

# TRANSFORMATION FROM THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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### I. IDENTIFYING HINDRANCES THAT KEEP US FROM GOD

A. Condemnation and accusations by the Enemy (Gen. 3:1; Zech 3:1-2; Luke 4:3, 6, 9; Rev. 12:9-10). When we agree with accusation, we lose confidence and shrink back from God (Rom. 8:34–35). Jesus removes accusation off His people by His words spoken over them (Zech. 3:2; Song of Songs 2:14; 4:1, 7; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 5:26).

<sup>9</sup> ... **Satan**...<sup>10</sup>... **the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night**... (Rev. 12:9–10)

B. “Religious” mindsets that do not promote our primary ministry to the Lord—this ministry of our hearts before Him (Song of Solomon 1:6; Rev. 2:1; 2 Chron. 29:11; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10). Many people have *only* joined a religious workforce. Jesus did not criticize Martha’s desire to serve, but her reasons for doing so. At that moment, Jesus directed her to learn from Him as Mary was. He is prioritizing ministry to Him foremost, keeping our attention and energy devoted to Him (Luke 10:38-42).

<sup>6</sup> **Do not look upon me, because I am dark** [*weak, flawed, immature*]...**They made me the keeper of the vineyards** [*outside needs*] **but my own vineyard** [*heart*] **I have not kept.** (Song of Solomon 1:6)

<sup>40</sup> **But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”** <sup>41</sup> **And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha... ”** <sup>42</sup> ... **one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.** (Luke 10:40)

C. Withheld love. We often withhold love because of misplaced pleasures, unbelief, pride or fear (1 John 2:15–16; Mat. 24:12–13; Rev. 3:14–21). In our divided affection we miss the benefits Jesus offers (1 Cor. 3:21; Rom 8:32).

<sup>15</sup> **“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot...”** <sup>17</sup> **Because you say, ‘I am rich, ... have need of nothing [pride]’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...** (Rev. 3:15, 17)

<sup>12</sup> ...**the love of many will grow cold** [*unbelief*]. <sup>13</sup> **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.** (Mat. 24:12–13)

D. Generational strongholds or iniquities. Such issues are visible over multiple generations. They are self-fulfilling. Without God’s grace and our commitment to live another way, we remain at a distance from God in those affected areas. *We may begin to think He does not see our pain, is able to heal us or value us any longer.* (Ex. 20:5-6; Nu. 14:18; Ps. 103:17). Some Biblical examples: *Levi’s descendants*, (Gen. 34:30; 49:5-7; Ex. 32:25-29; Nu. 1:47-53; 18:23-24; 35; Deut. 10:9; Josh. 13:33); *the line of Eli* (1 Samuel 3:11-14; 22:16-23; 1 Kings 2:27); *Phinehas’ descendants* (Nu. 25:10-13) and *the Recabites* (Jeremiah 35:18-19).

E. All of these factors scatter, confuse and destroy God’s people (Isa. 9:16; Hosea 4:6; Jer. 10:21; 23:1–4; Eph. 4:11–16). Jesus cares for His people. He wants to feed and gather them (Mat. 9:36; John 10:11; Isaiah 40:10–11).

<sup>36</sup> **But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.** (Mat. 9:36)

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## II. THE REVELATION OF JESUS AS A BRIDEGROOM, KING AND JUDGE

A. It is important we come to Jesus as “the Scriptures say” He is (John 5:39; 7:37–38; 14:6; Rev. 1:1; John 1:16–18). *Everyone who comes to Jesus as He truly is finds life.* There are many distortions of Jesus’ identity today.

***6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)***

B. The Scripture describes Jesus using numerous titles. Titles reveal the role and identity of Jesus—what He will do and who He is at the core of His being. *Today, the Holy Spirit is emphasizing Jesus as as a Bridegroom, King and Judge to prepare the Church to partner with Him at a deep level leading up to His return.*

1. *Jesus*, in his first public message to the nation of Israel, unveiled Himself as a Bridegroom, King and Judge (Mat. 22:1–14, 37)
2. Shortly after in a private message to his disciples before taking them to the upper room, *Jesus* revealed Himself as a Bridegroom, King and Judge (Mat. 24:3; 25:1–46; 26:17).
3. In one of the clearest pictures of Israel’s Messiah in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit revealed Him to Isaiah as a King, Bridegroom and Judge, who would restore Israel, the nations and all creation, delighting in His people and dwelling among them after removing all sinners and enemies of God (Isa. 61–63).
4. *John the Baptist*, filled with the Holy Spirit and soaked in revelation to prepare hearts for Jesus’ first coming, taught the Lord was a Bridegroom, King and Judge (Isa. 40:1–5; Mt. 3:1–12; Jn. 3:29–31).
5. After the Lord’s resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit gave the apostle John the final revelation of Jesus as a Bridegroom, King and Judge (Rev. 19–22).

