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## "The Rod"

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What the Lord has put upon my heart today, is to talk a little bit about this deeper realm, and what is getting ready to take place. I want to talk about the "Rod", the "Power", and the "Glory" - and what all this means. I want to talk about what is getting ready to happen.

God hasn't given me any definite dates. In fact, in Mathew 24:36, Jesus said, *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."* But all this is about to happen. We do know that we can go by the signs Jesus spoke of. We know that God gave us signs, and He told us to *"Watch!"*

In Luke 21:28 He said, *"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."* He said in verses 21:25-27 of that same chapter, *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and looking after those things which are coming on earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."* Then in verse 31, He said, *"So likewise*

*ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."*

He told us that we would begin to see signs in the sun, moon and stars. He said that we would see the distress of the nations all over the world; that we would see these nations go through the tribulation (which really started in 1993 - in fact: in the year 2000, that will be seven years of tribulation (seven means perfection and completeness).

I will never forget, in January 1993, when the Lord spoke, and said, that this was the beginning of His bringing the earthquakes and floods; and the distress upon the nations around the world. That these were His judgements going forth in the earth.

God said, when you begin to see all these signs; when you begin to see men's hearts fail them; and they begin to watch all the things that are happening in the world... Well this is happening today. Man is looking at everything that is going on in the world. He's turning on the news more than ever; he's watching what is going on with the stock market; he's watching every thing that is going on in the government. People can't figure it out! They're saying, "What in the world is going on?"

**You are so blessed! You have no idea how blessed you are to have the understanding that you have. Many people don't have the understanding and the knowledge you have.**

Why are we so special? Why are we such a special people? We are going to get into this a little bit later. But the whole world out there is just going on about their business; they're doing their own thing and thinking that all this is just going to go away. God gave us the signs, and it's not just going to go away. God has a plan. And everything that He has planned, every prophecy that He has spoken - has, and will come to pass!

So what is God doing with us? He is working on us. He is driving everything out of you that is not like Him. He is taking His light (if you please), and is shining it into all the dark areas of His temple (you are His temple). He is very angry at what ever is not like Him. He is driving it out and bringing change! He is doing all this to change you into His glory - because **God will have a people that will come into His fullness** - and **that will express His fullness** in the earth! And there is no one that can stop His plan and what He has set in motion.

Jesus Christ was the first Son - He was the forerunner. He was the first Son to come into the fullness of His Father. He expressed His power, His authority, His anointing, and His nature. He expressed His Father's image and His likeness. Every thing that Jesus did, and said, all pointed to His Father. All the miracles He performed, the power and the anointing that flowed through Him - all pointed to who God is - and that He is all powerful.

When Jesus came on the scene, man had never seen anything like this. Man figured all he had to do was just go to the synagogue. He figured that he just had to go through the motions of their every day religion, and the law - with their every day routines, their doctrines and beliefs. Then here comes Jesus on the scene. He had something totally different from what man had been taught - right from Moses and the Levitical order, all the way up.

They had been taught the law. They had never heard such a thing, nor had they seen such a thing. They had never witnessed such power. They had no idea that any thing like this even existed.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for the people at that time? For just a moment, go back in time and picture in your mind the Roman Empire and all the religions at that time - this was all that man really knew. Then all of the sudden, an individual (which was really Elijah) comes on the scene, and he is preparing the way for the one who would come after him. Elijah was in John the

Baptist. The Spirit of Elijah had entered into John the Baptist and was still ministering. He was preparing the way for the SON of GOD to come on the scene. He was called the Son of man, because He would be a Son that would be for humanity and for mankind.

Then God sent His first Son. God had hidden Him in His bosom from a child on up to the age of thirty. You didn't hear anything about Him - and you don't hear anything about you. The world didn't know Him - and the world doesn't know you. As the Father had hidden Him - so has He hidden you! When it was God's appointed time for Jesus to come on the scene, He gave Him the Spirit without measure. Meaning, that He gave Jesus the power, anointing, and authority without measure.

You can't measure it - there are no limitations on it at all. But before Jesus could have that power, anointing, and authority, He had to come into subjection to authority!

This is the key! If you want more power; if you want more anointing; if you want more authority - the only way to come into it, is that you must first submit to the control and authority of the Father. As He increases in you - you automatically decrease. And as He continues to increase Himself in you, then a greater power, anointing, and authority comes forth in you.

