

The Epistle to the Reader

by Jane Lead

Jane Lead's sermon calls for spiritual readiness and active participation in the divine mission of Christ's reign, emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit in ministry and community.

Scripture: Psalm 2:10, 1 Corinthians 2:4, 1 Corinthians 12:7, Ephesians 4:11, Philippians 2:1

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Description

Jane Lead preaches about the imminent manifestation of the Holy Ghost's powers, ushering in the glorious reign of Christ's kingdom. She calls upon kings, queens, nobles, and all in authority to prepare for this prophesied time by becoming supporters and encouragers of the church. To the ecclesiastical order and pastors, she emphasizes the need to move away from mere historical knowledge and embrace the ministry empowered by the Holy Spirit. Lastly, she addresses those who have already experienced the Holy Ghost's powers, encouraging them to continue seeking deeper revelations and unity in spirit.

Transcript

Forasmuch as the Author of this Diary hath been led up to the Watch-Tower, as a foreseer of that great and notable Day Prophesied of, relating unto the Manifestation of the descending Powers of the Holy Ghost, preparing and ushering in the Glorious Reign and Kingdom of our Emanuel: which so near approaching is, that under a Mighty constraining Power, I am to Allarm all Ranks, Orders, and Degrees of Persons, from the highest to the lowest, that so they may be found in a readiness, to entertain the Joyful tidings of the Reign and Dominion of Christ in Spirit.

I shall first begin with the Imperial Powers of the Earth, viz. Kings, Queens, Nobles, and all of that Progeny, to whom Principally as from the High Court and Council of Heaven, this Message is sent, that you may understand this is the acceptable Time and Season, for the fulfilling of that Prophesie, to come forth and shew your selves to be Nursing Fathers and Nursing Mothers to the Church of the First Born, that is now to be gathered out of the various Forms, Traditions and Customs, that have been built up only of Man's Wisdom, into the Power, Life, and Glorious Ministration of the Spirit: which is the main Drift and Scope, of what you will find in this Volume treated of.

The Author being led into that Prophetical Dispensation, in order to what may be expected, to have its ensuing consummation in this Age of Time, has received a charge to excite you as being what is incumbent upon you, as you, stand in great Power and Authority, to be Incouragers and Supporters, for the helping forward the Work of this great Day; for be it known unto you, that no less is demanded from

you by the High and Mighty Prince of Glory. For as God has put into your Hand an advantage more than others, for the Propagating of his Kingdom, so more eminent Instruments you may be, for the drawing and gathering in them, that have lain scattered and dispersed into Christ's fold, and that you may each one in your several Stations appear in that Kingly Josiah-Spirit, making it your whole design to Reform and Build up that, which under great decay since the Apostles time have been, and the reviving again that which hath been buried under a Cloud of Ignorance, Deadness and Earthlymindedness.

Now be wise for your selves, O ye Kings and Princes of the Earth, for in as much as you seek and promote the Honour of God, and Reign of his Kingdom here upon the Earth, so he will establish not only your Thrones and Kingdoms here below, but also in the Heavenly places, which are permanent and durable, Crowns that cannot fall away; which may be a sufficient Motive to stir you up, after the pursuit of so great an Enterprize. I have only this one Consideration further to provoke you hereunto: Which is, that One Devout and Godly Prince may be a means, by the Spirits assistance to reduce, and gain a whole Nation into Obedience and Conformity, to the Laws of the Divine Kingdom.

And O ! what transcendent Dignity will it then be, when every King shall become a King, Priest, and Prophet, unto God? Blessed will you be that shall find such an Holy Ambition hereunto, for which the Author shall pray for you all most Ardently.

And now I shall proceed, according to Commission given me, to speak a Word or two to the Ecclesiastical Order, and all other Pastors and Teachers, under what Denomination soever, that since the Day-Spring from on high, has begun to cast forth its Rays of Light in greater brightness than heretofore, you are now required to consider to what your Ministry tends to, which is no more to be according to a dead draught of literal Knowledge, collected and gathered up from Historical Authors.

