

## **Revelation on the Pale Horse**

Re-examine your Faith

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Halleluyah; so we've seen what the Lord is saying to the church now that there are expectations regarding the Wedding of the Lamb. And yet all those expectations they are directly related to the Presence of the Holy Spirit in the church. The Lord was not unfair, so when He was defining everything required of the church He knew the weakness of the human flesh; the sinful desires of the flesh; the sinful nature. And He knew that the sinful nature is so weak that the sinful nature cannot present a sacrifice before Him. And then He provided the Holy Spirit to help the church.

I'm reading from John chapter 2; again John chapter 2 verses 1 to 11, "<sup>1</sup> On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."<sup>4</sup> "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come. <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you. <sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them with water to the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." So they did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him."

Precious people I want you to understand this, there is a situation here in which it was common practice to bring out the first wine, the best wine first and then the poorer wine would be later after people had had enough to drink. Now I want to say that that was then the order. And Jesus comes and offsets their order and then now He prepares this wine without fermentation from water and this wine turns out to be better than the first wine. Again I want to repeat that: the second wine turns out to be greater than the first wine in its taste and its power. Wine is categorized by according to its strength—that means its power.

Hold on there and turn to the Book of Haggai; turn to the Book of Haggai; the Book of Haggai chapter 2, Haggai chapter 2 verses 1 to 9 "<sup>1</sup> on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: <sup>2</sup> "Speak to Zerubbabel son of

*Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, <sup>3</sup> 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?' <sup>4</sup> But now be strong, O Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD. 'Be strong, O Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty. <sup>5</sup> 'For this is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'"*

*Verse 6, <sup>6</sup> "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, and the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup> I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,'" Again, "I will shake all nations, and the desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD Almighty. <sup>8</sup> 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty." Verse 9 is key, <sup>9</sup>"The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."*

So you see very clearly here in John chapter 2 when Jesus is invited to Cana at the wedding then He moves in and He did a prophetic act and then out of water He brought forth the best wine after the first wine which was supposedly or considered to be best; now He brought forth the second wine, the latter wine which actually became the best, far better, much better than the first. And then when we look at the Book of Haggai in the reflection of the spiritual temple that Jesus would bring to the church remember that the temple of the LORD in Israel was the mirror image of the spiritual temple that the Lord Jesus would bring to the church.

That's why you see there is a parallelism between the fall in that first temple in Jerusalem and the fall in the church in these days and the disobedience of that time, the disobedience of now. There is a parallelism. There was Phariseism then; there is Phariseism today. But you see very clearly that in that discourse when He was talking in relation to the temple in Jerusalem, God Almighty was extrapolating that conversation to reflect on what would befall the church at this hour.

While the former glory, the first glory may have been so massive, and startling and shocking and historic, then came the fall in the House of the Lord in Israel. And so the elders were being asked, "*Who of you is left that saw this house in her former glory?*" And there was a sadness, there was a tremendous groaning and bereavement even considering the big fall that had taken place because formerly when they sacrificed the glory visited. But the priests came to ask them, and that must have been after offering sacrifice and no glory visited. And he came to ask them this very important question, "*Who of you is left that saw this house in her former glory?*"

While they were still celebrating the former glory and wondering how to catch up with the former glory, then the Lord now interjects, the Lord intervenes. And the Lord says, “By the way the present glory of this house will be far greater than the former.” I think if you draw a scale between the former glory that they celebrated and where they were as a people, as a church and this latter glory the Lord was extrapolating, you could see that that is what defined the horrific fall in the church because the former glory, from the former glory to where they were they should have been to a more superior place. And yet here they were describing how much they have fallen such that now this house seems like nothing if you consider the former glory. And yet the Lord was telling them, “By the way the latter glory that is supposed to be animating here is far much greater than former” which they were less than.

I think the Holy Spirit was using this to ignite repentance; to shock holes for repentance. But most importantly, now there is the promise of the latter glory; remember the latter wine in Cana was stronger than the first wine. And here in Haggai we are told that the latter glory should be by far greater than the former. How does that translate into the Revelation 6 chapter verses 5 and 6 church that the Lord speaks of?

