

## **That Great Day**

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As we view God's purpose and plan, ordained by Him from before the foundation of the world, we are aware that we are now in the REVELATION of this plan. Such revelation is coming to His children in these the days of Consummation! We remember He has told us of that GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY!

We are always conscious of the persistency and long-patience of the all-wise God and Father and it is in contrast that we view the impatience, haste and scurrying, especially today, of man in his activity. However, we look to Him and His working and are "fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able also to perform!" Romans 4:21. "Yea, before the day was, I am He; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand: I WILL WORK AND WHO SHALL LET (HINDER) IT?" Isaiah 43:13. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:7, 8.

No sooner had man chosen the way of disobedience than God's purpose was declared that would be consummated in the ages to come. Yes, the Seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent. God made man in His own image and likeness and would have communed increasingly with that which was like Himself; but man's desire was for one like unto Himself--something he could rule over--rather than choosing to be ruled over by an all-wise and all-powerful God! Now, in the darkest hour of the existence of man, we see the effects of that choice of self-rule!

Yet the glorious plan of our Eternal God has never been abrogated! There was to be a DAY WHEN THE RULE OF GOD WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE EARTH! It would be a day when the greed and ambition of man would be subservient to the wisdom of Almighty God! A Day when He would establish His Kingdom, in very truth, upon the earth! A Day that our hearts have so longed for! A Day of the manifestation of the very sons of God!

As always, we are seeing the COUNTERFEIT rule in its vain attempt to outwit God in setting up a ruling force irrespective of God; a force that would be so unlike God but which would enslave the hearts and minds of the inhabitants of the whole earth! It is slavery that would, if possible, bring God's own dear children under its tyrannical rule of brute force and is now trying to engulf the world. With what cunning it has worked in the darkness, receiving from those who would provide for it all the necessities of life and at the same time betraying the very source of that supply!

## **It Is Finished**

We view a similar picture some two thousand years ago to that which we are now witnessing when we see those for whom He died ministering to His death. Though they were to receive forgiveness and a free bill of health from Almighty God by the very death they sought, they purposed to do away with Him once and for all!

At the last we hear the cry from His precious lips, "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do!" and once again "It is finished!"

He gave up the form of man, and the Spirit departed. No man took it away from Him, but He yielded it up to the Father. With fiendish glee men felt they had succeeded in their one purpose of doing away with Him and that now they could rule and reign without the disturbing factor of the Son of God in their midst!

The scene changes after these many centuries, and we are feeling the call of God to behold--not the lowly Nazarene as in the days of old--but to behold the very God of very God coming in triumph--coming in glory in His saints to reign!

The scene is a dark one, but He shall walk in triumph over all that would oppose Him and take the place given unto Him by the Father, subduing all His enemies; bringing the mountains low and exalting the valleys! Yes, beloved, make way for THE KING! He cometh to reign in triumph, in power and in glory! "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away!" Isa. 35:10.

In the stillness of the night-watches we hear footsteps resembling those heard by the disciples when He walked among them and said "If I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. O, Father, I pray "that they all may be ONE; as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them; that THEY MAY BE ONE, even as we are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made PERFECT IN ONE; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." John 17:21-23.

## **All and In All**

We could never hope for such a divine oneness in the building up of our own kingdom, either political, moral or spiritual. In seeking Him, however, we find He empowers us with a willingness to lay all upon the altar--all of our spirit, soul and body--that He may become in us our ALL AND IN ALL. He shall be the light that shineth forth in darkness illuminating the pathway! The pathway that He has promised will shine more and more UNTO THE PERFECT DAY!

Yes, beloved, when we see these things begin to come to pass, we may LOOK UP! Rejoice! for our Redemption draweth nigh! It is redemption of body, soul and spirit!

He that hath begun a good work in us, shall He not finish it? He, whose purpose it was from before the foundation of the world, emptied Himself of His glory that He had with the Father and took upon Himself the "form of a man," humbling Himself to be born of a Virgin! He was crucified, dead and buried, and on the third day He arose and is now on the right hand of God, waiting for the CALL TO EARTH!--that call when He shall come forth in triumph!

Do you realize that Jesus has not yet seen of the travail of His soul that He might be satisfied? But He shall! Jesus, our loving Saviour, shall be satisfied! And we; we, who are the members of His Body shall be satisfied also! Yes, we shall be satisfied! We shall be satisfied when we awaken in HIS LIKENESS!

O glorious Day! O triumphant Day! Once again our Redeemer shall come in triumph to this earth--come to hold undisputed sway over the creation He redeemed. He shall reign forever and ever, and of that everlasting kingdom there shall be no end. The promise is that we shall reign with Him. What a marvel of grace--what a story of love. But in my heart He whispers, "You can reign with me--only--if first I reign IN you." Oh, Christ, here are our hearts--come and reign!