

THE SEASON OF JUDGMENT

*Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and **be established in the present truth.***

II. Peter 1:12

Tonight, I have a burden on my heart concerning present truth. God's eternal plan is not a *static* thing. Even though it was finished by the seventh day of creation in God's mind, and in the realm where He lives (outside of time and space), it continues to unfold and be revealed to us in the realm where *we* live (inside of time and space). This is why the very term "*Systematic Theology*" comes from man's religious pride. Theologians not only think they have God's eternal plan all figured out, they claim to have all the details of that plan arranged in a "systematic" fashion. Aspiring young ministers go to seminaries and are taught the (systematic) theology of whatever denomination they happen to be part of, and then they leave those schools of learning, confident that they know what God is *presently* doing in the earth.

And this kind of thing isn't restricted to theologians and seminaries inside the Religious System. There are plenty of people who have left the system, who have become preachers and teachers out here over the years, who basically have done the same thing with the *revelations* God has given them—only they wouldn't be caught dead referring to their teachings as "theology", much less systematic theology. That sounds way too much like the Church System. Nevertheless, like the seminary graduate, they are confident that because of what they have learned, they know what God is *presently* doing in the earth.

I'll just give you just one example of this—the whole "house church" movement. For some years, I followed the goings-on of the house church movement from a distance because I felt a close kinship with them. I was never part of that movement, but we had a house church for about ten years, and it was a great blessing. We learned a lot of things about spiritual authority, about ministering, about serving one another, and about moving corporately during those years. But there came a time when God took us on into some *deeper things* and our little house church meetings came to an end.

From *that* vantage point, I began to see that, generally speaking, the house church movement is pursuing the wrong goal. Their goal is not to go on unto perfection and learn all the things that reaching that goal requires. Rather, the goal is to correctly reproduce the life and unity of the Early Church. Now, please don't misunderstand what I am saying. Reproducing the life of the Early Church is a very *noble* goal, and I'm sure those who are involved in that movement are learning many good things and being blessed by the Lord. But I can assure you that reproducing the life of the Early Church is not what God is presently doing. It is not *present* truth.

Over the years I have watched many people leave the Religious System, but it seems that few of them have continued to walk in *present* truth. I've watched them get off into deception; I've watched them grow weary and go back to the churches; and I've watched a few of them return to the world. But the thing I see most often is the tendency to *camp around* some revelation or spiritual experience that God once gave them—and usually it's the one that brought them out of the system to begin with. The tendency to camp around a truth or an experience that comes from God is deep in our souls. It's not just a problem with those who leave the system. We call it "*Nehushtan*"—from the accounts in Numbers 21 and Second Kings 18.

If you remember the story, the people of Israel traveled from Mount Hor, by the road to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. It was a long trek and they became impatient. Some of them began to speak against God and against Moses, saying: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness, for there is no bread or water here, and we detest this worthless food”. This angered the Lord greatly and He sent poisonous snakes among the people to bite them, and many died. Then they came to Moses and admitted that they had sinned, and they asked Moses to pray to the Lord that he would take away the snakes. So Moses prayed for the people, and the Lord told him to make a *bronze image* of a poisonous snake and set it on a pole, so that whoever was bitten by one of the snakes, when they looked on that image, would be healed.

Many years later, when young Hezekiah became king of Judah, you find a reference to this same bronze snake. Hezekiah was Judah’s greatest king, with regards to being faithful to God. It was said that there was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him; that he held fast to the Lord and did not cease to follow him; and that he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses. He was 25 years old when he took the throne and the first thing he did was attack all the false worship and idolatry in Judah. The Scripture says that he: “...removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the **brassen serpent** that Moses had made: for **unto those days** the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it **Nehushtan**” (II Kings 18:1-6).

Nehushtan is the thing that has produced every major denomination we see today. God would move in a certain way, or restore a certain truth or experience, and the very people to whom that thing was revealed, would turn around and make what God had done an idol, a “Nehushtan”. They would take a present truth revelation, or a present truth experience, and build a camp around it. They would say *this* thing that God has done will always be present truth. This thing that God has done will always be *the focus* of His eternal plan. Soon, what was present truth becomes an idol (a Nehushtan), and then the idol becomes a denomination.

