

will pass away. It is the end of the age. A new order is about to come in.

This company will finally be glorified, translated, angelic. They will become the Bride of Christ, a royal priesthood.

In the Millennium, under the ministry, reign and influence of these royal priests, Christ will raise men to a new standard of physical health, vigor and holiness and plane of Spiritual relationship with God. Having gained victory over all there will be translations.

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## A NEW RACE — A NEW ERA

### A Royal Priesthood

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The greatness of the plans of God for the human race and the earth have been but scantily realized. The Almighty has had tremendous battles with the powers of Satan and with unbelieving men. It has appeared well nigh impossible to open to the understanding of even His people any fair conception of the immensity of Divine plans for the good of the race and the glory of His Great Name.

Prophecy said of Israel, "They limited the Holy One of Israel." And we of this Holy Spirit age have gone right on limiting Jehovah and His Christ. Stephen well said: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit, as your fathers did so do ye." Ps. 78:41; Acts 7:51.

God made laws to guide and control man and earth in safety and well-being. In man's short-sightedness and ignorance, he applies these laws to their Maker, though God is above not under His laws. By doing this, we spoil the ground of faith, shut ourselves out from a supernatural God, and degrade our conceptions of Jehovah to a low earthly level.

Man's dwelling place is on the earth plane or in the natural realm. Jehovah dwells on an infinite, exalted, supernatural plane. Christ crossed the chasm between, thus making it possible for man to contact God, and thereby enter the supernatural realm. Christianity as originally constituted is God's plan to exalt man up into the supernatural realm, through Christ the God-man. But man in his foolish and wicked opposition to God, endeavors to drag all conceptions of the Deity and His works down to an ordinary unmiraculous level of the natural man. Whoever objects to such a humiliation of the conception of Jehovah and His workings is considered a fanatic. But "why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead," translate the living and work miracles even at this late day? The need for God to show His infinite power never was greater. Blatant infidelity never was more rampant.

#### **The Great Events of the Consummation**

are at hand. Earth waxes old and is ready to be folded as a garment. The Lord is bringing to pass a series of great events, culminating in a mighty and far-reaching revolution. Nations will be judged out of existence. Cities will fall in a mighty earthquake. Convulsions and wreckage will overtake the business world. Governments will collapse and be destroyed. The whole world with its ungodly inventions and works is under the wrath of God and due for judgment.

Methods and means God uses in executing His wrath on earth and upon wicked men are very benevolent and gracious toward His people. Christ in His atonement redeemed man and the physical earth as well. He did not want or need the physical world merely for Himself, but it was His great love for His followers that prompted Him. He would make the meek mature sons of God joint heirs with Himself. Heb. 1:1; Matt. 5:5.

Since the Lord gave title deed of the world to man at creation, He has invited godly men to take part in affairs of judgment and restoration. Beautifully is this expressed by the prophets. "Surely Jehovah God will do nothing but HE revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Jehovah takes His servants the prophets into His confidence, imparting the knowledge to them of His proceedings, not only to know what He is going to do, but do through them: "Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth." He makes them His battle axe, wielders of His sword. Amos 3:7; Hosea 6:5.

God exalts His servants to be co-workers with Him. Much of His works here on earth are by the cooperation of man. "We then as workers together with Him." Creation groans waiting for the ministry of the sons of God. The saints possess the kingdom. The manchild rules. II Cor. 6:1; Rom. 8:22; Dan. 2:44; Rev. 3:21.

Out of the revolution which God brings on there will arise a new era. Many great events now at hand pre-



cipitate great changes by the plans of God—a new race, a restored race. The first fruits of this new race are a perfected Bride company. We are now in the period of the great Restoration (Acts 3:21). In it there is a work of God which brings forth this new or restored race of redeemed creatures. Some half dozen steps of preparation, states or grades are attained. (1) Entire Devotion, all important, entire abandonment, a living sacrifice, as set forth in Rom. 12:1. Not a passing act, but a permanent continuous state of self-sacrificing devotion and Holy Spirit control. (See Devotion, tract No. 7 Church Series). This devotion applies to every attitude of the whole being, spirit, soul and body, mind, heart and will, all faculties, functions and powers. This is preparation for a life in the Spirit. (See tract No. 8, Church Series). Fundamentals of a Life in the Spirit.

