

The Raven and the Dove

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of separation and distinction in the church, and warns of the consequences of compromise and the need for a spiritual crisis to bring revival and a return to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the importance of nurturing and allowing time for spiritual growth. He compares the sun and the moon to Christ and the church, emphasizing that the church is a reflection of Jesus Christ. The preacher also highlights the battle between light and darkness, stating that corruption and confusion are symptoms of a generation that does not know the true nature of Christ. He concludes by discussing the work of the Holy Spirit in vindicating the name of Christ and the church's role in proclaiming salvation. The sermon references Genesis 8:6-12 and discusses the separation of light and darkness as symbolic of the new birth and the new creation in Christ.

Transcript

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For more information, visit us at www.bethelpulpitministries.com or email us at info at www.bethelpulpitministries.com Genesis chapter 8 beginning at verse 6 and it says this And it came to pass at the end of forty days that Noah opened the windows of the ark which he had made. And he sent forth a raven which went forth to and fro until the waters were dried up from off the earth. And he sent forth a dove from him to see if the waters were abated from the face of the ground.

But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot. And she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand and took her and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

And he stayed yet another seven days. And again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came into him in the evening.

And lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off. So Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet another seven days.

And sent forth the dove which returned not again unto him any more. May the Lord bless that word to us tonight. God will always bless his word.

It's his word, the raven and the dove. We're going to have a little, bring everything into the greater context of what's gone on. We're in the book of Genesis.

This is probably almost 1800 years after creation. But we're going to deal with what God is doing in the church today through this scripture. What do we know from creation? What is God teaching us? Well every time we come to the scriptures, this is the first thing that we begin asking the Lord.

Every scripture from Genesis to Revelation. What does this have to do with Christ? What does that dove, what does that raven, what does it have to do with Christ? What does creation have to do with Jesus Christ? I say this so many times, my church know it. They know that I'm going to begin almost every lesson, every preaching, every sermon with that thought.

What does this have to do with Christ? Not what does it have to do with me or ministry or anything else. Him first. He has to come first.

Secondly, we ask the question, what does it have to do with the church? God's first going to reveal his son. Then he'll reveal something of the church. The creation story of Genesis 1. It prefigures the new creation in the gospels.

What we see in the creation narratives teaches us about our salvation. It teaches us about being born again. What born again is.

And what we should expect from this condition. The scriptures are always revealing the person and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is revealed in and through the church.

Not from books of theology. God revealing it from his word. From the Bible and to the church.

To the Christian. The whole work of Christ. Christ come for one thing.

To vindicate the name of God Almighty. The work of the Holy Spirit today is to vindicate the name of Christ which is trodden down today. And the work of the church is to bring testimony to both their works.

This is why we're here. That the world would stand before God. The world would give an account before God.

That the world that will give an account can say that there was a witness. There was a testimony upon the earth. This is the church.

The church must pay tribute to God. The church must honor God. The church must proclaim salvation unto our God.

Now on the first day. God divided the light from the darkness. Please bear with me as we go through this quickly.

First day. Day one. God divided the light from the darkness.

This is the new birth. The separation of the two natures. One nature full of darkness.

That's the fallen soul. Your soul is always going to be full of darkness. The other nature full of life.

Full of light. This is the new creation. That spirit of Christ which dwells within you.

The second day. The waters above were separated from the waters below. This is the call to holiness.

Man doesn't know this until he's born again. But when he's born again he knows there's a call to holiness. It's a call to separation.

To be a people called out from this present dying world. That's the second day. The call is to come out from among them.

And be separate. Don't be like the world God says. I didn't invest Christ into you.

To stay where you're at. On the third day. The waters were separated from the earth.

And fruit was brought forth. This suggests the renewing of the mind. When we have the mind of Christ.

We begin to produce the fruit of the spirit. Sometimes we see a man. We lead a person to Christ.

And then instantly because they're not totally sanctified. They're not bearing fruit. We cast them off.

We say they're not born again. But fruit has to have time to grow. It has to be nurtured.

If Christ is there. The mind of Christ is there. The fruit of the spirit will be produced.

On the fourth day. The sun and the moon were created. The light of the moon is but a reflection of the light of the sun.

The sun is a symbol of Christ. The son of God. The light is the light of revelation.

