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Let's turn to the Book of Luke to begin our reading, and I want to take this thought, *God Has Well Equipped Us for the Job He Has Called Us to Do*. He doesn't send us to do a job without equipping us to do it. I want to start this subject at the place where God sent Christ to the earth to anoint His Son, Jesus, and at the time of His baptism by John, Jesus and the Christ became one in a seamless transition. Now Christ is the anointing; and He was the one that came through the Old Testament and anointed different men on many different occasions. There's one scripture that I often wondered about in times past as to its meaning, which is found in 1 Corinthians 10:4, where Paul spoke about Christ as that Rock in the wilderness that followed the children of Israel—and Moses smote that rock and natural water came out. God smote that Rock on Calvary and the living water came out; the very soul of Christ, and that is what we are partakers of. So before going any further in the message, let's have a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, as we come to you now with your Word open before us, we pray that you will move by your Holy Spirit. You've called us and ordained us and have helped us throughout the years to walk in the light of your Word. I pray, Lord, as we are looking into your Word that you will furnish your anointing like you always do, to bring to pass that which you have ordained for us. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Now this anointed message is the top of the line. And when I say anointed message, only those that are qualified can preach it. Even Jesus Christ could do nothing without the anointing; for He said, "I can do nothing without the Father." But God furnished that anointing. So Jesus had to have the anointing.

And one thing we know is that God supplies the anointing to all the wife of His Son. We began to see this anointing of the Holy Ghost beginning on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost, and since then God's people have had access to the Spirit of God through time. And even though the espoused virgin fell away and went into the Dark Ages, yet within it they had the sufficiency of God that got them through trying times. Because of the fall, they went into the Dark Ages, but God brought them out, saying, "I will restore," and that He has done. Now that the restoration has taken place, then Christ gets His wife and anoints her by a spiritual baptism into the body of Christ. So not only do we have the Holy Ghost within us; but we've been baptized into the fullness of Christ. And we are rejoicing and giving honor to Him!

I want to begin reading in Luke, Chapter 4, Verse One. It says, *"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit, as the Holy Ghost had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been crucified and glorified as John 7:37-39 tells us.) returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,"* When we look at John the Baptist, we see that he had to have the anointing of God, too. John didn't know about Jesus at the beginning, until God revealed it unto him. John said, "And I knew Him not; but He that sent me to baptize with water said to me, whoever you see the Spirit descending upon and remaineth, that's Him, that's the Son of God." (John 1:33)

So here is the Son of God, Jesus being filled with the Spirit of God (Christ), being led into the wilderness. Verse 2 says, *"Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered."* Jesus had the most important job. John announced Him as the Lamb of God, and anointed Him as the Savior. It's here that we see Jesus before He went out to begin His active ministry, He had to really go through a testing for forty days. He was already full of the Spirit; the fullness of Christ came into Him when John baptized

Him. I want you to notice, God had a special work for Jesus to do; and He gave Him a special anointing to do that work. That is why Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Luke 4:18)

Let's continue on with Verses 3-4. It says, *"And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."* This is very important, because Jesus is not going to be moved one way or the other; His heart is fixed. (Like King David said in Psalms 108:1, "O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.") Nothing could change Jesus; nothing could make him go differently. But the devil evidently didn't know this. Because everybody that the devil had ever tempted, somewhere along the line he tripped them up. But here was one man (Jesus) who was going to stand His ground. And God has given us the anointing to stand our ground in this hour. He has equipped us to be here in a modern world with all the modern gadgets and all the nonsense that is going on around us. He has equipped us to be right straight up and down a Christian; for we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God. In the things that God does, He gives trials and tests all along the way; and it is all for His purpose. And we are going to see here how the devil tempted Jesus and how Jesus overcame.