(2) To walk in the Spirit requires ceasing from one's own works and entering into the rest described in Hebrews 4. (3) This is a step of faith. Devotion and a walk in the Spirit till one is led continuously by the Spirit, causes one to (4) "grow up into Christ in all things." (5) This brings one to become a mature son of God. Coming into these several progressive spiritual states, the Lord proposes by His sovereign power to carry into a state of Intervention. (See tracts 4 & 5, Church Series). The Holy Spirit working within will enable to live a life in the power of the Spirit which is true Pentecost. (6) Now the more "excellent way" begins to be sighted.

All this while processes of chastening, correcting, refining, restoration and recreation constantly go on. It may be steadily or by some sudden uplift. These grown up sons of God also have ministries to develop them and bless groaning creation. Rom. 8:14-23. A parallel or later company is described in Isa. 13:1-5; Joel 2:1-11; Dan. 2:34-45; 7:18, 22, 27; I Peter 2:9.

This company is called "The Stone," "The Kingdom," "His Army," "Saints of the Most High." To this Prophetic Army is committed judgment. For Jehovah calls them and says of them, "I have charged My chosen host to execute My wrath." (Isa. 13:3. Moffatt). The commission of this army is to consume, destroy and break "to bits and whirl away by the wind, like chaff blown from threshing floors, in summer." (Dan. 2:34. Moffatt). This is the end of the Gentile nations.

This army does not war with earthly weapons, but with heavenly, which are gifts and powers of the Spirit, prophecy, especially. Therefore, in addition to the training and impartations given to sons of God as already described both companies must enter and be trained in the gift realm. If not so developed, one in this army would be like the man at the marriage supper without a wedding garment on. We must be schooled in the gifts. If Samuel and Elijah held schools of the prophets so should we. I Sam. 19:20; II Kings 2:7.

Those whom the Lord has in training for positions in these selected classes and for special purposes are

somewhat in different grades or ranks as in our schools or in an army. Promotion may follow faithfulness. It is like David's army. (I Chr. 11:20, 21).

Yet a farther classification is the overcomers of Rev. chap. 2 and 3, and 21:7. These several companies in process of development may be parallel, precede, or merge into each other, or some may be in more than one class, but all must be fully processed, under the power, teachings and dealings of the Holy Spirit, if they become full overcomers, and enter this highest class of redeemed humanity. These are they who have victoriously met every trial, test, difficulty in the sovereign power of God, till they have vanquished death, the grave; every fault, flaw and weakness healed. They are recreated and stand before the bar of Christ, redeemed, perfect, without fault, acquitted. There are many degrees of salvation, but nothing less than this, saved to the uttermost—fully answers to Christ's atonement. A Bride company Christ will present to Himself. They will be sons of God, matured, overcomers, fully restored men. "In bringing many sons to glory it was befitting that He for whom and by whom the universe exists should perfect the Pioneer (file Leader) of their salvation by suffering. For Sanctifier and sanctified are all of one origin, (nature) that is why He is not ashamed to call them brethren. "Here am I and the children." He "crushed him who had the power of death." Incredible as it might seem, the Son came down lower than angels, took our nature, expiated our sins, that we might

be exalted to take His nature and sit with Him as His Consort. Heb. 2:6-18.

That the full overcomers become the Manchild or Bride of Christ is shown by the promises made to both. "He that overcometh and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." A white stone and a new name. "I will write upon him the name of my God. (Divine Property) and the name of the city of my God, (title deed) and my new Name." (Marriage) "Grant to sit with Me in My throne." Rev. 2 and 3, especially 3:27 and Rev. 12:5.

The spiritual ascending scale is like Jacob's ladder. It has many steps: initial salvation steps, gift steps, life steps and steps into higher spiritual realms. We have been considering these: (1) Walk in the Spirit, (2) Devotion. (3) Intervention, (4) Sons of God, (5) Prophetic Army, (6) Overcomers, (7) Manchild, Bride, Lamb's wife. Once started in this climb under Holy Spirit direction, ambition to reach the top is strong. The last named is the highest grouping of redeemed men called the First of the First Fruits. This is the true ecclesia or final out selection. They are without spot or wrinkle, blemish, or any such thing. They are redeemed to the highest moral and spiritual purity and perfection, spirit, soul and body. This is full salvation. In several places to individuals it has been revealed or prophesied, "The Lord will do a new thing." This is the new thing. Old orders