Spirit's Day Studies
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Shake, shake your earthly dust away
Now it's the Spirit's Day,
that will admit of no delay.
The Eight Worlds

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Jane Lead's 60 Propositions
Proposition 2, Part 2

Ichabod

or,
The Great Apostasy

This is an hidden mystery, not to be understood without the Revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Proposition 1 informs us of a total and full redemption by Christ. In Proposition 2 we learn that this great plan is 1) a mystery, 2) is hidden, and 3) can only be unveiled by the Holy Spirit. The opening of this mystery is not given to the unbelieving world;[1] neither is it given to Christians who have yet to walk with God in all obedience.[2] Instead, He reveals it to *holy* souls that have journeyed with Him faithfully while living in the midst of an unmistakably fallen Church.[3]

Ichabod, or, the Great Apostasy

Jane Lead wrote that in her day the Church was already well into the Apostasy; for the Spirit of Promise had not only been banished *from the Church*—it had been banished *by the Church.*[4] That the Spirit of Christ is absent today is obvious to any believer with eyes to see and a heart that is broken over the tragic state of the Church. The rejection of this *Shekinah-Glory*[5] is the greatest evil that can be committed by God's people: for Spirit of the Resurrected Christ is the highest offer God can make to the soul.[6] Without it there is no possibility to be delivered from our sin *nature*.[7]

The Sinner's Prayer

The Church has created a tremendous obstacle toward attaining this utmost and hidden redemption. The practice of *inviting Jesus into the heart* has long been the accepted method toward salvation; and the new convert is assured that the Gift of the Holy Spirit is now resident *in the heart.* And yet no passage in Scripture promotes this type of prayer or idea.[8] In 2,000 years of Church history the *Sinner's Prayer* was not used in the conversion of a soul.[9] But as a consequence the new believer is persuaded that he has what he has not. And though he might truly be converted, yet the new believer, convinced that he has already received the Promise of the Father, will never do as Jesus commanded:

1) To ask the Heavenly Father for this Gift;[10] and 2) To *wait* in his own Jerusalem *until* he receives the Gift.[11] And if Passover represents conversion (and it does),[12] and if Pentecost represents the giving of the Holy Spirit (and it does),[13] and the two feasts were never combined into one—then why is the Church combining what God has intentionally divided? And as Passover and Pentecost are two separate and distinct events, so, also are conversion and the reception of the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

Cisterns without Water

Pastors and teachers are only assigned to lead souls into the fullness and perfection of Christ.[14] But the Church is now fully *Ichabod:* for what else does *Ichabod* represent but the absence of the Holy Spirit in the Temple of man's soul? Therefore the Spirit of the Risen Christ has been replaced with charisma, natural ability, and degrees in divinity. Unable to preach or teach in the power of the Spirit, they are *natural* men and women, with *natural* abilities, preaching and teaching to *natural* people.[15] Their speech may be eloquent, their delivery passionate, and their command of the Scriptures very high. They may even succeed in leading a few souls to faith in Jesus. But without the Promise of the Father, they can never direct the soul into true freedom from the Body of Sin,[16] which alone is the reason they are given their positions in the first place.

And if (as the Church teaches) all professing Christians immediately receive the Indwelling Christ upon conversion to faith in Jesus, why is it so many Christians fall into false and even cult-like beliefs, practices, and doctrines? Why so much lawlessness, disobedience, self-seeking, confusion, depression, and even suicide among those who claim Jesus as their Savior—if they truly possess the Indwelling Holy Spirit of Christ—*whose express ministry is to set the soul free,*[17] and *to guide into all truth?*[18] Therefore the true reason for the Apostasy must be something that is much deeper than the acceptance of false doctrine. This question merits individual investigation and introspection.[19]

The Red Herring, or, Worship of the Letter

The Church's *reverence* for the veracity of the Holy Scriptures has superseded any hope for the reception of this great Promise. Indeed the Bible is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.[20] But the written Word of God was never designed to be *the end*, but is rather a *means to an end.* Jesus *as Word* can never destroy the Body of Sin;[21] otherwise He would not have come as Spirit.[22] Only the *Indwelling Resurrected Christ* can give us this great victory. And the Scriptures contain everything necessary *to lead us to this Holy Spirit of Promise.*[23]

Again, Jesus as the *written* Word can never accomplish what He can only do *as Spirit*; otherwise He would have only given us the Holy Scriptures;[24] nor would He have required us to wait for His *subsequent* coming *as* the Holy Spirit.[25] The written Word *leads* the true Christian to the reception of the Indwelling Spirit; and in turn, the Indwelling Spirit (as the Spirit of Truth), teaches the soul the deeper things of the Word, in order to lead the soul out of the prison-house of the Body of Sin. Therefore, to reject the Holy Spirit is to reject the highest Gift that God can offer to fallen creatures; for this rejected Holy Spirit is that alone which can fully redeem man!

