

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE - PART 9

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on two consecutive service days, Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd August, 2006, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos. It is the last part, which sums up all the pervious parts for a grand finale, of what has been a most pleasurable journey, where we are expecting no less than to be transformed, into the glorious and breath-taking image of Jesus Christ, in its fullness.

Good evening church. May the Lord bless each and every one of you. And may He bless our meeting. If it be the will of the Lord, we want to bring this message series to a close this Week. But before we commence our message, I need to address something. I received an e-mail from the Philippines recently. One ministering brother over

there sent me an email a few nights ago, titled, *On The Edge Of Eternity*. He was saying that with what is going on today in the land of Israel, and in Lebanon, and also considering the promise of God for the nation of Israel, that we are now on the edge of eternity. And I said to myself, Sorry, No, you do not have the right picture: Because until everything zeroes in on Jerusalem, until Jerusalem becomes the centre piece of a diplomatic squabble, until the United Nations, the European Union, and all these world powers want to take Jerusalem from the nation of Israel, and seek to give it over to the Palestinians as their capital, just as the chief apostle brought the truth of it out from the Book of Zechariah Chapter 12, the Jewish hour of the Miraculous will not be



set in motion. Therefore, it is much more than the issue of Lebanon; for all the conditions necessary for this prophetic fulfilment has to also be in place, before the all-out-war can break out in the Middle East, when God turns Israel loose in the field of Battle, even though the stage is gradually being set before our very eyes, for this prophecy to be fulfilled. All that is going on today is all leading to it, for they are setting the stage. However, we must also realise that it is not the first time that Israel would possess South Lebanon. They withdrew from it a few years back, under the direction of the United Nations. Yet we know God has deeded South Lebanon to Israel, and Israel will possess every inch of land which God deeded to Abraham, as laid out in God's Holy Bible. The Book of Joshua Chapter 1, verses 1-4 confirms that, for it takes in and includes South Lebanon! It is an incontestable fact that God will settle Israel in her land as in times of old, that is, after her original estate, regardless of what the world say, even as Prophet Ezekiel declared, in Chapter 36, verses 8-12, saying:

“But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: And I will multiply men upon you, ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, EVEN ALL OF IT: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: AND I WILL SETTLE YOU AFTER YOUR OLD ESTATES, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.”

Therefore, let no one make any mistake about it: Israel will take every inch of land which God has deeded to Abraham, regardless of what the world say presently. However, what is going on now should let us know that the days of the Gentiles are fast running out, because Israel is stirring, and the

leadership of Israel are speaking with one voice. Just look at how God rallied the leadership of Israel together over this issue, breaking down every barrier of party politics, and they stood as one man, saying, Let us go after South Lebanon! That is a Mini-Unity, a foretaste of what is to come. Think about it! If God could bring such unity over this Lebanon issue, how much more would He do it for the accomplishment of His purpose for Israel, that His unfailing Word of promise to that nation may be fulfilled! And if He could do it for Israel in the natural, surely the Lord can also bring unity in the Bride, who constitutes spiritual Israel, knowing that He deals with the Bride in a spiritual parallel, just as He deals with the nation of Israel in the natural. Church, we should therefore realise that we live in a glorious day, for this is the day of Israel, and this is also the day of the Bride. We live in a glorious hour. Some people are saying though: *“This war in Lebanon may lead to a Third World War.”* It cannot! The Battle of Armageddon which is just ahead, is the Third World War. What a privilege it is to be called as Bride, and to be able to see such a plain and

most beautiful picture, knowing precisely where everything falls, and where every piece fits, in the light of God's prophetic Word, which is the Lord's revealed will. We are blessed! Thank God for His infinite love and mercy and goodness towards us, unworthy as we are. The Bride certainly has a glorious future in front of her. You cannot afford to miss what God has mapped out for you. And do you know what the Bible says? It says that Jesus, for the glory that was set before him, endured the shame, despised the Cross, and bore it all, saying to Satan, Bring it on! If only you can see the glory that is ahead for the Bride of this end time. But this glory also demands obedience, in order to come into it, for it is a glory attached to obedience. There is something to overcome. Hence, brothers and sisters, there is a glory which obedience to the Word of God gives. There is a glory in obedience to God and His Word. It therefore means that you cannot stand with God in the light of His revealed Word, and lose: You cannot lose! This is one investment in which you cannot lose. The stock market may crash, and Government bonds may become meaningless,

by reason of national economic collapse, but this divine investment can never crash. Never! Therefore, I urge you: Please invest your life in the Lord Jesus Christ! It shall be well with you, for your investment will never crash or fail. Let us live for the Lord. Let us walk with our God, for it is a most wonderful thing to walk with the God of all creation, and to be His friend.

We want to continue our message titled, *The Beautiful Bride*. Proverbs Chapter 31, verse 10, and verses 28-31, exclaims: ***“WHO CAN FIND A VIRTUOUS WOMAN? for her price is far above rubies.”*** ***“Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but THOU EXCELLEST THEM ALL. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.”*** The virtuous woman, whose price is ***“far above rubies”***, one who ***“excellest them all”***, is the Royal Bride, the Bride of the coming

King! Again, in Ecclesiastes Chapter 7, verses 27-28, talking of a virtuous woman, King Solomon also declared: ***“Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account: Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman”*** (a virtuous woman), ***“among all those have I not found.”*** But why is she so rare? It is on account of the fact that the virtuous woman is the Bride of Jesus Christ in representation, and the Bride is extremely rare! The Bride is rare because she is one: The Royal Bride is one! The universal Bride of Christ is one! Consequently, not every place where people gather in the “name of Jesus Christ”, is part of the Bride of Christ: For the Royal Bride is called in the light, and she is also identified strictly in the Continuing light of her Bridegroom, Jesus the Christ. Period! And as our Royal Bridegroom is one, for there is none other, and there can be no other Royal Bridegroom but Christ, so also is the Royal Bride

one. This accounts for her exclusivity, for the true Bride of Christ is exclusive. In Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 1-6, Apostle Paul declares concerning the Body of Christ, which is the Bride, saying: ***"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the UNITY OF THE SPIRIT in the bond of peace. THERE IS ONE BODY", (ONE UNIVERSAL BRIDE BODY), "AND ONE SPIRIT, even as ye are called in ONE HOPE of your calling; ONE LORD" (Jesus Christ our Bridegroom), "ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."*** This makes the Bride a rare body indeed, a very rare gem, a virtuous lady, a lady whose price is far above rubies, and who excels all other ladies in beauty, spiritual beauty, being absolutely magnificent. Do not forget Queen