So here comes Jesus and He had something totally different. In fact, He didn't have to say many words. Even when He saw the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, fishing with their own "net" (a

"net" means, a message). They were casting a "net" (message) into the sea (into humanity). In Matthew 4:19,20, Jesus looked at them, and spoke very few words. *"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."* They left their messages - they left their beliefs - they left their doctrines - and they followed him. This is what God has had to do with you and I. He has looked upon us, and He has said, "Follow Me." I don't know about you, but I don't know who else to follow except Him. He is the only one we are to follow!

There is something about this authority and power. God wanted to express it through Jesus Christ so that man could see and know who God really is - and so that they could understand His nature. Here they saw an individual going forth in a power and a love that they had never experienced. They didn't even know that such a thing existed. He went forth in something new and different. In fact, in Mark 4:41 it says, *"And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him."* And in Mark 1:27 it says, *"And they were all amazed insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him."* They said what thing is this? Because you cannot put a title on this that God gives us. You can't put a nametag on it - it is indescribable.

So what the Lord has really put on my heart to share with you, is about this next realm that He is bringing us into. I don't know when it is going to take place, only the Father knows the timing of it. Jesus didn't know when the Father would unveil His Son to the world. He didn't know when there would be an open manifestation of God being expressed through Him. I'm sure that the Father, must have given Him some kind of inkling into the timing - but it wasn't until He turned thirty and came into full maturity that the Father unveiled His Son for man to see.

When the Father was finished preparing His Son; after Jesus had been tried, tempted and tested in every area of His life; when He had overcome all things - this is when He was brought out into the open. This is when the Father announced, *"This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased"*.

When we have been tried in every area of our life, and nothing remains in us that is not like God - this is when (we) the Sons of God will go forth corporately. It will no longer be just one Son, but it will be a many membered corporate Son - the Son of man.

**Once again - the world has not seen what God is getting ready to do.**

God is waiting patiently. He wants this just as much as you do. He wants it to take place just as much as you do. Can you imagine how He felt, when He had His first Son go forth, and He unveiled Him for the people to see? Can you imagine how proud the Father was, that He had finally found a vehicle that He

could become one with? That would totally submit to His will - and become His will in the earth? He finally had a Son that yielded to everything that He told Him to do. He finally had an individual that wouldn't just go about doing His own thing. His first Son was totally submitted to the will of the Father, even in fulfilling His plan on the cross? Can you imagine how God felt?

Now put those thoughts in motion, and imagine how He is going to feel when His Sons (plural) go forth as one new corporate man in the earth. It will no longer be just one individual - this is why Jesus had to go to the cross. Now it will be a many membered corporate man (body) going forth for the whole world to see the fullness of God - in power, anointing, and authority.

What does God want to use this power for? What does He want to use this anointing for? What does the Father want to use this authority for? He wants to use it to set His creation free! To deliver the church! To deliver His people out of bondage!

Remember when God wanted to deliver Israel out of bondage after four hundred years. Before God could send him back to do what He wanted him to do, Moses had to go through some things in the wilderness! I see Moses as a foreshadow of what is going to happen to the world - because Egypt represents the world.

When it was time for God to send Moses back, He gave Him two things, which would be signs to Israel. Because Moses had said to God, *"Behold, they will not believe me, nor will they hearken unto my voice: for they will say,*

*The Lord hath not appeared unto thee."* In other words he was saying, God, they are not just going to believe me. You are telling me to go and tell them these things - but what have I got to prove that you sent me.

You know, you are going to have to have the goods for people to believe you too! The world is looking for the real and genuine - and the real and the genuine has not come on the scene yet, because God hasn't allowed it to happen. He has allowed everything else you can think of to come on the scene. He has allowed every kind of ministry you can think of to come on the scene. But these are not the ones that God is going to use. The ones that He is going to use are the ones that have been hidden - the ones that aren't known. The world has been looking for the real thing. **When it comes on the scene - when God causes this thing to happen - there is going to be an open manifestation of the Sons of God - and it will be totally real! It will be the nature of God, the power, anointing, and authority of God going forth. It will be real!**

God told Moses that He was going to give him two things that would be a sign to the people, and said if they don't believe you because of the first sign - then they will believe in you because of the later sign. In Exodus 4:2-8 it says, *"And the Lord said unto him, What is in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and*

*it became a rod in his hand: That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand back into his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken unto the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the second sign."*

