

The background of the entire image is a vibrant sunset over a field of purple flowers. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long, soft shadows. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. A path of purple flowers leads from the foreground towards the horizon, creating a sense of depth and direction.

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We thank the Lord for His Word and for what He is doing in this hour. We are living in a time as we have never lived in before. It reminds me of the time in Noah's day when the great flood came because of the great amount of sin that was upon the earth, and everything was really hit hard, but there were those that survived the flood as God ordained. And from there on, the bad weather such as storms came into being. But thank God, He put the rainbow in the sky where we can look up and remember the great working of God in the days of Noah. We find this great event happening in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 7. And thereafter, throughout history, there have been some times of great flooding and storms. The Book of Revelation points to the future where there will be devastating storms and earthquakes and much destruction as God finishes and brings to an end this present world system and starts it anew in the millennium. And, of course, during the time of these great calamities, which will take place in the great tribulation, the Wife of the Lamb will be in glory with Her Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ. Then we will come back to this earth with Him to start the millennial reign; and during this one thousand year period, we will fix a place for the Father to come back home again. Then the earth will be ready to go into eternity. We see this in Revelation, Chapter 21. And then in Chapter 22, we see how it all winds up.

Notice, after the great flood that took place in Noah's day, nothing was ever the same as it was *before* the flood, as far as normal times. And now in this day, what is taking place here in the United States of America and the rest of the world, shows that *we* are not in normal times. So before the flood, God let things go until men's hearts were only evil continually. That is what they thought of, evil things; and God destroyed it. So we are living in a time when these things are taking place, and the Bible calls it in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 24, the beginning of sorrows. So God is not going to destroy it right now, but it has come into the time of the *beginning* of sorrows. We have entered into a new day, and new things are happening.

Today I want to take a thought and title it, *The Old Systems have come to an End as Christ Comes in a New Way*. This thought reminds me of the time that Jesus was here and spoke and did things that were new ('things that had not been seen on this wise before or on this measure before'), for the religious leaders would always point out to Him, "But Moses said." And Jesus had a common answer to them; He would say, "I know Moses said, but I say unto you." So that was a great thing. And the Apostle Paul did basically the same thing. In the Book of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 7, they asked him about marriage and divorce; and Paul began answering them by first telling them how it was under the old system, "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, let not the wife depart from her husband. But if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband, and let not the husband put away his wife." Here he was telling them what the law said about it, which was the old system. But then he told us about the *new* way (a new revelational way), saying, "But to the rest speak I. If the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases; but God hath called us to peace." And then he began to give them some new revelation, some new thoughts that they had never had before, because that is what God was doing then, for the old had passed away and the new had come. And when he was speaking in the Book of Hebrews about the new covenant, he said, "The old has to pass away before the new can come into being."

So as that old law of Moses had to pass away in Paul's day, so did the church age law have to pass away to make way the new revelational way for us in our day. This meant that the church age law had to pass away for us to have this last trumpet message in our day; so we had to adjust our thinking, our mentality, that this is a new day, and it is not going to be like it was in days gone by. We are at the rapture, we are at the end time, we have preached about it for a long, long time, and now it is here; and we rejoice. So this is a great time of rejoicing. Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad at these things! So there is no time for the Wife of the Lamb to be sad. Yes, there are many things going on in the world; and it is all supposed to be, for it is happening just as God ordained it to happen. There are no slip-ups on God, see. As we have preached over the years, we have spoken about these things. Yes, we are living at the end time. We have arrived. And the ministry,

along with all the other members of the Wife, now see clearly that all the worldly and religious systems have come to an end.

