# **Experiencing the Rapture Today** A Journey of Daily Joy on Earth



It is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me. Galatians 2:20





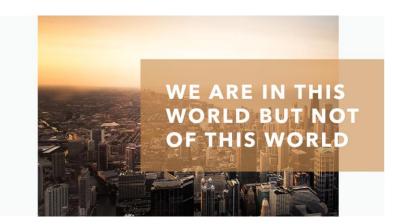
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© 2023 Dale Dan You can use the PDF version of this book. Print, translate and share freely. All to the glory of God. Oh, the joy of living what the words in our Lord's Prayer truly mean 'Let it be on *earth* as it is in *heaven*'. At age 12 in our Catholic High School morning assembly, this line of the prayer would nag my mind. It is only now that I better understand ... let all that is earth - including you and me, become all that is heaven. Where like Christ, we are in this world but not of this world.

### What a spiritual life on this natural earth!



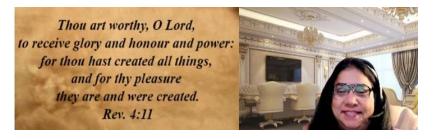
I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. John 17:15-21

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# Greetings

# Created for His Pleasure!



Precious Fellow Believer ...

As a very young girl, I heard of the word 'rapture'. I never understood it. I never paid much attention to it; I never argued its existence nor its validity. I just let it be while believing that if I am to know something – God is faithful enough to show me. This was easy since fortunately, I was never caught up in or defended religious doctrines. I saw this as a lose-lose situation so unless I felt strongly led to share or defend something specifically, I kept my peace. For me, it was just about God. So, my focus was always about how to get to know God better. It was and will forever be about how to feel His presence – how to make Him more a part of my life – how to serve Him and His people. For me, God needs no defense nor does His Word.

As I became more involved in global ministry, my opinion on the topic of rapture was sought many times. Again, I did not feel I should prove the concept right or wrong – I would simply say: "I have no thought on it. I just love the Lord and am thrilled to be living in His love at this very moment."

In 2007, the time finally came when I felt I could truly express what the word, 'rapture' means to 'me'. I started writing this message way back then and now I have the desire to release it to you in 2024. What is the stimulus to release this message now? It has been 17 years and as I reflect on these years, I now know undoubtedly that I have been living heaven on earth these years through being totally lifted off *this earth – that which is described as the rapture.* 

From the tender age of 2.5, I felt God's presence and that never stopped. However, in 2007, something deeper happened and then in 2018, all earth became all heaven in my walk. In 2022, I found my resting place! In 2024 ... oh well, one of my best years ever ... spiritually! I think you will agree that with God at the helm of our lives, each year gets even better, even sweeter :).

Those 17 years saw the passing of my dear mother whose care I had for 5 years and her end in 2008 taught me that death is just the beginning of another life for there is truly nothing outside of God ... life nor death.

Indeed, how can the end of human life conclude the spirit relationship we have with each other and God if these are nurtured well? Oh, the journey of life is sweet and never ends for as long as He is God and we know that He was, is and will forever be that. If the most powerful relationship we have on this earth is with God who is spirit, then why can we not enjoy the same with each other that continues on whether or not we are together in human form? I am with my mother (and others who have passed) now more than ever before - right here on earth, a 24/7 connection in spirit. It is just so precious. It is real when we know that as the spirit always 'is' so are we.

During 2010 to 2017, I oversaw small to large projects from as little as hundreds of dollars to millions of dollars. Hundreds of people were blessed with scholarships and thousands with jobs through my journey with Him. I saw Him turn water into wine (John 2:9) and multiplied fishes and loaves of bread (Matthew 14:18) again and again as He took my little savings of \$200 and amused me by turning this into thousands and millions as He provided for each project that He placed in my hands ... what a God. When we live through these, we do not question Him. We do not doubt what is so real.

In 2018, He withdrew me into quiet for 9 months as in a womb and all He gave me were the following two scriptures: "Take not thy holy spirit from me" (Psalms 51:11) and "... my glory will I not give to another (Isaiah 42:8).

Oh, what a period of total joy as I learned during those 9 months that we are truly dead without the Holy Spirit (James 2:26) hence David's cry for the Holy Spirit (Psalm 51:11). When the Holy Spirit is working mightily in us, amazing things could happen and when they do, we must remember these are all for His glory and not ours. He will not give His glory to another (Isaiah 42:8). The Holy Spirit strips us of all the power that we exercise over each other.

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We are all totally powerless in light of God's powerfulness. Therefore, release each other, empower each other so that each can rise to that high calling of Christ Jesus. Each has been given full dominion in Genesis 1:26 so rise up and claim this ... no less.

In 2022, I felt the urge to enter into a time of retreat. The retreat was to be over 8 weeks part time as I also had professional work to get done. The only scripture that came to me for this time of quiet was Isaiah 30:15. I could not understand why I would spend months on this single scripture but oh ... how I have learned never to question His move :)



This time of retreat was to bask in the loveliness of what the word 'quiet' truly means in this scripture – as it applies to our mind, body and spirit. The focus on this retreat continued into 2024 for me and now I feel the need to further this message on rapture with you.

I leave this part of my life with you – my rapture experience that has transformed my life and my journey with, in, through and as Him on this earth. How I wish at times that I had caught hold of this many years ago, but it is okay, for God knows when we are ready. Until then, new revelation is like 'water off of a duck's back' – ineffective. He knows our timing!

I trust that this will help you find 'your' meaning of 'rapture' too. At the end of the day, the final decision of who, what and where we are in God is a very personal one. We can only share our experiences with each other in love. Then we make space for each person to find their way and their place with God. He is just as faithful to you as He is to me. There is no secret what God can do. You are just as special and unique to Him. Don't question this. It never fails to amaze me how He can be that special Beloved to all of us and to each of us - each feeling His love in such a personal way. You know what I mean.

I know and lovingly understand that rapture means much to many and some even live just for that day of great exit and escape from a world that seems to be collapsing around them. Rapture adds that inner relief from a life on this earth that is unbearable for many. I get this.

What I offer you through my experience is immediate joy that comes from knowing that we can experience the rapture now and do not have to wait another 10 or 20 or 30 years. Many have left this earth reaching 100 years and still waiting to enjoy being caught up with Him. Dear one, **the time is now** ... enjoy it. It is this elevated life on earth that is given to us through the death and rise of Christ. Feel that rise happening within you as you reach for all that He has elevated you to, out of love.

It is daily joy unspeakable. Let the future take care of itself ... just bask in all that is **now**! Love, D





# My 2007 Prophesy



For I have called you Dale to walk in my name, directly in my name. As tempting as all else is, your feet will have to be set straightforward toward me. You cannot be moved; you cannot look over your shoulders to the past for it is all in the past and it is all gone.

Therefore, hear my voice and remember each day of this new calendar year that thou art mine. I have fixed thy feet within the Rock of my life; I have called thee that thou mayest separate thyself from all else knowing that I and I alone hold the key to that which is eternal; to that which is infallible; to that which simply cannot be touched by the human hand nor understood by the human mind. This is a calling that only few will hear. This is a calling that is made pure by choice, by a yearning and a desire to be whole as I am whole; to be righteous in all fullness as I am; to be directly grounded in the Father's Will as I am.

Dale, I came that you might have life - a life that cannot be birthed or formed by the human mind or by the human hand for it is a life that comes from the very nostrils of God, the Almighty; a life that is free from all bondage; a life that knows no limit, no shortage, no pain, no lack. It is a life that is everlasting; a life that multiplies into life like a tree that is ever fruitful. Like a tree that cannot be damaged by rain or thunder or lightning or anything made by man; a tree that grows under any circumstances; a tree that grows despite the nourishment man may or may not contribute; a tree that is hitched to the very vein of God; a tree that pulls all energy, all light, all food needed from God Himself in order to sustain itself.

Are you ready for a life that feeds off the very bloodline of God, the Father? Are you able to believe that if all else collapses around you, you will remain as I remain? You will stand as I stand? You will walk as I walk? You will breathe as I breathe? You will transfer life to others as I do?

Are you ready Dale?

December 31, 2007

For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases Him. Philippians 2:13



#### Margaret MacDonald's Rapture Vision

The belief in the rapture is oftentimes attributed to a fifteen-year-old Scottish-Irish girl whose name is *Margaret MacDonald* and who in 1830, had a vision that was later published in 1861 (one hundred years before I was born). At the time of her vision, she was living in Port Glasgow, Scotland. She lived from 1815 to 1840 (25 years). She was 15 years old when she had the vision.

I read what Margaret had to share and so much of it resonated with me. The main difference is that her focus was on end-time ministry and mine is on present-time ministry. What is important is that we walk as we feel called and directed. I admire her heart for the things of God and value what she left with us.

It is truly amazing what she saw at that tender age. It is as if she came just 'for such a time as this' then exited at the young age of 25. Below are elements of her vision. On purpose, I share what she saw in *sections* so that I can refer to each section later as I comment on each. The original version is in Appendix A of this message.

I will also share in this book how this all applies to my current walk in Him, with Him, and through Him today as I enjoy His rapture daily.





#### **MARGARET's VISION**

- Section 1: It was first the awful state of the land that was pressed upon me. I saw the blindness and infatuation of the people to be very great. I felt the cry of Liberty just to be the hiss of the serpent, to drown them in perdition. It was just 'no God.' I repeated the words, now there is distress of nations, with perplexity, the seas and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear.
- Section 2: Now look out for the sign of the Son of Man. Here I was made to stop and cry out, O it is not known what the sign of the Son of Man is; the people of God think they are waiting, but they know not what it is. I felt this needed to be revealed, and that there was great darkness and error about it; but suddenly what it was burst upon me with a glorious light.

- Section 3: I saw it was just the Lord himself descending from Heaven with a shout, just the glorified man, even Jesus; but that all must, as Stephen was, be filled with the Holy Ghost, that they might look up, and see the brightness of the Father's glory.
- Section 4: I saw the error to be, that men think that it will be something seen by the natural eye; but 'tis spiritual discernment that is needed, the eye of God in his people.
- Section 5: Many passages were revealed, in a light in which I had not before seen them. I repeated, "Now is the kingdom of Heaven like unto ten virgins, who went forth to meet the bridegroom, five wise and five foolish; they that were foolish took their lamps but took no oil with them; but they that were wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." "But be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is; and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess

but be filled with the Spirit." This was the oil the wise virgins took in their vessels - this is the light to be kept burning - the light of God - that we may discern that which cometh not with observation to the natural eye.

- Section 6: Only those who have the light of God within them will see the sign of his appearance. No need to follow them who say, see here, or see there, for his day shall be as the lightning to those in whom the living Christ is. 'Tis Christ in us that will lift us up he is the light 'tis only those that are alive in him that will be caught up to meet him in the air.
- Section 7: I saw that we must be in the Spirit, that we might see spiritual things. John was in the Spirit when he saw a throne set in Heaven. But I saw that the glory of the ministration of the Spirit had not been known. I repeated frequently, but the spiritual temple must and shall be reared, and the fullness of

Christ be poured into his body, and then shall we be caught up to meet him.

- Section 8: Oh, none will be counted worthy of this calling but his body, which is the church, and which must be a candlestick all of gold. I often said, Oh the glorious inbreaking of God which is now about to burst on this earth; Oh, the glorious temple which is now about to be reared, the bride adorned for her husband; and oh, what a holy, holy bride she must he, to be prepared for such a glorious bridegroom.
- Section 9: I said, now shall the people of God have to do with realities - now shall the glorious mystery of God in our nature be known - now shall it be known what it is for man to be glorified. I felt that the revelation of Jesus Christ had yet to be opened up - it is not knowledge about God that it contains, but it is an entering into God - I saw that there

was a glorious breaking in of God to be. I felt as Elijah, surrounded with chariots of fire.

- Section 10: I saw as it were, the spiritual temple reared, and the Head Stone brought forth with shouting(s) of grace, grace, unto it. It was a glorious light above the brightness of the sun that shone round about me. I felt that those who were filled with the Spirit could see spiritual things, and feel walking in the midst of them, while those who had not the Spirit could see nothing.
- Section 11: So that two shall be in one bed, the one taken and the other left, because the one has the light of God within while the other cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Section 12: I saw the people of God in an awfully dangerous situation, surrounded by nets and entanglements, about to be tried, and many about to be deceived and fall. Now will the wicked be revealed, with all power and signs and lying wonders, so that if it were

possible the very elect will be deceived - This is the fiery trial which is to try us. It will be for the purging and purifying of the real members of the body of Jesus; but oh, it will be a fiery trial. Every soul will be shaken to the very centre. The enemy will try to shake in everything we have believed - but the trial of real faith will be found to honour and praise and glory. Nothing but what is of God will stand. The stony-ground hearers will be made manifest - the love of many will wax cold.

• Section 13: I frequently said that night, and often since, now shall the awful sight of a false Christ be seen on this earth, and nothing but the living Christ in us can detect this awful attempt of the enemy to deceive - for it is with all deceivableness of unrighteousness he will work - he will have a counterpart for every part of God's truth, and an imitation for every work of the Spirit. The Spirit must and

will be poured out on the church, that she may be purified and filled with God - and just in proportion as the Spirit of God works, so will he - when our Lord anoints men with power, so will he. This is particularly the nature of the trial, through which those are to pass who will be counted worthy to stand before the Son of man. There will be outward trial too, but 'tis principally temptation. It is brought on by the outpouring of the Spirit, and will just increase in proportion as the Spirit is poured out. The trial of the Church is from Antichrist. It is by being filled with the Spirit that we shall be kept. I frequently said, oh be filled with the Spirit - have the light of God in you, that you may detect Satan - be full of eyes within - be clay in the hands of the potter - submit to be filled, filled with God. This will build the temple. It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. This will fit us to enter into the

marriage supper of the Lamb. I saw it to be the will of God that all should be filled. But what hindered the real life of God from being received by his people, was their turning from Jesus, who is the way to the Father. They were not entering in by the door. For he is faithful who hath said, by me if any man enters in, he shall find pasture.

• Section 14: They were bypassing the cross, through which every drop of the Spirit of God flows to us. All power that comes not through the blood of Christ is not of God. When I say, they are looking from the cross, I feel that there is much in it - they turn from the blood of the Lamb, by which we overcome, and in which our robes are washed and made white. There are low views of God's holiness, and a ceasing to condemn sin in the flesh, and a looking from him who humbled himself, and made himself of no reputation. Oh! it is needed, much needed at present, a leading back to the cross.

