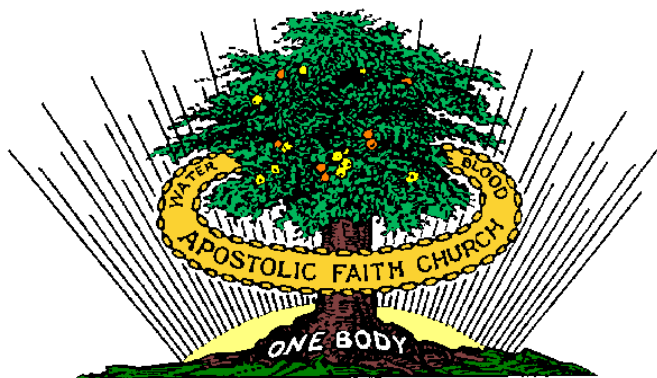


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Every Eye Shall See (Discern) Him

Much confusion and misunderstanding exists among Christians as to what constitutes our Lord's return. Some reason, that when a person is converted, then Christ has in that measure come; so that when the last person on earth has been 'born again', He will have fully come.

The Lord told those who had received Him into their lives, and had thereby been regenerated by the Spirit of Christ, that He was going to leave them. This statement did not mean the world only, which did not know Him as the Anointed of God, but the disciples who did recognise Him as the Messiah who was sent of God. If the operation of conversion was to constitute the form of His 'coming again', He could in no sense have left them. So that cannot be a valid explanation of the matter.

He did say though that He would not leave them comfortless, like orphans! On the first day of the following Pentecostal festival, He fulfilled this promise by sending them the Comforter, and they became clothed upon with the Holy Spirit.

By this act of anointing they became joined to Him in a secret body - secret from the world - but understood by them! This indwelling formed them into His 'new' body, a tabernacle reared in the midst of a spiritual wilderness - a place deserted by the world of mankind. In very truth the real Church has wandered about in this deserted, wild place down the centuries.

As with the children of Israel there came a time when they entered the Promised Land, a permanent Temple began to be built; so there comes a time when the Israel of God, the true Church which is the Body of Christ, enters into the real Promised Land. This is a place where power is given to conquer the enemies of righteousness in the earth, and the meek of the earth to possess their inheritance.

When Joshua took the children of Israel into the land, they were met by an armed man with a drawn sword. Joshua accepted his help. Now we have the help of the Spoken Word of command, and in this we 'see' the Lord coming forth.

The strong Deliverer returns to take the saints into the land promised, by transforming the world and casting out all that offends. This requires the assumption of power in which the Victor of Calvary descends with the assertion of a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. All these symbolize the different operations of His power, by which He returns and rules, which is a distinctly different thing from the work of quietly shepherding, training and preparing His church in the wilderness condition. This He has been doing to make His church ready for use in His great work of restoring all things.

That He has always been with His people in a private sense, is the proven experience of each child of God, He having promised to be with them even to the end of the Age of this evil

world order. In this capacity, the Shepherd of Israel constantly exercises His power over His own sheep individually. They know His Name and they are known of Him.

His second coming is in no sense to be confused with His position now of being Head over His Church, or of His baptising of an individual with His Holy Spirit.

This all-consuming powerful appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ refers to His exercising of His right of accession to public power and authority, as King upon His Throne of His Kingdom, as distinct from being the private Lord Of His Church. His purpose in coming to rule, is so that all nations may gradually be gathered before His Word, and learn of His ways; and walk no more after the imagination of their evil heart: "Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:15).

The Spoken Word

Without Me ye can do nothing, but as ye take the staff in thine hands and watch the working of My Word, thou canst raise it in command. My God looketh down upon ye and the heaps of rubbish that are in the land, and by the Word of thy staff in thy hand do I move this night, Mine anointed sons and daughters of the living God. For thou hast cast thy burdens upon Me and upon the waters, and there shall be a coming back again in fruition and victory in the days to come.

Ye look and watch not in vain, for as the burden of thine heart is echoed across the housetops of thy land, so shall ye see these things being remedied. For on that which is spoken in secret will I make a move now, and on the housetops shall ye hear of it saith the Lord.

So be not saddened but believing that I move across the land, because there is nothing like a wave of righteousness which moves in the wake of My Word. Follow the utterings and cries of thy words. In pain together hast thou travailed this night, so look not on these things of rubbish as things lasting, for I will cleanse them away one by one: and thou shalt be uplifted, and grow in the faith of this Word. As it is uttered, watch for moves. As ye see moves coming in the daylight, so shall ye know the echoes of My Plan are reverberating, and thou shalt rejoice and have increased faith as a result.

Watch thou the conduct of thy land, and perceive that which is unrighteous indeed, and bring it to My garner for examination; for as thou hast done this, so have I hearkened. When ye bring these vexations of thy spirit before Me, I look upon them in thy righteousness of faith. It is in that I am able to move. My Kingdom has come down to dwell among men, and this faith is the sharp threshing instrument having teeth, to destroy, to uphold, to set aside, to lay low, to raise up and to make My Name mighty and great in the earth, such as it has never been before.

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