3. Dignity and Honor (April 29th 2011 Historic Vigil)

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Halleluyah. Again even for those who are abroad and the LORD, He took me to a meeting and that meeting was taking place in the day time and there were ushers there in that meeting helping people, leading people to the seats. Some of them were manning the aisles and in that meeting the LORD spoke to me by voice. And He asked me to tell the ushers to go sit down that they may partake of this meeting. I see they went and they sat down and I was still announcing the Coming of the Glorious King.

And at that time I see on my right hand side 2 ushers are still remaining standing there. I think they were on their way to look for seats. And on my left I see this usher that is still there and then as I continued talking on the need for them to prepare for the King of Glory, I had not finished everything I wanted to say to them because I asked them to repent, to turn away from sin and prepare their hearts, the way of the LORD in their hearts and I wanted to talk about this Holiness and Righteousness and then all of a sudden I was shocked, the rapture took place. What I am still trying to understand—why the LORD told me to tell the ushers to go sit first and when they had just sat, no sooner had they sat then the rapture took place.

Now precious listeners, there is a lot that the LORD is still revealing to me on this conversation. As you know, those of you that know that every time the LORD speaks, then over time, He begins to unveil deeper and deeper revelation. But what shocked me most when I woke up is the level of detail that the LORD has finally brought forth including knowing that in that part of the world it will be day time.

And so I even got worried when I woke up because normally people tend to be very busy during the day—busy with the chores of life, fending for their living and so when I woke up I was just wondering how much attention do people give towards being ready for the Messiah, especially in the day.

But anyhow, precious people, I want to combine this with the vision of the Garment when Heaven receded and I remember very well in that vision when Heaven was receding, again let me get back to the basics of this vision: the Lord slayed me and I fell asleep in the day and when I fell asleep, immediately I was falling asleep I saw the vision. And I saw Heaven receding. That means it was just spectacular. The 2 sides that were moving away from each other and rolling away, rolling back, rolling back, and then when there was enough window, the entrance that was open then I saw the Glory of the LORD. But what amazed me as I looked at the Glory He deposited a message in my heart. He deposited a message that made me know that the Messiah was coming for the church, that the rapture was going to take place.

When I saw Heaven recede and the Glory of the LORD inside, He made me know that this is about the rapture of the church. And then when I looked closer, I realized that it was His Glorious Gown. Then I woke up from that dream. So I want to combine these 2 conversations. It's a tremendous celebration time, this is the time when the church ought to celebrate that her redeemer is coming. So the message I bring you is a message of tremendous hope and joy and eternity.

But anyhow, I began by saying that in the Book of <u>Genesis chapter 3</u>, <u>Genesis chapter 3 verse 21</u>, again turn with me there, <u>Genesis 3:21</u>, this is what the LORD says, "The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them." This was after the fall of man. Man lived in the Garden of Eden and we can see very clearly there was a very close fellowship between God and man to the extent that man walked with God in the cool of the day. But it's amazing that when sin came between man and God, when sin entered into that relationship man, man became the victim of sin.

In other words, the consequences of sin began to accrue. And one of the major things that happened, man that was holy, because you cannot walk with God lest you are holy, unless you are righteous, unless you are holy, so when man was walking with God in the cool of the day, mankind was holy unto the LORD. But we see now that when sin came into the life of man, man found out that he was naked. That means there is something about this holiness and righteousness that sustained the covenant between man and God in the Garden of Eden. There is something about that holy relationship, the holiness man accepted to walk in that clothed man such that when he fell to sin, he was unclothed.

And we see very clearly that in the Book of Genesis, <u>Genesis 3:21</u>, God Almighty covered man with a skin, covered him—in other words, his shame with skin. That must have come from sacrificing an animal. And then we see very clearly that back in the <u>Book of Revelation chapter 16 verse 15</u>, the LORD says, "Behold, I come like a thief and blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

So it's amazing that the LORD is saying, he's equating been awake with being clothed; being alert in other words with being clothed. And we see very clearly here that if one is not awake, they will be shamefully exposed before the LORD and before the nations of the earth and in Romans chapter 13, I read that even as God had clothed Adam and Eve as we saw in Genesis chapter 3:21 and Romans 13 verse 14, He brought Christ and He said, "Behold, now you can clothe yourselves with Christ Jesus the LORD."

And I want to take it one notch higher so that we may understand this garment. What is this garment highlighting in that vision of the LORD when the LORD receded Heaven and said "Look, the Garment" and he made me know that this is about the Coming of the Messiah? And now He says, He's urging us clothe ourselves, make sure we are clothed with Jesus Christ the LORD. What does that mean?

