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THE PREPARATION OF HIS BRIDE!

First, I must tell you that I believe I am among His messengers who have been called to be a “Forerunner” – to prepare the way of the Lord, to establish straight paths before His coming. Are you a Forerunner too? If so, you carry the same mandate in your spirit about His coming.

LAST DAYS FORERUNNER

When I was six years of age, after reading a children’s Bible story book, reading a story about John the Baptist and the Lord, I told Jesus how I felt in my heart about John helping Jesus to get the people to connect with the Messiah. With that statement the power of God came upon me as a little boy and shook me in my bed as I began to speak in angelic tongues. The Lord then said to me, “You too, will be my Forerunner before my coming!”

Matt. 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

With Social, Economic, and Political upheavals, and prophetic alignments at hand, I believe the Rapture of His church is very close.

1Thess. 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I would like to share with you some of my understanding of these preparations OF THE BRIDE and what the Bible has to say.

THE LORD IS JEALOUS OVER HIS BRIDE!

First, above all, did you know that the Lord is very jealous over His Bride, the church? He is. One of the Names of God is ***Jehovah Kanna*** – the Lord who is jealous over you!
Exodus 34:14

The Apostle Paul says...

2Corin. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused (engaged) you to one husband, that I may present you (PREPARE YOU) as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Chaste – being pure in our desires... especially in our singleness of devotion to the Lord.

Paul warns us that the devil wants to steal the intimacy of our devotion away from the Lord.

Lk. 21:34-35 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with (careless ease) surfeiting, and drunkenness (intoxication), and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

THE SPIRIT GUARDS OUR HEART AND CHASTENS US

James 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

The Holy Spirit which indwells our hearts is Jealous over us... His Spirit is always desirous to bring our current state up to our “standing in Christ.”

Heb 12:7-10 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

2Pet. 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Col 1:22b... to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

1Thess 5:23 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.

The Scriptures also call this Sanctification... which is a definite, yet progressive work in the believers...

Heb. 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Tit. 2:11 -14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself

for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Jesus has purposed by the active work of His grace and Spirit in our lives to purify – set apart – a devoted Bride unto Himself!

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of God is created in our hearts when we ourselves move into a direct relationship with the Lord.

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

If you don't have the fear of God in your life something is wrong with your relationship with God. The Apostle John says that intimacy breeds godly fear while the lack thereof breeds contradictions in holy living before God.

AVOIDING SPIRITUAL PROSTITUTION

1Corin. 10:14-22 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. THE CUP of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Israel, in the Old Testament, was given to us as an example, how they first were devoted to God, but afterwards went after other gods... after other spiritual lovers! Here above, the Scripture clearly points to Gentiles who are involved in idol worship... with the demonic attached. The demonic can attach to any who are involved with idolatry in their hearts (being the affection for those things which interfere with our relationship with Jesus Christ).

2Tim. 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

A form of godliness here does not only include a denial of spiritual gifts and power but the power of purity which is being omitted through an intimate relationship with Christ!

1Tim. 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

OUR SINGLENESS OF DEVOTION

We are not to trade off our singleness of devotion to Christ for anything else. We are to flee anything that causes a separation between the intimacy

that we are to experience in Christ. Anything that causes a separation in your life from the Holy Spirit should be avoided.

There is a call to Holiness in these end times... It is the PREPARATION of the Bride getting ready for her Groom because of the announcement that is made...

When the church hears this CRY, she arouses herself in these PREPARATIONS ...
“BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH – GO OUT TO MEET HIM!”

Matt. 25:1-13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The above passage describes for us the Jewish customs of marriage and our arrangements as His future Bride...

1. The Proposal – The Word of God
2. The Covenant – The Promises of God
3. **THE CUP** – Representing the Seal of the Covenant in His Blood – the Bridal devotion of continued intimacy with Him!

Eph. 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1Corin. 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of THAT CUP.

That Cup represents the Seal of our Covenant with the Lord... It also represents the Cup of The Bride which means the devoted intimate fellowship the Bride is to be experiencing

through the means of the human conscience as it interacts with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Examination means we are to be interacting with the Holy Spirit and His chastening and cleansing power in our lives.

4. The Engagement – The Devotion of Intimacy – Watching, Waiting, Praying
5. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb – Entering through The Door - The Bride being Raptured (swept away)... taken to Her Wedding!

Rev. 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

TAKING UP THE CUP AND DRINKING

Lk. 22:20 Likewise also THE CUP after supper, saying, THIS CUP is the new testament (COVENANT) in my blood, which is shed for you.

Jn. 6:54-56 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

The Cup, the Drinking of His blood, the eating of His flesh represents our connection to the New Covenant, the New Access and Spiritual Union... the partaking of (His flesh), and the drinking in (His blood) ... representing His sacrifice (the Cross) through which the Spirit imparts the Eternal Life to us, that we receive again and again when coming into intimacy through ABIDING.

ABIDING “IN CHRIST”

Jn. 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you...

1Jn. 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

AMPLIFIED EXPOUNDED - THE MEANING OF JOHN 6:54-56

“Whoever continues to eat feeding upon my flesh and drinking my blood, continues and remains to live in union with me, and I will raise Him up on the last day. For my flesh is nourishment indeed, and my blood is refreshment indeed. He that feasts on my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in union with me and I in Him. Just as the living life-giving Eternal Father has sent me, so whoever keeps on nourishing on me will live (eternally) because of me.”

1Corin. 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. (Spiritual Union)

This means a life that is lived unto Jesus.... a union of *intimacy* and *devotion* with our Lord *as His espoused Bride*....becomes our very assurance that we are to live eternally and be included in the catching away that is to come.

1Jn. 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:

This spiritual assurance is by the indwelling witness of His Spirit.

THE BRIDE'S LAMP FLAME OF DEVOTION

The Bride represents the wick while the flame represents her devotion. The oil in the lamp represents the Holy Spirit, and the lamp represents us as His vessels to be ever filled and refilled with His Spirit as we wait upon Him.

Mk. 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Lk. 12:35-37 Let your loins be girded about,

(Speaks of Eph. 6: His truth wrapped around you)

and your lights burning; (Characterizes the Devoted Virgin who is being intimate before His coming) ***And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord***, (Refers to the Rapture of His Bride)

when he will return from the wedding; (in essence, means returning from preparation for the wedding supper of the Lamb)

that when he cometh and knocketh, (Speaks of the devotion and readiness of the Virgins to move through the door)

they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he (the Lord) shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them (Speaks of the Marriage supper of the Lamb with Jesus as the Host).

38 And if he shall come in the second watch (9am-12 midnight), or come in the third watch (12 midnight – 3 pm), and find them so, blessed are those servants (finding them ready at all times).

A PRAYERLESS VIRGIN IS A VIRGIN WHICH WILL BE SEEN AS UNFAITHFUL AND WHO WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN THE RAPTURE...

UNFAITHFULNESS AND THE REWARDS OF THE FAITHFUL

LK. 12:40-41 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. (All the Virgins were not ready as the Scriptures have concluded)

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. (The blessings and rewards of being spiritually faithful are without question)

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. (Speaking of the Millennium and Beginning of the Eternal Reign of Christ)

But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. (The unfaithful Virgins go into the Tribulation Period.)

THE GREAT ESCAPE!

Lk. 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Watch & Pray HIS COMING IS VERY CLOSE!

Conclusion...

Discussion & Prayer Time

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God Bless,

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