That fills the heart with Christ. It's through revelation that we come to know this Christ. This is what the church is.

But a reflection of Jesus Christ. On the fifth day. The fish of the sea and the fowls of the air are revealed.

The fish and the fowls are types of spiritual creatures. Both good and both bad. On this day.

The new creation. You being born again. Experience that warfare.

That warfare in the new creation. A warfare is the battle for supremacy between the spirit and the soul. Fought in the vessel.

In the body. The battle is this. Will I obey the Lord God? Or will I cave in to the selfish demands of the flesh? This is the battle we're in.

The battle is not with you. It's not with any other church. It's not with the world.

The battle that I face is in this own temple. This body. Will I obey God? Or will I live for myself? That's the battle.

That's spiritual warfare. On the sixth day. Beasts as well as man was created.

But man was to have dominion over all beasts. Over all flesh. Man must have dominion.

This again reminds us. That we are to master the beast nature within. Each species will reproduce after its own kind.

Christ is in you. You will and you must reproduce the life of Christ. If all you have is a beast.

Then your life will be far from Christian. It's a natural thing. If Christ is in me.

It's natural. And for a Christian to reproduce. To look like Jesus Christ.

To do the things that Christ would. But if there's a beast in me. Then I'm going to be like that beast.

I'm going to live like the beast. Now on the seventh day. God rested from his works.

This is the day of full salvation. The day when the saints will fellowship with God in perfect rest. The day when there will be no more warfare.

Going to be no more tears. Going to be no more pain. And thank God almighty.

There'll be no more death. This is the day. When the creation of God was made perfect.

But it's in the future. We await that. All we have today is a deposit.

Of that rest. The rest that is found in Jesus Christ. Now reading through the accounts of creation.

We cannot but notice. There's a continual cycle of separation and distinction. And after every cycle.

There is the pronouncement. That it is good. God saw that it is good.

That separation. That distinction. God separating and dividing.

And then proclaiming. This is good. Continually.

The immediate context of our story now. Is the judgment of the earth. Through the flood.

Listen to what God says. God saw that the wickedness of man. Was great in the earth.

And that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart. Was only evil continually. And God looked upon the earth.

And behold it was corrupt. For all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. God said to Noah.

The end of all flesh has come before me. For the earth is filled with violence through them. And behold I will destroy them with the earth.

You'd think that he was writing about this generation. You'd think that he was writing about today. But he's writing almost 4000 years ago.

He's saying those things were then. Violence in the world. This is what caused God to be so sick within his belly.

That God repented of making the earth. He said that he's going to destroy the earth. And going to destroy them with the earth.

He could be talking about today. You see the call to Noah. Was for separation and distinction.

Noah you'll fulfill my will. You'll be pleasing to me Noah. But you're going to be separated from them.

You're going to be distinct. Not only to be separate from that which is carnal and corrupt. But also to be distinguished.

Noah was distinct in his generation. By his preoccupation with the will of God. This is what made him distinguished.

He was preoccupied with the will of God. This is what he was doing. This is what the building of the ark represented.

Oh they thought Noah was a madman. Because he's preoccupied with the things of God. They cannot see God.

They cannot understand this God. But Noah is preoccupied. He cannot hear the television.

Not interested in anything that's going on in their world. Their violent world. Their immoral world.

It's preoccupation with God Almighty. God said he's going to judge the world. And Noah is a man that believes God.

He believes God. So he's distinguished in his generation. They know that this man is different.

Not because he wears dungarees. Not because his wife wears a dress from there to there. But it's the will of God that distinguishes him.

Now the raven and the dove. They will highlight the Lord's call for separation and distinction. They're both perfect symbols of separation and compromise.

Of holiness and sacrilege. Of peace and rebellion. The church today, we've lost sight of these Christian distinctives.

We're unable to distinguish what the Christ life is. Until we can fully comprehend and distinguish between the spiritual and the profane. We will be totally unable to separate ourselves from the world that will be judged again in violence.

Do you understand it? Everyone of you tonight will believe that these are the last days. We all believe that God is going to judge the world. But somehow in the church, there's not enough strength that we would separate from it.

To be distinct. But God demands a separation. A man's theology, good or bad, will not save him from the wrath of God.

Distinction in life has to be seen. It's no good knowing judgments come in. There has to be distinction.