Esther, a most virtuous and heroic woman of faith, a woman who types the Bride of Jesus Christ. It is written of her in the Book of Esther Chapter 2, verses 17-18: ***"AND THE KING LOVED ESTHER ABOVE ALL THE WOMEN, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king."*** And in the entire redeemed family of God, in God's entire human family, the Lord Jesus loves the Bride above all other classes of saints, being his Bride, and also being the highest calling of God. Our coming King, the King of kings and Lord of lords, has also invested in her, every grace, and every attribute of the Spirit of God invested in him. And similarly, a great supper is prepared for her in heaven, with all the holy Angels on guard, a most

glorious feast that will be celebrated with the greatest pomp and pageantry that the world has ever seen. It is an event that is beyond human comprehension! What a day that will be up there in heaven! And what a most virtuous and heroic lady of faith the Bride is also! What a beautiful Bride! She loves her Bridegroom with an endless love, and her Bridegroom loves her endlessly as well. It is written in the Song of Solomon Chapter 6, verses 1-10: ***"Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee",*** (asks the denominational women. The Bride of Christ replies in verse 2, saying): ***"My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies."*** (Now listen to the declaration of her exclusive love in verse 3, where she plainly declared): ***"I AM MY BELOVED'S, AND MY BELOVED IS MINE."*** (That is exclusive! She continued, saying): ***"he feedeth among the lilies."*** (Now watch the

reply of Jesus Christ. From verse 4, her Bridegroom declares): ***“Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.”*** (That speaks of the power of her faith!) ***“Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead. Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them.”*** (For the Bride is absolutely and wonderfully fruitful!) ***“As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks. There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. MY DOVE, MY UNDEFILED IS BUT ONE; she is the only ONE of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun,***

and terrible as an army with banners?” It is none other than the Bride of Jesus Christ! Amen! This exclusive relationship she enjoys, the glorious and exclusive pedestal upon which the Lord has placed her, therefore places a great responsibility on her. Brothers and sisters, it is a great thing to be called as Bride. As a result, there is a great responsibility that goes with her calling, a great responsibility which devolves upon her shoulders, even as Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 11-16 reveals: ***“And he”*** (Jesus) ***“gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;”*** (For what purpose? Why?); ***“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried***

about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” This is precisely the reason why Jesus Christ has been lifted up before us as a mirror, a perfect mirror, being God's Masterpiece and Supermodel, bearing a perfect spiritual image, which the Bride is to conform unto, even as 2 Corinthians Chapter 3, verses 17-18, declare: ***“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. BUT WE ALL”*** (in the Bride of Christ), ***“WITH OPEN FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO***

GLORY, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Brothers and sisters, what a Masterpiece God made Jesus Christ! That is why Brother Branham preached a message titled, *Masterpiece*. And indeed, Jesus is God's Masterpiece. But he is the Masterpiece through whom many other little masterpieces can be gotten, by the Spirit of God. That is why he is the firstborn among many brethren; the firstborn in the new creation. That is a beautiful picture God has laid before us, and that is precisely what we are going to be like, by the time this is all over: We are going to be like him! As he is, so will we also be! The Bride of Christ will be a perfect and complete embodiment of the Spirit of Christ. And the closer we get to his return, the more like him we shall become, until when he finally appears, 1 John Chapter 3, verse 2-3, states: **“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: BUT WE KNOW THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is. And”** (consequently),

“Every man that hath this hope in him PURIFIETH HIMSELF, even as he is pure.”

And that is also precisely why we are being thoroughly washed, as God uses His Word to purge us completely, till everything in us, and everything about us, speaks of nothing but Christ: Every dross is gone, every blemish and stain, have become things of the past.

Hence, using the marital relationship existing between a man and his wife, as a perfect type, in the Book of Ephesians Chapter 5, verses 22-27, Apostle Paul declared: **“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the**

washing of water by the Word, 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.”

This lets us know without any shadow of doubt, the kind of church the Lord is coming back for. It gives us the exact spiritual shape of the Bride, at the return of Christ, for she will be **“A GLORIOUS CHURCH... HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH”!** That is incontestable and infallible. The prophet to this age was also given a prophetic insight into her spiritual shape. He was asked to take up his pen and write. Amongst other things, he wrote that she will be a **“SUPER CHURCH, A SUPER RACE”!** That lets us realise that God is going to move in a most wonderful and spectacular way, in order to get the Bride to conform to this prophetic image. And without fail she will attain unto this perfect spiritual stature of the Lord. On 29th April, 1965, in Los Angeles, California, William Branham took a message titled, *The Choosing of A Bride*. In

that message, he related the vision of the Bride which the Lord gave him, saying precisely in paragraphs 198-213: **"A few weeks ago, I was in a vision. And I was standing up on a high place, and I was to see the Preview of the Church. And I noticed, coming from my... I was standing more like this way, facing the West. And coming this way was the lovely bunch of women, real nice dress, long hair fixed nice in the back, sleeves, and SKIRTS DOWN NEATLY. And they were all in a marching tune, like, "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before." And as they passed by, I stood, and there was Something there, some Spirit, was God, and said, "THERE IS THE BRIDE." And I looked, and my heart was happy. And She went around this way, and passed around behind me. After a while, when she come back this way, It said, "NOW THE MODERN CHURCH WILL COME INTO PREVIEW." And here come the Asian church up. I never seen**

such a filthy bunch! Here come the other churches up, of the different nation. They looked horrible! And I... I say this because I'm duty bound to tell the truth, before God. And when He said, "Here comes the church of America now, to be previewed." If I ever seen a bunch of devils, it was that! Them women were stripped naked, with an old grey-looking thing, like a colour of an elephant's hide. And they was holding it in front of them", (in order to shield their private parts), **"with no upper part on it at all."** (That is, they were completely topless). **"And they were doing this kind of stuff, that these, these dances that these kids do out here, that twist and stuff, and that kind of music going on. And when I seen Miss U.S.A. come up, I almost fainted. Now, this is THUS SAITH THE LORD. You believe me to be His servant: You believe me now. I wouldn't say that for nothing in the world. There's not enough money in all the world to get me to say that if it wasn't true. And when**

