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This Testimony is a Witness Of the Last Trump of God Message Ministered By the Wife of the Lamb

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Today I want to take a thought, *The Diversities of the Unstoppable Wife of the Lamb*. And I want to show in this message how the fullness of Christ Jesus put everything together and made it work for us by the sounding of this last trump of God message of the glorified flesh and bones.

When John the Baptist baptized Jesus and the Christ came into Him without measure, that put everything together for Jesus and made it work for Him. And in the Book of Luke, Chapter 4, we see that the scripture came to life in Jesus, who was now the Christ, as He went into the temple on the Sabbath, as was His custom. But on this particular occasion, when the minister handed Him the book, He read to them from the Book of Isaiah, saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." And He closed the book and handed it back to the minister and then sat down; and then He began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." See, that scripture had come to life in Jesus, who was now the Christ. Prior to that time, He lived His life as a good Jewish man, we would say. He went to the temple on the Sabbath as did all the other Jews and blended with them, seemingly. But after Christ came into Jesus the carpenter, that put Christ and Jesus together, and those of

the Jewish religion did not want Him anymore, especially after He said, "This day this scripture is fulfilled." And so it is now for the Wife of the Lamb, for we can declare, "This day there are certain scriptures fulfilled by the sounding of this last trumpet in the marriage of the Lamb."

Now I want you to notice, when Jesus Christ said, "This day this scripture is fulfilled," it meant that it started being fulfilled when He spoke it, for He had about a three and a half years ministry after this. So 'this day this scripture is fulfilled' started coming to pass when He went out and began to do the things He was to do. And as He went forth in the power of Christ, we see all the diversities of God in Him as He preached the gospel to the poor, the healing of the brokenhearted, the deliverance of the captives, and setting at liberty those that were bound as He preached the acceptable year of the Lord. And all the things that Jesus Christ did, all the diversities, made Him unstoppable as He went forth glorifying God. And now it is the same for us, His Wife, in this moment of the twinkling of an eye as we see the diversities of the unstoppable Wife of the Lamb. Now let us pray before commenting any further.

Heavenly Father, it is in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that we come to you once again. We come to you praising your name and thanking you for all the good things that you have given us a house full of good things. And the scripture says, "He daily loadeth us with benefits." We praise you for all these things, Lord. We thank you and honor you, and as the song says, one hundred hearts would not be enough to praise you, and thank you, and love you, for all the love that we have is for you. And one hundred minds would not be enough to bring forth all these things that you have showed us by revelation. So we depend on you and your mind. We thank you, Lord, that we have another opportunity to stand here today to declare these things for the Wife of the Lamb. Amen.

Today we will be reading in the Book of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12. And I want to say *this* before we read: When we read Paul's writing, we are reading about things that existed in his day, conditions and so on, and many times they do not apply exactly the same way in this time of the sounding of the last trumpet, for what applied to the virgin does not always apply to the Wife the same way. Some of it is interchangeable, and some of it had a shelf-life to it and was for them at that time. So we always want to keep that in mind when we read, knowing this truth helps to put it all together for us.

The first sounding of the trumpet, which was the message from the Lord Jesus Christ for Paul to preach, was for the espousal. But the last sounding of the trumpet, which is also a message, is for our marriage to the Lamb of God in our day, which is sounding in this moment of time. And it is a message that is sure and steadfast. And Paul said, "If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who is going to be able to prepare?" And we know that the virgin that he espoused to the glorified Jesus Christ fell away from the purity of the Word, and the marriage did not take place. So the little book (which was the prophetic part of Paul's message) was taken up to heaven along with Paul and laid away in the Book of Redemption which is seen in Revelation, Chapter 5, but the little book which was taken from the Book of Redemption is seen in Revelation, Chapter 10. So the trumpet was taken away, but it was brought back again, and the espousal Word was lying there to connect with the Word for the Wife of the Lamb so that the virgin could now eat the marriage message, and this has consummated the marriage of the Lamb.

Now let us read our text scripture in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, starting with Verse 4. Here, I want you to notice the word *diversities*. Verse 4 says, "*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*" Now I want you to catch that word *diversities*—diversities of gifts. In other words, it comes in different ways. Verse 5 says, "*And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.*" This shows that He does not do everything the same way all the time. There is a diversity in the way God works, and that keeps the devil off guard.

