PUT ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT

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Isaiah 11:6-9

- 6 "The <u>wolf</u> also shall <u>dwell</u> with the <u>lamb</u>, the <u>leopard</u> shall <u>lie down</u> with the <u>young goat</u>, the <u>calf</u> and <u>the young lion</u> and <u>the fatling together</u>; and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The <u>cow</u> and the <u>bear</u> shall <u>graze</u>; <u>their young ones</u> shall <u>lie down together</u>; and <u>the lion</u> shall <u>eat straw</u> like the <u>ox</u>.
- 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

This is such a beautiful picture of the animal kingdom as well as humanity being restored!

Now let us turn to **Revelation 21:1-5** to see the restoration again.

- 1 Now <u>I saw</u> a <u>new heaven</u> and a <u>new earth</u>, for the <u>first heaven</u> and the <u>first earth</u> had <u>passed away</u>. <u>Also</u> there was <u>no more sea</u> (sea of wicked humanity).
- 2 Then <u>I</u>, <u>John</u>, <u>saw the holy city</u>, <u>New Jerusalem</u>, <u>coming down out</u> of <u>heaven from God</u>, <u>prepared</u> as a <u>bride adorned</u> for <u>her husband</u>.

- 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God (all will be perfected and restored).
- 4 And <u>God</u> will <u>wipe away every tear</u> from their <u>eyes</u>; there shall be <u>no</u> <u>more death</u>, nor <u>sorrow</u>, nor <u>crying</u>. <u>There shall be no more pain</u>, for the <u>former things have passed away</u>."
- 5 Then <u>He</u> who <u>sat on the throne said</u>, "<u>Behold</u>, <u>I make all things new</u>." And <u>He said to me</u>, "<u>Write</u>, for <u>these words</u> are <u>true and faithful</u>."

For those among us that are physically incapacitated or handicapped in any way, this is such a wonderful blessing to look forward to. However, for these promises to be fulfilled, we must understand Romans 8:29.

Romans 8:29

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Having read that scripture, here is something to think about. Since the Lord ascended to the right hand of God to sacrifice His body for us, He no longer has an earthly fleshly body. Therefore, for us to be conformed to His likeness, the scripture is speaking of Him as the heavenly man.

I Corinthians 15:45

45 And so it is written, "The <u>first man Adam</u> became a <u>living being</u>." The <u>last Adam</u> (Yeshua) <u>became a life-giving spirit</u>.

So it becomes apparent that only our spirit man can be conformed to His likeness.

I Corinthians 15:50

50 Now this I say, brethren, that <u>flesh and blood cannot inherit the</u>
<u>kingdom</u> of God; <u>nor does corruption inherit incorruption</u>. (It is only the born again, Spirit-filled, so our spirit is awakened to the Spirit of God.)

This presents a real problem as all we know is life in Satan's world. His knowledge for the most part fills our database, which is completely against the knowledge and wisdom of God. Since Christ is the Word, the knowledge of God, how are we to be in His image filled with the knowledge of Satan!

Thankfully God promises He will personally perfect us. There is no possible way we can achieve perfection with Satan's wisdom as our guide.

Philippians 1:6

6 being <u>confident</u> of <u>this very thing</u>, that <u>He</u> who has <u>begun a good work</u> in <u>you will complete it until the day</u> of <u>Jesus Christ</u>;

And since it was He that said that He would conform us back to the image and likeness of Christ, can you see what He's really talking about here is our spirit, our mind, our heart, our soul, our inner man, for that is what Christ is now. Obviously to be like Him, sin also must be removed from us.

Unfortunately as many of us think about Atonement, or repentance of sin we think mainly about what we have manifested through our bodies, and so we repent of everything we can think of that we have done wrong throughout our lifetime. But actually what God is first interested in is the cleansing of our hearts and minds. As He looks on them it is His hope and ours He does no see any darkness there. This observation you see determines the condition of our spirit man, or our inner man as it has been shaped and molded by what is in our minds and hearts.

II Corinthians 4:16 shows us the inner man and the outer man.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

Let us therefore begin with our minds. Did you realize that the very first sin that man committed was in their mind? Most of us have heard the saying, "we had a meeting of the minds", and that's exactly what happened. Eve connected with the mind of Satan! She thought about the added knowledge of

evil offered to her, the twisted wisdom that Satan slyly presented. Her perfect heart, created completely righteous, became wicked and rebellious. How? Why? Because she ate the rotten fruit from Satan's mind. Adam, created righteous also, was not fooled like Eve, but he had a meeting of the minds with his wife, so he also ate the tainted fruit of Satan's knowledge. As we all know they fell from Paradise into Satan's world and all of humanity has followed suit. Now today the only knowledge available to us for the most part is the knowledge that Adam and Eve chose and unfortunately all of our minds have become just as tainted by Satan's thinking! We have become accustomed to eating his fruit.

