

July 31. 1678. the Seven Counsellors.

by Jane Lead

Jane Lead's sermon emphasizes the necessity of seeking divine counsel from the seven Principal Counsellors and the refining process required for admission into God's secret Council.

Scripture: Psalm 25:14, Proverbs 11:14, 1 Corinthians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 2:14, Hebrews 4:12, Hebrews 12:29, 1 Peter 1:7, Revelation 3:18, Revelation 4:5, Revelation 5:6

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Description

Jane Lead preaches about the importance of seeking counsel and guidance from the seven Principal Counsellors in the invisible realm to bring down the Kingdom of God on earth. She emphasizes the need for our Eternal Spirits to be used as agents in this divine matter and encourages private consultation with these wise Counsellors who have insight into the invisible world. Jane Lead also discusses the refining process required to be admitted into God's secret Council, where righteous judgment and decrees are established by the Holy Trinity. She highlights the significance of being refined to stand in the divine Cabala, to receive hidden knowledge and commands for the administration of God's Kingdom.

Transcript

Many things from the inward Kingdom opened to me; and this in particular was advised, that we should bring all our difficult Cases to be Resolved, Judged, and Determined by those seven Principal Counsellors: Who were to be found in their own private Court, within the circumference of the Heavens that were very near (and in) us. For we might fetch back the Kingdom by sound Counsel with these chosen Senators, that now are only manifest in the invisible Region. And to get it established here, would be the worthy undertaking of such, who were Spirited for it, and did hold in a joint Union, to pursue this thing in all resolvedness.

Since it was by the Word that is Essential thus expressed to me, that the way was described to none more truly and livingly than to us, having Light, Wisdom, and Counsel, for the bringing down this Kingdom, as the Victorious Prize. Therefore it was specified, that great need there would be for our Eternal Spirits, that are appointed Agents in this matter, for to be used therein. Therefore be very much in a private, secret way of Consultation with these seven Counsellors, that know the whole State of the invisible World: For they are before the Throne of God, and the Lamb, and as all seeing Eyes do run to and fro the whole Circle, of the Heavens and Earth; and all imaginarieness, whether Good or Evil, is evident before them.

So that it was pronounced to my hearing Ear, High Blessings and great Blessings will be upon them, who attend, and are guided from this Counsel, with whom all the secrets of the Holy Trinity are known. And it is of no light importment, to be brought up under these wise Senators, who will make us so wise, as may out-baffle all the Serpent's subtlety. Which to this Day this visible Creation, stands under the Enchantment of, and hath not found the way out; having closed in with that evil Counsel, suggested by the treacherous Council, that is uppermost, and ready at hand, always sitting in the common and outward Court of the sensitive Mind; which hath introduced that wretched and evil Government, throughout this whole Principle.

From whence are all Cruel impositions, and Sinful traditions, that make those who accost Christ's Lineage, to complain of the oppressing Spirit, that ruleth from the consultation of the Prince and Power of darkness. Which verily do at present bear the great sway in, and throughout all Nations. But a certain secret hath been revealed by the Spirit, who is of this Council, and doth testifie, that the Prophecy will now be suddenly fulfilled, by which Decrees shall be established, going forth from this Privy-Council, that are constituted by the Great and Almighty King, to over-turn and defeat all Counsels, brought out from the Hellish Source.

For these seven Princely Powers, erecting their Counsel-Seat in the most deep purified Mind, they will not give forth barely Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, and sight of Eternal Things; but send out Force and Strength, for the accomplishing and obeying this great Authority. For without this, little progress will be made, towards the bringing in of Christ's Kingdom: except superiour Might do attend, for to perfect what is revealed, as absolutely needful; or else the Armies of the Lamb, should be worsted by the potent Power of the Beast. Thus would it be, if Power should not rise from the seven Spirits, to lay him and his Harlot waste, whose Place and Palace, hath been spread all over the Earth in great Dominion.

But now it may be Objected, who or what Spirit (though all desirous) can intrude into this secret Council-Chamber? Who can find here the Door of entrance; they are so reserved in Wisdom and Counsel, as being of that Holy Train and Fellowship, as they do keep great distance from all that are of an earthly Mould and mixed Spirit? What hopes then can we have of admission into their secret Council, being found of polluted Lips? These Alledgements being raised and presented, I had the Vision, which I saw of the Refiner, that was in the House in-laid with Gold opened, and from this occasion interpreted to me, saying, Who would be joined to God's free Counsellors, the number Seven, they must necessarily come into the refining House, for to be made fit and meet, to stand within the Circle-Throne of God's Council deep.

Now as to the first part of the Vision, the mean appearance of the House, as to the outside, which was so Glorious within, was shewn me to be the Mortal Figure of this Terrestrial Body, that we do bear, into which the Refiner is come, and hath inlaid his own pure Nature, as Gold for the most Holy place, that God himself may appear there, with his Holy Train in Council, all matters to determine, within the circumference of the purified Mind. And for this very cause, the Spirit of Burning, as the Refiner is never to cease his Office, which is, to keep all Clarified, that so no soil of any Corruptible thing, may have any abiding there. Because designed it is as the place, which the perfect number seven will descend into. It was also certified to me, that our Hearts and Minds were taken up for this, and no other use, and therefore we are willingly to suffer the Consumption, of what doth arise so fluently from the outward Senses. Therefore there is all need, for the Refiner to maintain the Furnace, and if there were not a continual devouring Flame, to take hold of every wild Briary imagination, the Holy place would never be vacant, nor free from those bustling Crouds and Waves, that would altogether drown the Arch-Angel's Trumpet-Sound, that is to awaken the Dead, who in us is yet to rise in its Spiritual Body, that is able to subsist and pass through the burning Flames. For we must be refined to this degree, before we can be admitted to God's most secret Council.

