

REVELATION OF THE LORD FROM HEAVEN



CONCEPTS OF HIS APPEARING

The revelation or appearing of the Lord from heaven is one of the most anticipated events of all times. The prophets in all realms of existence be it in Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism and any type of religion refer to the a time when the God of all appears from heaven to judge the world. His appearance they say will reward the righteous and punish the wicked and those who are ungodly.

The problem with these religions is the fact that they have a veiled knowledge of this appearing. They fail to recognize the appearing of the Lord from heaven the same way they failed to recognize Jesus when He appeared. Of course after the manifestation and death of Jesus in the days of old they now raise up structures and new forms of religion that now shift the focus of the Lord to that same flesh Jesus that appeared over a thousand years ago. Many believe He will come back with that same flesh body He processed over two thousand years ago, but they will discover that The Lord is not that flesh body they are looking forward to seeing.

This message series on His appearing will seek to enlighten all of us on the appearing of the Lord from heaven.

WHY HE APPEARS

He appeared in that flesh body to manifest Himself in the seen carnal realm, so that men could actually see, touch, hear and taste of God in flesh form. John spoke about this experience they had with Him.

1 John 1:1-2

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of

life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

He is from the beginning with God the Father, He was in the beginning before the physical, material and seen world came to being, He is one with the Father, He is the Father, He is God. He descended into the lower realms of existence to share in our humanity and to reveal the truth that was before the world was. What is the Truth ? The truth is God and His kingdom.

The appearing of the Lord is a mystery, it is one sought after event that occurs again and again throughout the ages. This event causes men to behold the glory of God in Flesh Form and hear of things concerning the Lord and His kingdom. Paul spoke of this mystery in a letter to Timothy, His son in the faith.

1 Timothy 3:15-16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

The mystery of His appearing is in His manifestation in Flesh form so that all can behold Him, before this no one sees God in physical form, He is spirit. Those who are saved see Him in His true form by perceiving Him with spiritually enlightened eyes not on any physical throne anywhere in a location men call heaven. In the book of revelation those angels or servants or messengers of God actually perceive Him with spiritual eyes that have been enlightened by the spirit of the Christ. All those who are saved do stand before Him continually and perceive Him spiritually. So the manifestation in flesh Form is another thing all together, it is heaven revealed on earth, like the invisible kingdom of God (Jerusalem) descending from Heaven in the view of the world. Creation beholds as a spectacle the fruits of love, mercy, peace, patience, longsuffering, humility, health, wisdom and the glory. They behold the power of God that liberates spirits of men that are locked up in the prison houses of corruption. This power can be likened to that of Moses and Joshua when they appeared to deliver the ransomed of the Lord, so that they could reign in the glory and liberty in God's holy mountain Zion. The powers of this dark age who can be likened to Pharaoh and His forces, are put to shame over and over again at the appearing of the Lord.

The Lord also appears to preach about the good news of His kingdom, He tells the world of an open gate into the glory of His kingdom. He tells them they can come out of their lack of faith, their fears, insecurity, sicknesses, diseases and all the ills of this world by hearkening to His message by forsaking this world and entering into His world (God' kingdom). He demonstrates the fruits of the kingdom and shows them the all power he processes, He tells them it can be all theirs if they believe Him. He comes to save the world lost in ignorance by enlightening it with His message of truth from the God's invisible kingdom, a message hidden from our view from the foundation of this dark world. Riches in glory for our good and consumption that has been hidden from the view of man are brought to light so that man is given that opportunity to leave His state of poverty into the riches of Christ. His enlightenment brings about liberty, healing, fruitfulness through a recognition of our true selves and our oneness with God.

Isaiah 61:1-3

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

HE PREACHES TO ALL SPIRITS

Jesus performed miracles and many great works on the carnal physical realm but he was more concerned that the people received of His teachings. He likened this word as the bread of life that makes us to live again eternally. His preoccupation was that they believe His testimony of God's kingdom and to enter in and be saved. Of course He achieved this and multitudes were saved, not just those that lived in His days but also multitudes who had died in generations past. So those of you who have lost loved ones in the past should believe that the Lord can still reach out to them to save them. Always remember that spirits in prison are not just those you see in flesh bodies, they could also be those who have died and left their flesh bodies. All those in this category who are not saved still have a chance of beholding the Lord and getting their healing.