C. The Father transforms us into the image of His Son as we gaze upon Him and respond in agreement (2 Cor. 3:18). *The specific revelation of Jesus yields a specific response* in the Church as we do so.

***18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding...the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor. 3:18)***

D. The revelation of Jesus is how we keep from being deceived, disengaged and disillusioned in our faith. There are many who are falling away from the faith through distorted messages of grace.

***3 But I fear... as the serpent deceived..., so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, ... or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it! (2 Cor. 11:3–4)***

## III. AN OVERVIEW OF JESUS AS A BRIDEGROOM, KING AND JUDGE

A. As a sovereign King, *Jesus* possesses infinite resources, power and ability to rule over all heaven and earth. As the rightful heir of David, He will usher the Kingdom of Heaven in it’s fullness starting at Jerusalem as it’s focal point, restoring the nation of Israel, redeeming the nations and leading creation out from under the curse of sin and death. Today, as the all-powerful King, *Jesus* strengthens His Church to persevere in prayer releasing His Kingdom through prayer and works of righteousness, unto the completion of the Great Commission.

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**<sup>16</sup> He has on His robe... a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:16)**

B. As a *righteous Judge*, Jesus brings His unwavering zeal and infinite wisdom to remove the ravages of sin and evil in the earth—everything that hinders love, including reprobate sinners, enemy armies and forces of evil to prepare the way for salvation flourish across the earth. As Judge He purifies His people, rewards His saints, and instills hope for those who have suffered injustice or undergone persecution for their faith. Seeing Jesus as Judge stirs the Church as forerunner messengers to prepare their families, communities and nation for the coming of the Lord.

**<sup>2</sup>...true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication... He has avenged the blood of His servants shed by her. (Rev. 19:2)**

C. As a *passionate Bridegroom*, Jesus feels a burning desire for His people. He deeply and jealously loves us with all His heart, soul, mind and strength. As a Divine Bridegroom, He possesses dazzling beauty of character and wants to share Himself with us. He is seeking friends who would be with Him from the place of abiding release His Kingdom. His unwavering love provides confidence for us to draw near to Him and pursue holiness as we overcome sin and temptation. Jesus will come for a prepared Bride that has matured in love as He loves.

**<sup>6</sup> At midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' (Mt. 25:6)**

D. All three aspects of Jesus belong together. We cannot fully understand one without the other. *Jesus is in complete unity within Himself as a Bridegroom, King and Judge. There is no contradiction between them.* For most, the King is familiar and comfortable. The Bridegroom invasive. The Judge offensive or scary. After meditating on these facets of Jesus, *we begin to long for Him to be revealed in these ways across the earth. We begin to see the connection with His coming as a BKJ with our own salvation and the redemption of the earth.*

E. When we come to God, we must believe that *He is* (Heb. 11:6; John 5:39). He rewards us according to the *measure of our faith* and by *how we seek Him* (Heb. 4:16; Mk. 4:24–25).

**<sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Heb. 11:6)**

F. Proclaiming the revelation of Jesus and His coming as a Bridegroom, King and Judge is the means to prepare people for God and His coming glory (Isa. 40:1-5; Mat. 3:1-12; John 3:29–31), humbling human efforts and exalting His beauty, so the Father and Son can dwell with us in a greater measure (John 14:21, 23).

**<sup>3</sup> The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord... <sup>5</sup> The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together... (Isa. 40:3–5)**

G. QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What aspect of Jesus am I most familiar with? Most unfamiliar or uncomfortable with? Why?
2. How would one of these aspects impact the way I relate to God? To others?
3. What is a way I can cultivate my love for Jesus as a BKJ? Is there any mindset I need to let go to love Him?