It’s very important that we understand that God *does* have different “times and seasons” in His over all plan, and that when one of these seasons comes to pass, there are certain truths, or experiences, or realities that will pertain specifically to that season. Just to give you a few examples where specific times and seasons are mentioned in the Scripture, consider the following passages:

*When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power**. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Acts 1:6-8

Here, the disciples asked the Lord a question about a particular future event—the restoration of the kingdom to Israel. But while the Lord was willing to tell the disciples about some future events, there were other things He *wasn’t* willing to tell them. When they asked Him to reveal the signs that would immediately precede His return, He gave them a pretty detailed answer (See: Matt. 24). But when they asked Him this particular question, He basically told them it was none of their business! He said: “*It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power*”. Then He told them the main thing they needed to be concerned

about was being equipped, through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. The Lord said what He did because the disciples had entered the *season of evangelism*. The time had come for them to be used by God to establish His New Testament Church. Evangelism was *the focus* of God at that point in time because only through evangelism could the Church be established. Only through the preaching of the gospel could local congregations be raised up.

*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; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined **the times** before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*

Acts 17:24-26

Another one of God's seasons had to do with the establishment of nations, and the boundaries of those nations. God has determined what the nations would be, and where they would dwell.

*And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until **the times** of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

Luke 21:24

Another one of God's seasons has to do with the period in which God will bring the Gentiles (ie: nations) to salvation. During this season, Jerusalem will be trodden under foot of those nations.

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in **the latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

I. Timothy 4:1-2

*This know also, that in **the last days** perilous times shall come.*

II. Timothy 3:1

Another one of God's seasons has to do with the time just before His return. Paul said this season will be very dangerous for God's people, and that some will depart from the faith because they have come under the influence of seducing spirits and the doctrines of devils.

*But of **the times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.*

I. Thessalonians 5:1-2

Yet another spiritual season has to do specifically with the “day of the Lord”. The day of the Lord starts with His physical return in judgment, and includes His entire thousand-year reign on the earth.

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when **the times of refreshing** shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until **the times of restitution** of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*

Acts 3:19-21

Another spiritual season has to do specifically with “the times of restitution of all things”. This is a reference to the Millennial reign of Christ. There is also a mention of the “times of refreshing”, which would come to those who repent, which speaks about the various times and seasons that we go through *personally*—times of refreshing, times of testing and trial, etc.

These are just a few examples of the different times and seasons that are clearly stated in the Scripture. Others would include the different *ages* we have passed through. The age of innocense (from Adam to Moses)—which would include the *times* of the Patriarchs (from Abraham to Jacob). The age of the Law (from Moses to Christ). The age of Grace (from the resurrection of Jesus to His return)—which includes *a time* called the day of wrath). The Kingdom age (the Millennium), and finally, the New World.

As I said, it’s not only important that we know there are different times and seasons in God’s plan, we also need to be aware of the fact that each time and season has a *particular* focus. The focus of God during one time or season will not be the same as it is in another time or season. In each of God’s seasons, He does something specific. In each one, there is *a focus* on something particular that He is revealing or bringing to pass.

*And of the children of Issachar, which were men **that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do**; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*

I. Chronicles 12:32

In the Old Testament Church, all the members of the congregation knew the Scripture (ie: the Law). All the members of the congregation knew their history as the people of God. All the members knew that they were called to be a peculiar people unto God and a light to the nations. But only *a remnant* understood the times they were living in. Only a remnant knew what whole Church should be doing. It was the brethren of Issachar that had an understanding of the times. Knowing the Law; knowing their history, or their relationship with God, or their calling, did not necessarily mean they understood the times they were living in, or what they should do—and I dare say it’s the same way today.

Knowing the Scripture doesn’t necessarily mean you understand *the times* you are living in. Knowing the Scripture doesn’t necessarily mean you know what God is *presently* doing, or what He is presently focusing on. There are still many people—both inside and outside the system—who know the Bible like the back of their hands. These are good, sincere brothers and sisters who can detect *unscriptural* teachings very quickly. But I

can tell you that many of these same people have no idea what God is doing right now. Many of them have no idea what He is focusing on at this moment in history because they are not walking in present truth.

