

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Message Six

**The Revelation and Experience of the Heavenly Woman
with Her Manchild, the Firstfruits, and
the Victorious Ones as the Testimony of Jesus**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 12:1-17; Dan. 12:3; S. S. 6:10; Phil. 2:15; Eph. 2:6; 6:12; 3:14-19;
Rev. 14:1-5, 14-16; Matt. 13:3-8; 1 Cor. 3:9; Dan. 1:8

I. The testimony of Jesus is the universal, heavenly woman, representing the whole Body of God's redeemed, clothed with the sun and having the moon underneath her feet and a crown of stars on her head—cf. Rev. 12:1-17:

- A. The woman indicates the heavenly nature, position and disposition of the church as the testimony of Jesus; the local churches are in the heavens, and there is no earth but only the sun, the moon, and the stars:
1. Christ's faithful followers are shining living stars who follow Christ as the shining and living star—Dan. 12:3; cf. Matt. 2:2-12; Micah 5:2.
 2. The moon signifies the church, the wife of Christ; the church shines in the dark night of this age by reflecting the light of Christ as the sun—Phil. 2:15; S.S. 6:10.
- B. The position of the church in the spiritual warfare is not on the earth but in the heavenlies; when the church is in the heavenlies, Satan is under her feet—Eph. 6:12; Rev. 12:10-11; cf. Eph. 2:6:
1. In the proper church life, which is the main part of the heavenly woman, Satan is already defeated.
 2. The best way to defeat Satan in the local churches is to minister the heavenly things to the saints so that the church may remain heavenly; then there will be victory and Satan will be cast down.
 3. The wonderful, bright woman has no covering, shadow or darkness, everything is in the bright open air; this kind of church is a victorious one; in this sense there is no need for the church to fight against Satan; Satan has already been defeated and cast down, and the kingdom of Christ has been brought in.

II. The testimony of Jesus is the man-child, representing the overcomers as the stronger part of the people of God brought forth from the universal, bright woman—Eph. 3:14-19:

- A. The woman will be left on earth to pass through the great tribulation, but the stronger part, the man-child, will be raptured to the throne of God before the tribulation—Rev. 12:5b-6:
1. The man-child will be raptured prior to the tribulation because God needs the man-child to fight against Satan in heavens and cast him down to earth.
 2. God will shame Satan by using the very man Satan corrupted to defeat him—v. 9.
- B. Although Jesus has defeated Satan on the cross, there is still the need for the church to execute His victory over the enemy; only the stronger part of the Body, the man-child, will execute Christ's victory over Satan; the man-child will be raptured to the heavens to accomplish this job.
- C. The man-child signifies the overcomers who put on Christ as the weapons of light to fight against His enemy and usher in God's kingdom—Rev. 12:5-11; cf. Rom. 13:11-14:
1. God has a need for us to be raptured to heaven to fight against the enemy.
 2. We must earnestly desire to be a part of the man-child; do not be satisfied simply to be a part of the woman.

III. The testimony of Jesus is the firstfruits, signifying the overcomers raptured before the great tribulation, and the harvest, signifying the majority of the believers raptured at the end of the great tribulation—Rev. 14:1-5, 14-16:

- A. The church as the testimony of Jesus is God's farm to grow the divine crop, which is first the one hundred forty-four thousand firstfruits, a small number, and then the harvest, the majority—vv. 1-5, 14-16:
1. At His first coming to the earth, the Lord sowed Himself into His believers; all the believers since that time, who have received Him as the seed of life, have become God's farm, His crop, on the earth—1 Cor. 3:9; cf. Matt. 13:3-8, 24.
 2. The overcomers, as the first ripe ones in God's field, will be reaped (raptured) before the great tribulation as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb—Rev. 14:1-5.
 3. The majority of the believers will ripen with the help of the sufferings in the great tribulation and will be reaped at the end of the great tribulation—v. 15.
- B. In the church life we all need to grow; in order to grow, we need to stay away from any kind of defilement:
1. Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself by eating food that had been offered to idols—Dan. 1:8.
 2. If the young people separate themselves to the Lord, they will grow every day, and will be the firstfruits produced by the church life.

FOCUS: *Three aspects of the testimony of Jesus seen in Revelation 12 and 14, the universal bright woman, the man-child, and the firstfruits, show us our need to be full of light and bright as the universal woman, to be the manchild as the stronger part of the woman, and to be the firstfruits who are growing and maturing in life quickly by removing all the barriers to our growth in life and being careful not to be defiled with the worldly things.*

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Scripture Reading:

Rev. 12:1, 5-11, 17

- 1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
- 5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
- 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place there prepared by God so that they might nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.
- 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.
- 8 And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any longer in heaven.
- 9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.
- 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- 11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.
- 17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

Dan. 12:3

And those who have insight will shine like the shining of the heavenly expanse, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars, forever and ever.

Phil. 2:15

That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world.

Song 6:10

Who is this woman who looks forth like the dawn, / As beautiful as the moon, / As clear as the sun, / As terrible as an army with banners?

Eph. 6:12

For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Eph. 3:14-19

- 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,
15 Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named,
16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

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- 17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

Rev. 14:1-5, 14-16

- 1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice out of heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harp-singers playing on their harps.
3 And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been purchased from the earth.
4 These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
5 And in their mouth no lie was found; they are without blemish.
14 And I saw, and behold, there was a white cloud, and on the cloud One like the Son of Man sitting, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.
15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, Send forth Your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come because the harvest of the earth is ripe.
16 And He who sat on the cloud thrust His sickle upon the earth, and the earth was reaped.

1 Cor. 3:9

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

Dan. 1:8

But Daniel set his heart not to defile himself with the king's choice provision and with the wine that the king drank, so he requested of the leader of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

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Message Six – Group Time

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Verses for Pray-reading:

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Ministry Reading:

(*The Testimony of Jesus*, W. Lee, Ch 9, pp. 103-107)
<http://www.ministrybooks.org/books.cfm?id=%23%28LEY%0A>

Discussion Questions:

1. Fellowship in your groups about the church in your locality; are the young people heavenly, bright, or is there some darkness?
2. Discuss how we as the young people in the Lord's recovery can be part of the stronger part of the woman, the man-child; or is this only for the older ones?
3. Fellowship about how to become the stronger part of the woman, even as young people.

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Morning Revival

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Verses for Pray-reading:

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Simple Prayers:

“Oh Lord, grow in us; may we not remain the same year after year!”

“May all the young people be healthy and growing in Your life; Lord, make us the firstfruits!”

“Lord, give us the experiences we need to be perfected and matured in Your life to be raptured early for Your satisfaction!”