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**OUR PREDESTINATION
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THE JOURNEY**

In the tabernacle of Moses, only the Levis, who were the priesthood, could do the service and offer the sacrifice at the Altar of Incense. It is the same in the tabernacle not made with hands, only now it is no longer the Levitical priesthood but the Melchizedek priesthood who is called to this service.

Just as God chose His Levitical priests, He has chosen priests in His Son. Jesus made this statement to His disciples, *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."* (Jn.15: 16) It is clear that Jesus chose His disciples and His priests for the service of His tabernacle (body) and that no other initiated the choice; He did.

Paul knew this and wrote to the saints (separated ones) of the church, *"...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having **predestined** us to adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."* (Eph.1: 4-5)

Peter wrote to the ***"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification***

of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." (I Pet.1: 2) Not long ago I wrote an article on God's blueprints. Indeed, God has blueprints of His plan for His creation and they have been sealed from the foundation of the world.

*"But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared **for those who love Him.** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."* (I Cor.2: 9-10)

Note that these things are not revealed to the intellect or by the intellect, it is the Spirit of God within that reveals them to each individual in His time. It is not Christ in the world that is the hope of glory; the world did not receive Him then, and they do not receive Him now. It is Christ in you that is the hope of glory.

The Christ that the world is really groaning and travailing for is not the One that they imagine. They are looking for an "external Christ," but the deep groaning of humanity is for the Christ of the new creation man. All creation yearns for the replacement of Adam. Adam has given them pain and suffering and death. This replacement cannot come from an external Christ coming down from the literal sky.

When God's Spirit began to stir upon my darkness, panic took hold of me and I felt totally lost and trapped in a huge universe. I thought that I would lose my mind. I had to find out, "who was I, and where did I fit in?" Little did I know that this was the Lord calling me back to Himself until His light overcame my darkness and my understanding was opened. It was then that I found that my true identity was in Christ and that this feeling came from the stirring of God's Spirit upon my darkness. He had come to open my understanding to my true identity.

Today, people everywhere are reading books and turning to men who have found the key to finding their "true identity." They proclaim that one needs to accept and develop on the hidden desires within to find who they really are. If one was born "gay," then just thank God for that gift. I heard them myself and could not believe my ears. They were dressed as men of the cloth and looked very intelligent and kind. They counseled people to accept the things they may have been ashamed of, as their true identity.

Beloved, the only true identity is who we are in Christ. None can point the finger and say that the other is worse than he is. We are all sinful men in Adam, no matter how small or great our sin may be. All of Adam's identities have been nailed to the cross. It was a very painful day for our Lord, but it is finished.

It is as we hear His voice and follow Him each day that we drop off Adam's identity and pick up our true Christ one. It is only then that we do the works that God has prepared for us and that we are of one accord with Him and with one another.

If we are the body of Christ and members in particular, our Head is Christ. If we follow another mind or head, then we are part of the body of another. There are many churches in this nation, but not all follow the true Head yet it is the Head that identifies the body, not the other way around.

Our Lord is calling each one in their time and for His purpose. Just as the members of a body have a

particular and important function, so each one in the Body of Christ has a specific calling that can only be moved by the Head.

If we follow when we first hear Him call, He will lead us to a place from which He will surely lead us out of later. Each place or situation that He leads us into is only a stepping stone to the next one. Each time, we think that this is it, we have found our niche for life, He calls us out again.

When Israel journeyed through the wilderness, they were not permitted to build cities on the way. Even in the places where they found sweet water, they had to pick up their tent stakes and follow the pillar of smoke by day and the pillar of fire by night. It was not until they were able to see the land that they saw the possibility of entering into "rest." Until then they had to keep moving on. So do we!

ENTERING GOD'S REST

We are chosen and predestined but He only gives us glimpses of where we are going; it is a walk of faith. With each trial, He reveals Himself to us and this increases our faith. We learn to trust Him and follow Him as we go. This is the way that we enter into His rest.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. As we go we find that the Word that we read in the Bible is now written in our hearts. But now it is no longer the letter of the Word, it is our very life. The word that we need each day is contained in the Christ within and He feeds it to us daily as fresh bread.