she come by, that was the filthiest-looking thing I ever seen. I thought, "God, as hard as preachers and we brethren have laboured to get You a Bride, and that's the best we could do." She was twisting, holding this in front of her, like one of these hula skirts of a thing, holding it in front of her parts, her lower part, like this, dancing and twisting like these kids do out here on the, on these vulgar shows that they have, twisting. That was Miss Christianity of America. So help me, by the help of God; THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN HIS FACE. I, I just" (was perplexed)! **"... I could have fainted! I thought, "All the trying, and the preaching, and the persuading?" Every one of them with Bobbed Hair,** (for they had all cut their hair, which is their glory), **and they were twisting and carrying on, holding this in front"** (of their private parts). **"They come around, where I was standing there with this supernatural Being. I couldn't see Him. I'd hear Him talking to me; was right**

around me. But when they turned this way, they hold this. And just twisting and laughing and going on, carrying on like that, holding this in front of them. Now, me standing in His Presence there, and His servant. "And of all I tried, that's the best I could do?" I thought, "God, what good did it do me? What good did it do? All the crying, and begging, and persuading, and the great signs and wonders and miracles that You showed. And how I stood there, and go home and cry, after preaching to them and things, and what good did it do me? And then I have to present something like that for You, for a Bride?" And as I stood there, looking, she passed on by. And you can imagine the back part of her, with nothing on, holding this in front of her as she went shimmying by, like that, to this twist, throwing her limbs out like that. And, her, OH, IT WAS VULGAR, how she was carrying on, her body shaking around like that. Now I... You say, "What does

it mean, Brother Branham?" I don't know. I'm just telling you what I seen. And when she passed by like that, I looked at her. Oh, I just got real faint. I just turned around. I thought, "God, I'm condemned. There, there's no need of me trying any now. Just might as well quit." Mrs. Carl Williams, if you're setting here, and that dream that you told me about, a while ago, that you had the other night, that's been bothering you, there it is. The steering wheel is taken from my hand. Then, I just thought, "I, I just might as well forget it." I was gone. Then, all at once, I heard It coming again. And coming up on this side come the same Bride", (the original Bride), "that went around this a way. Here come them little ladies again, and each one of them was dressed in their national garb from where they come from, like Switzerland, Germany, and so forth", (BUT SAINTLY DRESSED), "each one wearing that kind of garb", (which is their national garb), "all long hair, just EXACTLY

LIKE THE ONE AT THE FIRST. And here they was coming, walking. "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war." And when they passed by the Preview Stand where we were standing, just ALL AT ONCE, every eye went that way", (in perfect unity and harmony). "And then they turned back, and on they went, marching. And just as they started to GOING RIGHT UP INTO THE SKY", (that is, just as the Bride was going up into the sky), "this other one", (which is the world church, the churches of the world), "went up to a brink of a hill, AND WENT DOWN, LIKE THAT", (straight into hell). "These", (the Bride saints), "started marching right up into the sky. And when they went to marching, I noticed a couple of little girls in the back, looked like they might be of some foreign girl, like Sweden or Switzerland, or somewhere. They started to look around, and got" (out of line; they got out of step, for they got distracted; they lost momentary focus). "I said, 'DON'T DO THAT! DON'T GET OUT OF

THAT STEP! And as I screamed like that, I come to" (myself) "in the vision", (still) "standing there with my hand out like that." In another sermon, when relating this particular part of the vision, Brother Branham said he saw the ladies stepping out of line, and he screamed to them in the vision, saying: "**STAY IN LINE!**" And when the vision left him, he still had his hands held out, and was still screaming, "**STAY IN LINE!**" This vision of the true Bride which came around a second time, lets us know that the end time Bride, will be perfectly one with the first church age Bride, that first went by in that vision, except she will be more glorious, and she will also be from the various nations around the world, nations from which God has ordained to have the Bride. And I must add that they will certainly be nations open to the Present Continuous light of Jesus Christ our Bridegroom, the Bride being the modern day virtuous Queen Esther. Amen. This prophetic vision confirms the fact that the Bride of Christ will be in perfect shape, and in

perfect tune, in absolute readiness for the rapture, wherever she may be scattered around the globe, for she is one, and she is certainly going up! The world church, on the other hand, is certainly going under. Saints, the Bride of this end time will be beautiful, for the Lord will make her so. She is ordained for eternal glory, and the Word of God cannot fail, for God cannot fail, being sovereign. Amen. Do not forget, Apostle John also saw the Royal Bride up there in glory, in 96 AD, in a prophetic pre-view, fully and perfectly adorned for the wedding. Revelation Chapter 19, verses 7-9, declares: "**Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is**" (now) "**come, and HIS WIFE HATH**", (PAST TENSE), "**M A D E HERSELF READY**", (WHILST SHE WAS ON EARTH). "**And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the**

L a m b" That undoubtedly gives us the infallible confirmation, that the Bride of this end time, will certainly attain that glorious spiritual stature of her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, in readiness for the rapture. And the zeal of the Lord will perform it. It will all be by the Spirit of the Lord, for God cannot fail. Remember, salvation is of the Lord, and He will surely fulfil His Word for the Bride of His Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Consequently, brothers and sisters, let us steadfastly and continuously look into the mirror of the Word of God, for as we look in the mirror of the Word of God, we see Jesus in his perfect glorious completeness; and that same enrapturing revelation, as it burns in our hearts, it transforms our lives, by the operation of the Spirit of God, affecting every sphere or area of our lives: Spirit, soul and body; and that as a body collective, we may be like him, in every respect; that Jesus may reflect himself fully through us, as his true mystical body.