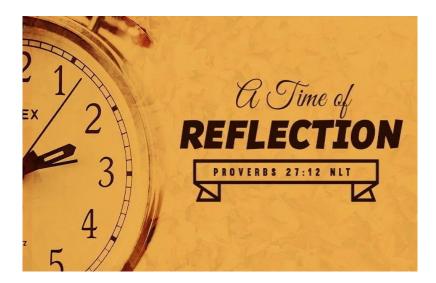
- Section 15: I saw that night, and often since, that there will be an outpouring of the Spirit on the body, such as has not been, a baptism of fire, that all the dross may be put away. Oh, there must and will be such an indwelling of the living God as has not been the servants of God sealed in their foreheads great conformity to Jesus his holy image seen in his people just the bride made comely by his comeliness put upon her.
- Section 16: This is what we are at present made to pray much for, that speedily we may all be made ready to meet our Lord in the air and it will be. Jesus wants his bride. His desire is toward us. He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.
- Section 17: Amen and Amen "Even so come Lord Jesus".

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Source: Margaret MacDonald's vision <u>http://openingtheseals.com/appendix/margaret-macdonald-</u> <u>the-origin-of-the-rapture</u>.





### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. I encourage you to reflect on the 17 main sections of Margaret MacDonald's message shared above.
- 2. We seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in all knowledge that comes our way. He is faithful in confirming what we need to know.
- 3. As you continue reading, enjoy all that God reveals to us through her message. I have done this too and will share what was revealed to me.
- 4. At the end of the day, all things must further our relationship with Him as we tirelessly seek a better understanding of our God and His ways. Do you agree?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







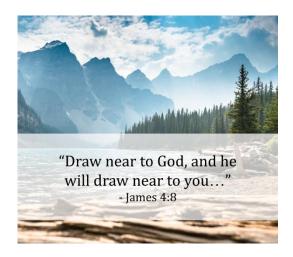
#### **My Personal Reflection on her Vision**

Since Margaret's message is a foundational document for the rapture – much of which appealed to me - I will spend ample time reflecting on Margaret's sharing. Before going further, please let me say that I respect her commitment to the Lord and the depth that she saw many years ago. I trust she truly understood the depth of her amazing vision in relation to life right here on earth.

I love my sister Margaret in the spirit although we never met in person. I feel the need to support what she saw by sharing my heart on her vision as I see the applicability of her words to this time and in this era.

Great is our God and greatly to be praised. We are being prepared right now as we experience the rapture through the lifting up of Christ in us. All creation will see and cry: "Abba Father". Please let us move through this *slowly*. There will be enough time for you to pause, pray and reflect as you come to *own* this based on your waiting on and listening to God. He is so faithful in guiding each of us.

This is so very personal as *each* must find what it means to be one with God and to understand how this is being manifested through one's life on this earth for and with Him.





#### Section 1: The Current State of our World

It was first the awful state of the land that was pressed upon me. I saw the blindness and infatuation of the people to be very great. I felt the cry of Liberty just to be the hiss of the serpent, to drown them in perdition. It was just 'no God.' I repeated the words, now there is distress of nations, with perplexity, the seas and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear (MacDonald).

Please note that this was during a very stressful time in Scotland, when the economy was at its worst. There was much poverty including starvation, child and woman labor, distress and loss of hope.

Margaret was born in 1815 just after the war (The War of 1812) ended when things were in very poor shape in Ireland. People were clearing out of Scotland to find refuge in Britain, Canada, and other countries. Starting in 1785, the period that came to be known as the 'Highland Clearances' was when people were forced to move from the highlands into poor land areas living in the slums that continued into the 1820's. The government finally stepped in about 1820 to stop the cruel fights, riots and so forth. This hard life continued into the 1800s right through the industrial period.

Finally, things started to improve after the 1830s, which was just after Margaret shared her vision. Scotland was at the brink of the worst state ever and about to transition into a new state where there would be some hope. About one year before her vision, Scots continued to find refuge in other countries. One author writes:

> Between 1829 and the end of 1850 nearly 200 Scots embarked on the voyage to the Swan River. This group included the colony's first Governor, James Stirling,

from Drumpellier estate in Lanarkshire' (wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au).

The *Swan River* was a new development in the west of Holland.

We read online that around the time of her vision, Margaret's family – the MacDonalds were well known for their healing ministry, their belief and exercise of the gifts of the Spirit including speaking in tongues. Two groups caught hold of Margaret's vision - Catholic and Anglican in nature. While they kept her vision, they allegedly dismissed the speaking of tongues that *appeared to cause* distraction or 'interruptions' in the service.

Now in 2023, I think we can relate to the state of the world that could cause most to desire to exit or desire to go away just to escape the insanity. Anything heavenly would be appealing to our era as well. So often I reflect on the many persons who have diligently tried to better our world through teachings, songs, demonstrations, battles and so many other means. Like Pharoah's heart, humankind seems unmoved by all that has been done with the best of intentions.

Being in the professional field of leadership and human resource development, I am aware of the millions of dollars spent with the hope of improving humans in the workplace. I have also heard the lamenting of leaders who claim that they have not enjoyed high enough ROIs (return on investment) from their training efforts.

My conclusion in 2024, is that while we should not stop trying, we need to come to the understanding that we cannot do anything sustainably without the Holy Spirit. I have witnessed through my own leadership in both faith-based and non-faith-based organizations how God can do in the human being what we cannot do, and He can go in them where we cannot go. I have equally heard parents and school leaders share the same about those children and youths that they tried to help in multiple ways. They shared the difference they saw as they released it all in the hand of the Holy Spirit. He is flawless.

I have watched so many leaders fall as they exalted themselves. What Margaret expresses as 'infatuation of the people to be very great'. There is such a thirst in humans to be exalted. This was addressed in 2018 when God beckoned me into months of quiet reflection on two scriptures:

- Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51:11
- I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Isaiah 42:8

David's sincere cry in Psalm 51:11 confirms the need for our total deep dependency on the Holy Spirit. Precious one, nothing is going to happen without Him. We are told we are dead without Him (James 2:26).

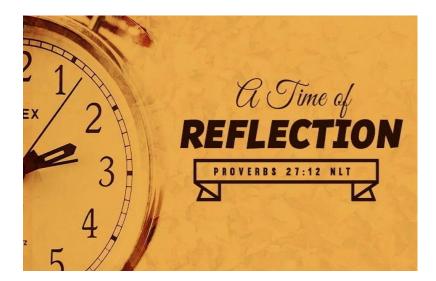
When we yield to the Holy Spirit, we will see miracles like we have never seen before. I witnessed this so many times in my own journey. When these things happen, we must remember Isaiah 42:8, "He will not give His glory to another". So, power must remain with Him as we remain powerless in His presence.

The most beautiful walk we can experience as His Beloved Friends (John 15:15), is to bask in the joy of God receiving glory for everything we do that brings praise to Him. It is fully for His pleasure that we were and are created (Revelation 4:11), not for our pleasure. We must remember this. This is key in our growth with God as we keep building our relationship with Him. Any exaltation we enjoy is with Him and through His grace.

Let us desire nothing more or nothing less but to walk in the statutes of the Lord and to observe them daily (2 Kings 17:37). Jesus humbly did this - always honoring His Father.

Oh world, you do not have to be in the 'awful state' that Margaret states. My daily pondering over His Word reveals two precious things: God desired and still desires to be our King so that we are guided only by Him (1 Samuel 8:7) and for us to have peace not war (Romans 12:18).





## **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. You are encouraged to reflect on the state of our world.
- 2. What can we do in our corner of the world to make a difference?
- 3. What does it mean to you to have the Holy Spirit active in your life?
- 4. How do you feel about God having the full glory for all your actions?
- 5. Why is it so difficult for us to become powerless in light of a powerful God?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







## Section 2: The Timing of Christ's Appearance

Now look out for the sign of the Son of Man. Here I was made to stop and cry out, O it is not known what the sign of the Son of Man is; the people of God think they are waiting, but they know not what it is. I felt this needed to be revealed, and that there was great darkness and error about it; but suddenly what it was burst upon me with a glorious light (MacDonald).

Again, remember that Margaret was involved with *End Times* ministry – this is where her focus was – to help her people find answers as to what would happen when the world ended. Again, during that time, anything would have been better than what was happening in Scotland.

What I noted as I read this part of her vision is what could have been that deep 'cry out' in her as she pondered over our looking out for the sign of Christ. It probably dawned on her how far away we are in our thinking from what this sign really is! Oh, there is no question that we are waiting for a sign or to see that great catching up in the sky. Many are holding their breath ... just waiting and waiting.

No question about this. But indeed, as she said ... we do not know what it is, not a clue. She used the word 'darkness' in expressing the extreme to which the world is lost in its thinking on the coming of Christ.

She felt a deep desire within to reveal the truth. It was at this time; at this moment that she felt the revelation of what this sign is truly all about. A deep desire for the truth within her. A truth she longed to share with others.

I do want to comment here about the faithfulness of God in revealing to us as we seek Him diligently. I refer here to the Welsh Revival in 1904 that all started through a thirsting for God in a young man along with others. He was not a trained theologian – nothing on earth could have taken credit for the deep simplicity and sincerity of the thirsting He felt for God to be present in His people, His country. If we seek God with all our hearts, He will come. I cannot think of one time that my heart panted after God for a word for His people and He was not present. Always! He is present. He listens. He responds. Maybe not in our timing but in the perfect time. The secret is *staying* prepared always so that He can move through us anytime.

In relation to 'timing', Jesus raised Lazarus not at the time He was asked to heal him but at the time when it would have given the most glory to God – raising him after He had been dead for days (John 11:4). He comes at the right time, that may not be our time. Oh, if we can just understand this. He is real! But note He did weep with the family (John 11:35) showing His heart for them. But yet again, His focus is always on His Father's work for which He is created.

So ... yes, I feel the depth in Margaret to reveal what she saw as the truth in a world that seemed to be drowning in pure falsity. We too just need to glance around us today to see or feel the fear she must have felt for her people at that time. It is so understandable why many would want to escape this world. Not much makes sense or follows much reason. But the form of escapism we expect is not what it is all about or in the timing we may desire for it to happen.

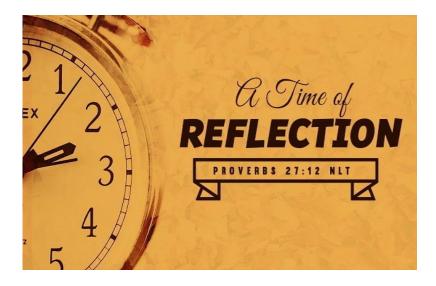
God not only took time to create us, but He also put things in place so that we have all that we could possibly need to enjoy heaven on earth. Our Lord's prayer: "Let it be on earth as it is in heaven". He did this by sending His beloved Son to the Cross for our sins.

What a God who would design a master plan not only to welcome His loyal Son in heaven but through this Son, we could take our flight right here on earth with Him. Like Jesus, we can truly say that we are *in* the world but not *of* the world. Oh, please don't let us miss the *depth* of what this *truly* means in each of our lives today.

As children of God, we live by different rules and guidance and outcomes. Our Father and leader is God, our King. We focus on Him. As we behold Him, we become all that He is through our DNA with Him. Fully created in His image!





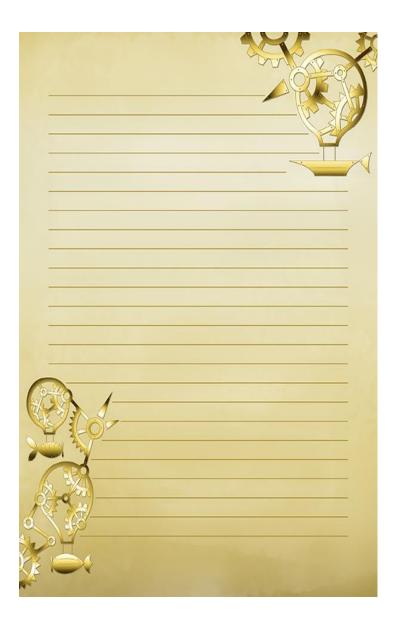


## **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. What about this section caught your attention?
- 2. Are you able to relate to the deep care Margaret felt for the many who are seeking what may never happen?
- 3. Do you understand her concerns for a world that seems to be drowning in despair?
- 4. How do you feel about the hope we can enjoy by embracing the "then" now as we rise up to all that God has in store for us on this earth?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.









#### Section 3: Through the Eyes of the Holy Spirit

I saw it was just the Lord himself descending from Heaven with a shout, just the glorified man, even Jesus; but that all must, as Stephen was, be filled with the Holy Ghost, that they might look up, and see the brightness of the Father's glory (MacDonald).

I noted here the emphasis on the Holy Spirit as I reflected on David's cry in Psalms 51:11: "Take not thy holy spirit from me". David knew and we know that nothing will happen without Him ... the Holy Spirit ... for we are dead without Him (James 2:26).

Through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we are illuminated by His glory, not ours. He said clearly that He will not give this glory to another (Isaiah 42:8).

I have been pondering over how amazingly transformational it would be in our world today were we to indeed let the Holy Spirit do His work and give all glory to God. It would strip us of the power so many of us assume over our homes, schools, workplaces, government, churches and so forth.

What would we do once we are stripped of all of this power? What would we do when we realize that all humans are born with the same power to have dominion over the earth through the acknowledgement of being made perfectly in the image of God? All of us are empowered in this manner – not just a few.

Can we really release this level of power as we come to accept our total powerlessness in light of the only Powerful One? Once we do, will we not see less abuse of God's people globally as we learn to love and respect each person as being born in the true image of God? For this to become reality, we have to be willing to accept what will happen here as 'everyone' lands on a levelling field – no one greater than the other.

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What a beautiful transformation if we are ready for this. A level of readiness that can only be made possible by the Holy Spirit being welcomed to reside in us.

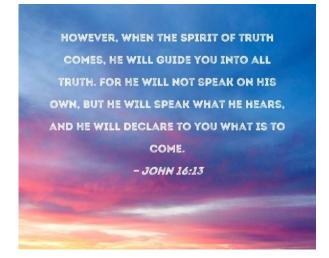
Margaret mentions that the coming of the Lord is not something seen by the natural eye but the *spiritual* eye when we can behold God in the midst of us. Once again, it is all back to Him ... nothing outside of Him. He has to be known, seen, felt within us for us to experience the height of what we call the rapture.