I saw a story about a man who was a trapper, and he would go and stay in the wilderness of the mountains of Alaska for months during the winter. And while he was there, he would trap different animals for their fur to later sale. And for his food, he liked to hunt white sheep that stayed high up and on the edge of the snow-covered mountains. And the white sheep are very hard to recognize on the snow; and they are hard to shoot because it is hard to get close to where they are, so this man would have to get a clean shot at them from a distance. So he would find a good place to sit and would get his gun aimed and ready as he waited for one of those sheep to come by. But each time a sheep would come out into the open and he would get an aim on it, the sheep would quickly move. And then he would have to readjust his aim. And he waited there for hours readjusting, trying to get a good shot at that sheep from a long distance. But he had to go home empty-handed because the sheep kept moving around, getting behind rocks or trees, just constantly getting out of his scope. And he never could get a clean shot. And that is one of the reasons we have diversities. It keeps the devil off guard and messes with his plan, for we are constantly moving as God leads us.

Anytime we do or say something and continue to always do or say it the same way, Satan can get a good aim on us. But because of the diversities of the gifts, he cannot get a good aim. Take for instance, the gift of tongues or the gift of healing, it may work one way one time, and another way another time. And many times each service is different as the Lord would lead; for if it is not the same way each time, it cannot be impersonated very easily. The point is that about the time the devil gets a good aim on us, God is moving in some other part of His Word.

At one time the working of God was on the scriptures of the Book of Ephesians 4:11-12, where it says, "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," and that is what was being highlighted at that particular time. But about the time Satan figured out how he could use that and come against us, the Lord moved us passed the till of Ephesians 4:13-16 and put the body together with the Lord Jesus Christ being the head of the body. And while the enemy was trying to get all of that together (get his aim on us), we moved into the short period at the end of Ephesians 4:13-16 called a moment in the twinkling of an eye. So now Satan has to reset everything and try to get another aim on us; and about the time he gets an aim, we are going up in a rapture! Hallelujah! We are the Lord Jesus Christ's glorified flesh and bones by our marriage to Him.

Notice our title again, *The Diversities of the Unstoppable Wife of the Lamb.* See, the Wife is unstoppable. And what is happening today has already been spoken, it has already been seen. John saw us, the Lamb's Wife, two thousand years ago and wrote about us in Revelation 19:7-8, saying, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His Wife hath made Herself ready. And to Her was granted that She should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." So about the time the devil figured out how to get the garment of white robes spotted, how to get spots in it, and how to get the people to do this or do that, God gave us fine linen, clean and white, which has never been spotted and cannot be spotted because it is the perfect righteousness of God.

Notice, in Verses 4 and 5 there are diversities of gifts, there are differences of administrations, and watch Verse 6, "And there are diversities of operations," Now watch this one; this is a good one. When Satan says, "I know how it is going to be done, for I have watched those services, and I know how they will do this; they will do this, and they will do that, and here is how I am going to hinder it." Not so! Because there are diversities of operations; it is not going to be the same in every service. So Satan will have to try to refigure it. But while he is trying to refigure it, we are rejoicing in the Lord. Besides, he cannot touch the Wife of the Lamb. He cannot give us any trials that are not allowed and are not good for us. And he cannot do anything that would test us without God having a purpose in it somewhere. And that is just one reason we love and appreciate our Lord, Husband, and King; and there are so many more reasons that we cannot count them all!

Verse 6 again, "And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." Notice, it is not being done the same way, but it is the same God. If I do the same thing the same way every time, say the same thing, and figure out a program and give you a paper of what we are going to do here, then there are no diversities of operations. But there *are* diversities of operations in the Wife of the Lamb, and that makes us unstoppable.

There are even diversities of administrations and operations in God's angelic kingdom. When He made the angels, He did not make a mold and make all the angels just alike, for they have many different jobs they do; He even made some of them ministering spirits to those that are heirs of salvation. And there are so many different ways that we could teach about the different jobs they do, for we see the diversity of God all the way through the Bible concerning them. And then when we look at the animals, there is such a diversity, especially in Africa. My wife and I went through one of their national parks to see all the animals, and there were so many different kinds of animals that it was just amazing to see the diversity of God's animal creation. Oh, what a great creator He is! And everything He created glorifies Him.

So we love the Lord, and we appreciate Him. And we love the way He does things. We love the diversities of the way God gives revelation, and the diversities of the way He moves on each member of the Wife of the Lamb. He gives some of us realistic dreams that do not need any interpretation; it is realistic and comes to pass exactly as it is shown. And then there are others that have complicated dreams. The Lord is good to me when He gives me dreams because usually they are not too complicated. They are more on the line of simplicity because I can interpret them better. But there are others that have a gift to interpret the dreams that are more complicated. Then when it comes to giving praise to the Lord, there are diversities, for some people when they get happy, they begin to cry. You will see some of the women get a handkerchief out and begin to wipe away tears, raising one hand in praise to the Lord. Others just get up and dance a jig and holler real loud. Well, which one is right? Was the one right that shed tears and praised the Lord a little bit, or was the one right that got up and shouted and danced? Well, God is a God of diversity. He did not make one mold and pour us all into it and give us all the same personality. No, He has diverse members in the body of Christ the Wife of the Lamb, yet He has put us together and made us one, and we are the Lord Jesus Christ's beautiful Queen in all our glory.