Precious people, in <u>Exodus chapter 12</u>, I know it's going to be a long message, but write these Scriptures down, <u>Exodus chapter 12</u> you can read the whole chapter but, for the sake of tonight we'll read just a few. <u>Exodus 12</u>, we see God establishing the standard of the Blood. We see very clearly here that when the LORD was out to take Israel out of Egypt, from Goshen in different divisions of the House of Jacob, He told that He would come at the midnight hour. What amazed me most, He gave a command that even as He comes in His wrath to judge the sins of the world, the sins of Egypt, He gave a command to His elect, to His chosen people there was a different instruction. And they operated under this instruction at this very critical hour—the midnight. And the instruction was that when the midnight hour draws close, He said they should take the blood of lamb—the lamb without defect, without deformity and they should sprinkle on the doorposts and frames of the houses in which they lived.

And the LORD was saying essentially that even as the midnight hour draws very close, many things may not matter but one thing will become very fundamental—that the houses in which the Israelites lived being covered by the Blood of the Lamb without defect. And I see right now even as we are drawing closer, the midnight hour, the LORD is now talking about garment. "Are you covered by the garment, the glorious garment?" I call it the wedding gown for the Wedding of the Lamb of God and yet in Romans chapter 13 He says because the night is nearly over now you should desist from all evil, but make sure you are clothed with Jesus Christ the LORD. And from Exodus 12 I now begin to understand the meaning of being clothed with the LORD Jesus Christ because as the Israelites clothed in that time with the Blood of the Lamb without deformity to escape the wrath of God, to be among the LORD's elect, to be delivered by God into the Promised Land at the midnight hour.

Even now I see, I synonym here, I see a similarity here, the midnight hour is drawn close and the LORD is talking about being clothed with the Blood because right now for us as a church Jesus Christ, the LORD, He is the Lamb of God without defect whose Blood was poured at Calvary. And since the midnight hour is near, the LORD has sent me to the church, to the nations of the earth to tell you that to make sure that you are covered and clothed with the Blood of the Lamb of God that has no deformity whose name is the LORD Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Halleluyah. The garment! My garment; in other words, "Can you see my garment?" In other words, "Where is this? Where is your garment, this one here I am wearing, like this one here I am wearing? Where is yours?" In other words, the hour to be adorned in the garment of the LORD is now and that's why in finishing the first segment I said, "This generation is the generation of the garment." God Almighty expects at this hour that every Christian be adorned; be well-decorated in the garment. Let's walk very carefully precious people and see what this garment bestows in your life.

The Holy Spirit of the LORD has been championed with the authority to prepare the Bride of Christ, the Glorious Bride and then to present her unto the Lord on that day. So every single process I

am going to walk through right now, everything that is bestowed upon your life by this garment, I want you to understand it is an attribute of the Holy Spirit. Halleluyah.

I am reading Exodus 28 verse 2, and He says, "The Priestly Garments" again "The Priestly Garments." In the Book of Exodus chapter 28 verse 2 and I have a lot of Scriptures so just write them down, it's quite a bit of them, we'll go up to 14 or 15 of them. Exodus 28 verse 2 this is what the Word of God says, He says regarding the Priestly Garments, "Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron" again "Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron, to give him dignity and honor."

And when I get down to the Book of <u>1 Peter</u> and look at the church in this context, this is what He says, the Book of <u>1 Peter chapter 2</u>, I am reading from <u>verse 4</u>, He says, "As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

I begin to understand very clearly here that the elect of God, that the remnant of God at this hour, they are actually not called the elect of God because they deserve it. It is not by their own merit that they are designated the elect of God. From this Scripture of 1 Peter chapter 2 I see that the believership, the being a believer, the sainthood, the being of a Christian is a calling from God; that God Himself chose to call you and when He called you into salvation, it was not just a calling. But He called you to traverse the laws of the Old Testament, now you needed not to be a Levite and He crossed the line, He traversed you all through until into the priesthood. And He says, "to be a holy Priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable unto God."

Now I understand that when in the Old Testament when the Holy Spirit was talking in <u>Exodus</u> <u>28</u> about the priestly garment, it had every relationship with the church because now I see that the Church, the Christian, you were not called just to sit and to enjoy this salvation. But you were called to be a priest in the spiritual House of God, a holy priesthood that you may bring forth this light of God the wonderful light unto the dark world. But He says, on this other side, He said "Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron to give him dignity and honor."

Now I understand that when the Lord called the church into this precious priesthood He also had the intention of removing her from the shame of sin into the dignity and honor of God. Question then becomes, "How does the church know that she is wearing the garment, that she is clothed with the garment; that she is decorated with the garment; that she is adorned in the garment? How does the church today know this?"