1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark.

People have interpreted 1 Peter 3 to mean that when Jesus died on the cross He went below to a location called Hell to preach, they say He preached for three days in Hell. That is a lie from the pit of Hell. From the moment the spirit (Christ) descended into the man Jesus, what we saw was a descending of God's spirit from heaven into the lower parts called hell. The physical carnal realm where man inhabits outside the presence and knowledge of God is Hell, it is a place of fear and torment where things never go well. It is a place where the inhabitants are continuously destroyed and separated from God. Jesus had to take up the cross by losing His own identity as a man born of woman, a Hebrew, a man, a carpenter etc and take up the identity of that Christ that descended from above in obedience to the Father. From that moment of baptism it was no longer Jesus but Christ doing all through Him. He preached to all in this fallen realm, by all I mean both those in flesh form and angel (spirits). So that all of them received of the salvation of God. Even the prophets that were before Jesus were saved and resurrected with Him into glory.

Matthew 27:49-53

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Some holy prophets who did not actually know God even though they desired to, eventually benefited from His ministry and were thus saved and taken into God's glorious invisible kingdom. They appeared to many in Jerusalem as a sign, God did this as a sign for people to understand His love that knows no bound. His love reaches out to all no matter where they may be. The sign of the risen prophets and holy men is by no means a pointer to the fact that those out there in physical graves will come out of their physical graves some day, No No. God is only showing us things that happen spiritually. All men of this world who still walk in the ignorance of their minds are like dead men in graves, they do not see the truth, neither do they hear the truth. Those in the grave do not speak and they are constantly living in a state of death were the worms (agents of destruction) do not die. Man without the truth is dead and constantly sinks into ruin and destruction. When you hear the gospel and comprehend it, you are lifted up out of the dark graveyard of humanity and translated into God's kingdom of light and life. This gift of God is not limited to men who possess flesh bodies but to all.

If you study the scripture closely you will notice that spirits recognized Him more easily than those in flesh form did, that is why they normally cried out "you are the Son of God". These spirits are spirits of men who have shed their flesh and they are still very much around doing the same works they did when they had the flesh bodies, they now work through people (except if they are saved of course). (Always remember that all men are

spirits living in false identities of their carnal existence.) An evil spirit is an imperfect, unclean and unregenerated spirit that is still living outside the knowledge of the truth.

Mark 3:11-12

11 And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

So the ministry of the Lord during His appearing has no limitations it is to all.

HIS RETURN TO GLORY

Jesus Christ at the end of the ministry was taken up into heaven into the glory cloud of the Lord. Note that God gave that only as a sign for those of us who are spiritual to discern. God was simply showing that after His appearing He returns back to the place He came from which is the very heart of God. Whenever Christ Jesus said I go to the Father, He was indicating that He came out of the Father in Heaven and descended to bring salvation in the lower parts spiritually called hell and now returns back to the original Father state. That cloud that ascended was the same cloud that descended in form of a dove during the baptism.

Acts 1:9-11

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

THE RETURN OF THE LORD (THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST)

That same Spirit of Christ that operated through Jesus has come again like the angels told the disciples, He came this time in the form of fire. All throughout the scriptures God's glory always appeared as clouds normally by day and fire normally by night. The spirit descended into the disciples on the day of Pentecost at night in the form of fire. This was the Lord coming down again as He said he would. When the Lord appears the world does not see Him neither do they discern Him, the world is still looking up at the sky like the disciples did thinking that, that same flesh Jesus will appear again in that form. They were however corrected by the angels for their sakes. If we have known Jesus after the flesh we know Him no more in this manner, because He only used that flesh body for the work of the ministry in His days. The work ordained for Him in the flesh is finished, so He is now in the original spirit form.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

The Lord is the spirit of Christ that dwelt in the Physical temple that was Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:17

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Just as the spirit entered into Jesus and lived in Him, in likewise manner it is resident in us who believe. Even though when you confess before men that Christ is come in you they say you are missing it. They say how can a mere mortal sinner like you say that Christ dwells in you fully. They say well to some extent He might dwell in Us but He is still coming in the clouds up in the physical sky and then we will see Him. That kind of thinking and doctrine is the power of the anti-Christ who seeks to push back the appearing of the Lord. He cunningly denies that Christ has bought you with His blood and you ought to live in that knowledge. Christ is very much in us and seeks to reveal Himself to the world through us, the world can not understand this. Even though you hear this being preach all over the place they really do not understand what they are saying.