Notice, the diversities is what makes the Wife unstoppable, that is the reason the enemy cannot stop us. About the time he gets everything figured out, gets his aim on us, and sets a trap for us, even to blowing up a bridge thinking we cannot get across, someone with the gift of the Word of knowledge will tell us what he is planning, and we spring his trap.

This is what happened sometime back when I preached the message, *Don't Move the Boundary Lines Between Light and Darkness*, which is in a single book, and it also became a chapter in our book, *The Wife's Covenant*. Prior to preaching this message, we had the Word of knowledge come to us in a night vision. In the night vision, my wife and I were in a certain place inside a building. And while I was looking around, my wife went looking around also. And while she was standing there, a man came up to her and said, "I was looking at your land and I noticed there were some men trying to move your boundary lines." She looked at him and said, "Are you sure?" He said, "Yes, I have some aerial photos of them trying to do it, and you need to do something about it." The man was some kind of an airplane pilot that took aerial photos and he had taken some photos of our land. She looked at the aerial photos, and sure enough, she saw some men trying to move our boundary lines. She said to the man, "I have to go and tell Ben." Then she came to me and said, "Ben, there is a man that came to me and told me that there were some men trying to move our boundary lines on our land, and he has the aerial photos to prove it." See, at the time of that night vision, we had a situation where some men were trying to present their revelation to us concerning Revelation, Chapter 10. But we had already closed out Revelation, Chapter 10, and placed a boundary line there in order to show the life had moved off that part of the Word, thus showing that it was fulfilled Word, in which we had written the book, The Chronicles of the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Revelation, and the Eating of a Bitter Meal. See, these men were not wanting to move away from Revelation, Chapter 10, but instead, they wanted to move us (move our boundary lines) back into Revelation, Chapter 10. And this is just one of many instances where God has given us insight of something we needed to take heed to, to spring the trap of the enemy.

We see this even in the Old Testament. One good example is in the Book of 2 Kings, Chapter 6, Verses 8-12, for there the Word tells of how the King of Syria warred against Israel, God's chosen nation, and took counsel with his servants (officers), saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp." And the man of God sent unto the King of Israel, saying, "Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down." And the King of Israel checked on the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and he saved himself there time and again. Therefore, the heart of the King of Syria was sore troubled for this thing, and he was greatly puzzled and perplexed; and he called his servants and said unto them, "Will you not show me which among us is a spy for the King of Israel?" And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel is telling the King of Israel the words that you are speaking in your bedchamber. Elisha has the knowledge of God and he goes and tells the king of Israel your plans and he just re-plans causing failure every time." See, that was such a miracle. And that is one of the reasons God works in such a way of diversity.

Those type miracles still work that way in Israel, for there is such a diversity in the way they fight battles; and they win. And the Wife of the Lamb is already a winner! So Satan is spinning his wheels to try to get us to go this way or that way. But the thing is, God allows us to be tried and tested. He wants the body of Christ, His Son's Wife, to be a woman of diversity. When I say woman, I am talking about the Wife as a whole, yet a many-member body. And we each love Him with all our heart. And we all have the same Word and the same Spirit, and our Lord works with each of the different personalities. And sometimes our personalities need adjustments, and the Lord works everything out perfectly. And over the years, we have learned to bear with each other a little bit if someone has a personality that is not like ours, because we never want to get to thinking when one does a little differently than what we do that they are doing wrong. We all love Jesus, we all want to serve Him, and we are all in His hands, and each one is doing the best they know how according to the Word of God and the dictates of their heart and according to their personality. And not surprisingly, everything works out as our God has planned it.

Now all those personalities are blended together and there is a Wife standing here clothed in fine linen, clean and white, with the righteousness of God. That means the Wife is as righteous as God is righteous because we are made from the same Word that the Lord Jesus Christ is made from. In the beginning was the Word, (and I love this part) and the Word was with God. See, the Word was with God. It is such a great joy to understand that we were then, and we are now, part of the Word made flesh and bones. That is what we are today. We are a happy people. We are a glorious people. And we are a people that have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. The Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed us all, and He loves us all equally because He loves His Wife. And that means all that are in the Wife of the Lamb, He loves us equally. There is not one that He loves better than the other. Yes, there may be a member that needs a little more attention somewhere, where another would not. There are some that do not need very much attention, but there are others that may need a little extra attention somewhere along the line, and that is their personality. But God knows how to work with each one, for God works in the diversities of the body of Christ the Wife of the Lamb.