Verse 5 says, *"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time."* Now that is power right there. God allowed the devil to do this to Jesus. Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in a moment's time; everything flashed before Him. Remember, Jesus was a man, and He was hungry, too; so the devil was going to try to take advantage of His weakened condition. And that is the way the devil tries to do. He hardly ever comes to us when we are on the mountaintop and shouting the victory. But he comes at us in times when he senses we are low or weary; maybe

when we are sick, or when we are discouraged over something, or even when we are fasting and praying. He comes at us when we are feeling weak. See, the devil is no fool. The Bible says, "The children of this world is wiser than the children of light," in the things of the world. The reason being is because we don't live in that worldly realm; we have been delivered out of it. We only operate in that realm to use the things that we need to get us through the world. But all the while, we know our riches and our life is in Christ.

So the devil is going to try to kick Jesus around a little bit. The devil wasn't going to stop messing with Jesus Christ, because his aim was stop Him. Here it's important to remember that Jesus is our example. He had laid aside all His claim to God; He laid aside His deity. Here, He is just as a man, and here comes the devil. Jesus had to prove something here. If He had been here in all His glory and all His power, He could have spoken the Word of God and the devil would have been obliterated. And even God charged the angels to leave the situation alone, 'don't go to Jesus yet, because this is a trial that He must go through.' It is very important for us to understand that sometimes when we go through a trial, a testing, it is very necessary. We are children of God and we are in the hands of God and we trust God; and if He lets a trial come our way, then we quote that scripture, 'the trying of our faith is more precious than pure gold.' There are many people that don't want to accept that, because anytime we find ourselves in a trial, we want to get out of it. And we will. Because there is no temptation that has befallen man which is not normal; and with every temptation He will make a way of escape and make a way to bear it. There is no time where something is going to come our way that is going to knock us off our feet; for we are going to survive no matter what. We are already survivors; we are already victorious! Hallelujah! The Bible says, "This is your victory; even your faith." We know this. So should we worry about backsliding?

Absolutely not. Yes, we will make mistakes and stumble along the way at times, because that is the course of man. We will do that; but we have a power, we have a source, and we stand here in faith. That is the only way for faith to be built within us—‘the trying of your faith.’ Faith can’t grow unless it is tried.

Here, Jesus is at one of the worst moments of His life—out there in the wilderness alone after fasting for forty days, and here comes the greatest tempter that there has ever been and ever will be, which is the devil himself, who is Satan. He said, “If I can succeed here, then I can handle everything else. Because if this be the Son of God, and I succeed over Him, then nothing can stand in my way.” The devil wasn’t for sure if this was the Son of God. God hid certain things from Satan, because the Bible says, “If the princes of this world would have known that Jesus was the Prince of Life, they would not have crucified Him.” Because the day that Jesus was crucified, that was the day that Satan was defeated. That was the day that death was defeated. That was the day that victory was assured to you! Hallelujah! That was the day that our translation which the Apostle Paul spoke about was assured. Romans 6:9-10 says, *“Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.”* And we are in Him.

So the devil was trying to succeed in coming up against Jesus. And now he is trying to succeed in discouraging the wife. This message of the last trump of God is so out-of-step with denominational Christianity that it makes us look foolish; it makes us look like we are off course. It makes us look like there is something wrong with us. Well, what they call ‘something wrong with us’ is really something ‘right with us;’ we don’t blend with the worldly religious spirits. For we have come out from amongst the world, and we are filled with the Spirit and baptized into the body of Christ and we are the wife of the Lamb. Amen.

Let's go on to Verse 6, *"And the devil said unto him, all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it."* Actually, Satan is lying here. He did strip the power from Adam there in the Garden of Eden; but God didn't give it to him. God didn't give Satan this earth. Yes, he is the prince of the power of the air; but this earth still belongs to God. This earth still belongs to the children of God and soon we will take it over. Satan says to Jesus, "I will give you all this power if you will just yield over to me." Well, the thing is, I wonder how many have accepted that. He will promise different things if you will back off a little bit, if you won't go along with certain things. But here is this message of the last trumpet of God and it is so extreme, because it tells us that we are Christ the wife. And now we are dead and our lives mean very little and we count all things as dung. God has put us inside the body of Christ and He has equipped us. He has given us power, He has given us the Word, and He has given us a ministry. And in this last day of the living element of the wife, He has given us a message. It started out with a shout; and continued with the voice of the archangel. And after those two stages, here at the end time the trumpet of God has begun to sound. And at the sounding of this trumpet, the dead in Christ will be raised and we will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. That trumpet is sounding today; that Word is here, and it's pushing everything back. And there is nothing that can stop it or hinder it; even though it is allowed to be tested, it's allowed to be tried, and it's allowed to look just as bad as it can look to the church world. But yet God is putting it on display.