Now I wondered about that, and I asked God, "Why did you say that to Moses? Why did you tell Moses that the first sign that you were going to give him was the rod?" **The "Rod" means authority, power, and anointing.** Every single one of you has the "Rod". The "Rod" is inside of you. Some of you have more authority, power and anointing than others do. The problem is, **a lot of ministries/ministers/individuals have gone forth with the rod, but they didn't have the second sign.**

There was something that happened to Moses when God gave him that "rod". He said, Moses, throw that thing on the ground. You see the "rod" is the mind of Christ. That is your "rod". When you are operating in the mind of Christ, you are operating in the "Rod". When he threw it down to the ground, it became a serpent. When you descend down into your fleshy, carnal nature it turns into a serpent. It scared the stuff out of

Moses. He saw the serpent and didn't know what to do. Then God told him to pick up that serpent - He said, reach out and take it by the tail. So Moses did what God told him, he picked up the serpent by the tail, and it turned back into a "rod". God was trying to tell him, that, when you walk in the mind of Christ, and you walk in faith - you have that "Rod". That "Rod" will be in action; it will be in power and anointing. But when you throw that rod down and get into the carnal mind - it turns into the serpent. When you walk in unbelief, in fear, and doubt - then the rod turns into the serpent. Do you understand what I am saying? The rod turns right into the serpent - **the serpent is the carnal mind!**

He said that this was the first sign. Then He said, Moses, if they don't believe you with this first sign - then there is something else I want to give you. He said that the second sign is the "Hand". The "Hand" is speaking of the works of God. He said, Moses, I want you to take your hand and put it into your bosom. And Moses did what God told him to do. What God was saying to Moses, is that this is the condition of your heart (your mind). He was saying - Your mind is like leprosy. Then He said, to Moses, put your hand into your bosom again - and I will make it a heart of flesh.

Remember God said that He would give you a new heart. In Ezekiel 36:25-27 it says, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put

within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them." Then in Romans 2:29 it says, "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." And in 2Corinthians 3:3 it says, "Foreasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

God was saying to Moses, I will circumcise your heart - I will give you a new heart. And when Moses pulled his hand out, it had turned again to flesh - the leprosy was gone - it had been removed - his hand had been restored back to the way it was in the beginning.

If you want to walk in this realm of the Melchisedec order - it is a realm of righteousness and holiness. It is a realm of walking in the Spirit. And Moses began to see that if he wanted this rod and anointing, he couldn't do his own thing any more; he couldn't walk in sin or the carnal mind any more - he was to walk in righteousness (the mind of Christ) - he had to walk in the Spirit!

So God said to Moses, if they don't believe you with the rod - which is the authority that I give you - then they will believe you with the latter sign. The latter sign is the hand. It is a people that are going forth in the works of God; where the creation can

begin to see that this is real and true - and that God really means business.

Even Jesus said in John 10:37-38, *"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."* And in John 5:36 He said, *"But I have a greater witness than John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."*

Now why is God giving Moses this rod? **Because he was a deliverer!** This is why God has hand picked every single one of you. **He is raising you up to be a deliverer!** And this is the reason He is delivering you first.

In Exodus 3:7 it says, *"And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task masters; for I know their sorrows."* And then in Exodus 6:5-8, God told Moses again, *"And I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians (the world/the carnal mind/the serpent), and I will rid you out of your bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you*

*in unto the land (Kingdom of God), concerning the which I did swear to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the Lord."* He was saying, Moses, I have heard the cry of Israel for four hundred years. I have heard their groaning, and I have seen their afflictions and pain as they serve their taskmasters. I have heard the cry of my people living in bondage to Egypt (the world/the carnal mind/the serpent).

**Now is the time that I have appointed to fulfill my covenant, and my plan. I WILL SET MY PEOPLE (Creation) FREE FROM EGYPT** (the world/carnality/death), **AND I WILL BRING THEM INTO THE PROMISED LAND** (The Kingdom of God), **I WILL REDEEM THEM** (I will reconcile all creation back into myself), **AND THEY WILL KNOW WHO I AM - THEY WILL KNOW MY NATURE - THEY WILL KNOW ME!**

Let me tell you, God has heard the cry of creation! He has seen their afflictions, and has heard their groaning. All creation has been groaning, and is waiting to be set free from their bondage to the things of this world, carnality, and death. They are crying out to be set free. **They want what you have, and don't know how to get it. They don't have what you have in the Father.** The Father has heard their cry - and He has an appointed time for this to take place - just as He had an appointed time for Moses to go forth with the rod (authority, power, and anointing) of God and set His people free.

