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 Scriptures: Revelation 1:4-6

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“4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

INTRODUCTION

The foundation to this message is the sermon on “Members of His Body” (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

- The focus is not on membership but being a member with function and a responsibility
- The unity of the Body is by the Baptism of the Spirit and by drinking into one Spirit

(1 Corinthians 12:13)

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit”

- Paul says, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually” (1 Corinthians 12:27)
 - An individual member is gifted for the benefit of all.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

- To fulfill its calling, purpose or vision, the church needs to understand that Christ has made us kings and priests.

PRIESTS ARE ANOINTED

- The purpose of the anointing is to provide vision

(Amos 3:7)

“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

(Psalm 25:14)

“The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.”

Examples:

- Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 2:11-12)

11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. 12 Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode.

- Daniel and the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream

(Daniel 2:1-6, 16, 47-48)

Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. 2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream." 4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. 6 However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation." 16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. 47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." 48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

- How shall the people hear without a preacher?

(Romans 10:13-14)

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

KINGS ARE ALSO ANOINTED

King Saul and King David were anointed by the Prophet Samuel.
Today, the Holy Spirit anoints us.

- The purpose of the anointing is to provide for the vision
 - Kings rule
Our dominion is not geographical but our life

(Romans 6:12-14)

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

- .Kings go to war
 - War against a sinful nature

(1 Peter 2:11-12)

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

When there is a war and if they do not go to war, they sin.
Example: David & Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11)

- War against Satan

(John 10:10)

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Prayer of Jabez

(1 Chronicles 4:10)

“And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.”

Joshua and Jericho

(Joshua 6:2)

“And the LORD said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.”

- o Kings have God given power to make wealth

(Deuteronomy 8:18)

“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

Wisdom, skill and protection to gain wealth is a gift from God.

(Ecclesiastes 5:19)

“As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God.”

(Proverbs 13:22)

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”

- What is the purpose for the wealth?

To fulfill His Word – Revelation or Vision for His people

Example: King David

(1 Chronicles 22:14-17)

14 Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them. 15 Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work. 16 Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you.” 17 David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

- Priests give vision.
- Kings provide for the vision.
- Be careful not to make the priest a king and the king a priest.

CONCLUSION

- The Church of the last days is going to be better than before.

(Ecclesiastes 7:8)

“The end of a thing is better than its beginning; the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.”

(John 2:1-10) The water into wine

What Jesus did was better than what was before

- Joel prophesied of the end-time Church - there are 3 key descriptions of the Church

(Joel 2:23-29)

23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25 “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. 28 “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

- There is going to be rain

Former rain – the lost shall be saved (V. 23)

Latter rain – the church refreshed and revived

- An anointing for the church to be able to do the will of God without hindrance (V. 24 – 27)
- It is a church of visions and dreams (V. 28 – 29)

- When Jesus comes, He is looking for:

- A Church of Faith

(Luke 18:8)

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

- A cleansed and spotless Church

(Ephesians 5:25-27)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.