Yes, Satan is allowed to come and try us but he is a defeated being. Even when he tries to destroy Israel during the middle of the 70th Week of Daniel, and he is cast into the earth, the Bible says that he (Satan) has but a short time, therefore he goes about to try to destroy everything. But the earth is the Lord's and the

fullness thereof. The earth doesn't belong to Satan and it will never belong to him. He only owns his people and the carnal things of the world. But right here in the midst of all the chaos that is going on around us, there are a people that has peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above! There are a people that have victory and they know that the one that they are dealing with is defeated; they know where he is going, and that he can never rise. And we have the knowledge to know that Satan is allowed to do certain testing and tempting. But the more he tests us, the more he tempts us, the greater our victory. The harder the trial, the greater and sweeter the victory!

So we have victory and we have peace. Does it look bad sometimes? Yes, but we just rejoice more. Hallelujah! Like an old song says, "When it looked like the sun wouldn't shine anymore, God put a rainbow in the sky!" God's Word and ways always prevail. The thing we do is realize where we are at and that there's nothing more powerful in this world than the Word whose time has come to be fulfilled. Here we see the Son of God whose time had come to defeat the devil and put him to an open shame. And after this, Satan is totally defeated. Yes, Satan gave Jesus trouble. The spirit of Satan (the spirit of iniquity) was working in those Pharisees and Sadducees and they told Jesus, "You are Beelzebub!" They gave Him all kinds of trouble; but Jesus always obeyed God. He had one thing on His mind and that was to do what the Word said; and there was no power to keep Him from doing just that!

We find that Satan even influenced Peter. This was in the days before the Holy Ghost was given. Jesus said, "The Son of man must go to Jerusalem and there be crucified by evil men." Peter said, "Lord, this shall not happen to thee!" See, Jesus knew the plan of God, that He would go to the cross. He said, "For this purpose came I into the world." Jesus spoke to the spirit that was influencing Peter, "Get thee behind me Satan." Jesus knew what He had to do and nothing was going to stop Him. The

cross couldn't stop Him. The cross just opened it up and spread it out to everyone. He had within Him the Holy Ghost. His human spirit and the Spirit of Christ became one. He was a human being, just like we are, who lived upon this earth and defeated Satan on every turn. When He died on the cross the Bible says that He released the Holy Ghost. When He said, "Father, into thy hands, I commit my spirit," the Holy Ghost was released and sent right into the church. We see that in Acts 1:8, where He had told His disciples before He left, "*There shall be given unto you power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and you shall go forth and be witnesses of me.*" Then in Acts, Chapter 2, we see that what He said was brought to pass.

We are not out here wondering if we can make it or not. Our victory is already assured. Will we have trials? Yes, and we wouldn't be worth a pinto bean with a worm hole in it if we didn't go through some trials. That is destined for us. Because the suffering of this world is not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us, and which *now* is being revealed in us. There is *this* message of the last trump of God going around and around the world. How did it get here? It came down from heaven. God ordained it!

Many people from the different countries are downloading from the website the book entitled, *Christ the Wife: A People without a Country*; I guess they want to know who this is without a country. Well, here we are, take a good look at us. Our country is the Lord Jesus Christ; it is invisible. We have come inside the city of the heavenly Jerusalem, and we've come to the spirits of just men made perfect. We are a spiritual people and our Captain has gone before us and has pushed back all the enemies. He didn't just tell *us* to do it; He was the leader, He went first, and said, "Follow me!"