There has to be separation. God has to have a witness. Now, the creation story in the gospel says this.

All things were made by him. Without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life.

And the life was the light of men. The light shineth in the darkness. And the darkness comprehended it not.

It couldn't understand it. Corruption and confusion are but symptoms of a generation that does not know the true nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is where we're at in today's modern times.

Corruption and confusion rule this world. Darkness will always oppose the light. A battle must ensue.

And the battle is continuous. The devil does not sleep. How many think the devil is sleeping tonight? He's never taken an early bath.

He never goes to sleep. Doesn't have 40 winks. He's a devil.

And he's a good devil. He's good at what he does. He causes confusion.

He corrupts and corrupts continually. Now his work is in the church. It's not in the world.

The world is already lost. His battle, his warfare is with that church. When a church fails to understand the true nature of Christ.

It will always produce the symptoms of the flood. Beginning with vain imagination. When the church fails to understand Jesus Christ.

It can understand doctrine. It'll understand programs. We've got programs till they come in out of the ears of the church.

But when we've lost sight of him. Vain imaginations will rule the church. Violence and injustice.

Betrayal and compromise. All of these are birthed in the womb of a corrupt imagination. Doctrines and demons are then replacing the teachings of Jesus Christ.

And every man and every Christian will do what is right in his own eyes. This is the only condition needed to secure a place in hell. All you have to do to go to hell is do what is right in your own eyes.

That's all we have to do. That's all any man has to do. So this is what's happened to the church.

Doctrines have been replaced with myths. Think of the modern teachings that we have to put up with today and contend against today. The doctrines that Jesus Christ became a devil.

The doctrines that Jesus Christ was born again in the pit of hell. The doctrines that say that Jesus Christ was one with the devil. Myths.

Yet these are the very things that have replaced the teachings of Jesus Christ. You see, so there has to be a force to separate light from darkness. A myth is not light.

It is darkness. So something has to come and force a way through that darkness. There has to be a persuasion.

There has to be a discernible warning that things are not right in the church. In the 1930s, Neville Chamberlain came to Britain with his little white handkerchief and paper and said, Peace, peace, peace.

There's going to be peace in our times.

He says he's been to see the man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache. There'll be no war. All of Britain believed Chamberlain, but Churchill stood up and said, The Hun, the Nazi, he's a warmonger.

He's a liar. He is a destroyer. Now, if they'd listened to Churchill, Hitler never have taken Poland.

But we were deceived by a man proclaiming peace. The warning was not heeded. So warning must be given.

Sometimes we have to endure a trauma, a crisis, in order to see the darkened state that has temporarily confined us. What brought the man, the woman, out of man? What brought Eve, the mother of the living, out of Adam? Death, a crisis. What brought the church out of Christ? Death, a crisis.

And what's going to bring revival out of the modern church? Death, a crisis, is the only thing. Only through a spiritual crisis do we really begin to call upon the name of the Lord. When the light of the gospel breaks in upon darkness, there will be an uncovering of all ungodly conduct and practice.

You see, the first work of the Holy Ghost is to convict a person and a church. He will always convict of compromise. He will never condone.

It's not his nature to condone compromise. It's not his nature to condone sin. It is not his nature to cover up corruption.

He cannot do it. He will come to convict and convict. Now the great warning in John's gospel is this.

He came to his own and his own received him not. Throughout the scriptures, from the old to the new, Christ came a knocking to that church. Knocking on the door.

We see him there still at the very end of time in the book of Revelation. Banging on the door of the church. Christian, let me in.

Not now Christ. We're enjoying a revival. Christian, let me in.

Not now Christ. We have our ecumenical meeting. Don't you understand? We're meeting with the rabbis and with the imams, with the Buddhas and with the Muslims.

Not now Christ. Christian, let me in. Not now Christ.

Don't come in now. We don't want you spoiling our gospel. We're enjoying a time of peace.

We're enjoying a time of prosperity. Not now. Lock the door and keep him out.

You see, every third generation of the church has made this mistake. First generation has the Revelation. The second generation forms rules and regulation.

The third generation ignores Revelation and doctrine and then becomes apostate. We're at the end of the third generation in Wales. The Spirit is coming to revive the body of Christ.