In the Book of Romans Chapter 12, starting from verse 1, Apostle Paul enjoined us, saying: ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren...”*** He is pleading with each and every one of us. And if he found it so important to plead with the saints in that day, being the first church age, how much more important it is, to plead with the saints today, knowing that we are at the very end, and knowing that the spirit of the world is so strong, and that it has taken over the lives of the religious ones, anointing them with an unquenching thirst for materialism and worldliness, thereby making them lukewarm in spiritual things, the things of God. That is why I often say that the devil is not burning saints on the stakes anymore. He is simply using worldliness and lukewarmness to kill them. He knows that he does not need to take what they have. He either needs to push them into a gutter with it, making them go into extremes, or he renders what they have useless, by making them lukewarm, yet maintaining a zeal for fleshly things, things that

will not profit their soul. That is precisely why Apostle Peter implored us in 1 Peter Chapter 2, verse 11-12, saying: ***“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, WHICH WAR AGAINST THE SOUL; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”*** Going back to the admonition Apostle Paul gave in Romans Chapter 12, he states from verse 1, pleading: ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies A LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”*** This is a just demand, and it is an everyday service to God. Every day, our bodies should be presented a living sacrifice. It is our daily responsibility. That is why it is a living sacrifice; an everyday sacrifice; an everyday requirement; a perpetual sacrifice.

Every day, as we wake up and look in the mirror of the Word, our desire should be to be like him, to reflect him, and to live for him. Our desire should be to please him in every way, inwardly and outwardly. That way, that is, by our pleasing physical appearance, and by our pleasing conduct, we will remind the world of the sinless One, who paid the price for our redemption, about two thousand years ago; the Man who once walked in shoe leather, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Remember, the way you look is what is first going to tell the story, before people get to know your manner of life. That is the first thing people will see! And it will either turn them on, or turn people off. It will either remind them of Christlikeness, or of worldliness. Therefore, we are admonished: ***“... that ye PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.”*** This gives us a perfect combination of looks and works, or looks and conduct. Yes, I know looks alone can be very deceptive. But we are not

talking of deceptive looks, but of true Christianity, where what you see is precisely what you get! Your look must be a perfect reflection of your inner man! Moreover, your look is what will first tell the story of who you are, if you are a genuine Christian, for that is what first shows! However, like I stated during the course of this message, appearances can be deceptive, and a person can have a holy sanctimonious look, yet have the nature of a viper! As a sister, you can have long hair, and behave like a wild cat! You can also wear long flowing dresses, and always have a smile on your face, and be most horrible within, for you have a defiled heart, on account of the grudge, the malice and bitterness you nurture therein! And as a brother, you can act so gently, so harmless, and yet, be the greatest liar or fornicator that ever lived! Yeah! That is so true, and it shows that such people are yet to be converted, regardless of how they dress and look! But I have to add, though, that neither can you have God in you, and also dress like a devil.

That is also true, for there is a balance to everything. There is a balance! Do not forget that! You will not say because you still need God to work upon your character, for instance, therefore, you will dress anyhow! No! You are expected by God to do those things that are within your power, and leave those things that only God can do! If you fail to do the things that are within your power to do, it shows that your heart is not right with God. Period! Because when your heart is right, you may be looking to God to help you in certain areas of your life, but you will still desire to walk pleasing and acceptable unto Him; and you will certainly do those things you can do to please Him! So, if, for instance, you know it is against the will of God for a believer to wear lipstick and paint her face, I ask you: Why will you go down the road of wearing eye shadow, if your heart is right? If, as a woman, you know it is contrary to the will of God to dress as a man, by wearing Jeans or any trousers, why will you go down that road? Do not tell me God sees your heart, implying that your

heart is right towards God, for as Jesus also said, by their fruits, we will know the state of the heart of man! At the end of the day, the heart of man is not hidden, because the heart has fruits to express itself by. And by the fruits, we will know the precise state of the heart. Thus saith the Word of God! That is why God has to get a man's heart first, in order for every other thing in his life, to fall in line with the Word. Exactly! Consequently, we are warned in Romans Chapter 12, verse 2: ***“A n d B E N O T CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*** Let the divine standard be your standard of doing things, rather than the standards of this carnal evil world. This you will do, by letting your mind be transformed, to take on the mind of Christ, through constant study and meditation, on the revealed Word of God, and with prayer. And may I also implore you, that regardless of your

shortcomings or failings, and regardless of how many times you have failed the Lord, let us just move on in our walk with Christ! Period! Do not give up! As it is written in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 12, verses 1-4: ***“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. YE HAVE NOT YET RESISTED UNTO BLOOD”, (OR UNTO DEATH), “STRIVING AGAINST SIN.”*** As one hymn also says, ***“... whether losing, whether winning, trust in God and do the right”***. Hold on still to the unfailing Word of promise, for

faithful is He that has promised. And after we have been tried for a while, He will come and establish us, fulfilling His Word in our lives, because He loves us. It is not for nothing when Saint Paul stated in Romans Chapter 8, verses 26-18: ***“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”*** As it is also written in the Book of Philippians Chapter 3, verses 13 - 14: ***“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS***

TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.” Knowing that all things work together for the good of the elect Bride seeds of God, just as it is written, we should keep hope alive! ***“And we know that ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”*** Brothers and sisters, whatever experiences you may have had up until now, God has allowed it, in order to build you up. Therefore, let your life experiences to this point in time, be a stepping stone. Let it be a stepping stone. Whatever God has allowed to happen in your life, whatever you may have passed through, saints, please realise it is only a stepping stone, because God will make everything work together for your good, if you are God's elect Bride seed. Consequently, you really have nothing to worry about. So, do not look at the past, but look to the future. Look to the glorious future God has for the Bride of Christ,

and long for it in your heart; and also pray sincerely, that the Lord may help you to attain it, for the Lord will surely bring it to pass. It is a most beautiful, most glorious future that is ahead for the Bride of Christ, in this last age of Christendom. Long for that, and do not let the past hinder you. The past is gone; but there is a glorious future ahead, and through Christ which strengthens us, we can make it, and we will make it, for the Word of God cannot fail, because God cannot fail. Look to that, and look to the Cross. Look away to Jesus! Remember, our eternal destiny cannot be thwarted or changed. And predestination looks forward to destiny. For it is an unchangeable eternal destiny, and is beautifully expressed in Romans Chapter 8, verses 29-39, which states unambiguously: **"For whom He" (God) "did foreknow, He" (God) "also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he" (Jesus Christ) "might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He**

also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things

present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Amen! Saints of God, in this revealed way of the Lord, a glorious eternal future lies ahead of us, and we must know that nothing can be compared with it. **"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."** (1 Cor.2:9). As I said before, brothers and sisters, predestination always looks forward to destiny, although it looks back to foreknowledge. Because we are predestined according to God's foreknowledge! Apostle Peter said that! But the beauty of predestination is that it looks forward to destiny. Therefore, let us look forward with faith, and with full assurance, to our glorious destiny in Christ Jesus, who is our Bridegroom. What are we looking at? Jesus our salvation; Jesus our righteousness; Jesus our future; Jesus our glory; and Jesus our life, for