The Word teaches us to follow in His footsteps; for He neither sinned nor was guile found in His mouth, and He cared nothing about the things of the world. Unlike some of these men today

that are calling themselves ministers of God and making themselves rich by selling their gospel and turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. It's quite different from the humbleness of Jesus and of Paul. When Paul went somewhere, he didn't go with first-class transportation. One time there were some folks that were with him that sailed on a ship; but the Bible says, "But Paul walked." In most cases Jesus walked everywhere He went, and even rode in on a little donkey into Jerusalem to present Himself as their King; that was just before they crucified Him. Now we present ourselves as the wife. Can you imagine what people think? They think the same thing they did when they saw Jesus coming down the road there on a little donkey, and the people saying, "Hosanna to the King!" But the religious leaders and those of like spirit said, "He's not our King!" Jesus came absolutely opposite from what they were expecting; but He came just like the Word of God said He would. It was the same thing when He was born. They expected Him to come and put the enemy down. Well, they weren't as much interested in His coming to start His Kingdom as they were of getting out of the Romans' hands. Some of them said, "If this be so, maybe He (Jesus) is the one that will deliver us from the Romans." But Jesus came and did His job.

Again, I want to bring in what John said (I love it so much), "I knew not who He was; but the one that sent me to baptize told me that whoever you see the Spirit descending upon and remaineth, that's Him. I bear witness that He is the Son of God (the Lamb of God.)" Today, can we bear witness that He is the Lamb of God? If we can bear witness of that, can we bear witness that we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us? We are not just conquerors; but He equips us well for what He sends us to do. And in this last day He has sent us to do something, which is to become totally surrendered to Christ, get rid of the works of the old man

and be a group of dead people walking around—dead to the world and the things of the world but alive unto God.

Here was a man, the Captain of our salvation, who went out there in the wilderness and fasted forty days while the devil came to Him and tried Him in every way. But He stood; and He stood for you and me. That is why no temptation can overtake us and knock us off our feet. Yes, Paul was given a thorn in the flesh to buffet him; but that was all for his good. And if we get a thorn in the flesh, let's praise God for that thorn in the flesh. We may not know what it is but we have a remedy for that. Paul prayed. He prayed one time and he didn't get the answer. He said, "Lord, take this away (whatever it was that was aggravating him)." He prayed three times. Then God spoke to him and said, "Paul, my grace is sufficient for thee." Paul got the revelation, "This thorn in the flesh is a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should get exalted because of the abundance of revelation."

Well, we have an abundance of revelation today. We may go through some trials; we may go through some difficulties. Satan's hands are not tied that he can't tempt us; but his hands are tied that he can't destroy us. And if God gives us a trial, the angels of God know it; because God gives His angels charge concerning us. The angels are ministers sent to minister unto them that are heirs of salvation. But they know when to say, "Satan, back off," and they know when they should back off and let God give you a trial. If God allows the devil to give you a trial, then there is a little something that needs building in you. God has His x-ray machine and He can see what you need and what you need to get rid of. The Lord knows and the angels know. So if there is a little something that needs touching in our life, we need to have a little trial to get victory over it. I'm so glad that He doesn't leave us on our own, and I'm so glad if it takes a trial, some heartaches, whatever it takes, He will get us through.

Jesus Christ is the greatest man that ever lived, and He was the only one that could do the job He did. And in this hour there is only *one* message, the last trump of God, that sounds and causes the dead to rise and the living to be changed. And it is going on now. There's trials, yes, but none of these things move me, because my heart is fixed and I count all things but dung. And I will sing and give praise to God, even with my glory! (John 17:22) I'm talking about the wife of the Lamb here. And to me we are on display now and will be recognized by those that God ordained. Because when Jesus came forth from the dead, He was seen of many (on one occasion, five hundred at one time); not to everyone, but to those that were chosen to be witnesses. There will be those that know about this, and some of them will realize how foolish they have been in not rallying to the cry and not coming when the trumpet was sounding.