*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, **to give them meat in due season**? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*

Matthew 24:45-46

After giving a detailed prediction of the last days and His second coming, Jesus said that when He returns, the servant who is giving His people “meat in due season” will be blessed. So we see that not only are there different kinds of spiritual seasons in God’s eternal plan, there are also different kinds of *meat* (ie: teaching) which corresponds to those seasons. A wise and faithful servant will not be giving His people just any old kind of meat (teaching) in these days, but the meat that’s *appropriate* for the season they are presently in.

The beginning of the Church Age was the *season of evangelism*. Jesus sent the apostles out to make disciples of people from all nations. Evangelism was the focus of God at that point, and the gospel was the “meat” the disciples were to give the people during that particular season.

Three-hundred and fifty years later, the vast majority of the fellowships that were raised up as the result of the apostle's preaching had descended into the darkness of Roman Catholicism. After wallowing around in vain rituals of Roman Catholicism for a thousand years, a *season of restoration* began. Men like Martin Luther and the Reformers began to see the truth of justification through faith. As they went about preaching this restored truth in Europe, they were giving God's household their “meat in due season”. The restoration of this particular truth was God’s *focus* at that point in time.

In the early 1900's there was another *season of restoration*, which started at Azusa Street. This time it wasn't the message of justification by faith that was being restored, but the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit fell at Azusa street and spread like a wild fire all across America, and then throughout the whole world. This experience was the focus of God at that time. He still called people to go into all the world and preach the gospel, but that was *no longer* His focus. His focus was on bringing the body of Christ into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

From 1948 to the early 60's there came a *season of revelation* concerning the ultimate purpose of redemption. The Spirit of God began shifting our attention away from an external rapture into Paradise, to the internal purifying work God wanted to do in His people in preparation for the Lord's return. The reality that God intends to have a body of saints who are “without spot or wrinkle” when Jesus returns was suddenly given to those who had ears to hear what the Spirit was saying. Also, at that same time, the message of “death to self” came forth because it’s impossible to go on to perfection unless you enter into that kind of a walk. The ministers who relayed this *further revelation* of God’s purposes to the Church were “faithful and wise servants” who were giving God's people their “meat in due season”.

Within that particular season, there also came a “*time*” of healing and deliverance. God raised up various ministries to proclaim the truth of divine healing, and also to bring deliverance from many of the evil spirits that were hindering God’s people, who had embraced the message of going on to perfection, from pressing on

towards that goal. During this season, God still called people to go into all the world and preach the gospel; He still called people to preach the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; but these messages were *no longer* His focus. They were still spiritual meat; but they were not meat in due season. The “*meat*” God provided for that particular season, the message He gave to His wise servants to share with the rest of the body, was the message of going on to perfection. There is a difference between spiritual meat, and meat in due season. Likewise, there is a difference between truth, and *present* truth.

Sometime during the 80's we entered another spiritual season, but this season is very different from the previous ones. It's called “the evil day” by Paul (*Eph. 6:13*), the “hour of temptation” by the apostle John (*Rev. 3:10*), and the “beginning of sorrows” by Jesus (*Matt. 24:8*). It's a *season of defeat* for many believers. It's a time when Satan is given power to deceive and overcome some of the saints. I've gone over the passages which talk about *this* season repeatedly, so I won't bother going over them again. I think we all realize the season we have been living in for the past 25 years or so.

Teaching about this season is not a very uplifting task, I can assure you. Though it is “meat in due season”, the taste of *this* meat is very unpleasant, and most people would much rather eat some other kind of meat. We would rather hear messages about how God will never leave us or forsake us, or about how we are going to rule and reign with Jesus, or about how we are going to manifest the fulness of Christ to the nations, or how we are going to be happy and satisfied in the coming kingdom. Few of us desire the “meat” that goes with this particular season.