It comes from our deep love to have Him reign mightily in us, through us, with us and as us. Wow – the total reality of being born in the perfect image of God, the Almighty. Have we even touched the surface of what this truly means? When we do, can anything truly affect the fullness of God in us? Mental, emotional, physical, financial and all other things that plague our wellbeing? Can those things which plague our wellbeing dwell in the same house where God dwells or where God is? His house in you, in me? Please let us start tapping into the storehouse that we have which is infinite. The work was finished at the cross: "It is finished" (John 19:30). It is now up to us to embrace this completed work.

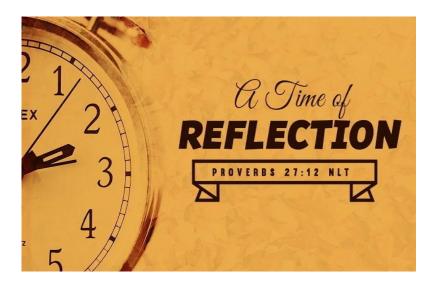
Oh, God's revelation this year has been such an outpouring. He also returned me to a scripture we have read so many times ... in my Father's house there are many mansions or dwelling places (John 14:2). We are told that our bodies are the temple of our God (I Corinthians 6:19). If God is truly dwelling in the various parts (mansions) of this body, can anything that is not of Him dwell there? Impossible.

What do we have to do to truly enjoy this? Through our love for Him, we thirst, pant, long to have our beings be His dwelling where He can rest in us. Through His rest, we enjoy so much. We lack nothing with Him. He completes us! While it is for His pleasure that we were and are created so the focus must always be Him, we are told that we are also glorified with Him (Romans 8:17).

But please notice what Margaret said – it is only through the Holy Spirit that we can experience the internal ascension of Christ within us. God's glory that shines *in* us! **In us** dear ones – you need not look further.







## \*\* Reflection Time \*\*

- 1. What about this section caught your attention?
- 2. How do you feel about the Holy Spirit as someone with whom you can relate?
- 3. Do you understand that nothing is going to happen without the presence of the Holy Spirit working within us?
- 4. Do you understand the elevation we experience as we feel the descent of the Lord from heaven to earth (us)?
- 5. Do you feel loved and valued through all that God has done and is doing to give us a joy unspeakable here on earth?

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# Section 4: It is about a Spiritual Discernment

I saw the error to be, that men think that it will be something seen by the natural eye; but 'tis spiritual discernment that is needed, the eye of God in his people (MacDonald).

She caught here that what many are looking for is that event up in the sky that our natural eyes can behold. Some type of ascension of God and His people from earth to the sky. So many graphics depict this as follows:



But as she said – it is not a natural but a spiritual occurrence. Yes, we will see a lot, but it is the spiritual eye that will see and will feel that 'catching up' that we are seeking. It will all happen right here within us.

Again, we cannot have this spiritual eye without the enabling of the Holy Spirt. He corrects our vision giving us that 20/20 vision we need to clearly see the things of God. Dear one, it will not happen any other way.

God has put some things in place and there is no backdoor outside of His master plan. The Son He put in place is the only way to Him ... Jesus. The only enabler He has put in place is the Holy Spirit. God fully utilized His Holy Spirit and Jesus also moved on earth completely through the Holy Spirit. We need to do the same.

She said it has to be a spiritual discernment. Yes. Yes. Yes. We are not going to understand anything about God nor see His ways or His works without this. And again, the only way we can have spiritual discernment is through the Holy Spirit. Jesus depended on Him for this discernment throughout His walk on earth. How do we get this spiritual discernment? By giving our lives totally to God as His Will becomes ours (Luke 22:42); by accepting Jesus is the only way, the only truth, and the only life (John 14:6) and by inviting the Holy Spirit to move in our entire being for we know that without Him, we are dead (James 2:26). No more, no less.

Also, by absolutely understanding that we cannot discern or do anything without the help of the Holy Spirit. With Him, we are on target for He is flawless in His guidance. He is here to ensure what Margaret shared ... that we have the eye of God. His vision is clear while ours is marred.

In essence, we are not going to be able to see God with our natural eyes, so this alone tells me that I am not going to see anyone climbing up a ladder in the sky. Whatever I see through the eye of God within me will be heavenly things ... nothing in the natural.

Today, I rejoice with our sister and the vision she saw at that tender age of 15. The depth of what she saw is truly refreshing.

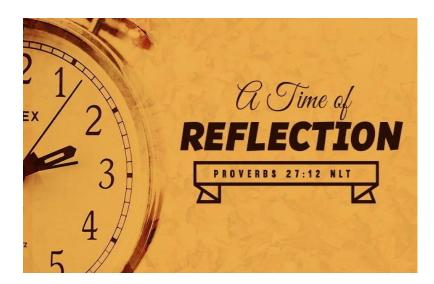
What she saw in her vision, removes it all from the mundane to that spiritual and extraordinary place where God dwells within us. Therefore, I encourage us to stay focused on the face of God. We will not just live our lives as usual then one day see the heaven open with our natural eyes as we get caught up in the air.

No dear one, there is a process to getting caught up with Him. It is not a process without cost. It means surrendering *all* to Him - all that could possibly keep us anchored to the things of the world thus depriving us of the things of the heavenlies.

We will arise with Him to heavenly places in the same manner we worship Him ... in *spirit* and in *truth* for He is Spirit.







## **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. What appealed to you as you read this section?
- 2. Do you understand how we enjoy spiritual discernment?
- 3. Do you see the importance of the Holy Spirit in our walk?
- 4. Are you able to relate to the biblical fact that God is spirit therefore we must communicate with Him in this manner? Our relationship is that of His spirit cojoining with ours?
- 5. What are your greatest ponderings at this juncture?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







#### Section 5: The Wise and the Foolish Virgins

Many passages were revealed, in a light in which I had not before seen them. I repeated, "Now is the kingdom of Heaven like unto ten virgins, who went forth to meet the bridegroom, five wise and five foolish; they that were foolish took their *lamps, but took no oil with them; but they* that were wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." "But be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is; and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." This was the oil the wise virgins took in their vessels - this is the light to be kept burning - the light of God - that we may discern that which cometh not with observation to the natural eye (MacDonald).

I agree with what Margaret said here. When Jesus reveals Himself to us - it is not a natural occurrence – it is a spiritual experience that can be fully enjoyed by those who seek after the revelation of the Spirit of God within us.

I believe that her words: *I saw the error to be, that men think that it will be something seen by the natural eye; but 'tis spiritual discernment that is needed, the eye of God in his people'* expresses the fact that this is not an occurrence in the *natural*. Please let us be aware of this.

Indeed, we do not want to be like the foolish virgins. But rather, to be like the wise ones who invited the Holy Spirit to keep their lamps burning. Remember that the Holy Spirit is gentle – He does not impose Himself on us – we have to invite Him. But oh, when we do, our lives will never be the same again. He is loving, kind and all that we could ever need. The Holy Spirit is who can help keep our oil burning.

Let us take a look at the following scripture in detail regarding the wise and foolish virgins because this is so important:

- Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
  - There is desire here to meet the bridegroom.
- And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
  - We see the comparison of those with wisdom and those without.
- They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
  - What happens when we move without the Holy Spirit's wisdom.
- But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
  - What happens when we move as guided.
- While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
  - Sounds familiar? What happened in the Garden of Gethsemane – our state of sleep while Jesus tarried.
- And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

- Note that all heard the cry since there was the desire in all to meet Him.
- Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
  - All went.
- And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
  - We decide too late at times that we need to act out of wisdom.
- But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
  - Some may think they were unkind, but they were simply ensuring they had what they needed to meet Him.
- And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
  - The outcome of unwise acts and procrastination. Let us be alert to these.
- Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
  - Arrived late but still desiring to meet Him.

- But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
  - This speaks of the precision of the Lord regarding His timing. His beloved knows Him. They hear Him. They are prepared for Him. This is the Bride He is seeking. The one He knows and loves and who is ready for Him at all times.
- Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
  - Let's be ready always. Let' stay prepared always. This can be effortless when our deep and panting love for Him keeps us in the moment with Him. Matthew 25:1-13

So many focus on seeing the coming of Jesus. But again, it will not be something seen with the natural eye. So, if indeed we want to experience the coming of the Lord, let us be sure we have the Spirit of God strong within us. This is the only way we will enjoy that experience.

You see it is easier for us to believe that once we live an 'okay' life, we will be able to sit back and enjoy being taken up with the Lord one day in that blue, lovely sky. This costs us little. But oh, the commitment it takes to be truly ready to enjoy being caught up with Him right here on earth is a serious one. It comes with a cost, and it is not cheap. It will take all we have then some more until we come to that place where our joint heir, Jesus (Romans 8:17), said at the Cross:

## Not my will but thine be done. Luke 22:42

Herein lies the final stage of the Bride's commitment. She has surrendered it all. Created fully with her own will, she chooses to give it all up in exchange for God's will. We each know this is easier said than done.

# Do you know the secret to this being an easy process?

Falling in love with the Trinity – desiring, knowing, living with *each* daily as a *person* yet all three in *one*.

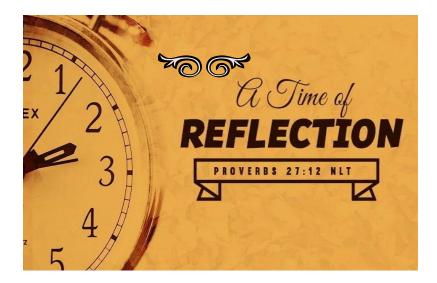
> For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 1 John 5:7

To say it is a glorious experience would be an understatement. You enter that bedchamber with them then realize you are sailing on cloud nine! You no longer have to fight for yourselves or fight on behalf of others – so take off your armor. You no longer have to scream for they are not deaf. You no longer have to plead for help for they live to please you as the two desires become one. Praise God. Just feel His softness sheltering you with love daily. Heaven on earth!

Let's keep the oil in the lamp burning always for your time with them comes like a thief in the night (1 Peter 3:10). Be always ready. Be always prepared. Don't miss their arrival. They will only come when they know you are ready. No one else knows you as well as they do. Glory to God.







### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

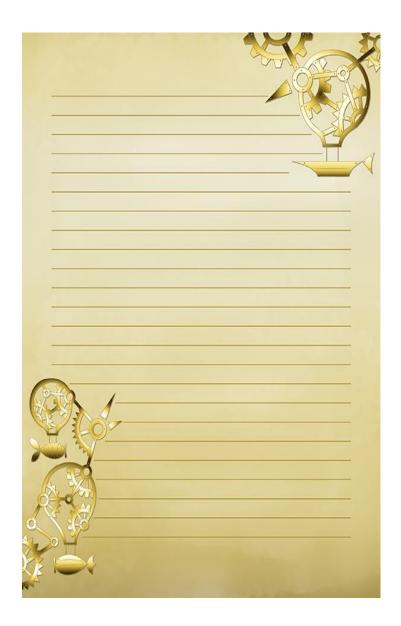
- 1. Do you desire to see Jesus?
- 2. How are you preparing yourself for this based on what was shared in this section?
- 3. How can you keep your lamp burning?
- 4. How does your love for Christ help you stay prepared?
- 5. What is it in your journey that can cause you to forget to oil your lamp?
- 6. What do you think you need to do to remove these obstacles?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.











### Section 6: The Light of God Within

Only those who have the light of God within them will see the sign of his appearance. No need to follow them who say, see here, or see there, for his day shall be as the lightning to those in whom the living Christ is. 'Tis Christ in us that will lift us up - he is the light – 'tis only those that are alive in him that will be caught up to meet him in the air (MacDonald).

More precious sharing here but what stood out were her words: "*No need to follow them who say, see here, or see there* …"

This reminds me of the many, many stories shared about what happened after someone died and came back to life, or what others dreamt about the coming of Christ in the clouds and so forth. For some reason I could not relate to any of it while I respected what others saw or felt. It obviously meant something to them. I pondered over why I could not relate to what was being seen or heard. For me personally, two reasons came to mind.

First, I do not think that the coming of Christ is something that will happen outside of us. It is an internal event seen and felt by those with the eyes of God through the Holy Spirit. That elevation we associate with the 'rapture' is what we will feel within our beings as we experience what it is like to be taken to a highly elevated place. It is where we are in this world but not of this world. With all that is happening around us, we remain untouched.

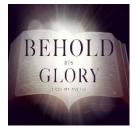
Second, I do not believe that death was enough a focus for God to let us know in detail what happens after death. Many are still philosophizing about this. What I know for sure is that we are called to live each moment with them (The Blessed Trinity) as our daily work remains their daily walk. The rest, I leave to them.

We were made one with them in John 14:20. What an honor. What a privilege. Let us walk in this oneness. This life with them is something that words cannot explain. You feel complete. You feel covered. You feel safe. You feel you are 7+ feet. You feel in total control of your life. Please let us enjoy this for 'they' (Blessed Trinity) desired for us to enjoy the height they want to take us to and beyond right here on earth. Should this life lead to another plain then we enjoy that too as Elijah or Enoch must have enjoyed it as well.

The key is that we want to be where they are and when they are and why they are and how they are. We want to remain one with the Blessed Trinity and to serve their pleasure at all times. In doing this, we too are filled to capacity with daily joy that is overflowing.

As she said, only those with the light of God within will experience any of this. We are who we see, we are who we behold. Let us behold the glory of God within us. He made it

clear that our body is His temple. He dwells there and we do all we can to ensure His dwelling place is just right for Him.



Instead of looking to the sky for something in the natural that we will never see, let us spend time training our eyes to a vision that is clear and absolutely secured. Let us put on that 20/20 vision that allows us to take the full dominion God gave to us in Genesis 1:26.

And as I share so often, it will not happen without the Holy Spirit. He fills us with all knowledge. He comforts us when we need this. He guides us when what is ahead of us seems blurred. Use His eyes dear ones.







## **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. How do you feel about the coming of Christ being that event that happens within you and not outside of you?
- 2. How prepared are you to see and feel Him daily?
- 3. What are some questions that come to mind?
- 4. What is it that would prevent you from enjoying the glorious 'coming' of our Lord in and through you?
- 5. How will the world see His coming through your daily walk?
- 6. What steps do you see you need to take to get to that "rapture" experience here on earth?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.











### Section 7: Only through the Holy Spirit

I saw that we must be in the Spirit, that we might see spiritual things. John was in the Spirit, when he saw a throne set in Heaven. But I saw that the glory of the ministration of the Spirit had not been known. I repeated frequently, but the spiritual temple must and shall be reared, and the fullness of Christ be poured into his body, and then shall we be caught up to meet him.