"Another Spirit"

The apostles and early disciples of were the first to receive the Promise of the Father; but they soon afterward had to lay hands on the newer converts to impart this precious Gift. During Paul's ministry in Ephesus he asked, *Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?* When they answered, "Sir, we have no so much as heard of the Holy Ghost," Paul then laid hands on them, and they en-

tered into their own Pentecost.[26] Though they were truly saved, yet they had no Indwelling Spirit of Christ—until it was imparted to them by the Apostle Paul. Later in his ministry Paul warned the Corinthians that some would come after him and preach *another Gospel*—which would not be good news at all, but was rather meant to deceive.[27] To preach and teach that all new converts immediately receive this *coveted* Promise of the Father is yet "another Gospel;" and is the greatest contributor to the apostasy of the Church, and also to the infant state of Christians worldwide.

Conclusion

The rejection and departure of the Holy Spirit, and the entrance of the natural man's wisdom and ability, has brought about this great apostasy. However Jane Lead tells us that in the latter age of the Church, and in order to perform the overcoming and refining work in the lives of His faithful ones, this same Spirit will return in a *New and Second Pentecost*;[28]

Only the *Indwelling Spirit of Christ* can open up the Scriptures, and give the true understanding of the mystery that makes this grand redemption possible. Therefore, let none believe that they can ever administer the Kingdom of Christ—until they receive this conquering Spirit, and their Body of Sin is fully destroyed,[29] which alone is the true intent and mission of the Promise of the Father. ✝✝✝

To be continued…

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the KJV. Unless otherwise noted all references are to the Spirit's Day Version (SDV). Index of Abbreviations.

1 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. (1Co 3:19)

2 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? (Mic 6:8)

For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. (Rom 2:13)

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. (Deu 8:2)

3 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. (Joh 15:15)

4 *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M P:4).

5 "The glory has departed." God removed His Glory from the Temple due to evil actions of the priesthood. (1Sam. Ch. 2, 4, and 14)

6 *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M P:4, P:10).

7 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he,* ye shall die in your [body of] sins. (Joh 8:24)

8 Rev. 3:20 is not an invitation for the sinner to come to Christ. Jesus is not addressing the non-believer. He is speaking to His followers the Church! They had shut Him out of their lives—by the rejection of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had been *with them,* but was not *in them.* He is therefore asking that they again make

Him the center of their lives. He is asking to come in *as the Promise of the Father*!

9 This method was made popular by the evangelistic crusades that gained momentum beginning in the 1940's (Billy Sunday, Billy Graham), and into the 1950's (Campus Crusade for Christ) and then exploded in the 60's and 70's (the Jesus Movement, etc.); making it a well-accepted practice today.

10 …how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Mat 7:11)

11 Being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father…(Act 1:4)

And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. (Act 5:32)

12 John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (Joh 1:29)

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (1Co 15:3)

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: (1Co 5:7)

13 Acts Chapter 2.

14 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (Eph 4:11-13)

15 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Co 2:14)

16 For 14 years this Writer was guilty of this great error; but has since repented and has been forgiven.

17 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (Joh 8:36)

18 When the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth…and He will shew you things to come. (Joh 16:13)

19 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (2Co 13:5)

20 2Ti 3:15-17

21 Jesus is truly the Word of God, but victory over sin is not performed by Him as *syntax*.

22 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth…(Joh 16:12-13)

23 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2Ti 3:17)

24 William Law, *Power of the Spirit*, Ch. 3, Worship of the Letter a Denial of the Spirit.

25 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father… (Act 1:4)

26 Acts 19:1-7.

27 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*. (2Co 11:4)

28 *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M P:4).

29 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)