Jesus is our Everything, all under God! **“For whom He”** (God) **“did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed...”** (This is the destiny): **“... TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that he”** (Christ) **“might be the firstborn among many brethren.”** That makes him our elder brother in the eternal age, because he is the firstborn in the new creation of God. But the fact is, we have been predestinated to be conformed to his image. And what a glorious image it is! Brothers and sisters, in this series, in these teachings, by the grace of God, we have lifted up the perfect mirror of Jesus Christ before you, in his divine scriptural revelation, and in his divine character, as well as in his awesome resurrection power. This is the end objective for the unparalleled light the Lord has shed upon our pathway, at this evening time: Attaining the spiritual height of Christ. Church, this is the very predestined image, in its completeness, which the Bride must and will conform unto. It produces and gives us, nothing other than *The*

Beautiful Bride of Jesus Christ, a bundle of perfection, a great joy, a spectacular beauty to behold, most glorious, and most magnificent. Halleluiah!

In our quest or desire for this image, let me remind you of the parable of the lost coin, related by our Lord in the Gospel of Saint Luke Chapter 15, and we will take it from verse 8, as it is written: **“Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.”** Halleluiah! Church, the ten pieces of silver are fundamental investments of grace in the Bride of Christ, for a woman types church. Unfortunately, she lost one piece! It is like a woman married to a man, who has been given ten pieces of silver as a token of love. It could be a neck chain, or a hand chain, but it comes with so many pieces, and she loses one piece. That

speaks of unfaithfulness, for which she can be set aside. Brother Branham preached a lot on this text. But that woman, knowing that her husband, who had travelled on a long journey, will be coming back very soon, and that he would look at her lost silver piece as evidence of unfaithfulness, will not rest day or night, she will not sleep, until she finds that lost piece. She will sweep everywhere, and look diligently for it, until she finds it. And it is the truth, saints of God, that every attribute of the Spirit which Christ was invested with by the Father, which attributes have all been invested in the church body as well, will be expected at this end time, and hence, will be required, in readiness for the rapture. She will be required to express every attribute of Christ, being the complete embodiment of the Spirit of Jesus the Christ. Consequently, brothers and sisters, knowing that the coming of our Bridegroom is at the doors, we must sweep our lives clean of all cobwebs, and search diligently for every ounce of grace and spiritual virtue, every attribute of the Spirit,

which God has invested in our lives, for us to be acceptable, as the Bride of Christ, because that is what Christ demands. We must be adorned with every piece of revelation, every spiritual attribute of godliness, and every gift of the Spirit, we must have it all. It is therefore time to wake out of our slumber, and earnestly seek the face of God, for we need a revival. We need spiritual restoration, restoration of all those things we have lost, the grounds we have lost to the enemy. Let us pray earnestly for restoration, looking at the standard of the church in the Book of Acts. And has the Lord not promised to restore? Yes, He has, even as it is written in the Book of Joel, Chapter 2, verses 15-27: ***“Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, s a n c t i f y t h e c o n g r e g a t i o n , assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch***

and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto His people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of

Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. AND I WILL RESTORE TO YOU THE YEARS THAT THE LOCUST HATH EATEN, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.” This is the Word of the Lord, and it cannot fail. Remember, the early church, the church revealed in the Book of Acts, set the standard church, which this end time church will conform to, in every respect, except that the glory of the latter shall be

greater than that of the former. For this seventh church age Bride, will outclass the first church age Bride. Let us therefore look in the perfect mirror of the Word, and see where we fall short, and seek the face of the Lord, for Jesus is coming soon. As it is written in 2 Corinthians Chapter 3, verses 17-18: ***“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*** Brethren, there is a perfect mirror of Christ lifted up before us. If we fail to look at it and stay with it, we must fail, for we cannot make it on our own: ***“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, ARE CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE from glory to glory...”*** We must therefore stay with truth, as God is presently and continuously revealing it, knowing that our true change is from glory to glory, that is, from revelation to revelation, taking in the Present AND

Continuous revelation of the Lord, from the pages of the Bible. In other words: ***“... BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND...”*** And you cannot renew your mind except by the truth, when you open your heart to the truth of Jesus Christ. And correlatively, if you turn truth down, you will nullify the power of God to transform. Simple! As Apostle Paul stated in 2 Timothy Chapter 3, verse 5, concerning a lot of people having a mere religious spirit, he says they have ***“a form of godliness, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.”*** They deny the power of truth which can transform, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is God's power unto salvation. Let us open up our hearts to truth, for Christ is at the doors, knocking and waiting: ***“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”*** (Rev.3:20). And the voice of the Lord is not a literal one, but the still small voice. It is the voice of the Holy Spirit, borne in the revelation of

the Word. You must hear that voice, for it is a walking voice, ever continuously unveiling Himself to His people, in the light of truth. Do not forget: Truth is the key. If you miss truth, you will miss life, for the life of Christ comes strictly by the revelation of the Word. I therefore repeat: Hold firmly to the revealed Word, for it is the key to life, the key to the beautiful Bride. It carries the entire plan of salvation, and it also lays out the entire stature we must attain unto, to be that Beautiful Bride. It therefore means that the seed is the Word, for the Word of God is the seed. No seed, no life. No seed, no beautiful Bride. It is that serious, for truth is the key. It is the Spirit's seed! Let the Word anchor firmly and solidly in your soul. Stay with the Word of life. Remember, we are talking of the Word Bride, The Beautiful Bride, and truth is the key to this Bride. It is written in Ephesians Chapter 5, verses 24-27: ***“Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the***

church, and gave himself for it; THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD, 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."

