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Today I want to take a thought, *God Spared Us a Moment*. Here at the end time, God spared us a moment just before the end time calamities begin to hit the earth in a major way. He spared us a moment, and in this moment, the twinkling of an eye is taking place, which brings those that went by the way of the grave into visibility. Those members who are part of the Wife that are asleep in Christ (using Paul's words—meaning those who went on before our day of translation), are not dead; for Paul was caught up to heaven and saw them. And William Branham, the prophet messenger to the Laodicea church age, was picked up into a heavenly realm where he too saw the saints of God that had departed; and their appearance was identified as they were as natural human beings before their departure. These were souls that were waiting to take on their glorified flesh and bones, and they will be as God saw them before the foundation of the world. Brother Branham told about how beautiful and glorious these saints were. Some of them talked with Brother Branham, and they told him to go back to earth and do what God had ordained him to do, to preach the gospel and to tell the people not to miss this magnificent and divine place. And they told him, "We will not stay here all the time, because Christ Jesus will come to us and we are going back to earth to take on our glorified bodies. Here we do not eat nor drink, but when we go back to the earth, there we can eat and drink in our glorified body." Thank God for fulfilling His Word in this moment of the twinkling of an eye that we are living in!

Notice, the bodies they were in were spiritual bodies; but now that they are back to earth, they are taking on glorified bodies, for they have a body as Jesus had when He met the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. In the Book of Luke, Chapter 24, it says that He walked and talked with the two disciples, and beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself. He went in and sat down to eat with them, and all of that time, they did not know who He was, for their eyes were holden until He blessed the bread and broke it; and then they realized it was the risen Savior—and suddenly Jesus disappeared out of their

sight! Then they ran all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the other apostles what had happened. And as they were telling them, Jesus appeared in the room where they were assembled, the doors being shut. And when they saw Him, they were frightened, thinking it was a spirit. But Jesus asked them, "Does a spirit have flesh and bones?" Then He asked them, "Do you have anything to eat?" And they gave Him some fish and honey, and He ate and talked to them. And then He disappeared just as quickly as He had appeared. He was there among them in His glorified body for forty days and preached to His disciples things pertaining to the kingdom of God. That was like how it is now in our time of this 'moment of the twinkling of an eye,' which is just before our catching away in the rapture, for the changing of our bodies is taking place, and those shown in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, are among us. They are back, and they are hearing the same thing we are hearing. And they have reached the fullness of the stature of the body of Christ, just like we have. And they are not lagging behind, even those that passed on in the dark ages that did not know what we know, they know it now because through the Spirit they can hear the Word. **When we speak in the Spirit of the Lord, they hear through the Spirit of the Lord and rejoice in the truth of our Lord.** So that is where we are at today.

Now let us read in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, starting with Verse 51. Paul is writing; and he says, "*Behold, I shew (show) you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*" Then in the Book of 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, he says, "We which are alive and remain, we are not going by the way of the grave, but we are going by the way of glorification." And that is what we are doing now, for we have taken in the Word that brings complete glorification. So in this moment of the twinkling of an eye, here at the end time after we reached the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, God has granted us a moment. And that moment is a very short time. I am not going to put days or weeks to it or even months; but the Word says that Jesus was here for forty days after His glorification. And we do not know all that He did during this time, but we do know that He taught His disciples things pertaining to the kingdom of God. So when the departed saints appear visible in our midst, we get together with them because they are part of us, and we all are in glorified flesh and bones!

So God's Word says, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." Continuing, it says, Verse 52, "*In a moment,*" God is granting us a moment. He is giving us this special time. "*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,*" All of this is within a very quick time frame; not a long, drawn out time, because we have already come through the time of Ephesians 4:13-16. And right at the end of it, He is granting us just a little time, *a moment* of the twinkling of an eye. And that is when the departed saints will be among us. (I am talking about those that are part of the Wife of the Lamb, and only those). We are going to see them in glorified flesh and bones. And thank God, we all are becoming young again, for He said that He would renew our youth like the eagle. There are wonderful things that are happening, and they are all happening in a quick session. Right now, we are living in a moment of time when things do not happen in a long, drawn out period. But in this very quick session of time, it is taking place. The fact is, each day when we get up, it is a new day and we never know what it holds for us, as our Lord, Husband, and King speaks to us daily.