Recently I had opportunity to see a few TV reruns of shows that my husband and I used to enjoy years ago. I thought that because they were funny they would be good for a laugh. They were popular shows at the time. So I looked at a couple of them and they all fell flat; they were not funny at all. What used to be funny, was now almost offensive. What happened?

It is certain that I have changed, but the times and the season have changed as well. It is the same with

the Word from the Spirit. What we need is not just any word, it is THE word that we hear from Him today. Sometimes we try to rekindle some of the old studies we heard years ago. We feel that they will help our walk today. This may be well and good but what we need for our walk today is His bread of life baked fresh today.

With each season another word is preached to us by the Spirit. What we heard years ago was the bread we needed for that day, but it is the Word that the Spirit is speaking to us today that profits us and will bring us into His rest. His rest, as His works are finished from the foundation of the world.

Paul tells us that Israel heard the same Gospel through the wilderness but they did not believe what they heard... *“the word did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”* (Heb.4: 2) So the writer of the book encourages us, *“Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience (unbelief).”* (Heb.4: 6)

It is by faith in that daily word that we enter His rest. *“For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:”* *“So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest, although **the works were finished from the foundation of the world...*** *For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from Him.”* (Heb.4: 3,4,10)

From the foundation of the world, God has chosen His people and finished the works. These works are to replace the Adam man with the Christ creation. We are now experiencing God's finished works in us. Paul states that He had chosen Israel to be the ensamples for those upon which the end of the age has come.

They followed Moses through the wilderness but when they came to the border of their promised land and saw the giants that were there, they lost their faith and the courage that they needed to follow Joshua. They died at the border and their carcasses fell in the wilderness. It was a new generation that entered in.

Our faith in the word that He speaks to us today

determines our status in Christ. We often put more value in the word that we hear from some fame preacher than the simple word that He speaks in our lives. We are truly what we believe in our hearts and He is changing our hearts.

OUR COVERING *The Fine White Linen*

In Christian circle we hear a lot about our need for “a covering.” Indeed, little children need the covering of their parents and when we are babes in Christ we need to be covered by ministries who help raise us in the Word. As our spiritual guides they are also called to be examples of good Christian behavior. However, as we grow spiritually, we find that our true covering is no longer the Holy Spirit in our ministers but the Holy Spirit within us who leads and protects us. The roof of the tabernacle in the wilderness is a type of the covering that Christ provides for us on this walk.

That roof consisted of a framework that could be dismantled for the journeys. Directly over the framework were layers of skins, except for the first layer which was a curtain of fine white linen. The walls of the Outer Court were also of fine white linen. A seven foot high wall of this curtain separated the tabernacle from the world outside the Gate. The white linen curtain perfectly lined the inner walls of the inner chamber called the Holy Place.

This curtain speaks of the righteousness of Christ that surrounds our redeemed soul and hedges us about as we walk through the pitfalls of this world. As did the curtain, Christ's righteousness lines the very core of our inner being and shields us.

Our soul stands as the bride who has prepared herself for the marriage feast with the Lamb. *“She has been permitted to dress in **fine linen, dazzling and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness—the upright, just and godly living and right standing with God of the saints.**”* (Rev.19: 7-8 Ampl)

GOATS' SKINS

The next layer of protection over the tabernacle

was made of “goats skins.” This was directly over the linen lining. Goats are a lot like sheep. They are relatively the same size and they look somewhat alike. They are both adept at climbing craggy and steep mountainsides. They are sure-footed and determined, especially the goats! The Bible says that when the Son of Man comes into His kingdom, He will separate the sheep from the goats, for both are found therein.

Why is there a need to separate them? Why not let them be together? The truth is that although they look alike, their inner natures are very different. Our Savior is the Lamb that was slain. He took our goat nature on the cross with Him and offered Himself to redeem us. When the goat nature rises up within us, we repent and reject it and the blood of the Lamb cleanses and separates us from that goat.

RAMS' SKINS DYED RED

The center of all the layers is made of rams' skins dyed red. The wounded and bleeding Ram speaks of Jesus and the power of His blood to atone for the sins of the world. A ram represents the mature Son who offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice. Israel has been counting on their history and the traditions of their fathers to save them. They feel that because they were the chosen people of the first covenant, they can soon again offer animal sacrifices in a new built temple and all will be well between them and God.

