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TOO COMPLICATED...

Christians whose hearts seek to know the truth, often find themselves surrounded by books and studies about who the true Israel really is, and who we are as God's chosen in the world. I am amazed at the knowledge, (true or false), that has been gathered, tracing the roots and spiritual DNAs, of those who are called according to God's purpose. At first glance, all sounded interesting and perhaps exciting, but soon, I heard the still small voice of the Spirit saying, *"It's much too complicated!"* Shortly thereafter, the words of Isaiah rang out clearly, *"A little child shall lead them!"* I then looked up these words prophesied long ago about the coming kingdom of God (Isa.11). In simple words, the great prophet of God clearly describes the Lord Jesus Christ as the "Rod" that comes out of the line of Jesse and David, and the Branch that grows out of that same root. When we read the entire prophecy, we soon know that the Rod describes the Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and the Branch speaks of the Body of Christ that grows from the same root.

The Rod describes Jesus Christ who walked the earth, fulfilled the Law and paid the full penalty for the sins of the world. The Branch speaks of the Body of Christ or those who are called as firstfruit sons, to follow the Lamb and to take on the likeness and image of Jesus. These are fully dedicated and submitted to the Law of the Spirit of life, which is being written in their minds and hearts. After the prophet reveals all the attributes of the Rod and Branch, he speaks of their work of governing the earth and putting an end to the natures that their carnal minds had subjected them to in this world. He uses wild animals to accurately pinpoint the wild natures that lurk in man's hearts, humans who go around as hungry lions, looking to devour the goods and peace of others. Natures that kill and make wars. Natures that deceive such as venomous serpents. Natures that seek to compete and would rather kill than lose. These are natures that have flourished in the hearts of man and have kept hatred, violence, wars, pain and suffering on a perpetual increase. *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."* (Matt.15:19).

The prophet then goes on to describe the results of the works of the Rod and Branch in this fallen world, *"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."* (Isa.11:6). The prophet is not speaking of actual animals, he is comparing their wild beastly natures to natures that dwell in the hearts of man. The earth has been ruled by wild beastly natures, but under the rule of the Rod and the Branch, true peace will be restored all over the earth. The people will be led by God's Spirit, without sophisticated knowledge or highly manipulative words. Being led "as a little child" means to be directed by simple words, easy to understand, without worldly sophistication. This is the simplicity that is as a "little child." The earth will be ruled by the Rod and the Branch, the Lord and His Christ, and the people will be led by the Spirit of Jesus, not by complicated rules, but by the simplicity that even a little child can follow. The time of the fulfillment of this prophecy is upon us. *"...The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."* (Rev.11:15) Notice that in the allegory, the wild animals are not killed or banished in hell forever; they are simply delivered of their bestial and fierce natures and find peace in God's kingdom!

Jesus taught the deepest truths by simple parables or allegories, that is to say short stories that illustrate a hidden subject. He revealed the entire plan and purpose of God for us, in the story of the sower and the seed. Wise Solomon penned these words long ago, *“There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.”* (Prov.30:19) The wise king knew that within these simple things were hid the mysteries of eternal life. The apostle Paul used the example of a man and his wife to open the understanding of these deeper truths. Through simple and familiar stories, (allegories or parables), realities, unknown to the carnal mind, are unfolded. The Old Testament is filled with types and shadows of things and events in the lives of chosen men and women, that illustrate the spiritual journey, we as the church that Jesus builds, have to walk out. The tabernacle that Moses built in the wilderness is a perfect type of God’s temple not made with hands. Types and shadows are familiar, tangible and toucheable things that become tools to open our spiritual understanding to the unfamiliar realities of the Spirit. Dreams from the Spirit consists of types and shadows too. In that way, they clearly and often strongly, penetrate our emotions and communicate spiritual truths to our consciousness. This is the simple way that our Lord chose to reveal Himself, and to make known our Father’s plan for us and for the world. *“For the invisible things of him, (God), from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”* (Rom.1:20)

SIMPLICITY...Paul wrote to the beloved saints at Corinth, *“... But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from **the simplicity that is in Christ.**”* (II Cor.11:2-3) Paul was comparing the church to a woman, and his desire was to separate them from the teachings of their former consellers, guides and teachers, and prepare them for total union with Christ. Paul had left behind all his extensive knowledge of the Law, the Scriptures and the traditions of the fathers; he considered them all as “dung.” He went about teaching Christ, and him crucified. He knew that the “truth” is not written in books, but that truth is revealed by the Spirit daily, as needed. Jesus declared, *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”*

This means that Truth is a living person, not knowledge or doctrines or creeds, and being led “as a little child” is simply doing what the Spirit leads us to do each day. If a minister of God’s Word teaches what he or she has read in a book, that teaching will mostly be vague and even complicated; it issues from parroting rather than from the Spirit. But if the Word is made alive by the Spirit as she or he speaks, it will surely give life. Furthermore, the Word we read or hear becomes life when the Spirit within gives it witness. John wrote, *“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”* (I Jn.2:27) We often choose our favorite teachers, either because we like their ways of teaching, or their personalities, but none of these things really matter; it is the witness of the Spirit that we feel when we hear the Word that gives life. This witness may not come as soon as we hear or read the Word; it might come days later when we least expect it. This is the simplicity that is in Christ. We have no need to remember complicated genealogies of our past, or the images produced by man’s imaginations of what the next age will really be like. We need to hear His voice today, and let the anointing, (witness), within confirm it to our spirits. *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”* (Rev.3:20) Many sermons have been preached on this verse, but the truth is that it speaks to us personally. It urges us to listen to His knock within our spirits, and open ourselves to hear His voice. Then we shall partake of a feast with Himself. Amen Lord Jesus!

Because He is love, *Jackie Caporaso*