Let us continue our reading. Verse 52, "*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*" Now that prophecy of 'we shall be changed' has come into a people that is being changed into glorification without our body dying, for we are taking on glorified flesh and bones while yet living. So God spared us a moment. Amen. God spared us a moment, and He said to enjoy it! And I will tell you, when John saw the Lamb's Wife, he said, "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Wife (not His virgin) hath made Herself ready. And to Her it was granted that She should be clothed in fine linen, clean and white." And now, since God is sparing us a moment of the twinkling of an eye (just a little moment), let us rejoice and take full advantage of it! Do not be like some people after the day is over and say, "I wish I would have done this," or "I wish I would have done that," and "I should have done this," and "I should have done that." (should have, should have, should have). Well, I do not go around thinking 'I should have,' I just rejoice in the Lord and go on and praise God! Yes, occasionally we might make a wrong decision or a wrong choice, but when we do that, we say, "That just shows that I am human." But He puts this treasure in human vessels, earthly vessels. So we are still all right. We are still

taking on glorified flesh and bones. We still have that eternal life. We are still the Wife of the Lamb. We were married by proxy unto Him, so even though we might make a mistake on something, or make a wrong decision, we are still His because He took us and He made us His own, and He clothed us in fine linen, clean and white. And our Lord took care of our righteousness, because He gave us *His* righteousness. So we praise God for that!

Verse 52 again, *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound,"* Now, what is the trumpet? When Christ Jesus came, shown in Revelation, Chapter 10, it was in three stages. First, there was a shout from heaven, then the voice of the archangel, and then the trump of God, signifying the addition of three fruits (or three ministries) that make up the twelve fruits, showing the fullness of Christ in the Wife of the Lamb, and also Her respect for Israel. And as the trump of God is sounding, it is causing the complete fullness of the body to come into play, and now the whole body is benefitting from what was in the little book of Revelation, Chapter 10, that we ate up—and we became what we ate! The eating up of the little book produced this message of the glorified flesh and bones that is going forth. Amen. Not that you are eating the little book in the form that it came down in, for we have already done that, and we have already taken the bitterness, and now the sweetness of God's Spirit of the revelation of the Word is what is flowing out of us. We are rejoicing in the Lord, for the little book has been eaten, and what we are saying today is the result of eating up the little book!

Now before God brings judgment upon this earth, before He takes this world into the 70th Week of Daniel, He granted us a moment to have a good time. The battle is over, and we are shouting the victory! Yes, the battle is over! So that is why we are shouting the victory. That is why we are rejoicing in the Lord. We are accepting and appreciating and enjoying this little moment that God has spared and given unto us. And He said, "All right, here is your moment; now use it and rejoice in it!" So there cannot be anything that hinders us from doing the will of God or stops us from enjoying this, because we are Christ the Wife, baptized into the fullness of Christ, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, married to our Lord Jesus Christ by proxy, clothed in fine linen, clean and white, and rejoicing in the Lord! And this

causes us to look to Him even more, desiring to do everything according to His perfect will.

Some years back I had a night vision where there was someone that had just been made king. He pulled up in his chariot, got out, and started walking towards me. I was looking at him as we would a king in the Old Testament time. I knew that He could do whatever he wanted to with me, and whatever he said, that was the way it was. So I walked up to him, not knowing what he would say, and I said to him, "I am ready to do whatever you bid me to do." And he looked at me and said, "You shall ride in my second chariot, and I want you to be keeper of my papers." Then we embraced one another, and he walked back to his chariot. That is when I preached the message, *Keepers of the King's Papers*, which is His Word in this present day. So now our library of the present-tense King's Papers is quite extensive. And it is a great joy to put the King's thoughts on paper and to ride in His second chariot (which shows my position in Him as I minister to and am part of the Wife of the Lamb).