Because the old is dead and dying. It must give up the ghost. So many of God's people are being kept struggling in the shadows of this great light.

The Revelation of Christ. Because they're not being fed the word of God anymore in church. It's programs. It's quick fixes. It's everything except Jesus Christ. All they know of Christ is systematized theory.

And much of the prevailing doctrine of today is downright heresy. Of course, if you say that today, you're branded as being unloving and divisive. But Christ never came to unify theology.

He came to bring a sword of the word of God. That's the only thing he came with. The word of God.

Albert said tonight, someone said that his word will not return to God void. This is Jesus Christ. Not my word, but the word made flesh.

When he returned to the Father, he had that church already in his hands. Christ said of himself in Matthew 10, I come not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father.

And the daughter against her mother. And the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's force shall be they of his own household.

Do you understand that where the enemy is going to be at work? Not in Iraq, but in the church. It's not me causing variance or division. It's the work of Jesus Christ in his own body.

He has to divide. He has to separate. He has to bring a distinction.

Contending for the truth. Not a doctrinal extra. This is the person of Jesus Christ.

It's not an optional extra. It's the command of God. You see if you're not contending for the truth today.

Tomorrow, the devil will be your Lord. Do you understand that? Much of the church today bows the knee to a cross, to a Christ. That it is not the cross and the Christ of the Bible.

They bow their knee to an angel of light. That ministers today in our churches. That have dumbed down the full gospel and the teachings of Christ.

They happily sit in ecumenical meetings. Not knowing that the spirit of God has departed from them. As they enter the festering cauldron of interfaith.

Worshipping a pantheon of demons. I think of my own pastor today. That sits there.

The day that I was born. Birthed out of a cult. Warned about ecumenism.

Warned about interfaith. But now you see them meeting with people from the world council of churches. The spirit of God has surely departed.

In the garden of Gethsemane. A man that claimed to love the Lord Jesus. A man that ate the sock from the hand of God.

Was actually hiding amongst the trees. Cursing all that God had done. Betrayal always comes with a kiss.

Who kissed that Christ in the garden? Not Peter. Not John. The man that would betray him.

The Lord Jesus has warned his church for 2000 years. That the very last days would be just like those days. Just like the days of Noah.

While the whole world today falters upon the abyss of self-destruction. When the hands of every nation are washed with blood. When man's insatiable appetite for selfishness and violent immorality.

Let us note well tonight church. That these truly are the days that he spoke about. These are the days of Noah.

One of our greatest fears today. Is that there is no fear within the church of Jesus Christ. There are those who err on peace.

When there are clouds of doom gathering upon the horizon. There are those also who proudly proclaim judgment to come. But have no fear for themselves.

They fear not for themselves. Because they fear not God. Winged creatures.

Winged creatures always represent spiritual things in scripture. The raven and the dove are representative creatures of darkness and of light. Their natures, their characters, their habits and their appearances speak to us of these very things.

Now the ark of Noah is a perfect type of a church. A place of salvation. A place of separation.

A place of obedience to the will of God. Now within the ark we see that Noah has two birds that are close to him. The raven and the dove.

They represent those who claim to love the Lord. They both enjoy the protection of the ark. And are both seen to be at home there.

But the distinction is only seen when the choice of environments is presented. The raven is treated like the dove in the ark. But the distinction is only seen when the choice is given.

This leads to a crisis and will ultimately lead to separation. The heart of the raven has always belonged to the world of death. He's in the church but his heart belongs to the world.

When the raven is freed it says it flies to and fro. Backwards and forwards. Up and down.

In and out. It'd go anywhere except return to that ark. The raven, it's a scavenger.

It's carrion. It feeds upon dead flesh. The seed that it flies upon has become a melting pot of poison.

All around the ark floats the rotten carcasses of all those that have perished in the flood. The body stank to high heavens. But the raven, the raven was at home.

This was his world. It's party time for that raven. He hopped from body to body.

Tearing huge chunks of flesh with his great black beak. His leathery black talons would sink easily through putrefying flesh. Easily breaking through those brittle bones.

He's at home. The raven is at home in that stinking world. This was his world.

A world that brings forth death. Why wouldn't he go back to the ark? Why would he go back there? To the raven it's a life of hardship. Why go back to the ark when the world would now give him all his heart's desire.