I know that you have heard the cry of creation. If you hadn't heard their cry, you wouldn't be here today getting in the Spirit and allowing God to work through you to release them. He is using you to deliver those that have been in bondage for thousands of years. He is using you to minister to the generations of creation and set them free. He is moving and working through you, to minister to both those in the invisible and visible realms. He is doing this through you, in the realm of the Spirit first, before He does it through an open manifestation in the natural. Do you understand what I am saying here?

God said, Moses, I want you to go down to Egypt. This is what is going to happen - the Sons of God are going to have to go down to Egypt. He said, I want you to go down there, and I want you to deliver my people out of bondage.

Then in Exodus 4:20-21 it says, *"And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return to Egypt, see that thou do all the wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go."* In Chapter 7:2-5 God said to Moses, *"Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand*

*upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by my great judgments. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch forth my hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them."*

He was saying, I am going to harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will not let my people go right away - because I want to enlarge my power, miracles, and glory in the land - and I want the people in Egypt (the world) to see it. I want to multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt (the world). I will bring forth my judgments upon Egypt (the carnal mind/the flesh/the serpent), and I will judge, and consume the serpent (from people's minds). I will deliver my people - and the Egyptians (the whole world) shall see it, and know that I am the Lord.

He doesn't just want His people to see it, but He wants the people in the world to see it. Do you hear what I am saying? **This is going to happen again!** But this time, God is not only coming on the scene with just Moses or Jesus; He is coming on the scene with Christ and His whole host/army of Overcomers - with the Overcomers (the just men made perfect) in the invisible realm, and with the Overcomers in the visible realm. They will go forth in power and glory - and the whole world will see it! And every eye shall behold, and cry, and mourn - because it is the coming of the end of all flesh.

You have the "Rod" in you, and God is using the "Rod" through you. You have no idea how much God is using you,

when you get in the Spirit and yield your will to Him. He is using the "Rod" in you for His purpose, and for His glory.

Moses came up against a lot of things back there. He came up against all the taskmasters, all of Pharaoh's army, Pharaoh's sorcerers, and all the rulers of the darkness. So what in the world do you think it is that we've been coming up against? All the rulers of the darkness!

Let's talk about Aaron's rod for a moment. I often wondered why did God pick Aaron's rod out of the whole house of Israel. This is in Numbers chapter 17. It says in verses 1-5, *"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all the princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, that I shall choose, shall blossom..."*

Out of all those rods that were laid before Him, God chose Aaron's rod - it *"brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds."* The Lord let me know why He chose it. It was because of what Aaron did when God told him to deal with Pharaoh's sorcerers.

God spoke to Moses and Aaron, and He told Moses in Exodus 7:9, *"When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt*

*say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent."* Aaron did what God told him to do - and his rod became a serpent. Then it said in verse 11, *"Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods."*

Do you mean to tell me, that the dark side has rods too? Yes, they do - they have the carnal power.

Why did God tell Aaron to do that? Why did He tell him to put down his rod, in order to deal with their rods?

Now God gave me the answer to this a long time ago, and some of you probably already know this. He showed me Jesus, and said, **"How did Jesus conquer death? BY DEATH!"**

God was showing Aaron, that **when you die to self, death swallows up death.** Do you understand what I am saying? Death conquers death! In order to have more resurrection power - a death has to take place in you. I have noticed that every realm the Lord has taken me into, death had to take place in me. In fact, every realm He brings you into involves more letting go, and more death to the soul (dying to self). **It takes death to swallow up death. When Aaron threw down his rod - death swallowed up death.** This is the reason why God chose Aaron's rod and it budded. This is the reason why Aaron's rod is in the Holy of Holies.

Now God gave us a vision some time ago, and in this vision, I saw a room. This room was all blue inside, and I know that "blue" signifies "power". When we walked into this room, we saw Aaron's rod.

Now, Aaron's rod is in the Holy of Holies - and the Holy of Holies is within you. So Aaron's rod is within each one of us. And the reason God hand picked Aaron's rod was because it budded.

What does it mean to bud? Because a death took place in him - life came forth. It was the resurrection life and power coming forth. This is what God is using, and will use. **He will use a people that the resurrection life and power is coming forth from within them, and they will produce, or bud life - the fruits of the Spirit. It will be the power of LOVE. It will be the power of JOY. It will be the power of PATIENCE. It will be the power of KINDNESS. It will be the power of MEEKNESS. It will be the power of LONGSUFFERING. It will be the power of the SEVEN SEALS of GOD.** They will produce the fruits of the Spirit - this love will correct, and bring kindness and mercy. This is the reason why Aaron's rod was chosen.