After looking in the Word of God, I found there is much written about the king's papers. And basically that is what the Books of 1 Chronicles and 2 Chronicles are about. Also, there is the Book of Esther, Chapter 6, where King Ahasuerus of Persia and Media sent for his papers and had his servant to read them to him. And what his servant read to him set in motion the deliverance of the Jewish people. So the king's papers were very important in those days; and even more so in this moment of time that we are living in. Because for us, the Wife of the Lamb, the King's papers is the King's Word, and the King is Jesus Christ. And we were made His Wife, His Queen, by a proxy marriage. And the King said, "I want you to be keeper of my papers." Well, in my dream that *you* was not just me per say. What He said to me is for the Wife of the Lamb, as I am representing the Wife of the Lamb as a minister within the body of Christ, the Wife of the Lamb. For I am the spokesman, the apostle, to sound forth this trump of God message that is setting people's hearts on fire who are ordained to be the Wife of the Lamb. And those that are part of it, they cannot help but rejoice in the Lord! They cannot help but to be all they can be for Him, because it is not them being motivated by their own self, but it is the Spirit within them causing them to do things that they did not think they would or

could do. And that is because of this special anointing on and in His Wife as we rejoice in our King and Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In last week's message, *But Jerusalem Which is Above is Free, Which is the Mother of Us All*; we spoke about the holy city New Jerusalem being the mother of us all. And we took that from the standpoint of people talking about their particular motherland, such as the immigrants who came to the United States in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and on up to our day. They speak of their motherland. The motherland is where they are from. Well, that is the same thing concerning Jerusalem. That is why Paul said, "There is natural Jerusalem which is in bondage with her children; but the Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." When John saw the children of this freewoman in Revelation 7:9-17, they were from all nations, kindreds, peoples, and tongues; and she is 'mother Jerusalem that is from above is the mother of us all' and is also seen in Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22, which is the new Eden, much larger than Adam's Eden, the one where Adam and Eve were at, and it is expanded and covers some 1,500 square miles. And John saw the full measure of this wonderful place where God's family dwells in heavenly joy.

So where is our motherland? It is Eden back again. That is our motherland, and she is the mother of us all, the Word of God says. This includes all those that are born again, for they are part of 'Jerusalem which is above is free.' Paul said in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 12, "You have come to heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God, and to an innumerable company of angels." We have come to a heavenly place. It is all a spiritual kingdom in a natural earth. It is everything you could dream of with your fondest dreams, and it even goes beyond that.

See, it was thought among the religious Jews that the gospel of salvation was just for Israel. But thank God for father Abraham in the Old Testament, because Abraham is the father of us all through Christ. (Galatians 3:16) My wife, Barbarajean, brought a thought to me, and I thought it was a good revelation. She was saying that in the Old Testament the Jews did not call God their Father. So when Jesus Christ came saying such things as, "I only do what my Father shows me to do," and "My Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto," those religious Jews became very angry. And they said, "You make yourself equal with God; for you are saying God is your father!" See, *they* called

Abraham their father, but Jesus called God His Father. Then when Jesus went to the Samaritan woman at the well, she said to Jesus, "Are you greater than our father Jacob?" The Samaritans were calling Jacob their father. So here were the Jews calling Abraham their father, and the Samaritans calling Jacob their father, but here came Jesus calling God His Father. And the religious Jews had a fit over it and went about to kill Jesus for saying that God was His Father; for in doing so, He was making Himself equal with God. They did not realize that Jesus the Christ was the fullness of the Godhead bodily that had come amongst them. So when Jesus began to refer to God as His Father, that was too much for them. And because they had heard the story being told that Jesus was born of a virgin, named Mary, which they did not believe, they began to say unto Him that He was born of fornication, that He was illegitimate, and they went about to kill Him.

So Jesus Christ came showing forth His Father. And by revelation many of the Jewish people that heard Jesus speak saw God for the first time as Father. This is when they realized that the Father was more than Abraham; for Jesus revealed His Father unto them and they began to see that God was also *their* Father. So through Jesus Christ, God who is Spirit had added flesh and bones to the Godhead. And when Jesus told us how to pray, He included us in the fact that God is also *our* Father. He said, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'" He gave us a new relationship with God. Now that God had a begotten Son, He is a Father. So He is our heavenly Father, for we were begotten by the Word of God. So not only were we begotten by Word of God, we are also Christ the Wife of the Lamb, and through this marriage He has made us part of the Godhead. And that is so wonderful!