Listen very carefully: the Lord is saying that if you are going to be part of the Revelation 6 church of *oil and wine*, the Anointing of that church is supposed to be much higher than the first Anointing. And that becomes the acid test that surely I am walking in this roadmap designed by the Lord because the Word of God cannot be changed; the Word of God is true to itself. And so the Lord is saying that that church in Revelation chapter 6, her Anointing is the latter Anointing. Her Anointing must be far greater than the first church.

If you put it in context today, then you’ll find that surely the church today has fallen to a given magnitude; then you realize that there is a lot of ground to be done to gain ground even to reach where the former church was. Then how much more work surely there is for the church to move from where she is even to the latter glory which should be by far greater than the former. And so that clearly speaks to you the fact that probably there is going to be a remnant church that can measure up to the Revelation chapter 6 church.

But if you look at the wedding feast at Cana, then you see a lot of responsibility also spoken in there because at that time it was surely the responsibility of the hosting families to provide entertainment to the guests. They were to play hosts to the guests. The Lord is using this to speak to the current church, in that if surely you are the priestly bride, then you have to be hosting the nations. You are the one (that) has to go around to entertain the nations as they come into the house—in other words we are talking about the act of service.

If you calibrate the work of the church that God speaks about in Revelation chapter 6 with *oil and wine*, then most obviously you are going to be able to come out with the fact that

it's a church of servanthood where priesthood is equal to servanthood. Jesus is the High Priest—there is no other of His stature. And yet Jesus served us so much that He washed their feet; He served mankind in a manner that cannot be matched ever. So the Lord is calling today's church to the acts of service.

But what kind of service are you going to offer unto the Lord? Are you going to serve the Lord when you yourself are unacceptable before the Lord? In the Book of Haggai now even the Book of Malachi they speak very clearly on what kind of service the church ought to offer. In the Book of Malachi chapter 1; again Malachi chapter 1, He says from verse 6, *"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the LORD Almighty. "It is you O priests, who show contempt for my name. "But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?' <sup>7</sup> "You place defiled food on my altar. "But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?' "By saying that the LORD's table is contemptible. <sup>8</sup> When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong?"* And He continues on and on in describing the sacrifice that is totally unacceptable to the Lord.

So you see that there is no way that the church can purport to offer the act of service or servanthood unto the Lord at this time, unless her own sacrifice is acceptable before the LORD. And so the LORD expects that in the Revelation chapter 6 church of *oil and wine* church there is the offering of a perfect sacrifice unto the perfect God of Israel. And there is no way the church can offer perfect sacrifice except that the Holy Spirit helps her.

The role of the Holy Spirit in sacrificing today is that of ascertaining that when the church offers sacrifice, she offers nothing else other than the perfect Blood of Jesus. Only the perfect Blood of Jesus can meet the perfect standards of God in sacrifice. But by offering the perfect Blood of Jesus unto the Father, then the church of Christ that is in Revelation chapter 6 - that means that church has centralized the Blood of Jesus in her life. So we very well know the power that is resident in that church because anyhow the Blood is power unto the gospel and without forgetting - the cross of course is very central in that church.

I am amazed that when the Pentecost took place some of the first issues that came up in the discourse between Peter and the multitude is a conversation that related to the cross because Peter says, "This Jesus of Nazareth who was accredited to you by God Almighty and then you know by the purposes of God was, by God's will was handed to you people and you people through wicked men crucified Him" and beyond that he says, "Now He has resurrected; He defeated death that decay may not touch Him."

I see that when the Holy Spirit came then definitely there was the conversation, from the church came forth the conversation of the works of the cross. I think the best way to truly

witness or to evangelize Jesus is to simply talk about these wonders of God. The greatest wonder of God ever is the crucifixion of Jesus the Son of the Living God and His eminent resurrection and the door that opens that any man who may repent of his sin and receive the Lord automatically has eternity; that because of that act on the cross, literally any man can now cross from death to eternal life. I am going to read further on.

