2025 International Memorial Day Blending Conference

WEEK 4

DAY 5

Morning Nourishment

Revelations 19 8 to 9

And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints. And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

Christ is now preparing us to be His bride. The time is coming when He will present the bride to Himself. In His bride Christ will behold nothing but beauty. This beauty will be the reflection of what He is. The beauty of the bride, comes from the very Christ who is wrought into the church and who is then expressed through the church. Our beauty is not our behavior. Our only beauty is the reflection of Christ, the shining out of Christ from within us. What Christ appreciates in us is the expression of Himself in us.

Today’s Reading

First, Christ must come into us and then be assimilated by us. Then He will be able to shine out of us. This shining is the glory of the bride, the manifestation of divinity through humanity. Real beauty is the expression of the divine attributes through humanity. Nothing in the universe is as beautiful as this expression. Therefore, the beauty of the bride is Christ shining out of us. It is a matter of divinity expressed through humanity.

On the day of his wedding, a bridegroom cares much more for the beauty of his bride than for her ability. In like manner, in the church life our beauty will eventually be much more important to the Lord than our function. At the beginning of the church life, we may emphasize ability and function. But eventually, we will place more emphasis on beauty. Do not pay that much attention to becoming capable, qualified, and gifted in function. At first, this may count for something in the church life. But eventually, the Lord will show us that what He cares for is not our ability; He cares for the beauty of Himself expressed through our humanity.

Christ does not intend to present a capable church to Himself. The church that will be presented to Him will be glorious and beautiful, a church without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing. If our blemishes and imperfections are to be removed, we need to take in more and more of Christ. He should not simply energize us for our function but also beautify us that we may be His bride. The church is being beautified by partaking of Christ, by digesting Christ, and by assimilating Christ!

The more we experience the indwelling Christ in this way, the more He will replace our spots and wrinkles with His element, and the more His riches with the divine attributes will become our beauty. Then we will be prepared to be presented to Christ as His lovely bride.

The experience of Ephesians 5 is necessary for the fulfillment of Revelation 19. Ephesians shows how Christ prepares the bride by sanctifying, cleansing, nourishing, and cherishing us with Himself. In this way we are metabolically transformed, and we become beautiful and glorious, ready to be presented to Christ according to Revelation 19. Because the bride is clothed, in fine linen, bright and clean, the declaration can be made that she has made herself ready. This indicates that by the time of Revelation 19 the bride will have been prepared. For the bride to be prepared means that she has the fine linen, bright and clean. Clean refers to nature, whereas bright refers to expression. This fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints. The righteousnesses of the bride here denote the subjective righteousness, Christ as the righteousness which has been constituted into our being. The more this subjective righteousness is wrought into the church, the more she is prepared to become the bride. Those who compose the bride have been redeemed and regenerated. But they need to have the subjective righteousness interwoven into their very being in order to have the fine linen, bright and clean. Actually, it is this linen that is the beauty of the bride.

This is the end of Today’s Morning Revival