The responsibility for getting the Bride in this glorious perfect state, is conferred strictly upon the Ephesian fivefold ministry, as it is written in the Book of Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 11-16, which provides: ***"And he"*** (Christ) ***"gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: TILL WE ALL COME IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, UNTO A PERFECT MAN, UNTO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULNESS OF CHRIST: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed***

to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The fivefold ministry, being the ministry ordained of God to bring UNITY and PERFECTION to the universal Bride, must consequently be established by God, in her full, substantive, and original folds, in this hour of time, and will be established, that we may have the beautiful Bride. They will be men that God has trained, or schooled; men that God has tried and tested, and have passed the test for faithfulness, being men who are totally devoid of any secret or personal agenda. They are therefore men that God can put dependence upon, for they are yoked to His leadership, and are

subject to truth, unreservedly. They are men filled with divine WISDOM, and SPIRITUAL SENSE, and WITH A GENUINE LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD, on whose account they have been called into the ministry! They will be highly anointed! And what a wonderful work they will do, by the divine enablement of the Spirit of God! What exploits they will be used of God to accomplish! It reminds me of Gideon's awesome army in the Book of Judges. Marvellous things will God do for and through this end time Bride ministry. And as Moses' ministry head birthed all other ministries established in the church in the wilderness, and as the apostolic ministry head also birthed the other Ephesian ministries in the early church, so also will the apostolic ministry head of this hour, birth the other folds of ministry today, who will speak with one indivisible voice, and will stand as one man, in order to bring unity and perfection to the universal body of saints. Unity and perfection will come in no other way. As such, and as it is written, I repeat: We must not forsake the gathering of ourselves

together. We will not make it on our own. We must follow the ministry plot of God. There is no other way, for we cannot lead ourselves. We must come under the leadership of the Spirit of God, invested in the Ephesian fivefold ministry, over the universal body of saints, or we will not make it. Period! The divine plot of God, for obtaining the unity and perfection of the universal body of Christ, cannot be vitiated or nullified by anybody, for God's will is sovereign. And the body is not made up of one or two persons, but of a universal pluralistic body of people. But the bond within the ministry, and the oneness of their stand, will be absolutely unbreakable. That is certain, for a divided and conflicting body of ministry, which is hence, a confused and confusing body of ministry, cannot bring unity and perfection to any group of people. Do not forget that we are looking at the ministry of the beautiful Bride, men who will be used to build her up, to attain this great spiritual stature! The grace of God will therefore be much on these men, and the divine purpose of God they will serve satisfactorily, to the glory of God. Period! And

let me inform you, that the men are coming, for they are right now out there within the body, awaiting the hour of their full anointing and placing. At the moment, they are undergoing God's necessary training and tutelage. But they will surely come, after the old original order of ministry, which we see expressed in the early church, and as it operated harmoniously in the Book of Acts. It gives us the original order of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, set over the early church. They will be totally subject to the apostolic headship, the apostles being the bearers of the true light of Christ, for the entire body of ministry. Brothers and sisters, I must re-affirm: Subjection to the apostolic revelatory headship, is the key to unity and perfection. There is no other avenue for unity and perfection, and hence, there is no other avenue for the beautiful Bride. Any and every other way, only leads to anarchy and confusion. Period!

In considering the making of the beautiful Bride, we must realise, that although her calling and establishment in the light may take some time,

nevertheless, her being built up will take only a relatively short time, once the Lord has His major ministry pieces in place. The anointing of God will make the difference. Consider the revelation of Saint Paul recorded in the Book of Romans Chapter 9, verses 25-28, which states: **"As He"** (God) **"saith also in Osee, I will call them My people"**, (speaking of the Gentile Bride), **"which were not My people; and her beloved"**, (still speaking of the Gentile Bride), **"which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place"**, (or in the period of time), **"where it was said unto them"**, (the Jews), **"Ye are not my people; there shall they"**, (the Gentiles), **"be called the children of the living God. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved."** (Now pay attention to verse 28. That is the material text I want you to see. It states categorically and most plainly): **"FOR HE" (GOD) "WILL FINISH THE WORK" (OF SALVATION), "AND CUT IT SHORT" (OR WRAP IT UP) "IN RIGHTEOUSNESS: BECAUSE A SHORT WORK WILL THE LORD MAKE UPON THE EARTH."** Did you hear that? GOD IS GOING TO

DO A SHORT WORK, a quick short work, in wrapping up this plan of salvation. Brethren, this is a prophecy hanging on the very day and hour we are living in. The beautification of the Bride will be a quick short and most glorious work! All it takes is God getting the right men in place, with His anointing, and the job will be done, most spectacularly. And before you blink your eyes, so-to-say, the Bride is in perfect shape, absolutely ready for the return of her Bridegroom. Then, here come the Seven Thunders, seven apostles known only to God, seven apostles bearing a wonderful prophetic anointing, who will give the Bride prophetic insight to the rapture event, in that hour of time, as she is instructed specifically for the take-off into heaven, for the marriage ceremony! Tell me in that day of the Bride's readiness, that the Bride will not worship God in the beauty of holiness, and I will tell you straight away, that she certainly will! She will worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, for she is *The Beautiful Bride!* The Beautiful Bride will emerge in that hour of perfection, and she will be shining in that day, with the glory of the eternal Spirit God. She will be standing perfectly in Christ's awesome image, radiating the spiritual beauty of true Christianity that the world

has never seen! Never has there been a group of saints like this! Here stands that glorious church, the super church, the super race, without spot, and without wrinkle or blemish, glowing brilliantly with the majesty of the Spirit of God, before the unbelieving world, who are simply mesmerised by her astonishing spiritual beauty, glory and power! Every ministry attribute, that is, every ministry fold, every fruit of the Spirit, every gift of the Spirit, and every revelation of truth, which is ordained of God to give her super beauty, and unmatched glory, will be fully expressed in and through her. And before this grossly apostate religious world, this most unbelieving world, she will shine as the brightness of heaven, just as it is written: **"THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER...."** (Matt. 13:43). IT IS THUS SAITH THE LORD! The Almighty God also gave the same prophetic projection, in the Old Testament records, through Prophet Daniel, in Chapter 12, verse 3, saying: **"AND THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE AS THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."** It is important to realise that it is thus saith the Lord, and thus saith the

