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First the Natural, Then the Spiritual

“Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural: and afterward that which is spiritual.” I Corinthians 15:46 KJV

I was reading in my Bible the other day about the former and latter rain. There was a definition in the reference column that said that the former rain was the first teacher of righteousness. This must be the Word of God that later became flesh. It must be Jesus our Lord.

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.” John 1:1-4,14 KJV

Jesus, the natural manifestation of our invisible God, came into the world speaking things that were kept secret from the foundation of the world. Words flowing so graciously from his lips, as if he had created all language, but were very hard for the human ear and mind to comprehend. So captivating were his words that when the Jews sent soldiers to take him before His time, they could only listen in rapt attention, and then return to report – ***“No man ever spake like this man.”*** When his hour was come that Judas would betray him with a kiss, the soldiers that came for him, went backwards and fell to the ground when he said – ***“I am he.”*** John 18:6

His final words on the cross were so powerful that when he cried out with a loud voice **'It is finished'**, a great earthquake occurred and the veil in the temple was rent from top to bottom as he opened again, the way for man to come boldly to the throne of grace.

For three and one half years he would speak to the multitudes in parables and then expound unto his disciples until Peter was able to answer the question – **"Who do you say that I am?"**

Jesus, the former rain, came to teach us about the righteousness of God. He said – **"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."** (The things that the Gentiles seek for.) If it wasn't for the Holy Ghost, who is the latter rain, then these words wouldn't make much sense to any of us today, for in his Kingdom, he is King, and we are dom(dumb).

When Jesus began to teach about the latter rain in the gospel of John he said of the Holy Ghost that when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will teach us all things. He will lead us into all truth. He will cause us to remember all the words of Jesus and the Father. This is just one of the functions of the divine paraclete, the one called along side to help us understand.

Jesus went on to say that he would never leave us comfortless, but would give us another Comforter that would abide with us forever. He said **"If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."** (John 14:23) Isn't this what Ephesians 2:22 is saying? **"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."** We are the house that God lives in!

We have the latter rain living in our hearts as the down payment on this promise. **"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."** 2 Corinthians 1:21,22

The Holy Ghost is the God of the world to come. That's why Jesus said that in this world, blasphemy of the Son of Man would be forgiven, but blasphemy of the Holy Ghost would never be forgiven, in this world or the world to come. See Mark 3:29 and Luke 12:10.

What the Christian church is in the process of doing or trying to understand is how the latter and former rain are being poured out together in the same or first month. This is what the Father, who is the husbandman of James 5:7, is waiting patiently for. He is waiting for us

to come to the revelation that He, Jesus and the Holy Ghost are one and the same. We certainly confess to this truth, but the revelation hasn't completely come to our hearts just yet. We are still seeing through a glass darkly.

How is the former rain (Jesus) and the latter rain (the Holy Ghost) going to be manifested to the world in the same month? By the Word of God that says that in the last days, the reapers shall overtake the sowers. People getting saved (by the name of Jesus) and filled with the Holy Ghost. Doma giftings (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers) that finally realize that their ministry is not to save the world, but to bring the saints to maturity, identify the saint's gifting, and edify the body in such a way that they can save the world by telling everyone in their realm of influence just what Jesus did for them either by word or by a 24/7 Christian lifestyle. Mature Christians will become addicted to the ministry of the saints if given just half the chance.

When we finally realize this, then the veil will be taken away from our minds and we will see that the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down, is built up again, by the Holy Ghost and that we really, really, really are a Spiritual house that God lives in, and we are a Holy priesthood, that offers up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Mental ascent will not take away the veil over our minds. Simply agreeing that the Word of God is true does not produce faith, for faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word (Revelation, Rhema) of God. The Psalmist said - ***“the entrance of thy word giveth light.”*** This light comes shining through the rent that is in the veil that is over our minds.

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