

February 10. 1678. the Interpretation of This Vision.

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The sermon emphasizes the need for a new body, perfect and holy, to contain the Spirit's power and wisdom, and promises a new era of redemption and holiness through the Ark of the Presence.

Scripture: Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Ephesians 1:13, Hebrews 9:14, Revelation 19:8

Topics: "New Covenant", "Spiritual Purity"

Description

Jane Lead preaches about the significance of the glorious Ark as a symbol of the new Covenant and the new Creation, where God will be known through a living Testimony. She emphasizes the need for believers to be clothed in the white Raiment, symbolizing purity and readiness for the Wedding-Supper with Christ. Lead discusses the importance of the Spirit working in harmony with a suitable Body, free from sin and empowered to act without hindrance, ultimately leading to full redemption and holiness.

Transcript

Then came the opening Word unto me, to reveal this Vision, and giving me to understand the Signification of this presentation, denominated it to be the glorious Ark, which the Heavens hath contained, in which the everlasting Gospel-Testimony hath been sealed up. Which should as surely descend, as I did see it in Vision. For it was the Glory, that should gather in all of the new Creation, with whom the new Covenant should be established, wherein each one shall come to know God in, and from this living Testimony, that will open in the Body of the Divine presence, where God will be known. While this into the Heavens hath been taken, the Glory and Power of the Deity hath departed from us. Although the Spirit hath been for our Comforter, and Teacher: and as the Dove brought out from the Ark an Olive Branch of Peace, so the Spirit hath often brought forth good tidings, of our Warfares accomplishing, and the Ark of his presence returning, which hath kept us up in good Hope, that at its next appearance, not only a Spirit, but a Body all communicative will be given. It is such a Body in to which no Sin can thrust its self: this only can declare the full and perfect Redemption.

For this observe that a Spirit without a Body cannot act, but in such a Body, as what is after its own kind, I mean flowingly without stop, and all powerfully without resistance. Therefore the Spirit of our Lord Jesus hath yet a difficult and hard word to effect, because he hath to do with a heavy gross, sluggish Body: into which the evil One can yet send in deadly fumes, and dark rays, making War and Strife, having all aid from

this Terrestrial World to bring in, what would wound and depress the Spirit of the Mind; that all single to God would be, if it had but an agreeable Body, answerable to what its rising Light is, by vertue of its right Eye-Salve, that hath been applied by the Holy teaching Unction.

By which it is convinced of a necessity, for having arrived to this degree of Wisdom and understanding, as now to know, that not- withstanding this whole visible corporeal Body, wherein the Sin hath stirred, yet the Spirit is naked: for nothing of this is of its own cloathing. Therefore it is that Christ warns to get on the white Raiment, lest he should come and find them naked, and unready to enter with him to the Wedding-Supper. Now of this very rarely any hath understood or been perswaded to look into, and to search out the Mystery of it.

Therefore we need not marvel, that the living Body of the Ark hath to none yet descended, for the powerful might of the spiritual presence to act forth it self in, and by. And truly it is but yet young days, since it hath been given unto us for to Believe and Hope, that the same Spirit, which raised our Lord Jesus his dead Body, shall also give a quickning Life to ours: whereby all those impediments of Dullness, Deadness, and Ponderosity by reason of Trespasses and Sins shall be done away.

But you will say, by what means can it be possibly so perfect as to have no more conscience of Sin? Why for this, take to that, and joyn with that Spirit, that is not only come to convince of Sin, but is come also (with the help and consent of our own Spirits) to destroy and utterly take away, by offering up the Body of the Sins of the Flesh, once for all and ever that so we might not still continue offering, in such a divided weak way, ministring still the same Lame and imperfect Sacrifices, that can never take away Sin, but still there is matter of remembrance and complaints made.

For indeed it is not possible, that iniquity should be Purged till this offering by the attoning Blood be made in us through the eternal Spirit. Which doth prepare room for the most Holy Tabernacle cloathing to be put upon us, in which the daily Sacrifices for transgression shall cease, and the perfect Ministry into the Temple-Body of the Holy Ghost brought in. Then new offerings of another kind without spot or blemish, we shall bring to our God. And as separated Ones, and as anointed Priests, we shall bear the Ark of the presence of the most Holy, and thereby be secured from all Evils.

For it is the very Body of God, wherein he will appear in Omnipotency as of old, whom the typical Ark did present in Moses and Joshuah's days. How did that present the mighty Wonder working God of the whole Earth and Heavens? What was able to stand before it? When it did move and rise, was it not a terrour to the Lord's Enemies, but a shelter and a defence of Glory to his chosen Heritage? If the typical Body of the most Holy being was such a blessing in the Earth in its day, what will the real Body it self come for to be in a sacred Transparency, brought forth into a Manifestation?

It need not to be doubted, but Mighty and Marvelous things will be wrought in this very Earth, by such whose lot it shall be to take in this real Heavenly Ark. David might well rejoice, when the Figure of this Ark was brought into the City of David, for God still made himself known in a signal way of Blessing. So it is to be understood, that God will have constituted such a Representative for himself on the Earth, for a most Holy Spiritual Body, where at enquiry may be made, for the living Testimony is God himself there.

This is the Glory Isaiah Prophetied of, even in that very time, when thick and gross Darkness was as a covering spread upon the People: but upon some chosen out, the Lord in the Ark of his Strength, and brightness of his Rising will be seen, for the bringing in his Sons and Daughters from far, that so under the Covert and Wings of the everlasting Ark, they may be nursed and brought up, for to inhabit with the high

and holy One, in the City that is all Salvation. Well may it be worth spending our Time, and separating our Minds, and dividing our whole Hearts from what is no better, than a poor Ark of Reeds and Bull rushes, in which hath been our present Harbour, that is so slender a shelter, that every weight crusheth it, and the Earthly Northern Winds blowing do suddainly blast upon it.

Therefore let us, according as I did see a few in the Vision, be found in a Holy serious Posture, waiting for this our Body-Ark of invincible might and strength. Who knows but it may open and become the blessing of our Day, while we are in a fixed Spirit looking out for it, owning and professing our selves to be as a Spirit without a Body, naked and powerless; And are not able to work the mighty deeds, that are proper to them, whose Spirits are in such high and near alliance to God: and should shew it forth some what in a more eminent manner, as appearing in another fashion, and carrying a greater presence of Power, Wisdom, and Glory.

Plainly hereby declaring, we are of those, who do expect the Adoption, to wit, the Ark of this divine powerful Body, in which we may perfect Holiness and Redemption, according to the will of our Lord Jesus.

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