I have found out something very critical here that the garment bestows dignity and honor unto the church. The opposite of that is shame and disgrace. So I'd want to see a church that is adorned in the garment living in the dignity and honor of God. What are the basic tenets, the elements of the dignity and honor of God in the church? That means the church that is not humiliated; not shamed, not ashamed. I will give simple examples here:

For example, when one walks in the right standing with the LORD, and wears this garment here—the Garment of the Lord, that Garment according to Revelation chapter 19 versus 6 to verse 9 that garment is the righteousness of the church. Again very, very slowly, I am walking you through this, He says Revelation 19 verse 7, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory for the Wedding of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready." That's incredible. She is ready! And then how is she ready? "Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." And He says, "(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints)"—for the righteousness of the church. And then down there he talks about blessedness. In verse 9 he talks about, "Blessed are those who are invited into the marriage supper of the Lamb!"

So when is the church able to know that she is adorned in this Glorious Garment that I saw in that tremendous vision? I see very clearly, again I see very, very clearly that that garment is a priestly garment; it is a priestly garment and just as the priestly garments were designed to bestow dignity and honor so does this precious garment bestow even higher dignity and higher honor unto the church.

And we are now seeing clearly in <u>Revelation 19</u> that that garment actually can only happen when the church is in right standing with the LORD; that when the church wears this garment that garment emits, manifests as the righteousness of the church. And if that is the case, then, that is great honor and dignity unto the church because a righteous church is a church in which, the LORD will come and infill with the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit is in full operation in the church like you've seen in Kenya, then, the sick are healed in the church. And so the heathen cannot laugh anymore. They cannot ask the question, "Look where is your God now that you are sick?" That is the church that is healed even when she falls ill and hence, dignified because finally even the nations will know that her God is Jehovah; honored because even in society, she will be in high standing in society.

A righteous church is the light of the nation, the light of the world so she has a higher place in society and that brings dignity and honor to the church because she becomes the leader, the opinion leader, she becomes the road for direction, she becomes the point of reference for the leadership and the peoples of the land. That place is a place of dignity and honor. My question to you as a church is this, "Now that the LORD has shown me the Garment has receded Heaven and said, 'Look the Garment' in other words asking, 'How about your garment? Look my Garment is Glorious, is yours glorious? Look my garment is ready, is yours ready? Look, my garment is Heavenly, is yours Heavenly? Look my garment is spiritual, is yours spiritual? Look my garment is Glorious, is yours glorious?"

Now that the Lord has spoken the Garment, my question to you is this, "Are you wearing the Garment of this hour? Are you adorned in the Garment of the Lord? Is the church walking with dignity

and honor?" And the church is you, the Christian; if you are walking with dignity and honor, it is needless to say that surely you are walking in righteousness.

The Lord is requiring of the church at this hour, that she may be adorned in the Garment of this moment. The Garment of yesterday, I don't know because I see in the Book of <u>Acts chapter 17 verse 30</u>, I see Him saying again <u>Acts chapter 17 verse 30</u>, this is what the Lord says, "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent." Why? Because He says <u>verse 31</u>, "For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given this proof to all men by raising him from the dead."

The Garment of yesterday, I do not know. When God ignored your sloppiness, when God ignored your spiritual carelessness is the word—it is carelessness, complacency. He ignored that, but because the day has now been set the LORD is compelling the church, the church that cares is compelling her to ensure that she re-examines her garment and because yesterday could have been the yesterday of immorality, falsehood, false prophets, love of money, witchcraft, gospel of prosperity, He says, "Today, the garment of this hour is a glorious garment." And that's why He commands repentance that you may find yourselves adorned and fully decorated in the garment of this hour.

The garment of this hour is righteousness and glorious. Ah, the Book of Exodus chapter 28 verse 40 as we move on Exodus 28:40, this is what the LORD says, precious people, again He says, "Other Priestly Garments." Verse 40, "Make tunics, sashes and headbands for Aaron's sons, to give them dignity and honor." So we see very clearly in this segment that the church that is fully cludded, fully adorned and dressed in the garment of this moment that church will manifest spiritual dignity and honor.

And I have said it clearly that the bedrock for spiritual dignity and honor is the righteousness of the church because that is what opens favor between God and the church—the doors of favor between God and the church to the extent that her sick are healed. It is honorable for the LORD Himself to respond to the ailing. It's a signature of covenant with God. And I also said that her stature would be very high in society because she would be beyond reproach—in other words, incorruptible; hence, the light of the world.