Ah, here is the paragraph of Margaret's sharing that could have been interpreted as the human being lifted off the earth and what came to be known as the *rapture*.

But as shared in this book, being caught up means becoming one with our Heavenly Father right here on earth. As we behold who He is – as we become eclipsed with Him – we will enjoy Him in this earthly realm. The type of enjoyment that cannot be touched by the human hand. And yes, we will feel the spiritual elevation – definitively. We are no longer the same when this happens – we, like Christ, start to dwell *in* this world but not *of* this world.

When I think of being caught up with Him, there are three very powerful verses that clarify what He meant about our becoming one with Him and about seeing Him not as a natural experience but as a spiritual experience. I pray that we will have the ears to hear what Father is saying to us.

In John 8.23, He states the following as He describes Himself:

And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

Then He goes on to say:

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold**, the **kingdom** of **God is** within you. Luke 17:21

My **kingdom** is not of this world. John 18:36

Seeing with the spiritual eye is emphasized here:

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. 1 Corinthians 2:14

So, tell me please – if He and His Kingdom are not of this world and His Kingdom is within us then where are we? Do you see where I am heading with this? Yes, we are with Him in His Kingdom which is the height of all heights.

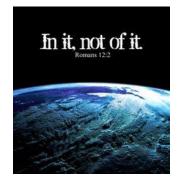
Through our faith, through our spirit communion with Him, through our desire to choose Him – we are *transformed* from all earth to all heaven as we enjoy His Kingdom right here on earth because in these scriptures, He is speaking to you and me *now* ... not in the *future*.

In order for our temple to accommodate His Kingdom, we must be fully changed. We must be fully transformed, processed, and refined as gold, pure with no type of mix. We read in the following scripture: And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is **refined**, and will try them as **gold** is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God (Zachariah 13:9).

I was especially enthralled by Margaret's words: 'I repeated frequently, but the spiritual temple must and shall be reared ...'.

Oh my, hear this ... the spiritual temple must be *reared*. This is the process of growing someone, such as a child, until they are fully grown. It is only *after* this rearing process happens that we

are caught up with Him. Lifted up. Elevated. No longer *of* this world even though we remain *in* the world.



How does this rearing process happen? Only and only and only through the Holy Spirit. No other way. He is the one who moves us from glory to glory:

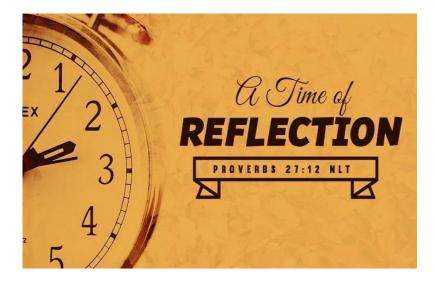
> But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

You see God is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. We are the ones who are changing from glory to glory as we keep beholding Him within us.

Oh, we become all that we are in His nature. Born in the perfect image of God! He did not deprive us of any part of Him. We can enjoy His full DNA as our Father.

Dear ones, let us not miss what this truly means. It is our priceless inheritance as children of God.



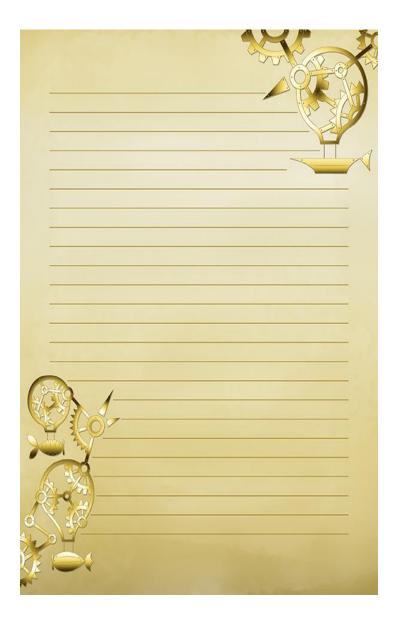


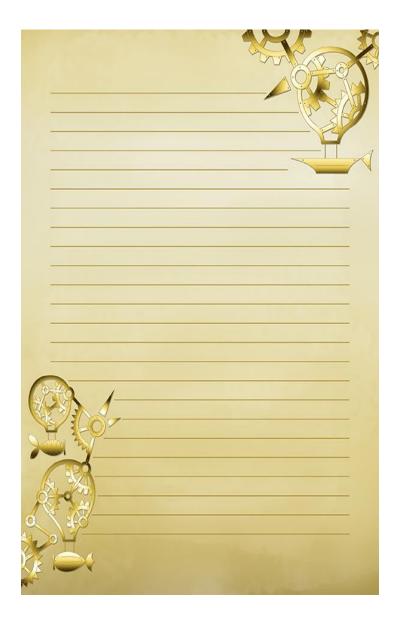
#### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

 For this reflection I will just ask you to reflect on your rearing process with the Holy Spirit. What is it that needs to be done within you to be fully caught up with God in the spiritual sense? Don't rush this process. Take your time because it is this process of rearing that must happen for us to truly enjoy that elevation with Him.

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







# Section 8: The Body of Christ

Oh, none will be counted worthy of this calling but his body, which is the church, and which must be a candlestick all of gold. I often said, Oh the glorious inbreaking of God which is now about to burst on this earth; Oh, the glorious temple which is now about to be reared, the bride adorned for her husband; and oh, what a holy, holy bride she must be, to be prepared for such a glorious bridegroom (MacDonald).

This just gives me goosebumps. Each of her words here is so precious and resonates deeply with me. It is about the Body of Christ ... His Bride. I cannot help but recall a vision I had some years ago. I think it was in 1999. It was so powerful and made a great impact on me for many years. I will expand on this vision much more in a forthcoming book but for now, I share the following: I saw what seemed like a never-ending bridal train spotlessly white. As the Bride walked in an upward direction. I realized, that was her journey to righteousness in preparation to meet her Beloved Christ.

At that time, I wondered if the train varies in length for each of us – based on where we are and where we need to go. The length of our journey to righteousness. I don't know for sure. But it does not matter I don't think. However long it takes is worthwhile as we see the unfolding of God within us through the Holy Spirit in preparation for the marriage with the Lamb, the Son of God.

What I believe is that it just starts with a deep desire for Him. This desire is what propels us forward into the process of becoming that candlestick of gold. This *gold* took me to another vision I had many years ago.

I saw this huge block of solid gold at the top of a long staircase. Then as if someone nudged it - it rolled down the stairs, it broke into smaller and smaller pieces until it turned into all shimmering gold dust by the time it reached the bottom of the stairs. We as gold in the Father's Hand are being processed until we cannot be processed anymore.

A second occurrence was when I was studying in Toledo, Spain. I did not have much money to travel around Spain as my classmates did. I lived at the university and only saw its immediate surroundings for months. But this too was perfect in my walk with God. One day, while taking a stroll around the neighborhood and chatting with the people, I watched as two men made the most beautiful gold plates then one passed it to the other to shine until he saw his face in it. It was then and there I heard ... this is how God is shining us until He sees Himself in us. The journey to pure, unadulterated righteousness.



The Bride is being *reared* and prepared for her groom. While there is no question in my mind that it is a corporate Bride, many as one, let us also not lose the individuality of His Bride. **You**!

As I shared with a dear friend a few weeks ago, we are *a part* of the Bride as well as *the* Bride. The analogy that came to me is a cake that is full of all the richest ingredients. A tiny slice of the cake has the *same* ingredients even though it is a small fraction of the whole cake.



Yes, I do like cake and pink as well with a nice cup of tea! :)

So don't wonder what happens if all members of the Bride are not ready. You be ready. He is waiting for the *you* as much as He is waiting for the *them*.

You see when we focus on His Church, the Bride of Christ, we immediately realize the huge variance between what Christ beholds as His Church and what church has become to us today. Oh, the variance is unbelievable and it seems to be widening.

While we don't want to ever forsake the assembling of ourselves (Hebrews 10:25), we don't want to get caught up with church being a building or a denomination or a set of religious beliefs and doctrines. Oh no, no, no dear one,

Church is that sacred people meticulously called and chosen to be groomed and outfitted as His perfect Bride: "For many are called, but few *are* chosen" (Matthew 22:14). Not a process based on favoritism. A process based on a single-eyed desire for Him.

### He knows who you are!

# The Marriage Supper of the Lamb



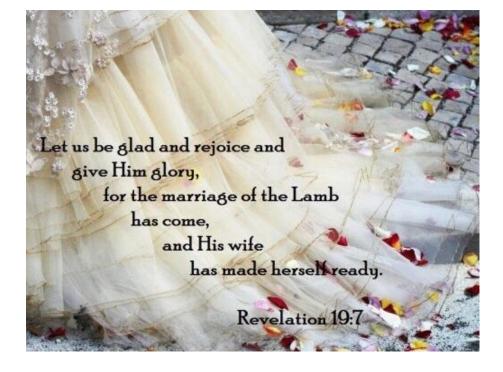
And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

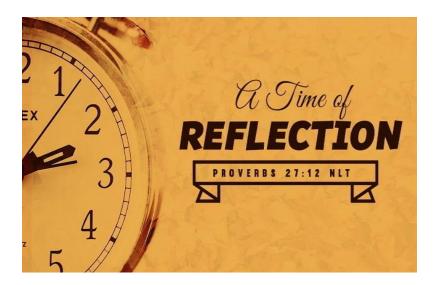
And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:6-9





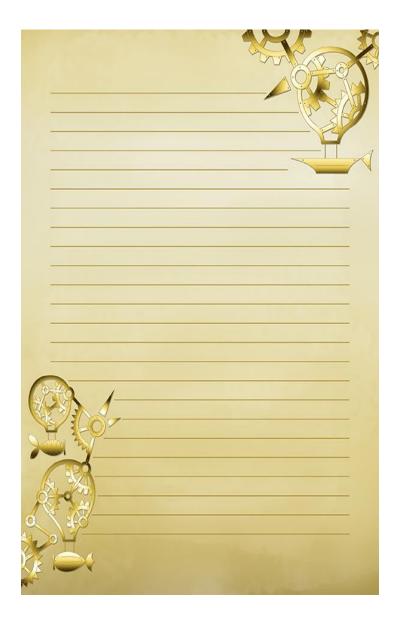


### \*\* Reflection Time \*\*

- 1. What does this bridal train of righteousness mean to you?
- 2. How do you apply it to your walk?
- 3. Do you feel called to that bridal banquet table mentioned in Revelation 19:6-9?
- 4. What do you think inhibits your walk of righteousness?
- 5. Do you know that once God feels your singleeyedness for Him that He can make the way for you?
- 6. Do you agree that it is the Holy Spirit within us who helps us to take that bridal walk of righteousness into the wholeness of Christ?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







#### Section 9: God in our Nature

I said, now shall the people of God have to do [deal] with realities - now shall the glorious mystery of God in our nature be known - now shall it be known what it is for man to be glorified. I felt that the revelation of Jesus Christ had yet to be opened up - it is not knowledge about God that it contains, but it is an entering into God - I saw that there was a glorious breaking in of God to be. I felt as Elijah, surrounded with chariots of fire (MacDonald).

[I am not sure if there was a misprint in line two – the word 'deal' rather than 'do'. I think so.]

Wow ... the title of this part: *God in our nature* is what I thought of when I read this section of her sharing. This alone elevates us from where we are when we read what she had to say here.

She is bringing us face to face with the reality of who we are as *the* nature of God. Born of Him!

We are told that we are born in the perfect image of God – lacking nothing. Do we truly understand what this means? Have we even touched the surface of being born in the very image of a God who is our all in all?

I believe this is what God intended when He created us – for us to enjoy all of His nature. However, we know the decision we made in the Garden of Eden that could have deprived us of God's original plan for us. But it was not the end. Here is this loving God who meticulously designed a way for us to return to that nature through the death and resurrection of His Son along with the guidance of His Holy Spirit!

# You see why I am so fascinated with The Blessed Trinity? :)

Oh, how can we even fathom a Father who would lovingly give each of us the opportunity to return to His original plan for us through the blood shed by His Son and by empowering us through His Holy Spirit. It makes me wonder how anything in this world could ever glitter brighter than the blessings He so lovingly gave to us. Blessings unimaginable! Yet we are so much more focused on and fight for the material things of this world that are so ephemeral. Things that are so unfulfilling that they leave us feeling empty.

The time has come dear one for us to put our house in order. We are the temple of God – let's fill it from head to toe and side to side with all the lovely things that will cause our Blessed Trinity to want to dwell with pleasure in their home within us. Our body – their temple that we take care of just for them (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Let's shout with joy as we gather all the lovely decorations and lights and all that connotes celebration. The groom has come, and

it is time to bask in all the joy that this brings. Fill your days with this joy. No one or nothing can ever come close to this feeling of freedom, security, stability and all else that God brings with Him in His home. *Celebrate*! Not tomorrow or the next day ... celebrate now dear ones!



Oh, the mercy that has been bestowed upon us:

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

While we were yet sinners dear one. Yet sinners. Not perfect yet His love wraps us in the most unconditional manner. Praise God! What a true honor and privilege to have a loving Father whose love never changes based on who we are or how we are or where we are or when we are. His love is steady. We can count on it.

So ... you see, this is a love relationship that surpasses anything you have ever known or will ever know on this natural earth. Do not deprive yourself of a relationship that will not only lift you on high but will keep you elevated.

Margaret went on to say: "... now shall it be known what it is for man to be glorified". Yes,

dear one, we are glorified with Him as we give Him all the glory. A glory He will not give to another (Isaiah 42:8).

#### Romans 8:17

Now if we are **children**, then we are heirs – heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. She talked about the revelation of Jesus Christ. As she said, it is not about the knowledge of God that she saw but rather, the way *into* God. She talks about a powerful breaking 'into' God. We know for sure that there is no other way into Him but through His Son. This is made extremely clear to us:

> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

No other way. No back door. Just the front door into God through His Beloved Son. But to get there, we must know Jesus. He must be revealed to us in the most personal way. He is a person!

> I refer you to Message #5 in my Holy Spirit Series entitled: "How we enjoy a daily relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit." All 10 messages in this series are located in my Library at <u>www.joyatwork.net</u>



Oh, get to know Him. Please get to know Him. There is no other way to God but through Him.

Oh, she said she felt like Elijah surrounded by chariots of fire. Elevation? Safety? Fully covered?