There's no flesh for him in the ark but on the outside in that world. Feeding upon the flesh. Feeding his flesh with flesh.

The heart of that bird was as black as it's oily feathers. The world from the view point of the ark was but a sea of death. A sea of disease and a sea of corruption.

This is what we should see from this place tonight. When we look upon Swansea we must see it as a city of death, disease and corruption. But to the raven, to that unclean spirit it was a place where he could spread his wings and enjoy his newfound liberty.

You see if you've ever disturbed a raven you'll know that it's always found against a backdrop of utter chaos. It's at home amongst the diseased and the dying. You may not always see them in the air but their mocking tones suggest the vulgarity in that life.

It has no respect for life. Has no desire for Jesus Christ. Doesn't understand the things of the ark.

It'll tear another bird's nest to shreds and smash it's eggs just for the sake of it. If it finds young birds in the nest it'll devour some. Others it'll dash against a tree or even thrust the young chicks on barbed wire or a thorn and counterfeit crucifixion.

It'll pluck the eyes out of the dying and eat until it's sick. It'll fight against it's own. It'll even kill it's own children.

You see the raven is never at home in the ark. Never at home. The ark represents a disciplined life.

A life that was given to the hands of another. A life of obedience. This Christ life totally alien to the raven.

It thoroughly despised the dove. I'm sure that when it was in the ark it sang with the doves. It could sing with the canaries.

I'm sure that it could shout amen to every message that no one had preached. But when it's left loose it's heart is revealed. When push comes to shove you'll know that the bird with black feathers never belonged in that ark.

The raven is an unclean spirit. Belongs to the darkness. It will hide undetected in the shadows of the church until it's exposed by the light of the true gospel.

It's the gospel that exposes. It's the gospel that separates. It's the gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ that'll cause those spirits to move out of the church.

Cleansing that church. When Jesus compared the church to a mustard seed. He said that it would grow into a great plant so that the fowls of the air may hide under the shadows of it's branches.

You see today there are many ravens in the branches of the church. There's a spiritual darkness over this land. And to a certain extent it's caused a blindness in parts to the body of Christ.

This hasn't happened overnight. We've not just woken up this week and realized that the church in Wales is in a terrible condition. This is a result of spiritual indecision.

It's been going on for many years. You see today we're reaping a harvest planted by a generation who refused to leave Egypt. They're born again.

They're church people. But they would not leave that world alone. But nothing in Egypt could be saved before the children of Israel were emancipated.

Pharaoh must die. He must die. This was God's thought at the beginning.

Moses I'll call you out. But Pharaoh, Egypt it must be destroyed. We're in this condition in Wales.

Because our forefathers never left that world alone. They played with it. They toyed with it.

They enjoyed some romance with that world. Unless the church sees the world and the world system as an enemy of our God. We will continue to live in darkness.

Every third prophet will prophesy revival for Wales. They've been doing that for a hundred years. But it will not come if we remain in darkness.

If we do not separate ourselves from that world there will be no revival. Thus saith the Lord. The misery we face today is that there is no national prophet to warn, to rebuke or to correct the church.

When the church is influenced by market forces and false religion. The world will come and it will proselytize our ministry. We're not winning them.

They're winning us. We don't take from them. They take from us.

Ecumenism is growing at an alarming rate. Most of you if you have access to the internet or anything. Go on the web.

Find out which church, which denomination is linked to that one world church. The world council of churches. They only have two statements.

The unification of all churches. The unification of all religions. It is the antichrist system.

A church that puts its people in there has killed its people in the eyes of God. The outcome of interfaith worship will be the siren of a totally demon possessed cult. That will bring fear upon all mankind.

This is what happened to the church in Thyatira. Christ says to that church. I have a few things against thee.

Because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel. Which called herself a prophetess. To teach and to seduce my servants.

To commit fornication. And to eat things sacrificed unto idols. I gave her space to repent of her fornication.

And she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed. And them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation.

Except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death. And all the churches should know that I am he.

Which searches the reins in the heart. And I will give unto every one of you. According to your works.

Not according to the grace that is in. But according to the works. You see.

If the false is allowed in the church. God will become a killer. Oh gentle Jesus.

Meek and mild. He will become a killer. If Jezebel.