For the which, it may be well worth the giving up of all those evil and perverse Counsellors, which would join to the Spirit of Mortality; for the promotion of a Life that must dye. Which the wise Council of the Holy Trinity would not have gratified.

Further-more, the Spirit declared, that this Vision figur'd out the last and highest degree of refining, which should consummate and make way for the everlasting Council, sitting in the Seat of righteous Judgment. From which Decrees and Laws shall go forth, that shall be no more grievous; because the Mind of the Spirit that is refined, will be all agreeable hereunto with Power and Ability. Which for want of this thorough refining, could never reach to know the Hands of all-sufficiency, to act out the Omnipotency withal.

But here riseth a Query to know, What sort of refining this is, from which is expected such wonderful Effects? For many and divers have been the fiery Trials, that we have already pas'd through for purifying, that the inward Mind might be clear'd of all superfluities, which offend the Deity. Who will take up none for his abiding, but where is a clear burning Furnace: Because Coelestial Fire is God's Element, in which he is to be found and enjoyed, as in pleasant Light. The Truth of which doth well answer the Query that is propounded, that all need there is, for this Spiritual Furnace to be kept up, through the springing and feeding Oyl from the everlasting Olive-Tree. Wherein is the last and highest degree of Purification, for it will devour all, but its own Light and Spirit: That so all may be capable to receive it, as a pure Mansion for the Holy Trinity, and their Throne attendance to dwell in it. And from which the thundering rushing Powers, will go forth to Act and Work, after the manner of an infinite God. That so it may be said, God is come to Tabernacle in the Earth, to fulfil his Will as in Heaven, by this burning Furnace of the Spirit, that shall make Man more precious than the Gold of Ophir, every way suited and adorned for Co-habitation with God, our original Being. What but this refining House will be our defence, keeping here till the grossness of Mortality be consumed, that so we may meet and greet our now Glorified Jesus, in the midst of everlasting burning Flames. And then we need not fear the facing of that Soldiery, who are sent out from the Prince of this World, to watch and see, whether or no, we are naked without our flaming Armour, as our fence and covering. For which the Spirit does give great charge, that we stir not out, till we have it all quite about us. For it is said, great Perils will break in, and throughout the World.

The Vision some time after this was again renewed, and I was made to behold the seven Spirits before the Throne of God, as the seven burning Lamps within the House of the Holy Ghost. Who is coming, & is already come, into his House, as Refiner, having prepared and enkindled his Furnace, wherein must be formed the Pearl of the Kingdom. Which cannot be done but by, and with, the Assistance of these seven Principal Counsellors: who do therefore Qualifie and co-Work with the Operator; that so admission there may be, to stand also with them before the Throne of the most High Majesty, when manifesting himself in Earth as in Heaven, and to receive thence his immediate Commands, and the hidden Knowledge of his Will, with respect to the Affairs of his Kingdom, that is suddenly to be revealed, and the administration of the same by elected Instruments, rightly qualified herefor.

The World CABALA then much run through me. And I could not tell what to make of it. It continued upon me for a whole Day. But the next Morning pondering upon it, it opened it self thus: That the Word signified to me the Privy-Council of the Trinity, with the seven Spirits. And Blessed indeed are those that are worthy to be admitted into that Privy-Council; having been for that end admitted into the Refining House, that was shewn me. Which gave me occasion to Pray, that I might find that favour, with some others, that I made mention of, who might be taken into the Divine CABALA. Then it was Answered, "So it shall be, when yet more Qualified for it. For now, it requireth special Endowments to make meet for so high a Dignity: which by my Spirit must be performed, to stand in Counsel with me in the inward Court, where the Affairs of my

Kingdom are to be determined, and renewed Commands therefrom to be given, with Decrees that my Counsellors (so admitted) shall jointly with me, their Kingly Priest, send forth. For the which consider what manner of Persons ye mutually must be: first in high Sanctity; than, in Wisdom and soundness of Judgment. For ye shall pass Judgment upon all Matters and Things, belonging both to the Old and New Creation-State: And also know things present, and what is yet for to come. For my two great Witnesses shall rest upon you, which are the Spirit of Prophecy and Revelation, that shall give Ability, as Princes, to stand in my Council: and therefrom to deliver out my Laws and Decrees. So shall ye be ministering Spirits, to open the Ark of the Living Testimony; that hitherto hath been much shut up. But to the Generations that are, and shall yet be born in the Spirit now in this Age, to whom will be given a seeking and an inquiring Mind, it will verily be opened: To them shall my Secrets be revealed, that is,

To such as of the Divine Cabala do stand, With the ruling Scepter of Faith still in their Hand."

Thus my LORD did most freely commune, and open the Sense and Mystery of the Word CABALA. Upon which obliged we are to attend diligently; retreating therefore from all that Terrestrial is.

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