As this knowledge was taken into the minds of man, traits formed, mindsets become lodged and hard to remove. The evil nature of Satan through his knowledge has corrupted all of us, and sadly we are all completely out of sync with God's universe, along with the rest of His creation that Adam and Eve were given dominion over. Creation had no choice in the matter.

Romans 8:20

20 For the <u>creation</u> was <u>subjected to futility</u>, <u>not willingly</u>, <u>but because</u> of <u>Him</u> who <u>subjected it in hope</u>; (In hope mankind would come to understand they can do nothing without the Word, His knowledge, Christ, as it allowed Satan's knowledge and nature to affect all that He had given man.)

Yes, Father was in hope we could see the folly of not choosing the Word over Satan. All things were created in Him, He is the substance that holds all the universe together so without Him we truly cannot do anything.

Colossians 1:17

17 And He is before all things, and **in Him** all **things consist** (held together).

Sadly because of eating the fruit of the world's knowledge the hearts of much of mankind have become hardened against their Creator. As stated before, with only the knowledge of Satan in their database, the hearts and minds of man were easily conformed to the forces that run this world as well. Satan's nature is predominant.

Lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, pride of life are the controlling forces of Satan's world. Their influence has shaped the heart condition of much of the world's people today. Murder, perversion, anger, rage, jealousy and greed to name a few, are the fruit of the evil spirits that live in the hearts of many as well. They are the result of the wisdom and knowledge the first pair chose. We can clearly see the need for our minds and our hearts to be renewed, set free of sin, before our spirit and our soul can ever be in the likeness of Christ!

As the Holy Spirit brings to light the things we need to repent of, we truly grow to understand the awesomeness of what was accomplished on the cross

for mankind and all creation! Can you see how all would be lost if it wasn't for Yeshua! He suffered for the iniquity and sin of all creation, and paid the penalty of death for us. I say all creation, because as we discussed earlier, when Adam and Eve fell, everything they had dominion over fell with them and the traits of Satan entered into them as well as man. The animal kingdom, including birds and fish became carnivores (flesh eaters), dangerous to each other! As we saw in Isaiah 11, this will all be remedied one day for the animal kingdom, and as we saw in Revelation 21, because of the victory at the cross mankind will be restored as well and there will be no destruction or death!

How will this change come about? As we take in the Word, the light that emanates from it will expose what has been hidden in the darkness of our hearts and minds as sown by Satan's knowledge.

Daniel 2:22

22 <u>He</u> (God) <u>reveals</u> <u>deep and secret things</u>; <u>He knows</u> <u>what is in the</u> <u>darkness</u>, and <u>light dwells</u> with <u>Him</u>.

Those that have a real love for God will welcome the light as they continue to eat of God's knowledge and will begin to change. We all have a desire to be restored and Malachi 4 reveals when this will become a reality.

Malachi 4:2

2 But <u>to you who fear My name</u> the <u>Sun of Righteousness</u> shall <u>arise</u> with <u>healing</u> in His wings; and <u>you</u> shall go <u>out</u> and <u>grow fat</u> like <u>stall-fed calves</u>.

As we see in the word, it is the S-U-N that brings healing or restoration. So let us solve this spiritual riddle if you will by looking at these next few scriptures.

Let's first look at **John 14:20**.

20 At that day (eighth day) you will know that **I** am in My Father, and you in Me, and **I** in you.

Now let us look at Colossians 1:27.

27 To <u>them</u> (children of the eighth day) <u>God willed</u> to <u>make known</u> what are the <u>riches</u> of <u>the glory</u> of <u>this mystery</u> among the <u>Gentiles</u>: <u>which is Christ in you</u>, the <u>hope</u> of glory.

So the Word, the Son of God is in us and we are in Him!

Remember what we learned in **Colossians 1:17**?

17 And <u>He</u> is <u>before all things</u>, <u>and in Him all things consist</u> (or are comprised or made from Him, held together by Him).

So all things that were created through Him are a part of Him and the original place they held in the universe will be returned to them.

So with this in mind now let us look at Genesis 1:14-16.