Now there is a rallying call today and it is the voice of the trumpet. Not only is it rallying *us*; but it is the rallying call for those that are in the grave, as the dead are hearing this and have begun to move around. It's just like the vision of those dry bones in the Book of Ezekiel. God gave Ezekiel a vision of dry bones that were scattered throughout a valley and told him to prophesy to the bones. Ezekiel began to prophesy to those dry bones and they began to move around. And when the prophecy was over, every bone was in its place, and from them came a mighty army.

Now we are prophesying again. There is something holding us together; it's the sinews of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then Ezekiel prophesied, "Let flesh come upon the bones." God breathed the breath of life in them, and then they stood upon their feet and became a mighty army. There was a moving; there was a shaking! And there is a moving and there is a shaking today that has shook us and has got us in place; it has brought us into Ephesians 4:13-16 where the body is edifying itself. We are edifying one another, and God has well equipped us to do that.

Like the song says, "There's a place you are called to labor, though it's small and little known. Yet it is great because God is in it and He will not forsake His own." Everything is working together; absolutely working together perfectly!

That is what God is doing to us. Sometimes people want to scourge us, but God keeps pouring on the blessings—the books, and the audio and video messages have gone around the world. There is a little message called the last trump of God (little is much if God is in it). How did it happen? A little barefooted lad that stepped out of the mountains with a fourth grade education and with long hair and a dirty face announced, "God has called me to preach!" And everybody laughed me to scorn. My father said (and I don't know if he was making fun of me or if he was serious), "If you are called to preach, you better go and get a necktie and some preaching license; you don't want to be bootlegging the gospel!" And now look at this gospel, more than fifty years later, it has gone all around the world, to every nation. Who did it? It wasn't me; it wasn't anyone else. It was the Lord that ordained it and thus it is. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So when I read about the trials of Jesus Christ, I see that He stood the test; He overcame for us. We don't have one worry in the world of overcoming. We've already overcome in Christ. In Romans, Chapter 6, Paul indicated that when Jesus Christ died, we died with Him. How did we die with Him? God reckoned us with Him then. Hallelujah! When He overcame, we overcame. When He raised from the dead, we raised from the dead; and we can't die anymore. Amen. That was for the soul then; but now it is for the body, also. He said in the last day a trumpet is going to sound (1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, and 1 Corinthians 15: Area 51), "Behold, I shew you a mystery (a secret)." And bless your heart, Paul is the only one that preached of this mystery. And this last trump of God message is revealing it. In that day there was one voice, one writer, one

Lord and one Spirit, as Paul was the one writer that wrote to the espoused virgin in his day. And now there is one writer, one voice, and one message that is making the trumpet of God live and it is sounding out through the wife of the Lamb. There was a shout, which called us out of denominationalism. Then came the voice of the archangel (and we know that the archangel is Michael, who stands for the people of Israel shown in Daniel, Chapter 12, and Revelation, Chapter 12.); so a revelation came that showed Israel's place here at the end time under the second part of the fifth seal. But now there is the trump of God; and as it is sounding the dead are going to rise. And *we which are alive and remain* are going to be changed. Do you believe it?

I'm not going to read the rest of what happened in Luke, Chapter 4, when Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, but I will tell you this: Jesus Christ overcame every temptation. And then God told the angels to go and minister unto Him. They went unto Jesus and strengthened Him. God had equipped Jesus to take a message forth. And now God has this message; and He has equipped us to preach to all nations and He has equipped the wife to receive. And now He is equipping a people to be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. We have no excuse, we are well equipped; we have a message of Christ taking on flesh and bones. Those souls (spirits of just men) that have gone on that are part of the wife, they are hearing the same thing we are hearing; they are becoming one with us in the Spirit. And when they arrive, there are a people here that can teach them anything they need to know that they don't already know. When they went to the grave they didn't know about this because some of them died in the Dark Ages not knowing this revelation, as they hadn't gone through the mystery of marriage. But the trumpet is blasting, and they can hear the trumpet sounding! And any lacking in their understanding, we are well equipped to help with a heart full of love. At the resurrection we will be gathered together. And then