I believe we are now entering *another* spiritual season and it's the season of God's judgment; and the *meat* that goes with this particular season is the *message* of judgment. This message of judgement is not something most of today's Christians want to hear—and the few people who actually are talking about judgement seem to be religious nut-cases, which means they are involved in a *counterfeit* of what God is bringing forth right now. Whenever God begins to move in a certain area, or whenever He starts bringing forth a new truth, Satan always tries to destroy it by *discrediting* it. He always produces a *counterfeit* which makes the real thing look ugly and disgraceful. Once he has a few dozen whack-jobs running around manifesting the counterfeit, those who have a measure of spiritual discernment immediately recognize the error of these people. But unfortunately, they also assume that anything that even comes close to what these people are saying or doing is a deception. So when God starts bringing forth the real thing, it is rejected.

You are all familiar with the 144,000 in Revelation fourteen? Well, I believe that group represents the *manchild* John is shown in chapter 12. In chapter 12 this group ascends into heaven. In chapter 14 you see them on Mt. Zion. After John describes this company of people he says:

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink

of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Revelation 14:6-10

I don't know how many of you think John is talking about three *literal* angels here, but I don't think he's talking about real angels at all. He just got done describing this incredible group of people who are living in heavenly places, who are walking with Jesus on Mt. Zion, who are without guile, who have a song to sing that no other people can learn, who have the name of Jesus and the Father written in their foreheads,, who are not defiled with any of man's religious systems, and who have defeated the Dragon. Then he talks about a very strong message (*ie: a loud voice*) of judgement going forth very quickly (*ie: angels flying in the midst of heaven*) throughout the whole earth. So, if what I am saying is true, if these angels do not represent the ministering spirits the book of Hebrews refers to, but rather, the manchild company, then John intends for us to understand that announcing the coming *judgements* of God will be a vital part of the manchild ministry.

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and **they shall prophesy** a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, **fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies:** and if any man will hurt them, **he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.***

Revelation 11:3-6

Three chapters earlier, we see a group of people who not only *announce* the coming judgements of God, they will bring some of those judgements upon the earth as a part of their "ministry". Please notice that both the *message* of judgment and the *ministry* of judgment takes place *during* the time when the two beasts of Revelation 13 are in power, and they are both given by a remnant of the Church. In the book of Jude, he talks about false brethren, ungodly men who had crept into the assemblies unawares, who were "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" and denying God (*Jude 1:4*). Then he says:

*And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.***

Jude 1:14-15

I don't think it's real to most of us that when the Lord comes to judge the earth, He won't be *alone*. He is coming with *a portion* of His saints (ten thousands) who have already gone through the judgement of God; who have already been brought before the judgment seat of Christ, who have been purged of all rebellion and cleansed of all sin, and who, as a result of that work, are worthy and fit to execute that judgement with Christ.

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness he doth judge and make war.** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. **And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:** and his name is called *The Word of God.* **And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***

Revelation 19:11-16

In one of John's visions, he said he saw heaven opened and there, on a white horse sat the Lord Jesus. But the Lord wasn't just sitting there. He was judging and making war. John also saw the armies which were in heaven following the Lord into judgment and battle against the rebellious nations who refused to repent when His judgments went forth in the earth. Please notice those armies of heaven are described by John. He said they were "clothed in fine linen, white and clean". Does that phrase ring a bell to anyone?

*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.*

Revelation 19:7-8

The armies which are in heaven represent *the wife* of the Lamb. They represent those who have made themselves ready. They represent those who have kept their garments clean. They represent the ones who have moved from a legal position of imputed righteousness, to a life of *actual* righteousness. These people are going to ride with Jesus into battle and smite the nations, defeat the beast and the false prophet, and do everything that's described in the rest of chapter 19, because they have become completely united with Jesus. Wherever Jesus goes, they will go. Whatever Jesus does, they will do.

One of the things it says of the Lord in that chapter is that He will smite the nations with the sword of His mouth. Again, this is symbolic. Forget about all those graphics you see with the Lord having a six-foot, double edged sword sticking out of His mouth. The Lord isn't going to ride through Russia and China and Europe on a real horse, killing people with a literal sword. That's just a *carnal* representation of a spiritual reality. The sword coming out of His mouth represents *sharp words of judgement*. He will smite the nations with the *sharp words* He speaks regarding them.