This face of covering from off the true Ministry is to be rent away, as the Spirit's day draweth near; which will take up such as shall be as sounding Trumpets, and Horns, filled with pure Golden Oil; that as there has been a sowing in the Deadness of the Letter, there may be a going forth to sow the live Sparks, flowing from the springing Power of the Holy Ghost; which will be as a true Seal upon your Commission, and so the Primitive Glory shall break forth brighter than ever.

And who would not be found as Ambassadors and Messengers, to proclaim the Mighty appearance of those gushing Powers, which from the Heavenly Worlds are upon their pouring forth? Some witness hereof undenyably may be tasted, and felt in this ensuing Treatise, where you will plainly see that the Author was not any way accomplish'd by Knowledge, Wisdom, or Understanding from without, but meerly from the fresh rising upsprings of the Holy Spirit, which plentifully opened themselves Within: the which manifestation of the Spirit stands free to all the worthy Seekers and Waiters, that shall become desirous and willing to be taught from the immediate Inspiring and Dictates of the Holy Ghost, and so shall you give a true proof of your Ministry, refined from the Dreggs of all mixed and muddy Springs, attending upon that great Angel of the everlasting Covenant's moving in the pure Pool and Centre of the Soul's Essence, wherefrom may arise and flow the fresh Anointings: as true Priests, that may feed and nourish your Auditors with sound Wisdom and Knowledge in the Divine Mysteries, and then right Evangelists you will be: reviving that Apostolical Doctrine, which under such a lapse and sad decay has been.

In which Cloudy time and day of ignorance, God has with withdrawn himself; but now a Mighty rushing Wind from the Heaven doth blow, to breath Life into the slain Witnesses, that they may rise and Anoint their Shields and come forth, in the Urim and Thummim, to shew their Sealed Ministry from the Holy

Ghost. Highly Blessed are those that understand this loud Trumpet-call, giving up themselves in all pure Abstraction and Dedication, as God's true Priestly Host. This is all I have to commend unto you, who are Pastors and Teachers, in which great Dignity and Honour, your Function will be Characterized, being such as bear the Inscription of the Lord's Anointed.

And O! what Rejoicings and high Acclamations in the Heavens will be, when such a Ministry as this shall be planted throughout all Nations, for the bringing forth of a new Creation Glory, in the hopes of which I conclude, with Prayers to our great Melchizedeck King and Priest.

Now the third sort to which my Epistle is directed are, those Heroical Souls, who are already in a good degree Baptized into this Faith, as being made partakers of the inspiring Teachings, and Powers of the Holy Ghost, and who have already given a proof, confession, and ownment, of what hath been publisht of this Divine and Mystick Divinity, which they have encouraged and promoted: What I have further to say to these, is, no less that what the Lord himself doth pronounce, Blessed are the Stewards to whom he has committed the choice and precious Treasures that contained are, in that Book of Life that is unsealed in them, and as dear fellow Lovers and Labourers with me, to find out what yet in reserve is, further to be revealed, that we may mutually rejoyce together, through the continued rising, and springing Powers, from the God-head Source, that will still be fresh and new. O! what can be more grateful and pleasant than to be entertained with all variety, in our renewed Paradise, planted within our own Souls, wherein our new Eternal Adam has appeared and Espoused us to himself, restoring that pure Virginitie, which the first Adam lost out of himself! Here we do know it recovered again, so that the blessing of multiplication, through Spiritual Generation, is known for the encrease and replenishment of the New Earth: where renewed are our walks with God, in all freedom him Eye to Eye to see, in the Spirit of his Glorified Humanity. Thus our lot is fallen in an everlasting and unfadable Land: where now let us all join together as in one united band, supporting and upholding each other, while in our Travelling way, admitting of nothing that would stop or prevent us; till we come to possess in all full Fruition what in Prophecy is specified in the Fountain of Gardens: more principally in this Third Volume, to which I refer you, who are in more nearer Alliance, and Congruity in Spirit with me, not doubting but our growth in Spirit shall mightily succeed, so as to become the Lillies wherein with all Love and Delight, we shall with each other meet, and feed together in that Pasture of Love, where our Kingly Shepherd will set his Mark. Which is his own undefiled Name: the inscription of which be upon you, and all those who shall gathered be into the true Philadelphian Fold; in which indissolveable Knot of Love-Unity I desire to be known, both in Time and in Eternity,

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