we will be caught up. That is what is taking place. There is a people who will soon see the dead walking among us, because there is a voice saying, "Come on forth. It's time. This is the trumpet message. This is what you have waited for since the day you went into the grave." Everything that was in that body in the way of sin, in shortcomings, it decayed away with the body, and those members are going to come forth with a perfect body. And here we are to join in to be one with them. We will get acquainted with them in the bodily form. They may say, "How about this? I didn't know this in my time." Well, we are well equipped to tell them; we have that anointing. When we leave here we will all be shouting together, having revival together, and all dressed in fine linen, clean and white. We *all*. See, they can't become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh until they take on their body, as that part decayed away in the grave; there is part of them missing. But here, we are all whole. And with *us*, the living, God has put it upon us that we get rid of the old man while still living, and we present our bodies a living sacrifice. The scripture says to put off the old man and put on the new man. And that new man is Christ the wife of the Lamb.

I have so many things to say to you; but our time for this message will not permit it at this time. It's like a well that you are trying to drink dry because the water tastes so good. It is an artisan well, springing up into everlasting life; the more you drink, the more there is to drink. The more you shout, the more reason there is to shout. The more revelation you receive, the more revelation He can give. So we are walking around as revealed beings. That is why we are so far from the things of this world; they mean nothing to us. The last trumpet is sounding and it has a specific job to do. It's not to correct the world. This message is for the perfecting, for the building, for the marriage. The last part of the spiritual coming of Christ, the

trump of God, gets a living people married to the Son of God as His Christ wife.

Now I want to say this: What we are teaching, if those that have gone on before us in death don't know all about these things, you are well equipped to teach them. Not just the preacher; but you are. He equips *you*. You can give your testimonies—"Yes, there is a trumpet sounding. Yes, that is what has brought you up from the grave." Whatever is lacking, we can supply because we are the wife and they are part of us. The Word of God says that together we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (which is at the throne of God). And there is no lacking in the body.

I want to read one other verse in Luke, Chapter 4. Verse 17 says, *"And there were delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias, And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,"* There is a place in the Word of God that is written for us. There are many people that have not found the place that is written for them, yet. But if you are the wife of the Lamb, you have found the place, the source, the living water for you. It is going forth. Through the website you can find it in audio, video, and book form; also you can get it through the cassettes, cd's and mp3's, and paper-back books. There is no excuse for lacking. It is going around and around the world. There is a place that is written and it is written for us. And what is written for us is in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, *"Behold, I shew you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound,"* And at the time this trump of God is sounding, the shout and the voice of the archangel have already taken place, and this message, the trump of God, is to change a living people and to raise the dead from the ground that are part of the wife. And we are well equipped. The Bible says that it is going to happen. And now the voice of the trumpet is confirming it and bringing it to pass. Some people say, "I know that will happen, but we don't know

who it is going to happen to.” Well, I feel sorry for you if you don’t know who it is going to happen to. It just so happens that I know, because it is revealed.

John said, “He that sent me to baptize said unto me that when you see the Spirit descending and remaineth, that’s Him.” See, that is the time. And they gave Jesus the book, and He knew exactly where to go in the scripture, and He knew it was the ordained time for it. He said, “This day this scripture is fulfilled.” He said, “This day!” Can you see that it’s this day that the trumpet is sounding? It’s this day that this scripture is fulfilled—“Behold, I shew you a mystery, the trump of God shall sound and the dead are going to rise and the living are going to be changed.” And then there is a cry, “O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?” This is the time; this is the hour—this day this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

Let’s go on to Verse 18. Watch God, because He is going to equip Jesus. He equipped Him to get through the trials. He equipped Him to defeat the devil. And now He has another job for Him to do. The trial that He went through didn’t get this particular job done; but now God is going to equip Him to do this job. (God is not going to send us forth unequipped. If He sends you forth to do something, He will give you the tools to do it with and there will be no lacking; therefore you will have no excuse.) Verse 18, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;*” Now watch. God anointed (equipped) Him to do it; and without that anointing He would still be a carpenter; but here came the anointing. And that anointing is on the wife of the Lamb, and it makes all the difference. That anointing came down in Revelation 10:1, a Mighty Angel, and we were baptized into that anointing. (Whoever you see the Spirit descending upon and remaineth—that’s us!) That Mighty Angel took on flesh and bones; and it is the wife of the Lamb. And that is who we are. We’ve been

equipped; we've been anointed. We go forth and obey God and see the very things done that God has ordained.