The apostle Peter, a Jew himself wrote, “*knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*” (I Pet.1: 18-19) There is no other acceptable sacrifice than Jesus, the Lamb of God. There will never be another temple where God dwells than the one that is built without hands.

Today, as the Jews, many believe in their hearts that because their father or mother or both were impeccable followers of their church creeds, they only need to belong to the same assembly or church to be saved. But the word is plain, “*For by grace*

you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Eph.2: 8) It is only because of His grace that we have faith and it is only by faith that we can be saved.

It is the goodness of God (His grace) that leads us to repentance and gives us the faith to believe that by the blood of Jesus we are cleansed from all sins. It is by faith that we walk with Him each day unto the day of our perfection in Him. The rams' skins dyed red speak to us of the shed blood of the Lamb of God that opens the way to our perfection in Him.

BADGERS' SKINS

When the tabernacle was on its journeys, everything was covered with these badgers' skins. Every piece of furniture and every utensil was covered with them. This is the roof's final covering. It stands in full view and from the Outer Court it can be seen by all. The badgers' skins were not particularly attractive. They were a grey brownish color, just a plain, dull wrapper; nothing to be desired.

The badgers of that area were not the furry little animals we know in this country; they were sea mammals, somewhat like seals, abundant on the coral banks of the Red Sea. They gave full waterproofing to the treasures within the tabernacle.

Who would have thought that under these dull brown skins were hid the magnificent treasures of beaten gold and skillful embroideries? Indeed the brownish badgers' skins were a special protection for the treasures inside.

Apostle Paul writes, “*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.*” (II Cor.4: 7) So our mortality is the brown wrapper that covers us. Beneath these skins, our redeemed souls are hid from the enemy who would love nothing better than to wipe out His Body from the face of the earth.

Under that covering we look dull and lifeless like the rest of the Adam race. We no longer belong to the glitzy churches that call themselves by His name. We are covered with the plain brown wrapper of badgers' skins.

THE ROOF IS ON

The first tabernacle was a mysterious place and so are we. Science with all its new technology is able to probe every inch of the human body, but it is still puzzled when it comes to our soul and spirit. The mystery of these areas can only be revealed by the Spirit.

Paul exhorts, *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”* (Phil.2: 5-8)

The roof speaks of the realm of the mind. It is the door through which thoughts enter, and the enemy of our souls sweeps in with our thoughts. This is why our covering has at its very center, the work of the cross of Jesus.

It is the mind of Christ who restrains and conquers all the thoughts that push to come in and disturb our peace. The covering that we have been given for our roof is the mind of Christ. It is the only mind with the power to rebuke and reject the thoughts that seek to destroy us. This is why Paul writes, *“Let this mind be in you.”* Allow this mind to be master of your ship.

We all fight the thoughts of our minds. There was a time when the Lord made me aware that thoughts of strong anxieties were overtaking me. I was in good health but most mornings I would awaken feeling weak and fatigued. Thoughts that I had some dreaded disease and that my health was quickly deteriorating were flooding my mind. As I resisted they would leave and I would have a great day, but the morning fights were strong and constant.

Then one night the Lord gave me a dream. First, I must give you a little background about my grandmother. *“She owned a little house in the suburbs of Paris. She helped raise me and I have*

always had great love and admiration for her. I loved to be around her.

She was a very peaceful person and I felt secure in her presence. However, as she grew older she began complaining a lot about her aches and pains. She lived alone many years after her husband's death. She loved to ride her bicycle to market three times a week and remained very active until her death at the age of ninety.”

In the dream *“I was at my grandmother's house and noticed that the old roof was falling apart; the house needed a whole new roof. It was going to be a very costly job---three hundred million French Francs. I knew I had the money to pay for it and I would get it done.”* (End of dream)

Interpretation- The roof of my grandmother's house represents her mind with all the fears and depressing thoughts that entered and caused her to complain. The Lord was showing me that I was moving in the same mind. I was at her house and I realized that even though it was going to be costly, I had what it takes to pay for a new roof. Three-hundred is the number of the Deliverer, like in Gideon's three-hundred. The millions mean that it would take a continuous, uphill battle against these thoughts, but in the end the Spirit of the Deliverer within would win the battle.