The Book of Revelation, Chapters 17 and 18, shows a time when all of this in the religious realm will be no more; for it speaks of the destruction of the antichrist system, saying, 'in one hour such great riches come to naught.' We can look at what is happening in this hour in the United States with the economy (the greatest in the world at the time) and see that all these things that mankind depends upon is being shaken. Many businesses are being shut down, and there is heavy unemployment. Now soon the nation is going to begin to ease back into some type of normality; but what is normal now? We have to ask ourselves, "What is normal?" We are at the end time, and the Wife of the Lamb is expecting to be **fully** translated and raptured into glory as He is closing out the remainder of the systems that man has created. And we are not setting any dates for the rapture, but we just know that we have arrived at what we have preached about for a long time. This ministry for over sixty years has been telling it like it is, as the old has faded out and the new has come in. Not that the things done in the past was not right, but the thing is, this gospel has developed into a contemporary gospel for the Wife of the Lamb, meeting the needs for the day and hour that we are living in, whatever they may be, bringing up to date current Word. Praise the Lord!

Notice the title again, *The Old Systems have come to an End as Christ Comes in a New Way*. That will be the thought we start with, and if we need to adjust it, we are not in a straitjacket, and we have not written anything in stone, and we are free to move with the Spirit of God; all shackles are taken off of us now, for it is the great freedom that God has given us. And even in these last few weeks, it has been a time of rejoicing and a time to be glad because our redemption from all this mortality is developing into immortality as we are made glorified flesh and bones.

So the old systems have come to an end as Christ comes in a new way. When this thought came to me, my thinking was, "What would be a good scripture to read?" I thought about many things; but I especially thought about the story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus in the Book of Luke, Chapter 24, and we will read some of that story. Many people say, "That is my favorite Bible story." Yes, it

is a beautiful story; for things had changed for them, and we are living in an hour when things are changing for us. So let us pray.

Heavenly Father, it is in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that we come to you. We come praising your name, thanking you and glorifying you for letting us live in this very hour, and letting our eyes see the things that our eyes have seen, and letting us experience the things that we have experienced and are experiencing. O God, we thank you and praise you for making us one of yours; for you made us the Wife of the Lamb before the world was. And we thank you for bringing us the gospel that is current. We see when Jesus preached present day Word that He was persecuted for it. When Paul preached it, they ran him out of town and beat him and left him for dead. Persecution always followed when the true Word came and began to condemn the system and to change the systems of religion and expose things that were not right. God, I pray that you will help me to go forth as one of the members of the Wife of Jesus Christ and just be all that you would have me to be for the glory of God as you anoint me to preach this gospel. And may the prayer of each member of the body be, "Make me all that you have ordained me to be." In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

When we talk about the old systems, we find that when a new one comes in, it blinds many people. Many people get upset when change is on the way. But the change is good for the Wife of the Lamb because our bodies are being changed into glorified flesh and bones. And the ministry is changing to speak by inspiration—'just speak the Word and watch it come to pass.' Even healing comes in a new way. In John, Chapter 5, it speaks of the pool of Siloam that at a certain time of the year an angel went down and troubled the water. And during the time that the water was troubled, it was said that the first person that got in the water would be healed. So that was something that was probably taking place because of the fact that God did not leave Himself without a witness. So they were receiving from God. But there was one man that had been lame for thirty-eight years. He was lying there, and Jesus came by and said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he said, "I have no man to put me in the water, for while I am coming, someone just steps in front of me and gets in the pool first. They are healed instead of me. I have been waiting here all this time, hoping to be here when the water is troubled again, and if I can get in it, I will be healed." Well, that was an old system there; and it worked for some people, but for this man it just did not work; he needed more than that. (And the old

system does not work for *us* anymore. We need more. And Jesus Christ has given us more; He has given us the spoken Word.) So Jesus just said to the man, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked. And the story goes on how the man was persecuted because he was healed on the Sabbath day. See, Christ came in a new way. Healing was in a new way; it was not waiting for the water to move in the pool, but it was waiting for spoken Word to come.

The story in John, Chapter 5, reminds me of a spring in South Carolina that is called 'the healing spring.' I used to stop by there sometimes when we went to meetings in that area. The water is probably no different from any other spring in that area; but it is said that many years ago the Indians brought their wounded warriors to that spring and laid them there, and they got well. See, they had faith in that. So I was telling a brother about it, who had come with us to a meeting in South Carolina, and he asked if we would take him by to see the spring. So we went by there, and he got some of the water and took it home with him. Sometime later he called and said, "Ben, that water from the healing spring is the most wonderful thing I have ever seen! If we have a headache or the children are sick or just anything is wrong, we have that water in our refrigerator and we get a drink of it, and then everything is all right." Well, was it? Yes, there can be certain points of contact used with faith, and things can happen. The man was getting the water; but it was God doing the healing. It takes the power of God to heal. So if someone had that much faith in God using that water, possibly something good could happen to them. But what I am talking about is there is a new way; it is the spoken Word, a better way, a way that never fails. In other words, it is not a natural way, but it is a way of the Lord, a spiritual way; it is a living way.

