

## **The Purification of the Church—Part 3**

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The Book of Hebrews chapter 6 verse 19, and he says, “*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the Inner Sanctuary behind the curtain where Jesus, who went before us has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.*” Hallelujah! Luke 23:45, let me begin 44, “*It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn into two.*” And “*Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”*”

Listen to me precious people: So you begin to understand that in the first sanctuary, there were regulations set-up and worship was taking place in the Holy of Holies. And so you see that the priests were going into the Outer Court to do their daily ministry—*kila siku wanaeneda na ma jeans hapo, mikono kwa mifuko*. But when it came to entering the Holy of Holies, there was need for purity. There was need for purification. The High Priest stepped aside repenting—he never touched his wife. And the Bible says they even tied his legs with some bells so if he is not right *radi ilimpiga*; lightning hit him and they pulled him out with the strings. And then you see very clearly that when Jesus comes, our High Priest of the order of Melchizedek, the spiritual transition of the shift coming from the old tabernacle into the spiritual new tabernacle, you begin to receive revelation about that shift.

It already started taking place when Melchizedek met Abraham. Thank God our Lord is a prophetic God. He sees beyond the present. He put together plan B already for the fallen man. The Old Testament was already laying way for the Son of Man to come. You see the mirror image of the Lord in the Old Testament. You see the shadow of Christ the Messiah. And you see that now when the spiritual tabernacle comes in, then Luke 23:45 takes place.

When Jesus dies the curtain ruptures *pia inapasuka*. Finally now the curtain ruptures and the Lord says, “Father I place myself in your hands right now—I come to you.” He is moving into the Holy of Holies. But when He’s moving there, He brought the church with Himself there. He said, “Whoever wants to come to the Father, whoever wants to follow me” in John chapter 14 verse 1 to 6, He says, “I’m going to the Father and if I go to the Father, I go to prepare a place for you. In my Father’s House are many mansions. And if I go to prepare a place for you, that means I will come back and take you so you too may be where I am.”

But He finishes beautifully, He says, “You know the way to where I am going.” The way to He’s going to the Father is through the Cross. It is at that Cross that the curtain ruptured. And He entered into the Presence of the Father—into the Holy of Holies. And now He’s telling the

church, “You too can now enter the Holy of Holies.” **But there is pure gold here. You need to be purified by the Fire. You cannot just walk in here.** We need a remnant here.

What a mighty blessing that we can even share this before you and to share this before the LORD. So we’ve seen very clearly that the church is being called to purification that when the Lord spoke about the rapture on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November the year 2006 by placing 2 Golden Wedding Rings in the sky that the Lord actually spoke very mightily to the church and He’s speaking to the heart of the church. And you see the true love of the LORD because the Bible says, “Not even the Son of Man knows the Day of Wedding of the Lamb of God; not even the angels in Heaven.” And you see the Father coming out to give a hint on the Wedding of the Lamb of God. And we’ve seen very clearly that there is a message that is a deep revelation that is embedded in the Wedding Rings in the sky and we’ve seen that the gold there is rich gold. It is good gold. And so by placing the Golden Wedding Rings in the sky, by placing the gold in the sky He spoke purification to the church.

He was telling the church, **“Please the moment for purification has arrived. Purify yourselves, so you may be able to enter.”** That is a lot of love from our God. That is a lot of love from our Father in Heaven. And we see clearly that when the Lord was on the Cross—our Lord Jesus, the curtain ruptured and essentially He invited the church to enter into the Holy of Holies. In other words, He transformed the identity of the church.

I’m reading the Book of 1 Peter chapter 2 verses 9 down to 10. You see how He changed the identity of the church when the curtain ruptured and then He Himself by His merit, He entered into the Holy of Holies by the merit of the Blood of the Lamb, so we may not anymore go there with the Blood of an animal every year, but so we may enter there once by the Blood of the Lamb—the Blood of Jesus; that we may not go in there every once a year with the blood of an animal; that we may enter there once for a lifetime through the Blood of the Lamb. And I like where He says that He finally after the curtain ruptured, ushered Himself; He entered into the Presence of God where God is—the Holy of Holies. And inside there, you see when they brought the blood of an animal they always poured it on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant. And then you saw the Glory of the Lord always came down.

But this time it is the Blood of Jesus that is poured on the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the New Covenant. And you see that when Melchizedek met Abraham, Melchizedek was the ancient. He is the greater that blessed the lesser. So Melchizedek blessed Abraham and He remains High Priest of the Lord God forever. **You see the first incarnation of Christ—the first time Christ appears in the scene, in that form.** And you see that when Melchizedek comes in, it means a lot even to the Covenant. That means the Covenant has to change because the priesthood is changing already.