The more God increases in you; and the more you feel like you are dying - you are dying (to self/the carnal mind) - your soul is dying. It says in John 3:30, *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* As He increases in you - you automatically decrease (die to self). You can't do the things you use to do in the flesh. **As God increases Himself in you and you die to self - He is literally swallowing up your**

**soul, that His resurrection life might come forth in you and produce the fruits of the Spirit!**

There is something that I want to share with you that the Lord brought to my mind earlier this week, God began to show me some things about where we are right now. He began to show me, that where we are right now, is where Jesus was when He began to minister to the centurion's servant. This is where we are operating now. **We don't have to go there physically, but we create it, or speak it into being. The creative word is going out of us from the mind of Christ - the Spirit goes out of us - the "Rod" goes out of us - and ministers all over the world. We are doing this now, and have been for some time!**

Now one thing that I noticed, and I have brought this out before - was how Jesus admired and marvelled at the centurion's faith. In Matthew 8:5-13 it says, *"And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick with palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great a faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come*

*from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."*

Now Jesus said that there would be people that would come from the east and the west, and that they would sit with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He was saying that they would sit with them and rule with Christ.

Then He goes on and talks about the children of the kingdom. He said that they would be cast out into out darkness, and that there would be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Well the Lord began to quicken to my mind, that **these children are those that He had called to come into maturity - and they didn't do it.**

They didn't want to take their position in Him. They didn't want to take their responsibility. They wouldn't yield their will to Him. They didn't want to walk out the script, that the Father had written for them before the foundation of the earth. They didn't want to grow up. They just wanted to do their own thing and go through the motions of their every day religion.

And it says that they are cast out into outer darkness, meaning - they missed it! **They missed the "mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."** They do not get to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

because they remained as children - they didn't come into full maturity. They are cast out into ignorance (darkness), because they missed it - they refused to grow up.

Those that do yield to the Father and come to maturity, will sit with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - and reign throughout eternity with Christ!

The Lord began to quicken to me about how He has "predestined" you to become Sons. Every one of you has been "predestined".

That word "predestined" is a very important word. If you look it up in the dictionary, it means: **to destine in advance** (which means), **to set apart for a particular purpose; to foreordain, as by divine decree; destined for, bound for a certain destination.**

Not only were you "predestined" to become Sons, you were "chosen" to come into full maturity. You were hand picked by the Father.

So where did He choose you? He didn't choose you when you were walking around in this world. He didn't choose you when you were born. That wasn't when you were chosen.

In Ephesians 1:4 it says, "According as he hath (past tense) **chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.**" Then in verses 9-11 it says, "**Having made known** (past tense) **unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both**

**which are in heaven** (the realm of the Spirit/the invisible realm), **and which are on earth** (the visible realm); **even in him: In whom also we have obtained** (past tense) **an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.**" And with this the Lord began to give me a glimpse of God's Sons all together in the bosom of God, before the foundation of the earth.

I saw all the Sons, in God before the foundation of the earth - and He chose them right then and there. He showed them His purpose, His will, His desire, and His whole entire plan. He showed everything to you at that time.

I like what it says in Psalms 139:16, "**Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect (unformed); and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.**" So in other words, God let David see himself before the foundation of the earth, before he was even formed. And God let him see something even more than that. It said, "**...in thy book all my members were written**". If you look this up in the Amplified Bible as well it says, "**Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days of my life were written, before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.**" He saw that all of his days were written in God's Book. He said that, "**...in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.**" His members and his days (including all the experiences he would go through), were formed, fashioned, and written

in the Book of Life, in God (in Christ, in Spirit, in God's plan), **before the foundation of the earth - before anything was created or manifested in the natural or visible realm.**

In Romans 8:29-30 it says, "**For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**" And in 2Timothy 1:9 it says, "**Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.**"

I saw this so clearly. I saw that **before** he created anything; **before** He even created the earth - you were with the Father. Christ was with the Father. In fact, the first Son was participating in all the creating. We were in His bosom and we were all one. There was such an unbelievable oneness - there was no "self" there - we were just all one in Him - and one in each other. And the Father designated a time down through the ages, for each Son to come into the earth - **in His appointed time.** He chose each Son while they were yet in His bosom.