In the Book of John, Chapter 14, before Jesus left, He told His disciples, "I am going away; and where I go ye know, and the way ye know." And one of the disciples said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how *can* we know the way?" Many people do not know the way; they have tried everything, and like that man at the pool of Siloam, "while I am coming, someone jumps ahead of me." Well, do not let anyone jump ahead of you on this! If you get in the new way, no one can jump ahead of you because it is predestination all the way. Just stand up and believe God; it does not matter what has been

in the past. The old systems have come to an end and the new system has opened up. The old ministry has brought us this far, but now the last trumpet of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 is sounding and going forth, where the spoken Word is not something that happens occasionally, but more and more speak the Word and watch it come to pass. How does that work? It is by inspirational faith, because we, the Wife, have become the Christ part of the Lord Jesus, the feminine part of the Christ that was also in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Husband, Lord, and King. God's Son is being shown through us in the earth; for we are equalized with Him.

So these are the things that we have come into, and it has been shaking some people up, but some people have begun to get blessed because they say, "This is it! This is what I have looked for all my life." One told me, "I have waited for this all my life." Well, here it is. Your wait is over. And as we are seeing everything falling apart in the world and crumbling around us, it just tells me that our time to get out of here is very near.

So after saying all of that, I am going to read in the Book of Luke, Chapter 24, and this was Christ coming in a new way. See, the old way, the law, had passed away. Verses 13-15 says, "*And, behold, two of them (the disciples) went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.*" They did not know what was taking place, it was a new way; it was Jesus coming in a new way. They had walked with Him, and they were believers in Jesus and were expecting the kingdom of God to come forth, but it did not come forth in the way they thought it would. They knew that Jesus was the one that fulfilled the prophecy that the angel told Mary, "He shall be called the Son of David, and He will be the King. He will reign forever on the throne." Well, what happened was when He went into Jerusalem to present Himself, He was riding a little donkey. The people were breaking limbs off trees and throwing them in the pathway, saying, "Hosanna, Hosanna, to Him that cometh in the name of the Lord! The King is coming!" Well, what did the religious leaders do? They rejected Him and had Him crucified. And that was in accordance with the Word of God, because in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 26, Jesus told Peter, "If I do not do this, how else can

the scripture be fulfilled?" So they crucified Him because the Jews did not want Jesus Christ to be their King. But just the same, He is still the King. He was, and still is, the King. And because the Jews rejected Him as their King, our Lord Jesus Christ becomes the King of the whole earth in the great millennium. But first He had to pay the sin debt. He had to go to the garden to overcome death for us, to show us how it is done, to let us know that death is not greater than we are. The only way that He could die was to become lower than the angels. And now, because He became lower than the angels and died for us, we have become greater than the angels, and we do not have to die. Like Melchizedek, he did not die; He had neither father nor mother, which was actually Christ (not Jesus) coming in that form in that day. Christ always comes in an unusual way, so we have to stay awake! The gospel of our salvation for today is more than we had yesterday. It is right now, present tense. Christ Jesus is an *ever present* help in time of need.

So here are these disciples on their way to Emmaus, and Jesus joined Himself to them. And Verses 16-17 says, "*But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And He said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?*" It seemed their world had come to an end when the Lord Jesus was crucified; that is why they were sad. Their King was put to death, and in their own minds this situation was hopeless. But then Jesus revealed Himself to them, letting them know that He was the one that was crucified but now He had risen, and that began a new day for them, just as there is now a new day for us, the Wife of the Lamb.