This was many years ago and I have paid the price of this continuous battle over the years. I still find myself at my grandmother's house at times and I remind myself of the Deliverer who is still at work within me.

Long ago, Isaiah wrote, *“Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because He trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for in YAH, the Lord, is everlasting strength. For He brings down those who dwell on high, the lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust.”* (Isa.26: 3-5)

The lofty city is the carnal mind, but trust the Lord, He is bringing it down to the ground. All the high and haughty thoughts that gather themselves at

the gate to lead us into bondage will be laid low...they are laid low when we set our minds on the Lord because we trust Him. As long as we are in these bodies of flesh, we will always need to stand against the wiles of our carnal minds. We cannot let our guards down. We must keep our full armor on until the last enemy is under our feet.

THE VEIL

At the Altar of Incense, we stand before the veil. We are ready for our transformation. We are no longer encumbered with the demands of man-made religions. We have ceased from our own works and we have entered His rest- His finished works. We stand before the veil ready to enter the most excellent tabernacle.

Multitudes enter the first gate into the Outer Court and experience the cleansing of the atoning blood of Jesus our Savior. The gate is wide and all are welcome. The second door consists of a hanging curtain; it is high and narrow, and those who enter in begin a rigorous walk by the Spirit. If they continue to the end, they will no longer be conformed to the ways of the world and the worldly ways of worship; they will be transformed by the renewing of their minds. They will be "Priests of the Most High God."

The veil is the third entrance way; it is ornate. Embroidered cherubim have been skilfully placed on this veil that separates, divides and keeps out all from the Holy of Holies- except the "High Priest." *"Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. **But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.**"* (Heb.9: 6-8)

Our walk through the Holy Place has brought our redeemed souls to this Golden Altar facing this impressive veil. In the Old Testament, only the High Priest could enter beyond the veil, but now the veil

has been rent and we have *"This hope as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil. Where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."* Heb.6: 19-20) It is not as priests that we enter in the Most Holy Place; it is **in the High Priest**, with His blood for our sins and for the people's sins.

We have this hope for we know that *"when God, made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself."* (Vs.13) When we enter beyond the veil, we are reaping the promises that were made to Abraham. But the writer made sure to let us know that it was after Abraham had endured in the faith that he received the promises. *"And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise."* (Vs.15) This is not a "name it and claim it" walk, it is a walk where endurance is tested to the utmost.

The great chapter on those who walked by faith teaches us this. It was *"by faith that Enoch was translated so that he did not see death."* (Heb.11: 5a) It was by faith that *"Noah prepared an ark for the saving of his household."* (Vs.7b) It was by faith that *"Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised."* (Vs.11)

By faith, *"Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac..."*(Vs.17) It was by faith that *"Joseph when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones."* (Vs.22) There is much more in this chapter that builds our faith concerning these who went before us. Faith is the currency that they had to enter that place beyond the veil, and it is still what they hold on for the "better" resurrection.

"These all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...And all these having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having

provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.” (Vs.13, 39)

By the time we face the veil of the Most Holy Place, we only have one thing left...our faith. This is why the enemy is stirring up our dust and hitting us where it hurts the most; he is after our faith. But we have been trained to endure to the end. We are no longer our old self; the Christ is appearing and He is the One facing this last day enemy; He does not fail.

This is why while our old man is perishing, the new man is being renewed day by day. The resurrection body of Jesus is being formed in us. Our natural bodies are getting old and worn but within we find that we are truly His body. *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.” (II Cor.4: 16)*

THE CHERUBIM

When we entered the Holy Place we were joined by the cherubim. They were on the ceiling of the room and also on the veil. This denotes that from that time, the heavens were opened to us and we were able to hear the voice of the Spirit with understanding.

