new vision of the symbolic "lake of fire." We know that all the events in the book of Revelation, are signified to John by angels or messengers that is to say, by the Spirit. John did not literally see these things, they came to him as visions through types and symbols. The horses, the whore sitting on the scarlet beast, the dragon etc...all are symbols explaining spiritual truths. "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found into the book of life, was cast in the lake of fire." (Rev.20:14-15). The lake of fire is the second death; it is where hell and death are consumed. It is the end of hell and death.

THE CROSS AND THE LAKE OF FIRE- Jesus is the conqueror of hell and death. He walked through the lake of fire, and retrieved the keys of hell and death. When on Patmos, the beloved apostle John saw the resurrected Lord in a vivid vision; he describes, "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire. And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace of fire; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." (Rev.1:14-16) What a glorious picture of the conquering Christ, in His body. So many symbols to describe His glorious, victorious presence, with the voice of many waters. But what we need to see, are "his feet" which were as fine brass, having gone through a very hot fire. The vision shows the Head of the body, Jesus Himself, then it speaks of the feet, Jesus in His complete body. Brass speaks of the Law. Jesus and His complete body take the Law and its judgments through the fire. From

this time forward, judgment comes through the Law of sin and death and is replaced by the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. The new Law leads to corrective judgment through the fire, and not unto death; death no longer exists. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Rom.8:2) This is why Jesus could proclaim, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; Amen; and have the keys of hell and death" (Rev.1:18) Jesus walked through the lake of fire, and destroyed hell and death. He grabbed the keys and shut the gates forever. Jesus and all who suffer with Him on the cross, walk through the lake of fire with Him, and are are not hurt.

THE TWO-EDGED SWORD- In John's vision, the Spirit describes the Word of God this way, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb.4:12) The Word of truth discerns our deepest thoughts and sharply cuts away that which is offensive.

Here, the Spirit reminded me of the "flaming sword" held by the Cherubims in the garden of Eden. "And the Lord God said, Behold the man is become as one of us to know good and evil; and now lest he put forth his hand and take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever; therefore the Lord sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the East of the garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." (Gen.3:22-24) The fruit of the tree of life is eternal life. It is the Word of life that we receive in Christ's salvation; and it is guarded by a flaming sword that turns every which way. The Word that brings salvation is as fire, burning away the old, to bring forth the new life in us. This flaming sword is another symbol of the fire of the cross that Jesus walked through; and we are crucified with Him.

In ICor.3:13, Paul speaks of the day of fire that will reveal and judge the works of all men, and Peter writes, "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless, we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (II Pet.3:12-13) When we understand the language of the Spirit, we rejoice, knowing that the fervent fire is the presence of God. It is the truth that consumes all lies, frauds, scams, counterfeits and more by fire. It is God's holiness and righteousness in the hearts and souls of His elect company of sons, rising up over the chaos of the sons of perdition to completely destroy the works of the devil. The kingdoms of this world were established by men, and energized by the "prince of the power of the air," which guides the affairs of men.

This day of fire has begun already, and we have come farther in time than most believe. Although it is not for us to know the exact dates, God's timing is always perfect, and we know and feel by the Spirit, that great changes are taking place, in us, and in the world. We rejoice, knowing that our God is doing a quick work. "And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev.22:12) If a man loves and seeks the glory of this world, he will reap ashes. If a man seeks truth, righteousness, peace and joy for all for himself and all men, he will reap the fruit of God's kingdom. Thank you Father for the gift of your Son and His Holy Spirit, sent to bring us through the fire of your love, unto life eternal. Amen!

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