Then He started to create His 'first' corporate son - which was the Adam (nature) that fell. A name signifies - a nature. In 1Corinthians 15:22 and in verses 45-49 it says, "**For as in Adam** (the Adam nature/corporate man living in the flesh) **all die, even so in Christ** (in the mind of

Christ/in the Spirit/God) shall all be made alive.” “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul (Romans 8:20, “For the creature (creation/ corporate Adam/man) was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope”); the last Adam was made a quickening (life giving) spirit (the Son(s) of God). *Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man* (Adam, or carnal nature, or self) *is of the earth, earthy: the second man* (the Son of God/the Son of man/Sons of God operating out of the mind of Christ) *is the Lord from heaven* (they are one, you cannot tell them apart – in the same way that Jesus said, “If you’ve seen me, then you’ve seen the Father”). *As is the earthy* (Adam), *such are they that are earthy* (those living (corporately) in the Adam nature/carnal nature): *and as is the heavenly* (Christ), *such are they also that are heavenly* (those who have come to maturity and are living in the mind of Christ – the Sons of God). *And as we have borne the image of the earthy* (Adam nature), *we shall also bear the image of the heavenly* (the nature of God).”

The Sons of God who went in unto the daughters of men (Adam/carnality) – they fell. In Genesis 6:2 it said, “That the sons of God (chosen in Him before the foundation of the world) saw (went into the five sense realm/carnal mind) the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.” The sons

of God looked upon the daughters of men (the flesh), and they took them wives which they chose. They looked upon the flesh, and chose to have a union with the woman (the soul). **They went into the carnal mind/Adam nature - and self chose, or did what it wanted to do - outside the will of the Father - and fell. They had a union, or marriage, and became one with the flesh/the carnal mind/the serpent. They chose the soul over the Spirit - death over life.** And out of this union they produced children - in the image and likeness of the first man Adam (the flesh/ carnality/ death).

**Many of the Sons of God have also gone in unto the woman/the church - they have entered into a union with her - and they have fallen.** They have become entangled once again in her religious doctrines, teachings, beliefs, and rituals. They have sought recognition and have tried to build a reputation for themselves (for self). They will run to this meeting and to that meeting – but they have left their first love. Do you hear what I am saying? **It is true that the Sons are to one day marry the church - but only after every area of their life has been perfected in the Father.** Their soul must first come into subjection to, and marry THE SON. The Sons must first become one with THE SON. **In reality, it is Christ, in the Sons who will marry the church. It is God Himself, in His Sons, that will marry her** (the church). But this will not take place until after there is an open manifestation of the Sons of God in the earth – all creation will see it.

We saw, in His bosom, before the foundation of the earth, God had already chosen Joseph. Joseph was standing there with us. Job was standing there with us. Paul was standing there with us. All of God’s Sons were standing there with us. And God designated a time for each one to be born, and to come forth in this world. He chose their parents and their families.

And God began to show us, that we have to go back into Him completely. When we go completely back into Him (when our soul is completely swallowed up in the Father, and we live in the mind of Christ all the time) – then we will all be one again. We saw us all as one again - because we are going back to what we were before the foundation of the earth.

We saw every individual Son, like Joseph, and Moses, and Elijah, and all those that God sent forth in the Old Testament – they were not able to enter into resurrection life back then. It said in Matthew 27:50-53 that, “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many.”

It says that they were all asleep, but after His resurrection - they arose - came out of their graves - and went into the holy city – Jerusalem. Now what is going to take place is that the

whole corporate Son of man, is going to walk down through the city of Jerusalem (the new Jerusalem) - and the bride is going to see God. What I saw, was that they were resurrected in Christ - because, He said in John 11:25, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* And because, He was the resurrection and the life - He had the power (the "Rod")! But He had to die (to self) in order to get this power. He said to the Father *"...not my will, but thine be done."*

He had the power without measure while He was walking in the earth, but He was going into something even greater. He didn't want that glory that He had while He was walking on the earth - He wanted the glory that He had before the foundation of the earth! He was with you and I before the foundation of the earth. But Jesus knew, and said in John 12:24, *"...Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."* He knew that He had to do this in order to bring all God's Sons back together, to where they could be one again! And not just God's Sons - but so that all creation could come back into Him, and be one with the Father again.