I don't know that anyone knows definitely where Elijah



went. What I believe for sure is that He simply continued with God on another plain. We read that God is in the heaven, on the earth and under the earth. This has led me to draw the conclusion that God, with His Blessed Trinity, dwell everywhere on this earth and beyond. The earth therefore is just one of the many places where we exist since we are one with Him. Our work with God continues wherever we are:

> And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Revelation 5:13





# \*\* Reflection Time \*\*

- 1. Do you understand what it means to glorify God as you are glorified with Him?
- 2. How do you feel as one made in the perfect image of God? Do you feel worthy of this? Why? Why not?
- 3. Do you know Jesus? Do you understand who He is in your life and how much He cares for you?
- 4. What does it mean to you that the only way to God is through His Son?
- 5. Do you desire to feel the elevation that comes from knowing that you are a joint heir with Christ and therefore glorified with God, our Father?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







#### Section 10: The White Stone of Each

I saw as it were, the spiritual temple reared, and the Head Stone brought forth with shouting(s) of grace, grace, unto it. It was a glorious light above the brightness of the sun that shone round about me. I felt that those who were filled with the Spirit could see spiritual things, and feel walking in the midst of them, while those who had not the Spirit could see nothing (MacDonald).

As I read this, I related it to Revelation 2:17

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. I connect this scripture: 'he who has an ear' and what Margaret said: 'those who had not the Spirit could see nothing'.

Dear one, the ear of God is active within us and that is not possible without the Holy Spirit for we are dead without Him (James 2:26). Note her sharing here, it is a 'spiritual' temple being reared. Nothing in the natural. She goes on to say that those filled with the Spirit will see. It will not be a thing with the natural eye. I noted her statement: '... and feel walking amidst them'.

Yes friends, those with the spiritual eye, not only see but also feel a 'live' presence within the heavenlies. When we do, we see no lines of earth or heaven – we see, walk and communicate freely in all realms.

It is easy to understand this spiritual walk when we remind ourselves that we are made one with the Trinity (John 14:20) and that they are everywhere (Revelations 5:13). As we are glorified with them (Romans 8:17), we rise with them wherever they are. In this world but not of this world (John 17:16) with all its limitations – we are unhooked and set to roam freely with them. Wow ... alleluia!

Oh, how lovely it is to be right here on earth as we traverse the universe with God. Free as the wind. It is the most heavenly feeling. It is as if your feet are on the earth but you are lifted effortlessly daily to a place that is stripped of all that burdens us in the natural world. Yet we are here for those whom He desires for us to connect with for His glory. He guides us accordingly regarding all we need to do so that our days are not just about busy work or tasks – it is divinely orchestrated by the Master's Hand through His Holy Spirit and through the perfect example of His Son.

But how do we get to this place? We want to release the things that serve as gravity in pulling us back to the mundane. Stay clear of these. It is so easy to get caught up in all that is happening around us and with those things that serve as a disguise of God's powerfulness.

It is only with the Holy Spirit's eye within us that we can see from fake to authentic; earthly to heavenly; mundane to supernatural; unreal to real. Effectively go after the one true thing ... God and His Trinity. Nothing compares. And there are all 3 real persons with specific functions – each function serves us.

Now let us address the Head Stone she mentioned: "... and the Head Stone brought forth with shouting(s) of grace, grace, unto it." Note that she did not just see a stone but a *head* stone. The other scriptures came to me as I read this part of her vision:

> This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Acts 4:11

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone'. Ephesians 2:20

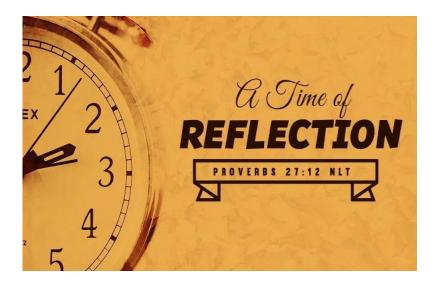
I also found the appropriateness of 'shouting grace, grace' in relation to the Head Stone to be interesting.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Revelation 22:21

The very last verse in the Bible that talks about the 'grace' Christ that is with us. Dear ones, it is only by His grace that we enjoy eternal life through our *Chief Cornerstone* ... Jesus Christ!







## \*\* Reflection Time \*\*

- 1. I encourage you to reflect on and gradually deal with anything or anyone in your life that keeps you down.
- 2. Enjoy being released from it all as you soar with God if this is where you desire to be.
- 3. Spend time with the Holy Spirit as you invite Him to rule and reign in your life.
- 4. Monitor how you will see things put in order as He takes reign.
- 5. Give up your natural eye for that spiritual eye that will allow you to take off like a jet and stay at that perfect cruising altitude. It is truly amazing!
- 6. Rest knowing that your Chief Cornerstone had you in His heart on that Cross. Take time to own this.

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Section 11: The one with the light of God

So that two shall be in one bed, the one taken and the other left, because the one has the light of God within while the other cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven (MacDonald).

I relate what she said here to the following scripture:

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matthew 24:40-42

I have heard and read many interpretations of what these scriptures mean – *one left and one taken up*. I respect all of the views – some are very in-depth sharing.

Here is what it means to me. I encourage you to seek your own clarity as well.

In the *context* of Margaret's vision and my focus in this book on the *height* we go in God through His Holy Spirit, I would say the one taken *up* is the one who enjoys the spiritual elevation being discussed in this book.

I also noted the *order* in which she saw the vision and how she stated it: she mentioned 1) the one taken up and 2) the other left then explains in this order, 1) 'the one has the light of God within 2) while the other cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven'. I think this was stated intentionally in this order.

Okay, so however we see this (who is taken up or who is left), the focus is that the one that will arise with Him will be the one who has the light of God within. Nothing is going to happen without the light and there is no light without the Holy Spirit: But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

Let's chat a little here about what it really means to have the light of God *within* us as she stated: "... because the one has the light of God within". The scripture I will expand on below is one that has become so special to me over the past few years - John 14:2.

In 2022, I became ill for about 10 days. I was mostly in bed. As usually happens in my life, during my weakest physical times, I experience my greatest spiritual times.

One early morning as I was curled up sleeping, I had a vision – my entire stomach

(where I had some discomfort) right there in front of me was illuminated brilliantly. Shimmering yellow-golden light. This moved to the entire body. It was the most marvelous thing I had ever seen. The following scripture came resoundingly: "In my Father's house are many mansions [dwelling places]". John 14:2

I added *dwelling places* as a dear brother's thorough research revealed that due to multiple versions of translations of the Bible, the word 'mansions' replaced the original words 'dwelling places'. I believe this especially when I had this vision.

It was so real. I knew there and then that if indeed God 'dwells' in every cell of His House (our bodies) then nothing that is not of Him can remain. So, I started speaking to each cell in my body reminding each that God is in control of my body so all must be well. I was healed that day. I felt safe, secured and as if nothing could ever touch me once He dwells throughout me. It is that feeling of a loving Father's protection.

The light of God within us perfects us for Him holistically: mind, body and spirit. We become one with Him as we dwell with Him in heavenly places.

Below is a graphic that depicts what I saw ... it was like a lit ship but inside of me.



Oh, dear ones, the elevation we feel with God (taken up and into Him) it is not something I think, it is something I experience daily. At times, I have to recall that my feet are on the ground. It is that exact feeling that I have been 'taken' while others stay asleep.

Because of my deep love and care for others, I want all to be awake and not to miss anything that I am experiencing.

I want to stand on a mountaintop and shout lovingly: "**Awake** dear ones, **Awake**, He is here. I am caught up!" Well ... I don't do this, but I am overly eager to get others to understand what I am seeing and feeling. When it comes to the things of God, I become like an excited child in a candy store.

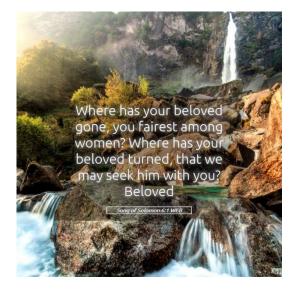
The reason I no longer do this is because I have humbly accepted that while I will keep sharing my life with others through writing and in any other way that the Lord permits – each must *personally* see and feel this experience. It has to be so *personally* experienced. And ... it cannot be rushed. While my love is deep for others, His love for them is even deeper.

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He will answer as each one calls upon Him. He is ever faithful and true and loves His people.

Also, I have learned that the *process* to God is as fascinating as the arrival to where we desire to be in Him or where He desires to be in us. It is a love journey that reveals so much about Him and us. We see through this journey where He is indeed a Beloved like no other.

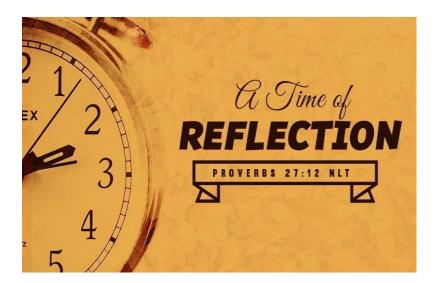
I can truly understand the excitement of the Shulamite in Song of Solomon, as she spoke of her Beloved, causing the women of Jerusalem to 'want' to get to know Him (Song of Solomon 6:1):



So yes, while I temper my excitement to tell the whole world about His beauty and not to miss today's rapture with Him, I cannot help but share about Him. It is my hope that many will read the vision and run with it (Habakkuk 2:2).







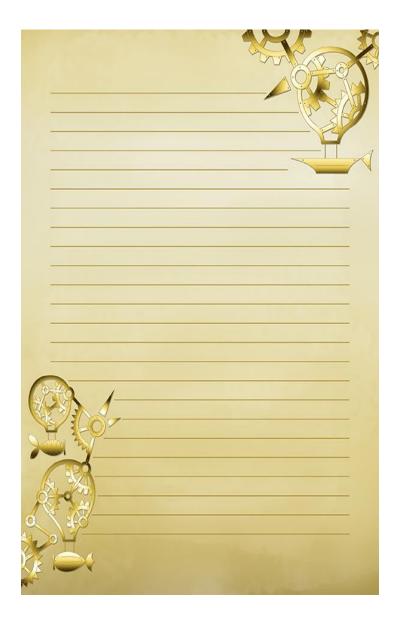
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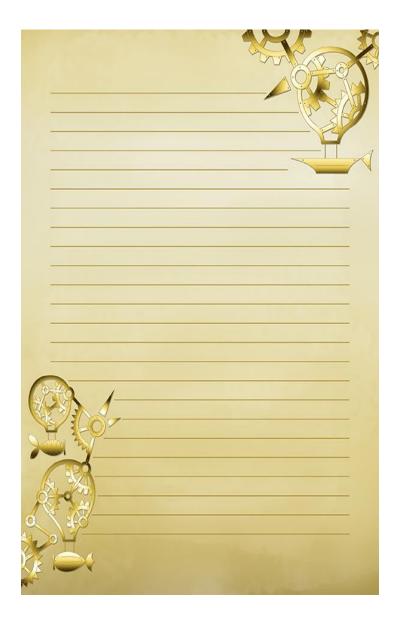
I encourage you to reflect on the following during your quiet time:

- 1. Do you feel the light of God within you? Why or why not?
- 2. Do you understand what it could mean for you to be lifted up with Him while on this earth?
- 3. Do you desire this?
- 4. What does it mean to you personally that in our Father's House (your body) there are many dwelling places?
- 5. How does it change things for you that He is dwelling in every part of your body?

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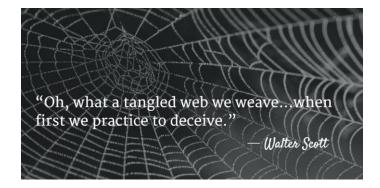


## Section 12: The Human Dilemma

I saw the people of God in an awfully dangerous situation, surrounded by nets and entanglements, about to be tried, and many about to be deceived and fall. Now will the wicked be revealed, with all power and signs and lying wonders, so that if it were possible the very elect will be deceived - This is the fiery trial which is to try us. It will be for the purging and purifying of the real members of the body of Jesus: but oh, it will be a fiery trial. *Every soul will be shaken to the very* centre. The enemy will try to shake in everything we have believed - but the trial of real faith will be found to honour and praise and glory. Nothing but what is of God will stand. The stony-ground hearers will be made manifest - the love of many will wax cold (MacDonald).

I desire to analogize what Margaret shared here to Matthew 19:24 along with several verses in Chapter 13 of the Book of Luke. But let's look at her sharing first then Matthew and Luke.

As I read this section of her vision, I recall the words below by Walter Scott. Oh, we start with one little lie and deceit with the hope it would be a one-time deal but then it has rippling impact that throws us into even deeper deceit. It goes on and on until we spiral out of control. It eventually becomes too much for us - larger than us and larger than life – this can result in suicide and other catastrophic outcomes.



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Oh, we see the tangled web weaved in our homes, in the classroom, on the ball field, in the conference room, from the pulpit and throughout. Sad but it is reality.

As leaders we feel we can use our power to deceive and may succeed for a long time because of the innocence of our followers. But, oh, each moment is being recorded and registered. *Ching, ching* ... our debt continues to climb while we bask in what we feel is great triumph ... we have succeeded in fooling another one, another group.

No dear ones, it is all being recorded in the heavenlies. Because we serve a great and merciful and gracious God, the debt can be wiped out and we can be made as white as snow again (Isaiah 1:18). But He deals with the heart not the mouth. He knows when we are sincerely sorry and desire to return to Him. He knows. We can fool the world and even ourselves but we cannot fool God. Margaret hits all types in her vision ... the deceived, the wicked, the ones who call themselves the *elect*, the powerful, the ones with insincere love, and those who fall on stony ground. She hits us all from the various angles of our wrongdoings that entangle us.

But hear how she speaks of the light at the end of the tunnel:

- It will be for the purging and purifying of the real members of the body of Jesus ...
- ... but the trial of real faith will be found to honour and praise and glory.

Those of us who *acknowledge* ourselves as a member of Jesus' body know definitively that He will see us through these trials triumphantly. We read this clearly in scripture below. Be strong and encouraged. We see here that we are covered by the Lamb who gave it all for us: But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Peter 5:10
Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12
The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. Exodus 14:14

She ended by saying ...

Nothing but what is of God will stand. Nothing dear friend. Only that which is of Him will make it to eternity. No more. No less. There is truly no way around this. The sooner we accept this reality, the easier it is for us to live it. The following scriptures excruciatingly bring out the point that our fatness (all the riches we are loaded with that is not of God) will make it impossible for us to enjoy the Kingdom of God.