Lord can never fail! Brothers and sisters, this finished picture presupposes, (for it is to be expected), that the Lord has dealt seriously and most effectively with the Bride saints, in trials and in chastening, that we may be thoroughly purged of all spots and blemishes in our lives, that we may reflect nothing but the beauty of Jesus Christ. Remember the case of Ananias and Sapphira, as recorded in the Book of Acts, Chapter 5, a couple who were killed by the Spirit of God for their deception, and the deterring and purging effect it had on the body of saints. It made everybody sit up and straighten out! Verses 9-11 records: ***"Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. AND GREAT FEAR CAME UPON ALL THE CHURCH, AND UPON AS MANY AS HEARD THESE THINGS."*** This kind of dealing is definitely going to be repeated at this end time, in order for the beautiful Bride to emerge, for as it is written

in the Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 13, verse 41-43: ***“The Son of man shall send forth his Angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity... THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.....”***

Consequently, brothers and sisters, we have to see God dealing with His children with a chastening hand. Such a dealing has to come, for the Lord does not change! JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER! If the Lord did that in the first church age, which was a seed age, a pure seed age, He will do the same in this last church age, this age also being a seed age, a pure seed age, for He does not change! It is God's hand of discipline in the lives of His children, to purge our lives, in order to get us in shape, spiritually. Do not forget that it is written in Hebrews Chapter 12, verses 5-11: ***“And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. 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. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” Amen. Chastening is a major avenue, for getting God's people straightened out. It cannot be avoided, if there is to be the beautiful Bride. Hence, in the Book of James Chapter 1, verses 2-4, Apostle James implored: ***“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations”*** (or trials); ***“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire”***, (or complete), ***“wanting nothing.”*** Again

in the Book of Romans Chapter 5, verses 3-5, Apostle Paul also declared: ***“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”*** It is by these trials that we take on the image of the Lord, for by it we are made partakers of His holiness. By tests and trials our characters are moulded. We cannot do without tests and trials, in our walk with the Lord, particularly if we are to be moulded into perfect shape, for the rapture. These are the realities of the Christian experience, which we will definitely have, if we are sons and not bastards. And it is also very important to know, that all our trials will only help to bind us tightly together, for every ***“Achan”***, and every ***“Tare”***, will be busy far away, having been removed from the camp of the Bride saints. Every tree that is not planted by the Father will be uprooted. That is when true reconciliation will work most effectively, because tares, a people who cannot be ruled by truth, and who do not care for true spirituality, but rather, are a clog in the

wheel of progress, will have been removed, enabling true love to flow freely in the Bride. And love is going to flow like a river in the Bride of Christ, around the globe, just as it did at the beginning, as recorded in the Book of Acts. Nevertheless, it is the place of the ministry to streamline the taste and attitudes of God's people, by lifting up the mirror of Jesus Christ concerning taste and attitudes, before the Bride. May God help us all. Remember, if anybody is already perfect, he should have already gone in rapture. He should not be here. That means God is still working upon us, and He will perfect everything concerning us. But let us have an open heart, and let us not take offence at truth, because we live in the days when God is no longer speaking in parables. He is speaking plainly. I said the Spirit of the Lord is dealing plainly with His people, to leave us in no doubt, as to what His will is for our lives, as Bride saints. It is to create an awareness and an awakening. It is so that we may all wake up, knowing precisely what the will of the Lord is. But it is a condition no man has designed. Sister Labake Obanubi, God bless your heart. Please do not feel embarrassed. But did you not tell me you had a dream, which showed that whilst messages would be

going forth, that people's names would also be called out? You did not tell me the dream before it started taking place. It was its fulfillment that made you come to me, realizing that that was exactly what you saw take place in your dream! But this is the day God is going to deal with us in an unusual way, because time is short; time is signing off, and we must be ready. For how long will God allow our coasting along to continue? There has got to be a great awakening in the Bride, and only God can bring this about. That is why I tell you this day: We are entering an era when God is going to bring a great awakening, and the dealership of the Spirit will be such as we have never seen before, because time is signing out. We do not have time on our hands, and God will not allow all our foolishness to go on forever. It is a day God is going to judge it, and He will judge it decisively, in order to purge us, and to get us in shape, and in tune with Himself. It is for our spiritual good. It is to bring us to "***an expected end***", a most glorious end, which only He has ordained for us. Halleluiah!

We are looking at the making of the beautiful Bride, the most virtuous lady on this planet. She will be extremely

beautiful, within and without. For inside, she will be filled with the Spirit of perfect love, and express every fruit of the Spirit, showing a perfect semblance of the very life of Jesus Christ, being a complete expression of the character of our Saviour. And outside, she will dress and look so clean, so different, and so holy, that her very appearance will speak volumes: It will speak of her total consecration and separation unto the Lord. In short, she will be holiness unto the Lord, an epitome of rich and unparalleled divine beauty, for there is none like the Bride of this end time; there is none like *The Beautiful Bride*. She outclasses them all! It is not for nothing, that the Spirit of the Lord inspired King Solomon to write: "***... There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. MY DOVE, MY UNDEFILED IS BUT ONE; she is the ONLY ONE of her mother, she is the choice ONE of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she***

that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?” It is the Bride of Jesus Christ our Bridegroom. (Song of Solomon 6:8-10). Proverbs Chapter 31, verse 29, declares of the Beautiful Bride, the most virtuous woman, saying: ***Many daughters have done virtuously, but THOU EXCELLEST THEM ALL.***” In the Book of 2 Corinthians Chapter 3, Apostle Paul, speaking by divine inspiration, of the exceeding glory of the New Covenant which we have received, declared in verses 7-11: ***“If the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: HOW SHALL NOT THE MINISTRATION OF THE SPIRIT BE RATHER GLORIOUS? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.”*** (Now pay close attention to the next verse, for it emphasises

the difference in the glory of the Two Covenants. It states): ***“For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.”*** (In other words, the glory which followed the Old Testament, as glorious as it was, is really nothing, compared with that of the New Testament. My! He continued): ***“For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.”*** Think about it! When God descended on Mount Sinai in that day, in order to confirm an inferior Covenant, Moses records in the Book of Exodus Chapter 19, verses 16-20, saying: ***“And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were THUNDERS and LIGHTNINGS, and a THICK CLOUD upon the mount, and the VOICE OF THE TRUMPET EXCEEDING LOUD; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke,***