Sometime back we had that on a message called, *The Wife of the Lamb, A New Order of Saints*. Many of these things that we have by revelation, many people try to apply to the church world, and it just does not work. In the first place, they are not willing to come out of the world, because they love the world and love the things of the world. This Word is something we fall so in love with that we do not have time for anything else. This *is* our life. Jesus said, "I come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." And Paul said, "We are dead to this life. The old order is dead. We are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God. And these things I do and speak, it is not me speaking them, but it is Christ in me." And then over in 1 Corinthians 12:27, Paul said, "Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular. Ye are the

Word." So not one of us is the body of Christ, but we as members make up the body. We are part of one another. And in the body of Christ, we are *no longer* tossed to and fro, for we are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh. And we know His Word, for when that Word comes, when that anointing comes, our heart and spirit connects with that Word, because we are the Word. And we cannot help it. It is just, "Yes, I believe."

Now getting back to these two disciples on the way to Emmaus. I like the way they were talking about Jesus. They were wondering, "What could have went wrong? Did we mess up somewhere? We thought this would be the one, but they crucified Him." And the Bible says, "Their eyes were holden." That is Verse 16; but later on the Word says in Verse 31, "Their eyes were opened." Now watch. In the old order, our eyes are holden. But in the new order, we see Christ as He comes in the new way, in the flesh and bones. Well, it does not make us the Lord Jesus Christ; it makes us the Christ Wife. The feminine attributes that are in God are now in the Wife of the Lamb. God put in our spirit what is in His Spirit, for He through Christ put the very attributes of Himself in His Son, Jesus Christ, and now into the Son's Wife. Now that shows our Lord Jesus Christ and His Wife, who is included in the Godhead; and this is God's perfection and completion as dealing with the Wife of the Lamb. As Christ Jesus leads us and guides us, it is not always like it was yesterday. And sometimes it is good to look back and rejoice in those things, to look down memory lane. I can look back over sixty years of the ministry and see great things, tremendous miracles. But now we are present tense, and I am not trying to live off of yesterday, because He is real today.

So the old systems have given way for the married Wife to speak. And I praise God for the messages that have come forth since the mid-fifties, more than sixty years ago; and it is interesting to me to watch how it unfolded. There were many things that we did not know all about, but all the time we were looking at them; for some of those truths were like looking through a glass darkly (to use Paul's words), but now everything has become very clear. We were preaching what was revealed at the time; then later on, a little more would come; the light would get brighter. The Bible says, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more (or brighter and brighter) unto the perfect day." And thank God we have entered into that

perfect day! And that perfect day is inside the fullness of the body of Christ. And in the perfect day, the light is as clear as crystal.

When Paul began to explain certain things as he wrote in his day, laying the foundation, bringing us something to build on, he said, "I am looking through a glass darkly." Yes, he might not have seen everything clearly, but he gave us a good profile of what it would be, up to the point where he said in the Book of Ephesians 5:30-32, "We are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh." That is what he meant when he said, "When that which is perfect is come." And he said, "I am pressing for the prize of the mark of the high calling." Well, he went by the grave, but, Hallelujah, he has now gotten what he was pressing for! And not only *Paul* has this promise, but so do all of those who went to the grave who were ordained to be part of the Wife. Paul was picked up, and he saw those saints before God took him home, and he said, "If this earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God in heaven." (2 Corinthians 5:1) The Word of God says in the Book of 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, that when the Lord Himself came to earth, God sent those 'tabernacles not made by hands' with Him. They came down here so that they could hear this trumpet message, because the trumpet is sounding and a living people are taking on glorified flesh and bones as these resurrected saints that are part of the Wife are hearing this Word and are also taking on their glorified bodies. The living Word is walking around here. And there will be a time when the dead will be visible among us, because the Bible says, "together we will be caught up." And that 'together' is now. Hallelujah!