That ecumenical spirit enters into this church. God will come and steal our children. Do you understand?
He will steal the children.

He will take away the next generation. Salvation will not be poured into them. If their spirits, their vessels.
Have been tainted. And been left unclean. Through ecumenism.

And the false teachings of the Jezebel system. Through liberal teachings. There came a false liberty.

They begin to compromise the Christian faith. With false religions of the world. This leads to idolatry.

And communion with unclean spirits. The table of the Lord is replaced. With the table of devils.

The table always represents the cross. But now. Through compromise.

The cross has become impotent. And devilish. It's there for one purpose.

That cross. It speaks of the full. Bloody horror of sacrifice.

That's what the cross is. It's not a decoration. To be adorned.

It speaks of sacrifice. The church of Thyatira. Didn't know.

Didn't understand. That what she was eating. Was carrion.

Fit for the raven. The result of this union. Is the children of Jezebel.

Nephilim. Fallen ones. They have fallen from God.

And God must judge. This is going to happen. This is going on today.

Because men are not discerning the hour. Ministers are not discerning the hour. They have eaten from the
tree of knowledge.

Thinking that it brings immortality. But knowledge is not the same of life. The most well-known Nephilim.

Or giant in the Bible. Is Goliath. We looked at him last time.

One of the sons of Gath. His name means splendor. Something to be desired.

A thing pleasing to the eye. When Israel first meets Goliath. They stand on one mountain.

He stands upon another. In between is the valley. The mountain of Israel.

Represents the kingdom of God. The mountain of Goliath. Represents the kingdom of Satan.

And in between is the valley of death. The world of compromise. Now I have no doubt.

That if God had not raised up David for that hour. The wicked king Saul. The minister of that day.

Would have compromised. And unified with those Philistines. In the valley of death.
He would have led that nation. And to its death. But two things happened.
That secured victory for Israel. First the prophet. Representing the Holy Spirit.
Probed the whole nation. Searching for a man. He passed over many sons.
Until he came to rest upon. David the shepherd. The second thing that brought deliverance to Israel.
Was that David had just been anointed. With the oil. All along the battlefield.
There were ravens hiding in the shadows. They would wait patiently. Until the valley of compromise.
Would be littered with those dead bodies. The raven is always attracted. By the smell of death and disease.
But even in the chaos of battle. The Lord had already sought. And made provision for his people.
Unlike the dove of Noah. Who found no rest for his foot. The dove of God found a place.
Where he could rest his feet. David is a type of Christ. And as a type.
Also of the end days church. A church that must overcome. A church of overcomers.
Just as God found a boy in those days. Found a man in Nazareth in his days. He must find the people today a vessel.
A corporate body. That dove must find rest for its feet. You see this picture quite clearly.
In what John saw in the baptism of Christ. And Jesus when he was baptized. Went up straight way out of the waters.
And lo the heavens were opened unto him. And he saw the spirit of God. Descending like a dove.
And lighting upon him. The spirit of God is like that dove. It's a clean.
It's a pure spirit. The dove is a very private. It's a very humble creature.
A thing of beauty. And of elegance. A thing pleasing to the eye.
And to the hands. Plumage. In contrast to the raven is brilliant.
And it is white. Your feet are pink and clean. Your eyes are sharp and piercing.
Full of pity. And full of compassion. The dove has nine primary feathers on each wing.
Just as there are nine gifts to the spirit. In first Corinthians. A nine fruit of the spirit.
Recorded for us in Galatians. It is a very gentle. A very innocent bird.
In scripture the cry of the dove. Is likened to those who weep. And mourn for righteousness.
The Christian and the church. Must be separate. And distinct.