because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of A FURNACE, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. AND THE LORD CAME DOWN UPON MOUNT SINAI, on the top of the mount...” God came down on a physical mountain, in His Shekinah glory. And all this was done, in order to confirm and vindicate the Laws of Moses, a lesser Covenant. Again in Exodus Chapter 20, verses 18-21, it is written: ***“And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood***

afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was." The Bible records in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 12, verse 21: **"And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I EXCEEDINGLY FEAR AND QUAKE."** Saints of God, in that day, the people were terrified by the awesome magnitude of God's divine presence: For the thunderings, with all its huge, incessant, earth shaking rumblings, which can make your heart stop beating, the intermittent fearsome lightnings, coupled with the serious quaking of the whole mountain, wrought complete terror in their hearts, so much so, that they ran far away, asking God to stop talking to them! What a day that was! And what an event! What a display of God's divine presence! Elohim was literally on the mount, in His awesome Shekinah glory, to vindicate the Old Testament, a Testament that was sealed with the blood of bulls and goats! I therefore ask: What of the glory of the New Covenant, which is a much better Covenant, a Testament that is sealed with the most precious blood of the Son of God, Jesus Christ? What

exactly do you think God will do today, to vindicate His Word, in a most unbelieving and apostate world? Brothers and sisters, something is fixing to happen, for the world has seen nothing yet! The unwritten closing Chapter of the Book of Acts, is going to be used to bring Elohim literally down to earth, not on a physical mountain this time, but on spiritual Mount Zion, which is the Bride of Jesus Christ! We are talking of the majestic display of God, in His awesome power, as something unseen before, is coming for this Bride. Therefore, I have to say, that the world is in for a serious shock, for God is going to vindicate the Message of truth, like He has never done before, since Adam and Eve was placed here. There is a glory in truth, an exceedingly great glory. Do not forget, saints of God, that it takes the Spirit of God to make the Word of God live. It takes the Spirit of the Lord, to make the Word of God glorious. It takes that power of God to manifest the beauty of truth. This will be Mark 16:16 in action! It is coming. I repeat: There is coming an unparalleled

anointing, to vindicate the truth, and to back up the ministry of the Bride, just as it was in the Book of Acts; only that it will be on a greater level this time around, on a level we have never seen before. God is going to demonstrate His unlimited power, in order to vindicate His Word, before this unbelieving Atheistic world, this Hi-tech Computerised world, for they think God does not exist. It is the day of the showing of the Bride, for she will be put on open display before the whole wide world, giving us a most fantastic and a most glorious ending Chapter, of the Book of Acts, purely in a re-enactment! And may I also state, that you will not have such awesome display of God's power, without a lead apostolic ministry on the ground, around which that move will devolve, just as it happened in the first church age. And this gives us nothing but the promised ministry of John, on the full authority of Revelation Chapter 10, verse 11, the man who is the Jewish Connector. And with this most spectacular display of the power sign of the resurrected Christ, we will move from here to the

hour of the Seven Thunders, and a serious prophetic anointing will be released. What an open display there will be in that hour, lifting up the Bride as the envy of the entire religious world, as God shows who is who: Who is really the Bride! It is the vindication and the glorification of the true Bride, *The Beautiful Bride*. Brothers and sisters, the showdown is coming, for there will be **“SHOWDOWN AT SUNDOWN”!** Let us therefore stay with the Word, for God is coming to vindicate the truth, and in a grand way. Truth indeed will have the last say, and the last laugh, for it has a most glorious end. It is also written: **“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.”** (Hag. 2:9).

The end result of everything, brothers and sisters, is that we will have established, The Exclusive Bride, *The Beautiful Bride*, for that is precisely the exclusive body of saints that are going to make it in the rapture, as the living elements of the Bride,

whom Jesus Christ our Bridegroom, will be wedded to in heaven, before the throne of God Almighty, in the presence of all the holy Angels. Nothing else will make it through. And only God can produce such a Bride. But the divine way has been plainly shown forth in this message, by the grace of God, for those who have an ear to hear, for those who have an honest and an earnest desire to be in the Bride, as the plan of salvation has fully been laid out, and unveiled before us, in the written Word of God. Christ is coming very soon. All the signs are there, the flashing red light of his coming. And the Bridegroom is coming for only One Bride, and that is strictly the Word Bride, the Bride begotten of the pure and unadulterated seed of the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **“SHE IS A VIRGIN OF THE WORD.”** This gives us nothing but the beautiful Bride. You have never seen a Bride like this before, and we are yet to see this Bride, whose marriage is strictly in heaven, for her marriage is not in this earthly realm, being a most defiled realm. This

heavenly event is recorded in the written Word, and it states: **“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And He saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”** (Rev 19:7-9). This Beautiful Bride is now in the making, for she is called and revealed in the Word. Now is the time anyone can be a part; now is the time to join her, now that she is not yet in shape. When she is fully made, being in perfect shape, no one can join her then. It would be too late. Therefore, anyone who waits till the hour of the Seven Thunders, before falling in line with the Bride in her light, will never be in the Bride. Consequently, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE SOMETHING IN ITS MAKING, if you have eyes to see at all: for the

revelation of the Word she stands for, is what reveals her, to those that have an eye to see. She is ordained for glory, and eternal glory she will obtain. She is the Beautiful and Beloved Bride of the Exclusive Bridegroom, Jesus Christ our Lord, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, ***“the Desire of all nations.”***

“I AM MY BELOVED'S, AND MY BELOVED IS MINE: HE FEEDETH

AMONG THE LILIES.” I show you *The Beautiful Bride*. Her way is the way of absolute truth, a Continuing and Climaxing truth, for our Bridegroom is not dead but alive. And he is revealing himself to her, on an unparalleled and exclusive level, as he is getting himself engaged to her, in the secret Engagement Chamber of Matthew Chapter 25, verse 10, whilst all other women are shut out completely. As the Book of Revelation

Chapter 17, verse 14, also paints her, (for that verse speaks of the Bride of Christ, who is also projected on white horses in Chapter 19, on the Day of the Lord), ***SHE IS “CALLED, and CHOSEN, and FAITHFUL.”*** It is written: ***“AND EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE IN HIM PURIFIETH HIMSELF, even as he is pure.”*** Amen. Let us bow our heads in prayer.

May the Lord bless you.

THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE

The Word Bride
hath made
Herself
Ready.

Revelation 19: 7



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