As impossible as it is for a camel to make it through a needle eye. It is interesting that the camel is one of the most, if not, the most humped animal in the world. Those of you who sew know how hard it is to get anything largely humped (bent) into a needle eye that is very small and very straight.

> And again, I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. Matthew 19:24 and strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Luke 13:24



Now let us sit back and enjoy Luke 13 as we see the truthfulness in what Margaret said as she covered all the groups who think they know it all and have their way to eternity layered with deceit and brilliance:

Luke 13			
#	Scripture	Sharing	
1	There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.	This reminds me of the scripture: "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." Matthew15:11	
2	And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans,	Meaning it is not about the things out there. It is about what is inside of us and what comes out from within that is important.	
	because they suffered such things?	In this context, it is not about their being impacted because of the mingling of	
3	I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.	blood with their sacrifices. It is about their personal repentance to avoid perishing.	

	Luke 13		
		It all comes back to us – not others. We are each held accountable for our salvation, for our eternity.	
14	And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus	Then there are those who would sacrifice a brother to keep what they say are the laws and rules.	
	had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, there are	Jesus set this right by showing that healing a life on the Sabbath is okay.	
	six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.	It is truly amazing how Jesus did not follow the norms of His day. His life was about loving and caring and this comes through as first all the time.	
25	When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye	We think we can do whatever we want and yet be one with Christ. It does not work this way.	
	begin to stand without, and to knock at the door,	Nothing we do or say will earn us this place. It is all	

	Luke 13			
	saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall	about a relationship with Jesus.		
26	answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye	A personal relationship where we get to know Him and we invite Him to know us as well.		
	begin to say, we have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our	A thirsting to be one with Him. The Trinity is gentle. They will not impose themselves on anyone.		
27	streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.	Our love must result in that sweet invitation to have them be in our lives.		
29	And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.	It is not about who reaches to God first. No, God loves us, and, whether or not we get there first or last, He sees the heart and that is where He operates. Sometimes we feel we have power because we are		

	Luke 13			
30	And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.	a leader or we have been saved longer than others or we knew the Bible before others, etc.		
		No dear ones, it has nothing to do with this. The heart will speak for itself before our Father then He will decide who is first and who is last.		
35	Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.	We feel we can keep our house anyhow yet see God. No. There is only one way to God – through His Son. We must walk this path in the most meticulous manner and only the Holy Spirit can help us do this.		

Oh dears, God's ways are not ours and our ways are not God's:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

We think we know God's timing. Note that He did not arrive to save Lazarus when asked but when it was the appointed time. He saved him even though Lazarus had been gone for days. God's timing is not ours and ours is not His. It is all about time being divinely ordained by God:

> For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Dear Ones, let us *humble* ourselves and allow Him to lift us up. There is only one with that final power and authority. We are powerless in light of His powerfulness. He will not give His glory to another (Isaiah 42:8).

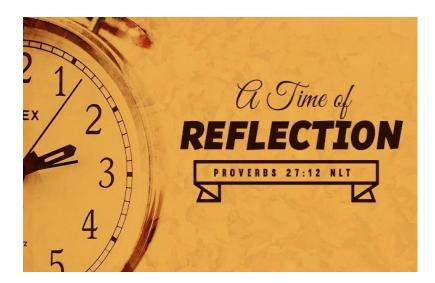
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

James 4:10









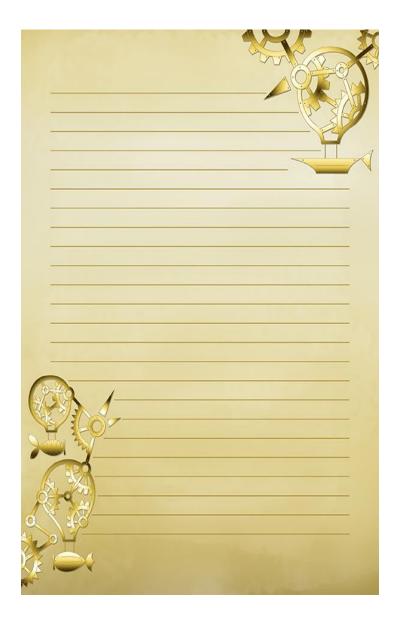
## \*\* Reflection Time \*\*

- 1. I ask you to reflect on this 'nothing but what is of God will stand'. What does it mean to you?
- 2. How do you feel in your process of testing and trials?
- 3. What are some things that simply don't seem to go away? What will you do about these?
- 4. Coming out as winners for His glory seems worth the trials. Do you agree?
- I encourage you to please pause and enjoy just listening to them (The Blessed Trinity). At times just being quiet with them is all we need for our daily strength.

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







#### Section 13: Only through the Spirit of God

*I* frequently said that night, and often since, now shall the awful sight of a false *Christ be seen on this earth, and nothing* but the living Christ in us can detect this awful attempt of the enemy to deceive - for it is with all deceivableness of unrighteousness he will work - he will have a counterpart for every part of God's truth, and an imitation for every work of the Spirit. The Spirit must and will be poured out on the church, that she may be purified and filled with God - and just in proportion as the Spirit of God works, so will he - when our Lord anoints men with power, so will he. This is particularly the nature of the trial, through which those are to pass who will be counted worthy to stand before the Son of man. There will be outward trial too, but 'tis principally

temptation. It is brought on by the outpouring of the Spirit, and will just increase in proportion as the Spirit is poured out. The trial of the Church is from Antichrist. It is by being filled with the *Spirit that we shall be kept. I frequently* said, oh be filled with the Spirit - have the light of God in you, that you may detect Satan - be full of eyes within - be clay in the hands of the potter - submit to be filled, filled with God. This will build the temple. It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. This will fit us to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. I saw it to be the will of God that all should be filled. But what hindered the real life of God from being received by his people, was their turning from Jesus, who is the way to the Father. They were not entering in by the door. For he is faithful who hath said, by me if any man

# enters in, he shall find pasture (MacDonald).

This is a mouthful but it all just boils down to the following:

- Be aware of false teachers, false prophets and those who misrepresent Christ.
- The only way you can be safe from this is to ensure you are filled with the Holy Spirit who will give you a sharp eye of discernment and who will keep you in the front door to God through His Son, the only way in.

I share the below with you. Many verses that emphasize the caution we need to take today. We see it all around us. The high levels of deceit, camouflage and fake representations of the only one and true God.

> Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from

thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Matthew 7: 15-23

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. Romans 16:17-18

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So, it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions. 2 Timothy 4:3

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Matthew 10:16

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. Colossians 2:8

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. Matthew 24: 11-13

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. Matthew 6:1-5

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness. Matthew 7:21-23

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed, they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. 2 Peter 2:1-3

And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. Matthew 24:4-5

The eye of God is within us dear ones. Keep it open and strong in the midst of you. He sees where we cannot.





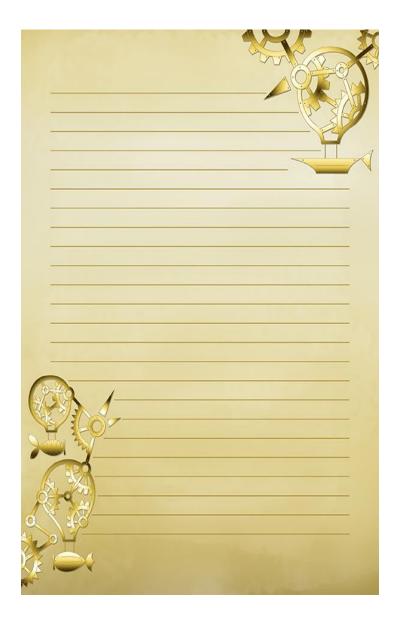


#### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. Do you feel you are able to discern when persons falsely represent God to you?
- 2. Do you agree that with God's Holy Spirit within us, we are able to navigate any type of falsehood?
- 3. What are things in your life's journey that seem to deprive you of enjoying the clearness of God's eyes in your walk?
- 4. Do you know that He loves you and wants to protect you from all that could possibly harm or misguide you?
- 5. Are you ready to let the eyes of God be yours so that you can enjoy His 20/20 vision?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







They were bypassing the cross, through which every drop of the Spirit of God flows to us. All power that comes not through the blood of Christ is not of God. When I say, they are looking from the cross, I feel that there is much in it - they turn from the blood of the Lamb, by which we overcome, and in which our robes are washed and made white. There are low views of God's holiness, and a ceasing to condemn sin in the flesh, and a looking from him who humbled himself, and made himself of *no reputation. Oh! it is needed, much* needed at present, a leading back to the cross (MacDonald).

Oh, how this section of her vision freezes me as I read it - especially the line: "Oh! it is needed, much needed at present, a leading back to the cross".

I think it was earlier this year in 2023 that the Cross truly took on a new meaning for me. "*It all happened at the Cross!*" is what I shouted one morning. Yes. Yes. Yes. We cannot run from this reality. The Cross is the door for us from death to live. It all started and ended on that Cross. Pause and think on this for a moment ... where would we be without the Cross?

He was a human like me with His own will -a will separate and apart from the will of God. He made a 'choice' to die for us. He did not have to do this:

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. John 10:18

He made a decision in the Garden of Gethsemane that night while all alone as His disciples slept. A decision to die for us. We know it was not easy – He himself wished this cup would pass from Him while on the cross. It was excruciating. But oh, how He landed well with His Father when He chose God's will over His own. Those sweet words that define that total submission of the Bride of Christ:

Not my will, but thine, be done. Luke 22:42

The greatest words ever spoken! If we can just understand the power of His resurrection that became all we could ever need for life eternal and daily joy on this earth:

> That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Philippians 3: 10-11

Dear ones, let us please pause and enjoy a reflection of some of what we gained through what happened at that Cross. It is a love story that can compare with no other. This is why I wonder how we can ever feel empty or alone with this level of love given to and expressed for us. What a love we find in Jesus!

#### Through the Cross, we ...

#### Overcame

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11

## Are able to live with Christ

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:8

## Were made clean

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrew 10:10

## Gained hope

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:13

#### Can enjoy eternal peace

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Colossians 1:20

#### Feel loved

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Can be reconciled with God

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18

Can hope to be perfect as He is

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30

## Have victory

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.1 Corinthians 15:57

Can enjoy eternity

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

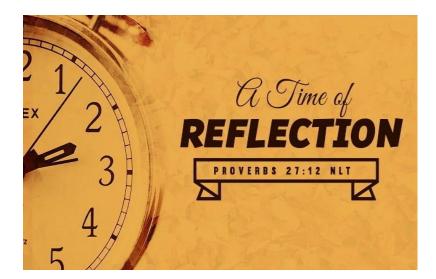
I cannot echo the words of our sister enough when she said:

*Oh! it is needed, much needed at present, a leading back to the cross (MacDonald).* 

Do not hide the Cross. Do not be ashamed of the Cross. Do not ignore the Cross. Do not do away with the Cross. It tells of the greatest love story that ever happened on earth.







## **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

1. Plain and simple ... what does the Cross mean to you as you reflect on this part of the message?



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# Section 15: Purifying of the Body of Christ

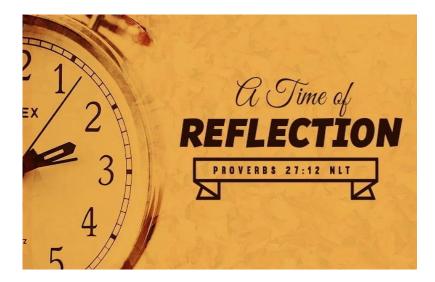
I saw that night, and often since, that there will be an outpouring of the Spirit on the body, such as has not been, a baptism of fire, that all the dross may be put away. Oh, there must and will be such an indwelling of the living God as has not been - the servants of God sealed in their foreheads - great conformity to Jesus - his holy image seen in his people - just the bride made comely by his comeliness put upon her (MacDonald).

What a truly beautiful way to start wrapping up this vision. How we enjoy a good shower. Well dear ones, today is the day when the Bride enjoys her greatest and final bath – bathed in the love of God through the Holy Spirit and made possible by the blood of Jesus. Washed, cleaned



and made whole for the bridegroom. Praise God. Alleluia!





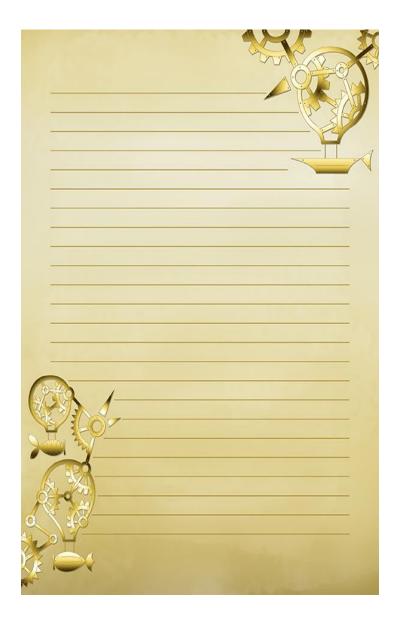
#### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. Just take some time out. I know how busy you can be but the truth is that you really cannot make time for God in your day ... He is your day.
- 2. During this time, just bathe yourself in His love and all that He is.
- 3. Deal with each thing that prevents you from taking this bridal bath.

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## Section 16: Make Haste ... the time is Now

This is what we are at present made to pray much for, that speedily we may all be made ready to meet our Lord in the air and it will be. Jesus wants his bride. His desire is toward us. He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry (MacDonald).

It was the beginning of 2022, that I awoke one morning to the words: "Hurry, let's go. Much to get done now" along with someone hastily running. When I see these things, I would immediately research graphics that depict the vision as closely as possible. The below is the closest I came:



Surely, I come quickly. (Revelation 22:20)

Yes, dear one, the time is now. There is no other. Jesus has come ... He is here for His Bride and it is a spiritual not a natural experience.

Let us not delay. Many of us have done this for years as we procrastinated for one reason or the other. Let's stop dear ones. The moment has arrived. Do not deprive yourself of the greatest joy ever to be experienced with Him here on earth. Right here :)

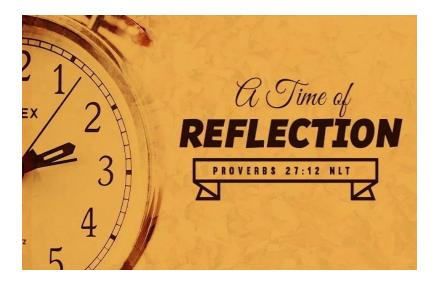
As we look around us, we see a world that is getting darker and darker. Yet His Bride sees the light of Him amidst the darkness. Many recite Revelation as they align it with what is happening now. There is no question that we see an alignment at this time. But oh, what the Bride also sees is that it is just the ending of the old world as Christ, the Bridegroom, comes forth in all His glory. Glorious – just glorious!