Then I began to see, that Joseph, and Paul, and Peter, and all the other Overcomers (Sons), are around us, and in the midst of us - and they are waiting! Well what are they waiting for? The same thing that you and I are waiting for - they want to appear with the Son of man.

It says in 1John 3:1-2, *"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath (past tense) bestowed upon us, that we*

*should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."* It said that, NOW WE ARE THE SONS OF GOD! It said that the world doesn't know you, or see you. But it says, YET, WHEN HE APPEARS - WE WILL BE LIKE HIM! At His appearing, in the twinkling of an eye, what ever is not like Him - will be consumed - and you will be like him.

In 1Corinthians 15:51-52 it says, *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (physically die), but we shall be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: the dead (the dead in Him, those that have come to an end of self) shall be raised incorruptible (swallowed up in resurrection life - IN HIM), and we shall be changed (WE WILL BE LIKE HIM). For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."* When this takes place, then THEY will come forth (all those that have been waiting with us). So if you get tired and impatient, and can't wait for God to get this thing over with - how do you think Paul and Joseph feel - they have been waiting a lot longer than you or I. They want this more than you do.

Jesus wanted it, because He had seen the Father's plan - He

was the fulfillment of the plan when He died on the cross. That is why He said, *"It is finished."* Everything He did on the cross was to bring everything forward into fulfillment.

In Isaiah 52:8 it says that, *"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."* You are Zion. Zion has to begin to see eye to eye, but you are not going to see eye to eye until we come into the oneness. How do we come into the oneness? You have to come into a oneness with Him - and when we come into a oneness with Him (individually/each Son) - then we come into a oneness IN HIM with each other (corporately) and see eye to eye.

There are still things in us that bring division, or a lack of oneness. We are not in harmony yet, so God has to keep tuning you up until He brings it all to pass.

When the appearing takes place - when the Son of man appears - when the manifestation of the Sons of God takes place - every eye shall see it. That means every person will see it. What are they going to see? POWER, AUTHORITY, LOVE, THE GLORY OF GOD! The world has not seen this yet.

The world saw the glory in the Old Testament, and that was quite a glory if you ask me. When Moses came down from the mountain, the people could not even look upon him from fear, because the skin of his face shone (from the brightness of the glory of the Lord upon him). This is what is getting ready to take place.

If you read in 2Chronicles 3:13-14 it says that, "It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice (singular) with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with the cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God."

When the temple was finished and every last detail had been put in place - it says that the people were as ONE. Even with all their instruments, they made ONE sound - they were ONE. It said that they lifted up their voice -singular. They were as ONE, and as they praised the Lord - it says **THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE OF GOD!** Meaning, that the fullness of God without measure was in the house - to where the priests could not stand up to minister any more. They could not stand up because of the presence of the Lord.

But the word says in Haggai 2:9 that, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." The glory of the former house - Solomon's temple - is nothing compared to the glory that we are getting ready to come into.

If you look in the book of Acts, and look at what Peter and all the others did - they turned the world up side down. Jesus turned the world up side down

through them. They thought that they had gotten rid of Him. But when He died on the cross - He was just multiplying Himself in others. When you die (to self) - you just multiply (the fruits of the Spirit - LIFE).

When they crucified Jesus, they thought that they had gotten rid of Him. They thought, "This is good - now we can keep our church, we can keep our religion, and we can keep our government." Then all of the sudden on the day of Pentecost here comes one hundred and twenty others acting just like Him. They were out there saying and doing the same things. Signs and wonders began to happen - and the religious people and the people in the government were just left scratching their heads for what to do next. Then they figured they could stop them by putting some of them in jail; and if they killed a bunch of them - maybe this would put a stop to what was taking place.

Stephen's faith was so great, and God used him so mightily - they decided that they had to get rid of him too. But they didn't understand that like Jesus, there was no way to get rid of him either.

They didn't know that God would continue to use Stephen to minister in the realm of the Spirit. They did not understand that they could not kill the Christ - nobody can kill the Christ - they can't kill you! They can take you out and hang you - but they can't kill you! The real you is not your body. The real you is the very life of God!