So we the Wife of the Lamb are unstoppable, why? Because we are predestinated to do certain things. Yes, John saw us two thousand years ago, but God saw us even before then, for He saw us before the foundation of the world; and there our names were in the Lamb's Book of Life. And even Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world, meaning all the Old Testament saints and everything that is redeemed is redeemed through the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why even the angels had their trial; even though they are spirits and not human beings made of blood, flesh, and bones. But everything that is in God's Kingdom has to be tried. And those angels that went astray are not redeemed, because they were in perfect light to begin with, and they left it and went with Satan. And all of that, God foresaw. So they are where they are at; it is what it is with them. But here we are today, and we are so happy, rejoicing in the Lord, and we are serving Him, and we recognize and respect the diversities of the Wife of the Lamb.

I will read again Verses 4-5. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit (which is Christ). And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord." In other words, He does not do it the same way. I love that, and I praise Him for it, and I thank Him for it. I thank Him for making me just like I am. He took all the experiences of my life, the hardships and all the other things, and made me what I am, and He baptized me into the body of Christ in marriage and made me part of His Wife without changing the person that He had molded and shaped me to be. So we appreciate the Lord.

Years ago I remember leaving a big meeting in one of the cities in the Philippines to go back into the jungles of the Philippine Islands in the rain with a bag of rice on my shoulders to take for the people. Why would I do that?

Why would I leave a meeting in the city where there were hundreds upon hundreds of people coming, and everything seemed to be just like we were about to go to heaven, to go out into the jungle and the different islands (in whatever way they had to get me there) in order to speak to the people? It is because I love diversity! Later, someone said to me, "Don't you think it was wrong to leave a big meeting and go out there in the islands?" Well, that was their thinking about it. But God has diversities. Yes, there are people that probably would not have left that big meeting, and for them that may be in the perfect will of God. But God is the one that has put the Wife together, and what takes place out there in other realms of Christianity has nothing to do with us. I am talking to the Wife of the Lamb. We need to love diversity. I would hate for my wife, Barbarajean, to be just a yes person and agree with me on everything that I say. She basically does; but sometimes she says, "I think it would be better if we would do this or that," and gives me her suggestions. And I welcome it, and I want her suggestions on things. So we discuss the matter and eventually come to an agreement on what to do.

Yes, the husband is the head of the house, but the wife is the heart of the house, for she can put that smoothness to it as the feminine part of that Christ Spirit did for Jesus, shown in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 15, when a woman of Canaan cried unto Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." But He answered and said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, help me." But He answered and said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it to dogs." And she said, "Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said unto her, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. See, there came that head and heart together. The feminine part of the Christ Spirit that was in Jesus overrode the Jewish thinking of the masculine part.

Sometimes we may have certain thinking, but Christ overrides it. See, the body of Christ the Wife of the Lamb has the one mind in marriage. And we are all made out of glorified flesh and bones, which is this message of the last trump of God. And those departed saints that went to the grave that are part of the Wife have come forth, and they have taken on this same glorified flesh and bones because He has put us all together, and the Word says we are caught up *together* to meet the Lord in the air.

Now Verses 6-7, "And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestion of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Notice it says 'the same Spirit' in Verse 4, and in Verse 5 it says 'the same Lord,' then here in Verse 6 it says 'the same God.' Here we see that God is the head of the whole thing. He is the head of the Godhead, but He is a Spirit. And now Jesus Christ and His Christ Wife are the physical parts of the Godhead with glorified flesh and bones. And now by the sounding of the last trumpet of God, we all have been given the true revelation of the Godhead. So in Jesus and His Wife, the Christ came in, and He is the one that works it out. And for us, He worked it out in Revelation, Chapter 10, so there would be a marriage by proxy between the male and female parts of Christ, thus showing the faith of Christ and the faith of the Son of God came together in marriage giving the Wife of the Lamb the fullness of the faith of Christ. And now there is a people with no death in them. That is what Adam and Eve would have produced had they not listened to the devil-inspired serpent and went in the wrong direction—they would have produced children with no death in them.

Last week when I was reading these scriptures of 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, they just seemed to stand out to me. And since then, throughout the week I have read them several times. It seemed that I could not get away from this thought, so I said, "I am going to go that way because that is the way I feel to go, and everything in those scriptures is worded just right."

Heavenly Father, we come to you now, praising you and thanking you and loving you. And, Lord, we praise you for your diversity, and for giving the body of Christ the Wife of the Lamb diversities of personalities. And although there are different personalities, the gospel is the same, the Spirit of the Lord is the same. And you have put it all together for us by this last trumpet of God message; and here we are, the Wife of the Lamb, clothed in fine linen, clean and white. And we love you with all our hearts, and we praise you. Lord, we thank you. Hallelujah! In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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