It's very important to understand that the Word of God Almighty becomes the mirror to the church. And so the church now has direction and also has a reflection. And when you look at the Word of God, the Word of God can only reflect the life and the nature of Christ into our own lives. James chapter 1 verse 22, this is what he says, James 1:22 to 25, he says, <sup>22</sup> *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*"

The Lord is saying essentially that if the Word is going to be central in the *oil and wine* church in Revelation chapter 6 then that is the church that is a doer of the Word. That is the church that walks the talk. Verse 23 <sup>23</sup> *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this—not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.*"

I would think that the church the Lord is describing here, the *oil and wine* church of this hour that is celebrated in the Book of Revelation chapter 6; that is the church that walks in the mirror of the Word. How beautiful it is to be guided by the Word; how beautiful it is to be led of the Word. Psalm 19:7-11, this is what he says: he says. <sup>7</sup> *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.*" I see a lot about the *oil and the wine* church in Revelation chapter 6 that means that is a church whose soul is revived because the law of the Lord is very central in that church. *"The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,"* that means you can trust the statutes of the Lord; *"...making wise the simple"* so that means in the definition of the simple in the world, the Lord now comes and then gives them wisdom when they walk in the Word. Verse 8 <sup>8</sup> *The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.*" So I see a joyous church. The church that is being described in Revelation chapter 6—I see a church that has joy unspeakable. And we are going to share very little in the Book of Isaiah chapter 26 verses 19 to 21.

He says, *"The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes."* That is so wonderful because you see very clearly that the radiance with which the church walks indeed comes from the Word. He says, *"The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes."* That means if one is going to walk in the requirements defined in Revelation chapter 6 then that church has to obey the commands of God. But in obeying the commands of God, the Lord's command centralizes holiness and righteousness. And you see Daniel describing, "Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the brightness of the stars forever and forever."

But you now see very clearly those keeping the commandments of the Lord, they are radiant. That means the command of God centralizes righteousness and hence brings radiance to the church. And that's what He talks about here. And then you see once you take the Word of God into your heart and the Word of God gives fruit of righteousness into your life, then the righteousness that is inside you is reflected in your eyes; which means the light in your life can be seen now in your eyes.

Verse 9, he says, <sup>9</sup> *The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.* Then that becomes the bottom line of every single word of God that is observed in the Revelation chapter 6 church that in reading and understanding and living the Word and the commands, the result is the fear of the Lord in the church. And then he says, *The ordinances of the LORD are sure, and altogether righteous.* <sup>10</sup> *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.* And then he says down there, <sup>11</sup> *By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

I want to understand one thing here: the Lord is saying that by keeping His command that church has an eternal treasure. So when I look at the treasure value of the church in the Revelation chapter 6 with *oil and wine* the treasure that causes God in Heaven to decree divine protection over her at this hour, then that church has eternal treasure. And for God Almighty to even decree; you know the way you protect a treasure, to decree, "Please protect that treasure"—that treasure must be a heavenly treasure and not an earthly treasure.

But now listen to this: the Book of Matthew chapter 6 verse 19 down says that, *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust can destroy, and where thieves can steal.* <sup>20</sup> *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves cannot steal.* And He winds up by saying that <sup>21</sup> *...where your treasure is, there your heart also will be.* So for me when I look at the church of *oil and wine* of Revelation chapter 6 I see a church carrying a heavenly treasure that God Himself is forced to preserve.

And the Lord speaks very clearly and now He makes us understand that those treasures are very precious because they are eternal. They are better than gold and silver and they are sweeter than honey. I see that the *oil and wine* church of Revelation 6 is a church that has stored up for herself treasures in Heaven, if you want to identify her probably you won't see much of what you call the earthly treasure with her.

That's why there is such a big misnomer, and big confusion in the church by those who are now preaching the wealth of the earth; wealth transfer; prosperity of the earth and the prosperity of the earth. And the Lord is saying the true treasure is the treasures in Heaven. And so it's very, very important that the church understand this at this very last hour that at this very critical hour, the church that the Lord celebrates in Revelation chapter 6 with *oil and wine*—that church her heart is pure. May the Lord bless you.