14 Then God (the Father) said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

15 and <u>let them be for lights</u> in the <u>firmament</u> of the <u>heavens</u> <u>to give light on</u> <u>the earth</u>"; and <u>it was so</u>.

16 Then God (through His Son) made two great lights: the <u>greater light</u> to <u>rule the day</u> (sun), and the <u>lesser light</u> to <u>rule the night</u> (moon). He made the stars also.

Father was talking to His Son, and His Son Yeshua made it happen. The light that came from Him actually created the sun, and the light that reflected from the sun created the moon.

Remember now the scripture that said, the Father is in Me, I am in you and you are in me, at 1 John? Now we can see, the same Son that created the sun and moon in the heavenlies is in us!

Therefore when the darkness of sin is removed from our minds and our hearts, the Son of God in us can again reflect His light, creating a <u>terrestrial</u>

sun in us! Also, as our minds and hearts are clean and free from all darkness, when we experience communion we truly become one with the Bread of Life, We literally become a part of His body as well as His covenant Bride. As the Bride she receives light from the Son of God as they are now one body, flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone, their life becomes one in the blood and she becomes the terrestrial moon.

Luke 11:36

36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light." (This is the full restoration.)

Not all will believe this end time truth, some will scoff God's knowledge because it is so different from what the world teaches. Scripture tells us why.

II Corinthians 4:4-6

- 4 whose <u>minds</u> the <u>god of this age</u> (Satan) has <u>blinded</u>, who <u>do not believe</u>, lest the <u>light of the gospel</u> (the Word of God) of the glory of <u>Christ</u>, <u>who is</u> <u>the image of God</u>, <u>should shine</u> on <u>them</u>.
- 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.
- 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of

<u>God</u> in the <u>face</u> of <u>Jesus Christ</u>. (We just read in previous scripture where Christ is the image of God.)

As we have taught in previous blasts, at the completion of the perfection of our inner man we will become a reflection of the story of Christ in the sky, a manifestation of His victory and back in sync with all that Yeshua created in the beginning! You see, this story has been in the heavenlies for man to see since the creation of Adam and Eve. Although the story has been revealed to man all these years, few have understood it. You see as mankind today is perfected we will be the mirror image of Christ, who remember is the mirror image of God. We, along with the story in the sky, by this time will have successfully spread His knowledge across the entire earth as the waters cover the sea of humanity in fulfillment of Matthew 24:14.

Matthew 24:14

14 And <u>this gospel</u> of the kingdom <u>will be preached</u> in all the world as a witness to <u>all the nations</u>, and then <u>the end will come</u>.

We will be readied for the restoration as described in Isaiah 11 and Revelation 21 and we will have manifested as the children of God and all of creation will rejoice as they too will be set free.

Romans 8:21

21 <u>because</u> the <u>creation itself</u> also will be <u>delivered</u> from the <u>bondage of corruption</u> (no death) into the <u>glorious liberty</u> of the <u>children of God</u>.

You see, all things in heaven and earth in the end will be gathered into Him and become a part of the whole and we along with them will be a part of the whole as well, a part of the universe.

Ephesians 1:10

10 That <u>in</u> the <u>dispensation</u> of the <u>fulness of times</u> (when Father says, enough is enough of Satan's world) <u>he</u> might <u>gather together in one all</u> <u>things in Christ</u> (remember the story is in the sky), <u>both</u> which are <u>in</u> <u>heaven</u> (are a part of the whole creation), <u>and</u> which are <u>on earth</u> (remember we are the reflection of the story in the sky); <u>even in him</u>:

So we can see if we are to be gathered into Him, how we must be clean! Clean minds, hearts, spirits, body, our whole soul, our whole person must be a reflection of Him as He is a reflection of God, Children of Light, light bearers.

Daniel 12:3 prophesied of these.

3 Those who are wise (have God's knowledge) shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, (the sun, the moon) and those who turn many to righteousness (spread God's knowledge across the earth as the waters

cover the sea) <u>like</u> the stars (heaven and earth are both telling the story) forever and ever.

We see them again in Acts 13:47.

47 For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth (as the waters cover the sea).' "

Let us close with the scripture to bring into focus this message and answer the riddle found at Malachi 4.

Romans 13:12.

12 The <u>night</u> is <u>far spent</u> (time is almost over), the <u>day</u> is <u>at hand</u> (the Lord's judgment day). <u>Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness</u>, and <u>let us put on the armor of light</u>.

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