He is majestically stepping in with his Bride on His arm. It is a walk like we have never seen before. Our very beings are being elevated just thinking on and watching His movement. He is gentle, sweet, lovely and all that we could ever desire in a First Love. Yes, it is all happening within us. It will not be anything outside of us. The work is being done in the depth of our being through the auspicious and meticulous working of the Holy Spirit.

And, the time is now ...







#### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. Do you feel the urgency of God to come forth in all that He has for you in preparation for His Son, the Bridegroom?
- 2. What are some of the things in your journey that could deprive you from receiving and answering the bridal call?
- 3. God is only asking for a deep desire for His Son and He will do the rest. Are you ready to surrender totally to Him as He does a marvelous work in you?
- 4. Do you understand the power of the Holy Spirit in being the only one who can start and complete this work in us?

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







Section 17: Even so, come Lord Jesus ... Amen

Amen and Amen Even so come Lord Jesus (MacDonald).

There is no question in my mind that the entire 66 books of the Bible are about Jesus: pre- His time on earth, during His time on earth and post-His time on earth. All about Him.

> "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20

The verse Revelation 22:20 is referenced to the following verse:

Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices. Song of Solomon 8:14

There are many interpretations of what 'mountain of spices' means. For me, it is the sweetness of the praise of the Bride as she joyfully awaits the return of her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Elevating Christ through the sweet scent of her praises.

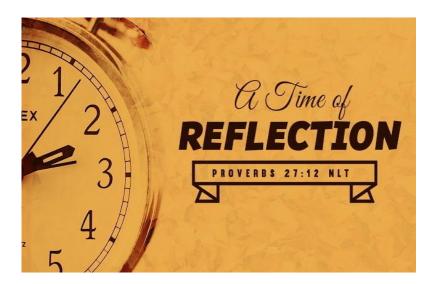
Oh, the importance of this Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. The main character of God's grand narrative ... the Bible. It was and is and will always be about Jesus Christ, His Son who gave it all for the Will of the Father.

As we follow in the example of Jesus, we too must come to that place where we utter His Words with utmost sincerity to God, our Heavenly Father:

Not my will but thine be done. Luke 22:42

In the beginning God	The grace of our Lord
(Genesis 1:1)	Jesus (Revelation 22:21)
First verse in the Bible	Last verse in the Bible
God started the show and ended it with His Son. It is	
only through the grace of Christ that we can enjoy	
everlasting life with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.	
~ The Blessed Trinity at work in us ~	







### **\*\* Reflection Time \*\***

- 1. I encourage you to reflect on the meaning of the word 'come'. It is when something occurs, happens, takes place.
- 2. The time has 'come' for Jesus to unite with His Bride. Take time to understand and enjoy this.
- 3. Ponder over the beauty that transforms the worst of what you are seeing in the world today as His feet arrives:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith to Zion, Thy God reigneth. Isaiah 52:7

Feel free to do this reflection exercise individually or as a group. Do not rush through answers to these questions. Take as much time as you can to deeply reflect on each one.







## Enjoying the Rapture here on God's Earth

*It is the Dawning of a new Day. Let's go ... much to get done now!* 





In 2007 while I was in prayer, I felt as if a bolt of lightning were literally lifting me off my bed and all I could say was: "Yes! I believe in the Rapture!" "Yes! There is no other way ... we must be Raptured!" I felt a taste of love, joy, total freedom and peace! And ... guess what? I experienced it all right there in my room, in human form and I am still here feeling an even *deeper* sense of hope for my life in the Lord!

Let me also share what is unusual about this experience. Around the same time when I got this experience, I was enjoying a series of songs – most of which talked about heaven or insinuated the rapture.

I found it strange that at a time when I was experiencing such a strong powerful revelation about the rapture and heaven that I would enjoy these traditional songs so much. Very strange indeed ...

Some of the words of these songs are:

- This world is not my home
- When we meet again in heaven
- $\circ$  A home in the sky
- When we meet again in the land of life
- No more heartache, no more pain you'll be home free

- *I am bound for heaven*
- To be caught up in the air
- One glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away

Then it suddenly dawned on me how *much* those of yesteryear had caught ahold of the need for us to be *raptured* – but saw it as a movement to a place away from earth, thus, the muchbelieved meaning of rapture.

Many cannot equate things of the heavens with the mundane, the pains, and the realities of this world – so they assumed logically that there must be a different place that we will be going to in order to get away from this earthly realm.

Let us look at one of these songs in more detail:

Well, some glad mornin' when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away. To a home where joy shall never end, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away. When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

(Written in 1929 by Albert E. Brumley)

The more I recited the words of this song, the more I wanted to shout as loudly as I could: "Yes, Yes, yes – when this life, as we know it, is over, we *will* fly, be elevated, and feel lifted to an entirely new level!".

It is during this time of complete rebirth that we will feel welcomed into and a part of 'God's celestial shore'. *Celestial* here simply means that which relates to or pertains to the heaven (Merriam) and *shore* speaks of an area within a boundary (Merriam).

Now, let us take a closer look at the rapture from both dictionary and scriptural perspectives:

- The meaning of the word 'rapture'
- The scriptures that are so closely associated with the rapture

# The meaning of rapture according to the Dictionary

If we all agree that the *Merriam Dictionary* continues to be a faithful provider of accurate meanings of words, then we will agree with the following meaning of the word:

Rapture (Webster Meaning)

- An expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion
- A state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion

• A Mystical experience in which the spirit is exalted to a knowledge of divine things

Rapture (Some scriptures persons quote)

Very in-depth research shows that 'Rapture' is a doctrine that has and is being taught. Most of this teaching evolves from and is highly premised on the following scriptures:

> For this, we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we, which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them, which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord (1Thessalonians 4:15-17- (KJV)

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory'. (1 Corinthians 15: 51-54 - KJV)

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:2–3) For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20-21)

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so, shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. (Matthew 24: 39-42).

When I looked in more depth, I personally noted that none of these very foundational scriptures bear the word *rapture*. I started to think that despite the years of teachings about the *Rapture*, despite the many hours spent waiting for it to happen, despite the reality that many live just to be raptured, despite the painful thought of those who just sit looking at the sky, waiting and waiting to be one with it through the rapture, there is no place in the Bible, where the word 'rapture' is mentioned. I thought then that if it were that important, it would have been the most-used word in the Bible. I also noted that there is no mention of the word *rapture* in any of the words uttered by Margaret MacDonald. Just ponderings that came to me.

After researching, I also noticed that there is no part of the meaning of rapture that means a physical removal of man from this earth into some place in the sky. What most resources I found did have in common is the idea of *changing, transforming, moving, escalating.*  Yes, for us to enjoy all that God empowered Jesus to do and even more than this (John 5:19-20), we must *change*, we must be *transformed*, we must be *elevated*, we must experience a *moving* from where we are to where He is!

To understand this, we want to return to the faithful prayer that we have recited so very often:

## **The Our Father Prayer** Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father,

Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil



So often when I utter this prayer, I pause to focus on the following line of this prayer:

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in* <u>earth</u>, as it is in <u>heaven</u>.

Please allow me to share with you what this line of the prayer has come to mean to me.

From age five, I have recited this prayer over and over again until a few years ago when this line really grasped my attention. What amazed me was the focus on the 'here' and not the 'there' that many sit awaiting daily.

This line does not talk about His kingdom rising up in the air or clouds but a 'coming' of His Kingdom to where we are – a changing of our state where we, earth, can be like Him, Heaven. In this way, His Will can be done in us and it is in Him, that we find an alignment of who He is with all that we are born to be ... an eclipsing of earth and heaven until the two are one. This is precisely what the following verse is saying – a verse that is so much associated with the traditional doctrine of the 'rapture':

For this, we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we, which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them, which are asleep. For the Lord **himself shall descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord (1Thessalonians 4:15-17- (KJV)

I started seeing this verse in a new light: He is not descending from a *place* called heaven that is separate from Him. No. Rather, He is descending from His state of being, Heaven, to meet us where we are so that we can be enveloped by all heaven which is Him. He does not abide in a place outside of himself – He is Heaven whether He is there or here. Oh, how I love what David said – wherever we are, He will be there!

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. Psalm 139:8

You see, we know that we are made in His image (Genesis 1:27). We also know that we were exposed to sin when Adam fell (Genesis 3:14). But we can rejoice because He found a way to redeem us through His Son, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:7). It follows then that if we accept this redemption, we return to our original status of His image – yes?

- *Image* speaks of 'exact likeness' in Genesis 1:27 (Merriam)
- *Image* speaks of a tangible or visible representation (Merriam)

*Image* speaks of likeness, resemblance, and that which is interchangeable (Concordance - 6754. Tselem - image bearer - in Hebrew)

This exact likeness and visual representation that we share with Him (made in His image) bring alive the words of the song:

> We are the seen of Him who is invisible' We crystallize the one who has no form' We localize the one who is everywhere We're the ones His heart is yearning for

We bear the name of Him who is nameable We localize the one who has no form We are the dawning of that light what has no genesis And we're the ones creation's waiting for (Brother Lester Higgins)

I came to understand that the *antidote* to the rapture is 'knowing' not just thinking, accepting, acknowledging, but *knowing* that we are one with God therefore, we are in heaven since God is in heaven – we can echo what our brother, Job, stated: "Is not God in the height of heaven"? (Job 22:12).

Therefore, if being raptured means ending up in the heavens and being caught up in the cloud then it means that we are already raptured! The scriptures clearly state that God dwells in heaven and God dwells in the cloud:

- God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of **heaven** and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands (Acts 17:24).
- Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7).

I share some scriptures here with you in relation to the cloud - the cloud that revealed the very presence of God, the cloud that guided our forefathers here on earth and the cloud that is once again guiding us right here on earth as we become perfected in His Will right here on earth. Precious ones, I need the *Cloud* today that is so heavily associated with the Rapture of tomorrow!

Here are some Scriptural Meanings for the Cloud:

- Whenever the rainbow appears in the cloud, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth. (Genesis 9:16).
- By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of **cloud** to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. (Exodus 13:21).
- Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent,

they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent. (Exodus 33:10).

- Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. (Exodus 34:5).
- Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34).
- Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the **cloud** had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:35).
- In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out. (Exodus 40:36).
- The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover

on the ark, or else he will die, because I appear in the **cloud** over the atonement cover". (Leviticus 16:2).

- When the *cloud* remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the LORD's order and did not set out. (Numbers 9:19).
- Then the LORD appeared at the Tent in a pillar of **cloud**, and the **cloud** stood over the entrance to the Tent. (Deuteronomy 31:15).
- When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the **cloud** filled the temple of the LORD. (1 Kings 8:10).
- The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love

endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud. (2 Chronicles 5:13).

- Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in a dark cloud". (2 Chronicles 6:1).
- Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. (Nehemiah 9:19).
- The clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind. (Job 36:28).
- He brings the clouds to punish men, or to water his earth and show his love. (Job 37:13).
- Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds his

name is the LORD— and rejoice before him. (Psalm 68:4)

- In my vision at night, I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the **cloud**s of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. (Daniel 7:13).
- While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5).
- They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. (1 Corinthians 10:2)
- Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen (Revelation 1:7).

 At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the *clouds* of the sky, with power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30).

Precious One, it is easier for us to see that God is already in the heaven and the cloud, but can we see *ourselves* there as well? Yes, the scripture clearly states our perfect unity with God in the precious words Jesus uttered to us:

- I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. John 14:20
- Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

This beautiful oneness with Christ is nicely expressed in the verse:

 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him. (Colossians 1:19).

All the fullness of Deity dwelt in Jesus. Jesus was nothing less than God in the flesh. Dear one, there was nothing lacking in the Godliness of Christ. Nothing, nothing at all. And this is the same Christ who declares to us: **You are in me!** 

If we are one with Christ, then we are also the heirs, the 'first born from the dead' born of the Father:

He is the head of the church, and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. (Colossians 1:18)

We saw another example in the scripture in relation to the first born when God spoke about David:

I also shall make him my first-born, the highest of the kings of the earth. (Psalm 89:27)

Again, we know that 'first born' was not a natural meaning here. The scriptures share that David had brothers who were older than him. Again, one can only assume that this was a spiritual meaning – God setting David above all others – just as He promised at the time of our initial creation when He placed us over all, gave us dominion over all.

Sharing His authority with us so that we can take control of our lives and not let others control us. He gave us all we need to be free and to roam the skies, the heavenlies with Him right here on earth:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26

We are one with Him in the heavenlies – to this end then, I stopped spending precious moments looking up and longing for the sky; I quit thinking that one day some physical heaven will open up in the clouds and grab me up – it will not happen; it cannot happen since I am already in the cloud right here, I am already in heaven right here since God is heaven, God is cloud and God is here and now.

If God is not here and now, then I may as well give up for there is then no hope from day to day. But praise God I do not have to give up for He is alive and well right here, so I have daily hope. And just not alive and well, He lives in me with all His heavenliness – wow, wow, wow! How can I not feel joy *each* day I awake when the joy never ended through the night! :) The following verse is such a powerful and awesome demonstration and conclusion of the *true* dichotomy of who God is:

For by Him were all things created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-18).

He is both heaven and earth – He is all, He consumes all within Himself. And He lives in me! Heaven and earth are one – so I do not have to look up, down, back or front. I just look inward – for there lies the Godhead bodily.

For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9).

Glory to God. Oh Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

If we still cannot see and enjoy heaven right here on earth, then I ask us the following question ...

> When Jesus came to the earth as full God and full man – did He leave His heavenly being up in the sky heaven or did He have it with him on earth?

Precious one, is it possible that He was *fully* heaven right here on earth? This must be because He cannot change who He is - yes? So, once we become like and as Him, we too will be heaven right here on earth.

Like Him, we will be able to rise above all trials and pains and enjoy the fullness of God right here while healing others as they feel His presence in us, as we love beyond human understanding, as we lead and support perfectly as He did with His disciples; as we forgive even the most down trodden as He did with the woman in sin who was brought to Him (Mark 16:9); and as we share the humility He expressed as He allowed John the Baptist to have leadership over Him in the water (Matthew 3). Therefore, using the famous old Transitive property of Equality:

If A = B and B = C then A = C

If Man is God's image (A) and if God's image is heavenly (B) and B = C then ... those made in the image of God (A) must be heavenly (C).