Over the years God has been so gracious to us, showing us things of His creation that were even back in prehistorical times before mankind was created; for He let us know to some degree about the big animals like dinosaurs and things that happened in that creative cycle. And showing us these things was not necessarily to affect our salvation or 'the moment of the twinkling of an eye,' but this was things that He just wanted to share with us so that we could get a glimpse of His prior workings. And then He lets us see somewhat out into eternity; but at a certain point He stops it off, for He does not give us all the details.

But as all these things become a reality in the literal sense, we are going to have some good surprises.

So if you heard the message last week, you will remember that John was very shocked because he saw things that he did not have any idea even existed. He saw those in the kingdom, even up close to the throne there; and the Bible says they were from all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people. See, the elder that was showing John this knew who they were, and he asked John, "Who are these folks here?" And I like John's answer, for he said, "Thou knoweth." Then the elder told John who they were, "These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple, and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." Well, that brought a new dimension to John's understanding. And I tell you, God always gives us something to bring a new dimension to our understanding to confirm that we are the Wife of the Lamb of God.

Yes, God is our Father; we are children of God. But not only are we children of God, but we are the Wife of His Son, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh. So from time to time, He shares things with us just because we are who we are. And then as His minister brings forth these treasures, then we can say, "Praise God, look at that!" And God not only uses the preacher, but He uses all the members of the body of Christ. It is not just the preacher that gets revelation, because the Word tells us that when we come together to let everything be done in order (and this was said even in Paul's day before the body of Christ took on glorified flesh and bones). If one has a revelation, yes, there is room for a revelation. If one has a testimony, there is room for a testimony. All these things are for the edification of the body and come forth from not only the preacher but from the other members of the body. I am so glad that we have passed that period of time when people thought that when the preacher came to town, healing was going to take place and everything was going to be fine. But God has moved us through that. And now there is a greater level of divine healing even to the point of missing limbs being restored. And *that* has never been, as far as I know, not even in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Yes, there was one occasion where a man had an arm that was withered, and He spoke the Word and it straightened out. But as far as just total created Word,

creating a new leg or a new arm or something, I tell you, that is a higher level of divine healing—“Speak the Word and watch it come to pass!”

In the Book of John, Chapter 6, Jesus spoke the Word and multiplied five fish and two loaves of bread, which fed five thousand people; and twelve basketfuls were taken up afterwards. That fish was created flesh! I love that story. See, the multitudes that followed Jesus were hungry. And the disciples said, “What are we going to do with all these people? They are here and we cannot send them away fasting. They are hungry, and they would faint on the way. So what are we going to do with them? They do not have any food.” And Jesus said, “You feed them.” (See, He did not say, “I will feed them.”) And they said, “It would take two hundred pennyworth of bread to feed all these people.” But it just so happened that a little lad overheard the conversation, and it just so happened his mother had fixed him some lunch that day, for he wanted to go out where the people were, for everyone was going out to listen to Jesus teach, and the little lad wanted to go too. The disciples were talking about how to feed all these people, and I can picture in my mind, dramatize it a little bit, how the little lad came up to Jesus and said, “Sir, I have some food, and you can have it.” And it was five small fish and two barley loaves of bread. And Jesus said, “It is enough!” And He took them and blessed them, and He fed all those people. See, that is the power. That is faith. What did He do? He multiplied that flesh and bones, that fish. And He multiplied that bread. His Word was creative. And that Word is still creative in this moment of the twinkling of an eye.

We see this creative Word back in the days of the Old Testament, long before Jesus was ever born, when God created a body for Christ to live in called Melchizedek. For God had a work to do in the physical realm, and through Melchizedek He fulfilled that purpose, which was to show us we would overcome death, that “This is the way it is done.” So Melchizedek overcame death; and Jesus did the same. In the garden, Jesus overcame death, but *He* had to drink the bitter cup of death by going to the cross and dying so that we would not have to die, that we could go right on into eternal life, body, soul, and spirit.

So now the Wife of the Lamb is living in this time of the moment of the twinkling of an eye, which is taking place now, and it is a short time, and it is a wonderful time; for this trumpet sounding is what we are hearing, and it has brought us into this moment. And that means

we are going to leave this earth very soon. So let us rejoice in the Lord as we are seeing some of these miraculous things, for all that we have seen hitherto is just a little candlelight compared to the thousand watt bulb that is on the horizon!

