

Fresh Oil Releases

Garments and Garbage Bags

Precious Saints

I feel that I need to share with you a dream I had way back in 2006 but which the Lord has brought to mind again in 2014, coupled with the understanding I received afterwards. I do acknowledge that my grasp of its contents may not be complete yet and would welcome any feedback you may have.

In the dream a woman came into her kitchen and found that the two servants that were supposed to be cleaning her house, were in fact outside, trying on garments from a travelling salesman. He had been there before and was apparently looking for two people to be photographed in the clothing he had for sale. When the woman looked around the room, the counters were covered in breadcrumbs and the sink contained dirty water and full garbage bags. The room was also in darkness and when she attempted to switch on the light, she discovered there was no power. She called the two servants inside to complete their tasks and then reached up to the top shelf of one of the cupboards where the glasses were kept and took hold of a container labelled, 'Light Capsules'. She queried how one could put light into capsule form and read the ingredient list on the side of the container. There she found the capsules contained a number of vitamins, with the main content being vitamin D.

According to the understanding I was given, the woman represents the Bride who is found inside a house, representing the Church. She enters the kitchen, which is the place where meals for the household are prepared and finds the two servants are outside. These two servants represent the Apostolic and Prophetic ministries. Their duty is to clean the house but instead they have been lured outside by a travelling salesman, who is selling new garments. They are having great fun trying them on but are neglecting their true calling - to cleanse the temple. The salesman represents a stranger who has new and exciting things to show them. He is peddling ideas that are what their itching ears want to hear and their focus is on sensuality instead of spirituality. It seems therefore sensible that this salesman represents a spirit other than the Holy Spirit, bringing revelation which is appealing to the flesh. This spirit has enticed these servants of God and drawn them away from their responsibilities.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears

While they are gasping at the beautiful colours and fabrics of these new garments and looking at themselves, the House of God stands waiting and in darkness. There are only crumbs on the counters - the remains of meals long eaten, nothing nourishing can be found to sustain the Bride.

The sink represents the place where vessels are washed and cleansed by the water of the Word. However, the tap is turned off and there is only dirty, contaminated water and refuse in this place. What should have been discarded as rubbish, is instead sitting right in the water, making it unclean. The lavish garments being offered by the salesman outside are depicted again in a different way as black bags full of rubbish inside the kitchen. Not only is the fragrance coming from them not that of Christ, but they block up the sink so that the dirty water cannot be removed.

There is no light in the room and, as the Bride discovers, there is also no power in the House of God. The seers and prophets are the eyes and ears of the Body

Mat 6:22 The light of the body is the eye. Therefore if your eye is clear, your whole body shall be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Beloved, I believe that what the Lord is depicting through this dream is the root cause of the lack of light and power seen in the Church today. Those ministries which God intended to lay a foundation of righteousness and justice in the Body of Christ are the Apostolic and Prophetic. However, to a large extent, the enemy has managed to lure them away from their posts and caused them to run after deceiving spirits, who keep them very busy with garment after dazzling garment and revelations that are sensual and appeal to the flesh. They are so focussed upon themselves and how they look as they adorn themselves with these teachings, that they have completely forgotten what they were originally called to do. The damage this has caused to the House of God is evident. There is uncleanness where there should be fresh, cleansing water and there is nothing nourishing for God's people to eat.(for those who are interested, Jeremiah 23:10-40 has more to say about this).

The word, 'apostle' just means 'someone who is sent' and is not a lofty position but a position of servant-hood as Paul often explained concerning himself:

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God

Unfortunately, the Church has been exposed to many who flaunt the title of 'Apostle', yet not displaying a fulfilment of the job description. Rather than being bond slaves of the Lord Jesus, they are slaves to sensuality and another gospel that caresses the flesh. Instead of scars and a history of persecution to authenticate their callings, they flaunt designer suits and expensive cars and lay up their treasure on earth where moth and rust will destroy. Just as in the dream, they seek fame and fortune, wanting to be photographed in their garments. Sadly,

a camera 'captures' an image and the camera of the stranger will bring into captivity those apostles and prophets who yield to the flattery of the travelling salesman. He always has something new to show them as he returns each year- new fashions for each new season. His sales pitch is as old as Eden - he offers a taste of revelation that will make them wise. However, just as in Proverbs 7, the empty promises of that seducing spirit lead one only into captivity. As the Message version puts it:

Pro 7:21 Soon she has him eating out of her hand, bewitched by her honeyed speech. Before you know it, he's trotting behind her, like a calf led to the butcher shop, Like a stag lured into ambush and then shot with an arrow, Like a bird flying into a net not knowing that its flying life is over. So, friends, listen to me, take these words of mine most seriously. Don't fool around with a woman like that; don't even stroll through her neighbourhood. Countless victims come under her spell; she's the death of many a poor man. She runs a halfway house to hell, fits you out with a shroud and a coffin.

The woman in the dream calls the servants back into the house. There is a call to repentance going out to those entrusted with the task of cleaning the House of God - return to your posts and do the works you did at first. God's House is to be called a House of prayer, not a den of thieves! There is a very sobering story told in Leviticus 10 about two of his sons, Nadab and Abihu, who offered strange fire before the Lord. This Hebrew word translated 'strange' also means 'profane, to commit adultery'. Profane means 'polluted, irreverent' which once again reminds me of the dirty water in the sink. Are some of those who call themselves apostles and prophets offering strange fire before the Lord? The refining fire that is coming to the Church will surely deal with any such instance.

The Bride must, therefore, at this time, reach higher - up to the top shelf where the glasses are kept. Glasses are aids to clear vision and the top shelf represents the Third Heaven or the Throne Room of God. Here she finds a daily supplement - Light capsules! These represent small doses of light received on a daily basis. The content of these capsules is comprised mainly of vitamin D; a vitamin that is absorbed into the body from sunlight; in other words, the Bride must at this time, spend daily time in the light of the Son of Righteousness in order to see clearly in a House that is in darkness. She must abide much in the presence of Jesus who is the Light of the World, in order to grow strong. Vitamin D also plays a role in the strengthening of the bones and is a much needed ingredient for the valley of dry bones to be able to rise up as a mighty army in the earth.

Psa 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Psa 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Remember, no-one else can take your daily vitamin supplement for you. You need to sit in the light of the Son yourself and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you personally. The Father will deal with those of His servants who are shirking their responsibilities but you must let the entrance of His word bring light within you so that you may bring light to the whole house (Matt 5:15)!