See, we are showing here that the old pattern of things have passed away. We used to think that everyone that was saved was going to be part of the Wife of the Lamb. Well, that was all right for that day under the old order, but now we know better. But God left it that way knowing that the time would come when real spiritual truth would be seen. At that time, people thought New Jerusalem was a literal city with streets of gold and gates of pearl, and on and on it goes. (Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22) Well, the Lord has shown us that all of that city is spiritual. It is God coming down to earth, and those things is what He produced in His plan throughout time. It is the Father coming back home again, and here is all of His family! And there on the throne, His glory is shining forth through the Lamb of God

and His Wife, who is a special group. She is not one member, but She is a body of people that have become part of the Godhead. 'Oh, that city where the Lamb is the light. Oh, that city where there cometh no night.' Notice, all the nations are in the natural, so they are farming, taking care of the earth, and all those things. And from time to time they will get homesick to go up to see the Father; because they are children of God that are still on a natural level. And that spiritual city sits in a natural area of 1,500 miles square. And the Bible says they will come up; the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor into the city, into this area where the light of God, the glory of God, is. They will come into the city and they will stay maybe for a week's camp meeting; I do not know. But when they leave there, they will be so full of the glory of God as they go back to their farms. And when they get back, if a neighbor's barn happens to burn or something, they will all get together and build them a new barn. It will not be how much per hour you are paying. No! They are shouting and rejoicing! And the ladies will be there cooking, and they will just have a good time of fellowship while they are building a new barn. That is how it was in the earlier times in our day. So that is the glory of God.

Before that new time of the millennium begins, the Bible says 'there will be earthquakes in diverse places, and there will be pestilence and famine.' And at this present time, you are beginning to see these things come upon the earth. As said earlier, this is the beginning of sorrows, just before the great tribulation period. And there will be people go all the way through the time of tribulation, where God will let this earth tumble and toss out there in outer space; it will reel and rock like a drunk man. I have a message called, *Thirty Dreadful Days for the Earth Dwellers*, that goes into these things, showing the judgment of God. But then the earth dwellers will look up. They will see something coming; it is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. And those that want to take over the earth themselves, the devil will get on them to such an extent that they will fight against the King; but they will be destroyed, for Jesus Christ is Lord of this earth. (These things are very near!)

So here we are today. This is a new day for the Wife of the Lamb; we have moved into a realm where it is more spiritual—'speak the Word.' We have come into a new day, just for the Wife to be manifested in all Her glory. And we see Christ walking around here in human flesh. I

am not talking about Jesus right here, but I am talking about Christ, the spiritual part of the Lord Jesus Christ that came down in Revelation, Chapter 10, and we have been baptized into Him and became the very Christ Wife doing the works of Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ is seen through Her. Through the Wife, Jesus Christ is walking around again, although He is literally still on the throne until we are raptured away and He comes back to earth to start the millennium. So the millennium is very close, a new day. And from now on, we have to have our minds on this new day; the old normal is out the window. We are not going to have the old normal anymore.

We are rich in the things of God. We are rich in the blessings of God. We are rich in spiritual things; and we just use what it takes of the natural things to get us through this world. We are in a time now when the old order is crumbling right before our face. And the Bible says, and it is coming into this, "Men's hearts will fail them for looking upon the things that are coming upon the earth." There will be earthquakes in diverse places and the seas roaring, tsunamis. But when the Wife of the Lamb looks at things coming upon the earth, She does not get troubled. We do not let the things of this world trouble us. We know our responsibility is to please the Lord and be all that we can be for Him. We are the body of Christ, the Wife of the Lamb, and our responsibility is the edifying of one another, and that is the new order. The old systems have crumbled as Christ comes in a new way. He has come to bring to naught everything that is in this worldly system so that we are not going to have anything of this world to look to—for He took it away! And we just praise God for the way He is doing things.

We pray that this message has helped you today. And we are continuing on, just as happy as we can be. The fact is, I do not know any other way we could be happier, because the Spirit of God is moving, revelation is coming, and everything is working just as God ordained it to work.

Heavenly Father, we come to you now at the close of this message, and I pray, God, that you will take these words and use them, and let us see that yesterday is gone and today is a new day. You are doing a new thing. You are moving by your Spirit. You are an ever-present God. And we do not live in yesterday or tomorrow, but we live today. Lord, I pray that you will help us to do all that we can do to please you, and help us to be all that you would have us to be. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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