So that is where we are at now, and we are rejoicing in this time of the moment of the twinkling of an eye. **Moment means time, and twinkling of an eye means action.** So let us have some twinkling in our eyes! Let us see those eyes twinkle. If someone gets a good surprise or something and gets real happy and joyful, there is a twinkle in their eye! Hallelujah! That is the time we are in! And we rejoice therein! Amen. And we do not let anything hinder us.

I had a dream some time back where it seemed that I was in the land of Israel for a meeting. And some people came to me, and they said, "We really need our ice maker fixed because we need ice." And on the spur of the moment, I said, "No problem; I will fix it for you." But once I looked at it, I saw that it was more messed up than I thought. Sometimes when dealing with natural things, they can be so messed up that you just need to put them into someone else's hands and go on and do the will of God for you. So I saw that I could not take the time that it would require to fix the ice maker and be ready for the meeting on time. So I said, "You just need to get a repair man because there is more work to be done on that ice maker than meets the eye." And I got up and went out. And a voice said within me, "Do not let anything hinder you from your mission."

That is why I am like I am. I cannot help it. We cannot help it. And that is the good part about it, we cannot help it! And I will say this, "We do not try to help it." Many times it is better to walk away and leave it. So we just go with what the Spirit says. When we talk about the 'one doctrine,' what we mean is that we only do what the Spirit bids us to do. The religious leaders questioned Jesus about His doctrine. And He said, "I only do what the Father shows me. Whatever He shows me today, that is what I will do." And they said, "Well, Moses said *this* and Moses said *that*." And Jesus said, "I know what Moses said, but I say unto you," for He was bringing in a new covenant, taking it a step further.

So some of the things that were said in the past, we have to say, "I know that; and that was good for its time, and that was wonderful." But now we are in a new day, in a new time, and we say, "But I say

unto you." We are living in this time of the moment of the twinkling of an eye when our bodies are being glorified, being renewed like an eagle. And Christ has already come and brought with Him those that were asleep; for they were resurrected into this Word of glorified flesh and bones.

Recently Barbarajeau and I were talking to a doctor about some of the things of the Word; and as we were talking, I was saying some things about glorification. And in his amazement he said, "I tell you, I am not going to let you all get very far from me!" And in the conversation he brought in about Christ, saying, "Christ was born two thousand years ago." And I said, "Well, not really. Jesus who became the Christ was born about two thousand years ago, but *Christ* goes all the way back before Jesus was ever born. Christ was that rock in the wilderness that gave the children of Israel drink; for they all drank of that spiritual rock, which was Christ." (1 Corinthians 10:4) See, Christ is the one that gave them water then. And if He can give water out of a rock, how much more can He give the water now through the Wife of the Lamb? That is where the water of life flows forth from. For Jesus said, "Come, drink, and drink freely." See, come and enjoy these things. And while you are drinking that water of life and enjoying it, how about some good fruit? For we possess the fruit of the Spirit. And since we are in heavenly Jerusalem now (and I am not saying this on my own, but I am saying what the Word says that we have come to), the Wife of the Lamb has that special place that is reserved only for us. And it is just wonderful to be the Wife of the Lamb, and we are that because we were chosen to be that. So we appreciate the Lord so very much!

So God spared us a moment. He wanted to give us this moment of the twinkling of an eye, which is exclusively for the Wife of the Lamb. So I praise the Lord for what He is doing. Do you love Him with all your heart today? Do you see that He granted unto us this moment of the twinkling of an eye? And He said, "This belongs exclusively to you, so you take it and you rejoice in it!" And we are living in that right now, so there is twinkling of an eye going on. And *that* is action! *That* is praising God! *That* is being happy! So let us be all that we need to be for the glory of God, and let us rejoice!

Lord, take and use this Word that I have preached; may it be for your glory. We praise you and thank you for this privilege, this opportunity, Lord, not a

job and not a dread, but this is an opportunity to come, Lord, and praise you, and thank you, and love you with all our hearts. Amen.

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