Now what we have come through is good for us, as the footsteps of the righteous are ordained of the Lord; and we were ordained before the foundation of the world. I preached a message some years back entitled, *God's Success in All His Failures*. Yes, God started out with Adam and Eve and it looked like He had a failure; but it was successful. Then later the earth got in bad shape and God had to send a flood and destroy that wicked generation; then God made another start. It looked like a failure but it produced Noah, a righteous man with a new start. God has well equipped us to do what He has ordained. We are well equipped to hear and sound forth this last trumpet message. We are well equipped to walk right into the translation of these mortal bodies. See, we can't do like they did in past ages. They died and were to be resurrected unto a new life. So the revelation that we are in now is the new life for them. This is that new life. We are now well equipped with the revelation of the Word that is for us, for this day, and are expecting to see the dead walking right among us, because they will be raised first.

In the days that Jesus came forth, the risen dead were on the scene for forty days, raised from the dead into their glorified bodies. I don't know how long we will be here after the wife saints are raised and we are changed because the Bible doesn't say. But however long it is, it is going to be sufficient time to get done what needs to be done. Wouldn't it be great to have a revival with the dead sitting right among us?

Continuing on with Verse 18, *"..he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted* (Now do you believe that part? There are some people that are broken hearted; but thank God there is some balm in Gilead. There's some healing power. He sent something to heal the broken hearted. And He has equipped us to do the job. If you have a broken heart, there is healing.) *to preach*

deliverance to the captives (That's those that are bound with something and can't seem to get free. Sometimes they have to go to the grave to be free. But God has freed them anyway.) *and recovering of the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"* A lot of people have been bruised over time and are carrying certain things around with them. Well, I can tell you about a man that came to deliver them that are bruised. I'm telling you about a message that can deliver and set free; it has the power to do it. It has the power to say, "Dead, get up out of the grave. Come on and join this revival; it's too good to be enjoying it by ourselves!" Verses 19-20, *"To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book,"* See, there is a book that is closed. We ate the little book. There are those that say, "I'm looking for the little book to come." No, it has been eaten; and we became that. So that part is closed out. And now we are saying, "Except you eat our flesh and drink our blood, you have no part with us." We are the wife of the Lamb. We have a book entitled, *The Chronicles of the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Revelation*, and it shows how Revelation, Chapter 10, was fulfilled.

Let's go on with Verse 20. It says, *"And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue was fastened on him."* What was He doing? He was fulfilling scripture. When you are fulfilling scripture, bringing this, then you get the attention; especially if they are of God, this Word will get their attention and nothing else in life will matter. Verse 21, *"And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."*

We find on the day of Pentecost that Christ came back in the form of the Holy Ghost and separated Himself for each one of them to have a part of the Holy Ghost. But before He left in His glorified body, He told His disciples, "You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost will come upon you to bear witness of me." Now that applied to those that received the Holy Ghost.

But now we are baptized into the fullness of the body of Christ, so double that for us. We are well-equipped!

This is so good today. Not only did God equip His Son; but He was an example of what God will do for *us*, sons and daughters of God. Jesus came forth with a new body. Well, Paul said that *our* body is to be redeemed. They are waiting for the redemption of the body; and this day, this scripture is fulfilled.

Heavenly Father, we come to you, and I pray that you will move by your Holy Spirit. O God, I pray, that you will take these words and use them. And may we all see the Captain of our salvation and how that you equipped Him, and how He in turn equipped us. He said, "These works that I do, greater works shall you do, because I go to the Father." And He equipped us with the Holy Ghost, the power of God, the very life of Christ, and has ordained us to stand forth in this hour. Help us to be all that thou has ordained us to be. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

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