Now I believe that Noah. Kept those doves as pets. Long before the flood.
He loved those birds. He admired those birds. He watched.
He studied their. Their patterns of flight. He stood in awe.
As the doves made its mark. Against the warm evening sky. Its dazzling plumage.
Fast descending. To the place. Where it would find rest.
For its feet. Noah made provision. For the dove.
Listen. He fed them. With the purest grain.
He let them. Drink water. From his own brook.
He kept it abode clean. He kept it abode. Free from pest and parasite.
He held it tenderly in his arms. And often to his bosom. He knew that the dove.
Would always return to one place. A clean place. A clean house.
It would not rest. Upon the unclean. This is our business today.
Preparing that vessel. This temple. This tabernacle.
Making sure. That it's a clean house. Making sure.
That this place. Is ready. For the dove of God.
To find rest. Before its feet. When the dove was sent.
Out of the ark. It saw the aftermath. Of the flood.
It was horrified. That the raven. Would be so at home.
Amongst the rotten. Dying flesh. Never once.
Were the feet. Of the dove. Attempted to perch.
Upon that world. Though she found. No rest.
For her foot. She knew. That one day.
She'd be sent out again. You see. It's a destiny.
Of this church. To know. The descending.
Spirit of God. Upon us. This is God's promise.
And to a people. That will separate. From that.
Which is corrupt. The ravenous. To anoint us.

With the same oil. Of gladness. And the anointed.
Jesus Christ. Now the anointing. Of Christ.
Was to be no different. To our anointing. First of all.
Christ. Was a vessel. Prepared of God.
Is he prepared. In our hearts. Is he stirred.
In our hearts. Do we know. The condition.
Out there. Do we know. The true condition.
Of the corporate. Body of Christ. Are we doing something.
He prepared. That vessel. He is already.
A man. Christ. Has been separated.
From that world. He knew. That the dove.
Would not perch. Upon compromise. This is why.
He must allow. John. To baptize him.
Even when the devil. Came to Christ. He said.
The devil. Could find nothing. In him.
The anointing. Of Christ. Did not come cheap.
And it did not. Come quick. You cannot.
Just pray. And hope. There has to be.
A searching. An ongoing. An endurance.
Of God. He. Had to show himself.
Approved of God. He did not. Receive the spirit.
As the son of God. But he received it. As the son of man.
The spirit. That was there. Hovering.
Brooding. Over Jesus. Of Nazareth.
It was there. For many years. It was only.
When the father said. Go. The dove.
Descend. Now I believe today. That the spirit.

Is brooding. Again. Over the body.
Of Christ. Just waiting. For that bride.
To make yourself. Ready. When the union.
Of the spirit. And the bride. Comes to pass.
It's the church. In the power. Of God almighty.
That has the power. To call the world. Into the feast of heaven.
The bible says. The spirit. And the bride.
Says come. Just hear that. Do you see it? The spirit.
And the bride. We know what conditions. Need to be met.
Before the spirit comes. But what is our heart's. Desire tonight.
What is that heart's. Desire. Do we feed.
Upon this world. Or are we repulsed. By it's vulgarity.
What does the church. Want today. Is it Christ.
Or is it compromise. I can tell you. For the greater part.
Of that church. It is compromise. It is compromise.
All the nonsense. That is going on today. In the name of Jesus Christ.
It wants compromise. You look at the TV. The greatest leader.
They have in America. Of those TV's. Claim to be a little God.
But just found out. He's a little God. Just found out.
That he's paid. His gay lover. A million dollars.
To keep. That book. Quiet.
Everything. Is exposed. In the light of God.
But I can tell you. Tonight. When they switch.
Those telly's on. They'll still. Send in.
A million dollars. And to that man. And for his ministry.
But it's finished. If it ever began. In the eyes of God.
The church. For the greater part. Today.

Is in compromise. You cannot serve. Jesus Christ.
In an ecumenical sense. We cannot serve. Jesus Christ.
In an ecumenical. Denomination. He will not sit.
Next to Buddha. He will not. Sit next.
To Muhammad. You cannot serve him. In these ecumenical.
Situations. The Bible says. Come out.
Be separate. And then. Be filled.
Be filled. With that. Spirit.
Spirit. The message. Tonight.
The raven. And the dove. Which.
Bird. Represents. This church.
Tonight. Which. Bird.
Represents. Your heart. Tonight.
Where do we. Mourn. Is it.
In that world. Or is it. In.
The church. Of Jesus Christ. What are we seeking.
Tonight. Are we seeking. Which would come.
To us. Tonight. Which would.
Perch. Upon us. That unclean.
Spirit. Or the spirit. Of God.
Almighty. The Bible says. If we.
Want to be that. End time. Generation.
If we. Want to know. The power.
Of revival. Then we must. As his people.
Come out. Be separate. And be filled.
Let us stand. Tonight. Let us stand.
Tonight. And pray.

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