In Colossians 3:3-4, and verse 11 it says, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in

God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." "...Christ is all, and in all." In Philippians 2:5-8 it says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Paul was saying, Remember who you are. **Jesus is the pattern that we are to follow**, and **He knew who he was. Jesus knew** that He was the Son of God, and **He knew** that He and the Father were one - that they were equal. You couldn't tell them apart. He said, "If you've seen me, then you've seen the Father." **He knew** that He was with the Father, and in the Father before the foundation of the earth. **He knew** that He was the first born among many brethren (God's Sons). **He saw** the script that the Father had written for him before the foundation of the world - and **He humbled Himself; He took upon Him the form of a servant; He became obedient unto death** (of self - He said to the Father, "not my will, but thine be done") - and **He fulfilled the plan that God had written**

**Sons of God, you need to know who you are in God!** You need to know that the real you is the Christ - you are Christ! Recently the Father spoke to us and said, **"When you come to know who you really are - then you will truly know who I am!"** When the Father is finished, and

causes the open manifestation of the Sons of God to take place - you will not be able to tell the Sons from THE SON. *"When He shall appear, we shall be like HIM!"* Yes, we need to know who we are - but we must also follow His pattern *"the way"*.

We must also humble ourselves; take upon us the form of a servant; and become obedient unto death (the death of self)! Jesus told His disciples, *"If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."* Jesus didn't go around bragging or boasting of who He was - He only did the things He saw the Father do. His life pointed only to the Father.

Peter didn't have to go around telling people who he was. It said in Acts 5:12, *"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch)."*

They were all with one accord, and the people started to see what was taking place.

In verses 15-16 it said, *"Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a great multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."* They just waited for Peter to walk by - He didn't have to say anything - he had the "Rod" within him, and he knew who he was. He would walk by them, and the shadow of the glory of the Lord healed them all.

Why isn't this happening now? Because it isn't time yet. But this was not just for the book of Acts, and for that period of time. It will be for all the governments of the world, and for all mankind to experience, and see. It will be for all creation!

What we are getting ready to see come on the scene, is the power of God like we've never seen before. They had the early rain - but we will have the early and the latter rain.

In Hosea 6:2-3 it says, *"After two days (two thousand years) will he revive (wake us up and cause us to remember who we are) us (the Sons of God): in the third day he will raise us up (restore us to our former glory that we had with Him before the foundation of the earth), and we shall live in his sight (wisdom and understanding in the mind of Christ). Then shall we know (all things), if we follow on to know the Lord (if we are faithful and true): his going forth is prepared (God has written His plan, and His script. He is getting ready to pull back the curtain to reveal His glory, and His power without measure - in and through His Sons) as the morning (in an open manifestation of his glory or light/understanding - all creation will see it); and he (the corporate Son of man/the Son(s) of God) shall come unto us as the rain (in the fullness of God - He said that He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh), as the latter and the former rain (in the glory that Jesus had when He walked the earth - and in the glory that He went back into (after the resurrection) - the glory that He had in the Father, before the*

foundation of the earth) unto the earth."

And in Joel 2:23-32 it says, *"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately (in righteousness), and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat (the bread of life), and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil (the Spirit without measure/it will flow from a realm of no limitations - you cannot contain it). And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered..."*

We like Peter, because he spoke his mind to God. He wasn't afraid to ask Him questions. In Matthew 19:27-30, it

says, *"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? (In other words, we've given up everything and followed you, now what's in it for us? What do we get? What is our reward or prize?) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed (followed, meaning that it was a continuation. We continue to walk in Him - we continue to have a relationship and a union with Him) me, in the regeneration (signifying, those that have been totally birthed in the Spirit or changed into His nature - those that have been totally birthed in the Spirit - those that are part of the corporate man child. In Revelations 12:5 it said, *"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."*) when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones (He is speaking of the government of God), judging the twelve tribes of Israel (judging the church and all of mankind). *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake* (for my nature's sake - because you followed me into the regeneration - which is into the nature of God), *shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."* I think you have the gist of what He was saying here.*

Now if you turn to Psalms 66:3-4, it says, *"Say unto God, How awesome art thou in thy works! Through the greatness of*

*thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee."*

This is what takes place when we get in the Spirit, and the Lord takes us in to deal with the enemies.

Because of HIS POWER, and HIS LOVE, and HIS ROD (authority) - they come into submission. In verse 7 it says, *"He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah."* You can read the rest of the chapter yourself.

Basically what I see is that His power, or His "Rod" will bring all His enemies into subjection to His authority. They will not be able to stand in the presence of His LOVE! He will slay the wicked in the world - in the same way that He slew the wicked(ness) in you. He slew you with His LOVE and with His "ROD". He slew you until you yielded to Him and said, **"YES, LORD! NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE!"**