

The Forerunner Message: Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge

I. ENCOUNTERING THE BEAUTY OF JESUS AS BRIDEGROOM, KING, AND JUDGE

- A. The forerunner message includes proclaiming Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge—He is a Bridegroom with desire, a King with power, and a Judge with zeal to remove everything that hinders love. There is no contradiction in His heart and ministry as Bridegroom, King, and Judge. This message is established in many places in the Bible (Mt. 24-25; Rev. 19-22).
- B. During a 21-day fast in May 1983, the Spirit stirred me to pray Psalm 27:4 for over 12 hours. In speaking about a future young adult worship movement, the Lord spoke audibly in context to Psalm 27:4, saying: *“I will establish 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David.”*
⁴One thing I have desired of the LORD...to behold the beauty of the LORD... (Ps. 27:4)
- C. In July 1988, the Lord spoke audibly about *releasing grace across the body of Christ to walk in Song 8:6-7* (the first commandment) and that I was to focus on this theme in my ministry.
- D. The essence of the message of the Bride of Christ is to understand and encounter *Jesus’ beauty, His emotions* for us and *commitments* to us (to share His heart, throne, secrets, and beauty with us) as our Bridegroom God, and *our response of wholehearted love and obedience* to His will. Mutual wholeheartedness is a foundational aspect of intimate partnership with Jesus.
- E. On Sunday, Oct. 29, 1989, while preaching on Deuteronomy 6:4, Noel Alexander read, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one...*love the Lord your God with all your heart...*” The second time he said, “Hear, O Israel,” at that moment, lightning struck the building. We interpreted this as the Lord emphasizing the first commandment and intimacy in worship.
- F. In November 1995, I had a prophetic dream exhorting me to call God’s people “Hephzibah.” I was on a large platform and heard a loud voice like thunder say, *“Call them ‘Hephzibah, the Lord delights in you.’”* I woke up from the dream instantly with the Spirit resting on me.
⁴You shall be called Hephzibah...for the LORD delights in you...⁵For as the bridegroom rejoices [enjoys] over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶I have set watchmen on your walls... they shall never hold their peace [be silent, NAS] day or night...⁷give Him no rest till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:4-7)

II. TRANSITIONAL SEASON IN THE SPIRIT: 1997-1998

- A. In July 1993, I had a prophetic dream in which I stood on a platform with Benny Hinn to begin a “transitional season in the Lord.” (A transition starts by transitioning the way we relate to God).

- B. In October 1996, I spoke at a conference with John Arnott in Toronto. Benny Hinn was hosting a healing meeting in Toronto. He asked me to meet with him before his meeting that day. I stood on the stage with Benny Hinn and prophesied something along the lines of, ***“The Spirit is raising up intercessors throughout the nations.”*** That night at John Arnott’s conference, Mark DuPont, called me to the platform and prophesied, ***“You are in transition.”***
- C. On November 30, 1996, at all-night prayer meeting from midnight until 5 a.m., I said over and over, ***“Jesus, You are so beautiful.”*** Every time I said it, I felt a surge of His presence on me. The next week, a lady sent me a letter that said, “I had a dream about you early last Saturday morning on November 30. In this dream the Lord said that He would open up to you more understanding of Jesus’ beauty and that He wants you to call others into encounter His beauty.”

- D. On May 7, 1997, in Assisi, Italy, the Lord said, ***“I will raise up ‘friend of the Bridegroom’ forerunner messengers”*** who will proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge. The Holy Spirit is raising up forerunner messengers in many different ministries across the earth.

²⁹The friend of the Bridegroom...rejoices...because of the Bridegroom’s voice. (Jn. 3:29)

- E. In July 1997, Rick Joyner prophesied to me, “In the next few weeks the Lord is going to visit you about your life mandate because you are in transition.” A month later on August 27, 1997, I had a prophetic dream indicating that part of my ministry was to be found in Isaiah 40:3.

³Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isa. 40:3)

- F. On September 3, 1997, the Spirit highlighted three verses (Rev. 2:17; 3:12; 19:12). They speak of encountering and proclaiming the Lord’s name—the fame of Jesus, His beauty, and His worth. I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours. On the way out of the prayer room, I received a note from Terry Bennett who said that he saw the wind and fire of the Spirit resting on me as He was speaking three verses about me—Revelation 2:17, 3:12, 19:12.

¹⁷I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written... (Rev. 2:17)

¹²I will write on him the name of My God...I will write on him My new name. (Rev. 3:12)

¹²He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. (Rev. 19:12)

- G. On September 17, 1997, during a prayer meeting, the Spirit highlighted Isaiah 63:1-6 to me. Again, I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours. It spoke of Jesus the King wearing the red garments of a judge as He walked through the nations. I began to say, “Your red garments are glorious. Why are they red? A king should be in white garments.”

¹Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?—“I [Jesus] who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” ²Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled

upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. ⁴For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come...” (Isa. 63:1-4)

1. Jesus will tread the winepress *alone* (Isa. 63:3). The Lord was saying to me, “There are no kings or governments on earth that will agree with My judgments. I will trample the nations *alone*. Will you agree with Me?” I repeatedly said yes. The wind and the fire of the Spirit touched me.
 2. He said, “You will be rejected even by some of My people.” I promised the Lord that I will preach the Jesus who is dazzling, radiant, or white from Song 5:10 and “Jesus in red” from Isaiah 63.
- H. Terry came over and prophesied to me saying, “The same angel that touched you two weeks ago with fire and wind is here again.” He said, “Jesus is coming to you in red garments. He wants you to proclaim Isaiah 63. You must study it because you will preach the Jesus in red.”
- I. I understood that I was to learn and then proclaim how Jesus’ judgments were released to remove all that hindered love instead of being a contradiction to His great love as the Bridegroom King. Terry said the Lord appeared to him wearing red garments (robe). He saw the wind of God like a tornado swirling around my body as the angel was pouring fire on me. He told me, “Your ministry is to focus on proclaiming the name of God. He summoned you and many other ministries to prepare the way of the Lord which includes teaching on the judgments of God.”