John 14:15-17

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Jesus already said that in the same way they rejected Him and accused Him of making Himself equal to God in likewise manner will they reject your testimony that Christ dwells in you and you are the the very bodies of the Lord. Many people still have problems because they have not discerned the Lord's body. Our bodies are not ours but the Lord's we must understand this, no matter how you feel.

THE REGENERATION AND JUSTIFICATION PROCESS

We do not remain the way we were though, the Lord does a work of regeneration on those who receive His spirit and word so that a new man is generated. This is the born again process that every man must undergo. We are regenerated into becoming the Christ Himself which of course is our true identity that was hidden in the dust of our flesh. The lord takes us out of the dust and first of all washes us up so of the old so that the new man who is actually Christ comes forth. Just like Jesus was not revealed to the world immediately after He was baptized, he had to go through forty days in the wilderness. He was led there by the spirit so that He, learned by the spirit of God not to exchange the glory of God for the glory of this world, that He should live by the words that come from the mouth of the Lord and that He should not tempt God. All these are contrary to the thoughts and philosophies of man. The unregenerate man seeks the glory of this world and lives by bread alone, they do not know God talk less of temping Him.

All those who receive this spirit go through a period of regeneration before they can boldly come forth revealing God in the flesh. That forty days in the wilderness is a period of training, learning and purification that all who enter glory must pass. The old man is put to death and brought to subjection of the spirit of God. All the worldly knowledge about self we acquired from the day of our birth into this dark world is purged and replaced with that heavenly knowledge that comes from God. It could be a day for some, it could be few months for others while other could go through this from one to any amount of years. Moses forty years in the wilderness was a shadow of this period of chastisement that the sons of glory must pass through. Every one who seeks glory and the fullness of blessing from the God should patiently and obediently release Himself to the spirit of grace.

FROM EARTHLY TO HEAVENLY

We who are the body were conceived in flesh form, in carnality and we bore the image of that which is of the earth. That of the earth is of the devil and is man. We now bear the heavenly image after the illumination that comes from the knowledge of God through the face of the Lord Jesus. The heavenly image is of God and of a truth is the Lord Himself appearing from heaven. Paul wrote on this subject in a letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 15:47-49

**47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.
48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly**

Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

That heavenly image we bear is the Lord that the world is groaning in pain to see. When we hear the trumpet which is the message of Truth from God's kingdom we are raised up from our carnal corruptible nature and consciousness into that immortal nature of the Lord from heaven. What the world beholds is the Lord from heaven. It is the son of man revealing himself through we who bear His image.

This event happened during the days of Paul and the disciples, it has happened again and again after their ministries. The world might not notice but this is the truth.

THE GLORIFICATION AND REVELATION BEFORE THE WORLD

Those who obey and learn obedience to the guidance of God's spirit become worthy to reign and rule with Christ in life. They are the ones who like Jesus will appear in the glory of the Lord. The Lord confirmed from Heaven that He was pleased with Jesus because he remained obedient unto death on the cross. He remained faithfully dead to this world and alive to God throughout His ministry. In likewise manner if we obey the Lord and follow on in His truth and denying the falsehood of self that we gained in this world we will be counted worthy to reign in life and glory with Christ. If we behave ourselves by receiving the truth meekly not like the Israelis who were overthrown out of unbelief, in due season He will exalt us, this is His promise.

He promises that we will rule and reign with Him in Majesty, He says we will stand as God before men and declare His glory. In due season we will be translated into that heavenly Glory of God which is Christ. The whole world will behold you in that glory of the Lord being revealed through our bodies.

We conclude this first part of this message by saying the Lord who is the spirit reveals Himself to the world through the body of Christ. The body of Christ today is the church of God dispersed all over the world both in the seen and unseen realms. The Lord reveals Himself through His body on earth, He does this repeatedly throughout the ages even though men will never comprehend this until it is revealed to them. Like John says in His writings, they do not know us the same way they did not recognize Jesus in the days of His ministry.

1 John 3:1

3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

We are admonished to continue on in His word so that we be in Him as He reveals Himself through us to the world.

Amen

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