Now, if the Lord Jesus is going to smite the nations with *sharp words* of judgement, what do you suppose the armies who are following Him will do? Are those armies just there to watch what goes on? Or do you think it's possible they might do the same thing? I mean, you already have a clear example of God speaking judgment in the last days *through* the two witnesses. And we already have the testimony of a true man of God (Enoch) saying that the saints will "execute judgment upon all". So, do you think it's far fetched or wrong to think the Lord might

speaking His judgements or smite the nations *through the mouths* of the armies which are in heaven? If someone were to ask you the question—“Who is going to judge the world”?—what would your response be?

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
Acts 17:30-31

*Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know **that the saints shall judge the world?** and if **the world shall be judged by you**, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?*

I. Corinthians 6:1-3

When Jesus returns in glory, He’s not coming alone. The Scripture says very clearly that He is coming *with* the saints (I. Thess. 3:13). It also says He is coming “in” the saints (II. Thess. 1:10). One of the things people don’t understand is that there will be a *full manifestation* of the character and nature of Jesus Christ through His saints—and one of the manifestations that will come forth through the body of Christ will be the righteous judgement of Christ. That’s what it means to have the NAME of Jesus and the NAME of God written in our foreheads. The name *represents* the nature and the character of the person. Those who have these names written in their foreheads will be in complete union with Jesus and the Father.

I’m afraid most of us don’t really understand where we are headed. You will recall when Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father, the Lord’s reply was: “*Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...*” (John 14:9). On another occasion, Jesus said: “*He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me* (John 12:44-45). Those who saw Jesus, saw what the Father is like, those who knew Jesus, knew what the Father is like because Jesus was the *perfect representation* of the Father’s character and nature in the earth. Jesus is not the Father—they are two separate persons. But if you want to know what the Father is like, you just have to look at Jesus, for He perfectly reflects the image of the Father.

Well, just as Jesus is the perfect representation of the Father, so *we* are being made the perfect representation of Jesus. When the work is complete and we have been totally conformed to the image of Christ, we will be able to say the same thing concerning ourselves and Jesus, as Jesus could say regarding Himself and the Father! Corporately, we will be the perfect expression of Jesus Christ in the earth. When Jesus returns to judge this earth, He will not be alone, and He will not judge alone. He will have a people who are *just like Him*. He will return with a people who have been conformed to His image. That’s what all this is about, people. And I can assure you that whatever Jesus does, He will do it with and through those who have been made just like Him. That includes judging the nations, and it includes ruling them with a rod of iron. There will be a people in the earth who will be worthy to *judge the world* with Messiah when He returns. They will be worth to do so because they themselves will have been completely judged by God.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:21-22

This little passage in the book of Revelation is probably the most *awesome* verse of Scripture in the entire New Testament; yet people read it and don't even blink. Ask God to make what Jesus said here, real to your spirits over the next few weeks. Those who allow God to do a complete work of cleansing in their lives will sit in the very throne of God! This is so mind-boggling, people just don't believe it! It's like their brains just go blank when they read it. Maybe we really don't believe what Jesus said because of what God said in Isaiah 42:8: "*I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images*".

God will never share His glory with anyone who is not *just like Him* in holiness and righteousness. He shared His glory with Jesus of Nazareth because Jesus was just like Him in character and nature. He was holy and righteous and without sin. The Lord is our pattern. He didn't just come to show us the Father; He came to make us like the Father, as well as Himself, for the two share the same divine, sinless nature. The Lord came to make us *one with* the Father; to make us of the *same kind* of person as the Father. We will never become Jesus the Person, or God the Person, or the Person of the Holy Spirit. We will never become God. But we can become *exactly* like them in nature, character, and purpose! And for those who do, they will sit down *in the throne* of the God of the universe and *share* His glory!! He will share His glory with us because we will no longer be "*another*". The prayer of Jesus will finally be answered:

*And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; **as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me,** that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

John 17:19-23

The same kind of love, the same kind of unity, the same kind of glory, the same purpose, the same authority, the same judgement, that is shared between the Father and the Son, will one day be shared between the Father and the Son and *the wife* of the Son. Those who have been completely purged and made just like Jesus, those who have made themselves ready, have an awesome destiny awaiting them!