# ~ So, I had to make my decision ... will it be Mythical Comfort or Permanent Rest for me? ~

Which one will I choose? I chose Permanent Rest in, with and through Him in all of His fullness right here on earth.

What is Mythical Comfort?

Mythical comfort is the calming assurance and deep hope that we feel when we think of this earth as being temporal, ephemeral, and evanescent and heaven as being the final escape from the realities of this world. Especially when our loved ones leave us – our consolation is that one day we will be caught up in the clouds with them.

I will not pretend that I know what happens to those who have moved on. What I do know is that they remain special forever with and to me. They are with Him and I am with Him. I rest them in His capable hands while I focus on Him and His Will for me today.

The reality is that it does not matter how many may pass on before me and even if I go myself, I know now that we will all remain together with Him on this plain or the next.

There is no separation. There is nothing outside of Him - life or death. So, we learn to enjoy each other and to know each other in person and in spirit so that we enjoy both states with one another. Oh, what a beautiful thing. If our *First Love* can be Spirit and we enjoy total joy with Him 24/7 then guess how much we can keep enjoying each other now or then :). Glory!

God took much time to create His earth and He delights in working throughout human form for His glory. He also meticulously created the heaven for us to work and to reign with Him there toward His glory as well.

# Are we ready to return His investment to Him by bringing all earth in alignment with all heaven (let it be on earth as it is in heaven)?

So, during this time of revelation, I asked myself how am I planning on enjoying the greatest gift He could have given to me – a gift He does not have but rather, *chose* to enjoy it through us – that is, our body?

By sitting and waiting everlastingly until I head up somewhere in the sky to become one with Him and those gone before us in spirit? Or will I focus on how I can be all that is heaven right here on earth so that I can enjoy Him now and wherever else He desires me to be?

Do I want to spend time embracing what is now a myth to me - the traditional rapture, thus robbing Him of His creation here on earth and robbing myself of a permanent rest in Him right here on earth?

#### How does one enjoy Permanent Rest?

I ask us to think on the fact that if this all ends in the air then God has lost through a demise of His earthly creation. His efforts of creation were in vain; His attempt to redeem us through His precious Son was in vain; His words of life are untrue; His promise of an abundant life is a dream; His words "I am" and "Lo, I am with you always" is future not present.

And if this is the future then we have no hope at all for today – on whom do we lean, from whom do we take our strength; about whom do we share with the world. How do we do any of this if we are just living and waiting for Him to return?

But you see, the 'I am that I am' is here and He made me one with Him. So, at this very moment here on earth, we will, *together*, perfect His world, His earth, His precious creation. Are we ready for this? Or, is the rapture myth so great that we will deprive Him of the part of Himself that is human in flesh?

Okay! Since we are one with God, the heaven, the clouds – we have already been raptured so, what happens next?

> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 KJV

#### We LIVE the heavenlies!

We know we have what it takes to be like Him since the Word clearly states that we are born in the 'image of God' (Genesis 1:27). We have His 100% DNA. We also know that God is waiting to show us even more than He showed His very own Son according to John 5:19-20. What then are we waiting for?

We find ourselves in a dichotomous quandary of ... are we to enjoy this DNA here or there? Are we going to be raptured up in the sky or be raptured here.

Dearest ones, we are to live it all here. Several scriptures definitively speak of His glorious experience with us in the here and the now. Please let me share a few of these with you:

> And we know that the Son of God <u>is</u> come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus

Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (I John 5:20)

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with <u>all</u> that therein is. (Deuteronomy 10:14)

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God <u>is</u> with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Revelation 21:3)

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now <u>is</u> come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God - day and night. (Revelation 12:10) Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment <u>is</u> come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (Revelation 14:7)

# What are some of the reasons for our holding on to the traditional rapture?

Especially in today's world, it is easy to hold on to anything that will give us the hope of escape. I truly believe that the world is hurting more today than it ever has been before.

Despite the millions spent on large, beautiful church buildings, despite the years of blasting the message of salvation in the ears of non-believers – the pain continues. Why? We have obviously not found the true key to lasting joy – a joy that is permanently a part of us.

Precious believer, I am not saying anything new here; you have heard it stated repeatedly through His Word that there is only one way to God ... through His Son Jesus.

I was looking at a movie the other day that richly portrayed His death and resurrection. So many times, I asked myself: "How much did God love us to allow His Son to experience such excruciating pain just to save us from our sins"

It was there and then that I knew for sure that there was no way His pain would go in vain. I will continue to try to be worthy of His journey to that Cross. I am still not there but He is my hope. I just relax in His love as I stay focused on my journey to perfection – all in time,

A few things are happening that are different today from yesterday. For the most part, many of us once claimed to not have access to His Word. With technology and media in almost every corner of the world – the Bible is more accessible now than it has ever been. Is it then not ironic that while the Word is very accessible now – the pain in this world continues to increase? This is interesting to me.

You see, what is so painful now is that even if we are not *living* the Word, we *know* the Word – so we are being held responsible for its content. As such, there is constant struggle within us as our heart fights with our head about what is right and wrong, what is holy and unholy, what is acceptable and unacceptable, what is moral and immoral. We are so confused.

Our mind needs to become aligned with His so that the struggles end:

> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

There is no question that despite the fact that He painfully bore that Cross so that we do not have to; many of us are voluntarily carrying crosses that He did not place on our shoulders. Instead, if we can just drop the burdens, lose the weight and indeed enjoy being raptured with Him in the air – the air will give us that feeling of lightness in and with Him.

Once we make this final decision to give our lives unwaveringly to Him, we immediately feel the difference. We are no longer the same. But maybe for some of us – we do have to recarry the cross and bear the unbearable journey that He did until finally like Him – we declare the most power words: "It Is Finished!".

Sweet Fellow Journeyer, how much easier it is for us to go the easier way – the way He intended for us – so that He can enjoy the pleasure of seeing us escape the suffering He originally intended to save us from ... through His own death?

Let us not focus on the future rapture in the sky; rather, let us *be raptured* now as we enjoy His Heaven here on earth. Please answer the call to reach His height right here – it is glorious!

# *Elevated through Him and with Him right here on earth. Glory!*



# **Summary**

In closing, let us please embrace the following scriptures that hold true throughout the Bible:

- We are saved through the blood of Christ. (Romans 5:9)
- He made us one with the Trinity. (John 14:20)
- We are equipped to climb to great heights with Him. (Psalms 18:32-33)
- We are dead without the Holy Spirit. (James 2:26)
- Like David, we long to remain with the Holy Spirit and to never be without Him. (Psalms 51:11)
- We give all glory to Him and not to ourselves. (Isaiah 42:8)

Let us hold on to these words and enjoy the fullness of each *today* as we climb to levels with Him. Let's leave the *future* in His capable Hand.





# My Deeper Commitment in 2000

My Beloved reaches for Me. Our love experience is rich. Now we are betrothed and consummated ... spirit to spirit we enjoy a sanctuary full of grace, a true worship full of power. Such is my desire to wed to give my beloved my all.

#### Halt creation, here we come!

October 18, 2000 (Dan)



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#### Prayer



## Dear Father,

We desire only you in all that we seek. We know that all joy comes from you. A joy that is lasting and not dependent on what is happening in the world – a joy we feel as we are lifted with you.

May our heart become one with yours. May our spirit become one with yours. May our will become one with yours. May all that you are be the image we see as we look into the mirror.

May we walk out this image each day as we represent you in this world that all may see and give glory to your wonderful name.

Amen

## Appendix A

Here is her [Margaret MacDonald] handwritten account of her revelation from Robert Norton's Memoirs of James & George MacDonald, of Port-Glasgow (1840) pp. 171-176. Compiled with her account as it appears in shorter form in Norton's the Restoration of Apostles and Prophets; In the Catholic Apostolic Church (1861). pp 15-18.

"It was first the awful state of the land that was pressed upon me. I saw the blindness and infatuation of the people to be very great. I felt the cry of Liberty just to be the hiss of the serpent, to drown them in perdition.

It was just 'no God.' I repeated the words, now there is distress of nations, with perplexity, the seas and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear – now look out for the sign of the Son of man. Here I was made to stop and cry out, O it is not known what the sign of the Son of man is; the people of God think they are waiting, but they know not what it is. I felt this needed to be revealed, and that there was great darkness and error about it; but suddenly what it was burst upon me with glorious light. I saw it was just the Lord himself descending from Heaven with a shout, just the glorified man, even Jesus; but that all must, as Stephen was, be filled with the Holy Ghost, that they might look up, and see the brightness of the Father's glory. I saw the error to be, that men think that it will be something seen by the natural eve: but 'tis spiritual discernment that is needed, the eve of God in his people. Many passages were revealed, in a light in which I had not before seen them. I repeated, 'Now is the kingdom of Heaven like unto ten virgins, who went forth to meet the Bridegroom, five wise and five foolish; they that were foolish took their lamps, but took no oil with them; but they that were wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.' 'But be ve not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is: and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.' This was the oil the wise virgins took in their vessels – this is the light to be kept burning -the light of God – that we may discern that which cometh not with observation to the natural eye. Only those who have the light of God within them will see the sign of his appearance. No need to follow them who say, see here, or see there, for his day shall be as the lightning to those in whom the light *Christ is.* '*Tis Christ in us that will lift us up –* he is the light – 'tis only those that are alive in him that will be caught up to meet him in the air. -But I saw that the glory of the ministration of the Spirit had not been known. I repeated frequently, but the spiritual temple must and shall be reared, and the fullness of Christ be poured unto his body, and then shall we be caught up to meet him. Oh, none will be counted worthy of this call but his body, which is the church, and which must be a candlestick all of gold. I often said, Oh the glorious in-breaking of God which is now about to burst on this earth: *Oh, the glorious temple which is now about to be* reared, the bride adorned for her husband; and oh, what a holy, holy bride she must be, to be prepared for such a glorious bridegroom. I said, Now shall the people of God have to do with realities – now shall the glorious mystery of God in our nature be known – now shall it be known what it is for man to be glorified. I felt that the revelation of Jesus Christ had yet to be opened up – it is not knowledge about God that it contains, but it is and entering into God - I saw that there was a glorious breaking in of God to be. I felt as Elijah, surrounded with chariots of fire. I saw as it were, the spiritual temple reared, and the Head Stone brought forth with shouting of grace, grace, unto it. It was a glorious light above the brightness of the sun that shone round about me. I felt that those who were filled with the Spirit could see spiritual things, and fell walking in the midst of them, while those who had not the Spirit could see nothing – so that two shall be in one bed, the one taken and the other left, because the one had the light of God within while the other cannot see

the Kingdom of Heaven. I saw the people of God in an awfully dangerous situation, surrounded by nets and entanglements, about to be tried, and many about to be deceived and fall. Now will THE WICKED be revealed, with all power and signs and lying wonders, so that if it were possible the very elect will be deceived. – This is the fiery trail, which is to try us. – It will be for the purging and purifying of the real members of the body of Jesus; but oh, it will be a fiery trial. Every soul will be shaken to the very center. The enemy will try to shake in everything we have believed – but the trial of real faith will be found to honor and praise and glory.

Nothing but what is of God will stand. The stony-ground hearers will be made manifest – love of many will wax cold. I frequently said that night, and often since, now shall the awful sight of a false christ be seen on this earth, and nothing but the living Christ in us can detect this awful attempt of the enemy to deceive – for it is with all deceivableness of unrighteousness he *will work – he will have a counterpart for every* part of God's truth, and an imitation for every work of the Spirit. The Spirit must and will be poured out on the church, that she may be purified and filled with God – and just in proportion as the Spirit of God works, so will he - when our Lord anoints men with power, so will *he. This is particularly the nature of the trial,* 

through which those are to pass, who will be counted worthy to stand before the Son of man. There will be outward trials too, but 'tis principally temptation. It is brought on by the outpouring of the Spirit, and will just increase in proportion as the Spirit is poured out. The trial of the Church is from Antichrist. It is by being filled with the Spirit that we shall be kept. I frequently said, Oh be filled with the Spirit – have the light of God in you, that you may detect Satan - be full of eyes within - be clay in the hand of the potter – submit to be filled, filled with God. This will build the temple. It is not by might not by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. This will fit us to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. I saw it to be the will of God that all should be filled. But what hindered the real life of God from being received by his people was their turning from Jesus, who is the way to the Father. They were not entering in by the door. For he is faithful who hath said, by me if any man enters in he shall find pasture. There were passing the cross, through which every drop of the Spirit of God flows to us. All power that comes not through the blood of Christ is not of God. When I say, they are looking from the cross, I feel that there is much in it – they turn from the blood of the Lamb, by which we overcome. and in which our robes are washed and made white. There are low views of God's holiness, and a ceasing to condemn sin in the

flesh, and a looking from him who humbled himself, and made himself of no reputation. Oh! it is needed, much needed at present, a leading back to the cross. I saw that night, and often since, that there will be an outpouring of the Spirit on the body, such as had not been, a baptism of fire, that all the dross may be put away. Oh, there must and will be such an indwelling of the living God as had not been – the servants of God sealed in their foreheads – great conformity to Jesus – his holy holy image seen in his people – just the bride made comely, by his comeliness put upon her. This is what we are at present made to pray much for that speedily we may all be made ready to meet our Lord in the air – and it will be. Jesus wants his bride. His desire is toward us. He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.

Amen and Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus."

As a very young girl, I heard of the word "rapture". I never understood it, I never paid much attention to it, I never argued its existence nor its validity. I just let it be while believing that if I am to know something – God is faithful enough to show me. For me this was easy since fortunately, I was never caught up in or defended religious doctrines. I saw this as a lose-lose situation so unless I felt strongly led to share or defend something specifically, I kept my peace. For me, it was always about Him – how to get to know Him better – how to feel His presence – how to make Him more a part of my life. As I became more involved in external ministry, my opinion on this topic was sought many times. Again, I did not feel I should prove the concept right or wrong – I would simply say: "I have no thought on it. I just love the Lord and am thrilled to be living in His love today". In 2007, the time came when I felt I could express what the rapture meant to "me". I wrote most of this message way back then and now have the desire to release it to you in 2024. What is the stimulus to release this message now? It has been 17 years and as I reflect on these years, I now know undoubtedly that I have been living heaven on earth these years. In **My Rapture Journey**, I share more with you. Enjoy!



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