There are three classes of angels: Seraph (plural seraphim); Cherub (plural cherubim); and Angels. We see seraphim in the vision of Isaiah and most likely in Revelation 4:8 where they cry *“Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”*

Cherubim are mentioned many times in the Bible. The first time is when Adam and Eve are cast out of the garden. *“So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree of life.” (Gen.3: 24)*

In Genesis, the cherubim guard the way to the tree of life. On the veil of the Holy Place, the cherubim guard the way into the Holy of Holies. Furthermore, when we look at the Ark of the Covenant we see that two cherubim are bowing on the lid of the Ark.

They are also the guardians of the Ark.

As the High Priest, Jesus entered behind the veil and not without blood. Jesus did not enter with the blood of bulls and goats but with His own blood. God accepted His sacrifice and the veil was rent; the way is opened. The cherubim on the Ark are not wielding their sword; they are bowing down to Him for He is Lord of all. We can only pass through the veil where Jesus is, when we are in Him.

On the Altar of incense, we pass through the fire and become one with Jesus. Thus, we are transported into the Holy of Holies. We must note that cherubim are not of the same class as angels messengers. They are guardians of the Ark and of the way to the tree of life.

“Blessed are they who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” (Rev.22: 14) The ones who do His commandments are the only ones who have a pass into the city. Some may try to enter in some other way but they are thieves and robbers. The way is still guarded by the cherubim. Cherubim are guardians of God's precious things.

They keep anyone or anything that is defiled out of the way. This is why even though the veil has been rent at Calvary and the way has been opened, none can enter behind the veil except Jesus Christ and those who are in Him.

There are other places where souls go after death, but only those who are fully in Christ can enter the glory of the first resurrection. This is the Holy of Holies where Jesus is.

PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE

Peter wrote a letter *“to those who have **obtained** like precious faith with us...as His divine power has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (strong appetites).*

As our Lord walks us through the Holy Place, the

realm of our redeemed soul, He has taught us to trust Him. Just as after His resurrection, He revealed Himself to His first disciples in many infallible proofs, so He has revealed Himself to us in many infallible ways. Through many experiences we have learned that He is always there with us and for us. He has proven to us that He lives. This is how we have come to the precious faith (rare faith) that Peter wrote about; Like refined gold, our faith has passed through the fire. We found Him there too. When we finally come to the time that the works of the flesh are behind us, even our religious works we walk each day in perfect step with His Spirit.

But Peter writes that there is more to consider. He insists, *“Therefore brethren, be even **more diligent to make your calling and election sure**, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* (Vs. 10-11) Peter was saying that because we have received these great promises and have been walking in rare faith, we need to be even more diligent.

He continues, *“For this very reason, giving all diligence, **ADD** to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge, self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love.* (II Pet.1: 5-7) Because we are called to be partakers of the divine nature... we need to add daily to our precious faith. Our faith is not dead, it opens the door to virtue and knowledge and all the things that Peter so lovingly lists for us.

The Peter who wrote this letter was not the one who denied his Lord. It was the Peter who had suffered with His Lord and who was ready to be crucified upside down for him. His soul was standing at the Altar of Incense, ready to be offered up as incense.

He knew that even when we have received all things that pertain to life and godliness, such as precious faith and knowledge in the things of God, there remains a refining that makes our calling and election sure. He knew that without this refining,

there is always a chance to stumble and fall. This does not mean that one is in danger of hell or of losing the common salvation in Christ, but it means that to partake of the divine nature, one must have even more than precious faith. Remember that Peter's letter is written to those who are the elect for God's purpose as was Peter.

After he declared, *“I do not know the Man!”* (Matt.26: 72), Peter could have turned back and continued on the road. He could have returned to his fishing nets and lived the life of a good citizen. He was the one who had declared that Jesus is the Son of God and he still believed this. But he would have forever lost the place of His calling at God's right Hand.

Beloved, we have been tested in the faith and we can continue to live life without fear of going to hell when we die. We can be as the multitudes who call on God for their daily earthly needs and He supplies, but if we yearn to fulfill the calling of our lives, if we have been given a vision beyond this good life here on earth, then we will not fear to be tested daily and add more to our faith.

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it be tested in the fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (I Pet.1: 6-7)

One can possess great faith and believe for the things of the natural man, but there is a faith that is found to praise, honor and glory. It is the faith that is refined through many grievous trials. It is the character that partakes of the divine nature. It is the character that changes us and brings us to the image of the Son of God. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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