Remember in the conversations the Lord had, He was talking about the Levites. He talked about Levi all the time. And that's why you see Aaron came in to be consecrated with his sons. But you see that when Melchizedek comes in, He ushers the church into the spiritual tabernacle. And now He begins to talk about the tribe of Judah—the tribe that the Lord did not mention to Moses. So this change of Covenant actually meant that the priesthood has changed and so He had opened already the way for the church also to enter into the Priesthood of the Lord.

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So 1 Peter chapter 2 verses 9 and 10, he's talking about Christ the Living Stone. And He's saying that, "You Christians that believe you are being built into this spiritual house." I will go back to verse 7. He says, "*Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone, and, 'A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.'*" And he says, "*They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.*" That tells you that there is a calling here. Verse 9 he says, "*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are now the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*"

He is talking about the church of Christ. He's talking about the church because you see very clearly that finally the curtain ruptures and He calls the church into the Holy of Holies. And that is the place that only the High Priest entered and now He's able to call the entire church. He says, "Come in here now." But what is amazing about this Priesthood of the order of Melchizedek—that His Blood is poured on the Mercy Seat.

That means there is no other sacrifice the church can offer other than the Blood of Jesus. And it is the Blood of Jesus that when it pours on the Mercy Seat, then this time the Glory of the LORD will come down—the Glory of the LORD God our Father. And that's why you see that He's calling the church into a priesthood. And that's why the curtain ruptured and He has already taught us as the High Priest of God to offer His Blood to the Father because there is no other sacrifice so the Father may accept us. Because He knew we are not capable of offering

acceptable sacrifice to the Father. And that's why He says, "Once we were not a people chosen by God; once we had not received mercy from the LORD, but now we have received mercy and now we are called into the priesthood because of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah." Now He has brought in another tribe other than the Levi. And you see that the church, the church is now called into a holy priesthood.

So in other words, He's telling the church that, "**For a long time you have been operating in the Outer Court.** You have been preaching a gospel where the devil can hear what you are saying; he can compromise with you. He can have a 2 way conversation with you. Some of you he can even help you how to dress before you go to church. He can even choose for you the clothes to put on. 'Ah...since you are in the worship team, there are many men looking at you there when you dance, you put on this red dress here it's better—this red dress with a slit, a short dress and so when you are dancing at the altar, and now the men will say, 'Wow. Look she dances so well.'"

The devil is able to participate in the issues of the sacrifice unto the Lord. He is able to corporate with you regarding sacrifice unto the LORD when you operate in the Outer Court. Even the preaching, the kind of messages being preached there, they are messages that have already compromised with the world. There is a lot of the world that is mixed with church in the Outer Court. And so that's why He has been speaking to the church through the Wedding Rings. He says, "Look in the Innermost Court—the Holy Of Holies, everything is golden. And look you are out there and yet I want you here. There is gold here. This is where the Wedding is taking place. Look the curtain ruptured already. You already qualified to come in. So you come into the Holy of Holies and you can live the promise I left to the church, the promise I gave the church in Joel chapter 2 when I said in those days I shall pour out my Spirit unto all flesh and I will pour out my Spirit onto their young men and women that they may dream dreams and see visions; that I shall pour out my Spirit even unto my servants men and women"—the promise He gave in the Book of Haggai chapter 2 verse 9 when He said, "The latter Glory of this House; the Present Glory; the latter Glory of this House shall be greater than the primitive Glory—the first Glory."

He says, "The present Glory of this House must be greater than the first Glory." Even when Jesus said, "So greater things than I shall you do in my Name." That is the promise given to the church. But that promise is found within the Holy of Holies. When the LORD He presented the 2 Wedding Rings in the sky, in other words He told the church, "Look I want you to come into the Golden, into where there is Gold. Remember when I was walking with Adam in the cool of the day that is my definition of perfect fellowship with man. And if you are going to Wed Christ, then there will be a perfect fellowship between you and Christ." In other words,

you and Christ are going to be one. And that's why the 2 Wedding Rings are very identical, they are similar.

So He's telling the church by presenting the Wedding Rings, "Look the Wedding Rings are pure gold—good gold. If you want to wear them, please come in to where there is gold—that is the Holy of Holies." And you see that the whole thing translates into the sacrifice of obedience. The Book of 1 Samuel chapter 15 verse 22, he said, "*But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."* (You have) surrendered the self, you have crucified the self, the curtain is rupturing as you are entering, you have entered into complete obedience to the Word of God.

Self is not there anymore. Jesus entered there and there, there is the Glory of the Lord. And He wants you to enter there too so you can be in the Glory of the LORD. That is the place in the Father's House that Jesus went to prepare for the church. In other words, He said, "He is going to prepare a place for you in the Glory of the LORD."