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THE VEIL IS RENT IN TWO

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THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY

In my previous writing, I shared a dream and its meaning. I now feel the Spirit nudging me to go over the interpretation again so it can be understood as clearly as possible. In the dream, *"I was in my bedroom, (twin beds in the dream). I looked on my husband's bed and there were several of his things laying there: his keys, his belt, his handkerchief and pocket trinkets. Above all I could smell the exhilarating scent of His presence. It was like a wonderfully clean fragrance of cologne or after shave lotion that filled my whole being. I knew my husband had come home. But where was he? I had to find him. I knew that he was in the house."*

I shared with you the events that took place in my life shortly after the dream, and perhaps these details blurred the full interpretation that the dream needs to convey to the Body of Christ. My husband came home! We know that the Husband in question is Christ. And we know that Christ is within us already, so how is it that now I was so excited that He came home? Had He not been home all along?

Indeed what the Spirit is revealing in this, is that although Christ has been dwelling in us, He has been in the realm of our spirits. This is also where the Father and Holy Spirit have made their abode. *"For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."* (Col. 2:9) This is an undeniable truth, but why have we not felt the full impact of this reality in our bodies and in our lives?

When king Solomon built the magnificent temple for the Lord, He said, *"..The Lord hath said that he would dwell in thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling forever."* (II Chron.6: 1-2) Solomon was

speaking of the literal temple he was building for the Lord, but we know that one "greater than Solomon is here." This One has been building the most magnificent of all temples. A temple not made with hands, called the temple of His body. A place from whence God would no longer dwell in thick darkness, but would be on display for all to see.

When Jesus went up to the temple in Jerusalem, He found the court busy with the money changers making merchandise of the sacrifices. It was then that He threw them out and declared that this was His Father's house. Jesus was zealous for His Father's house.

Then the Jews questioned His authority and Jesus declared, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* (Jn.2:19) They mocked Him, "How could He raise up in three days, that which it took forty-six years to build?" Jesus gave no further explanation, *"But he spake of the temple of his body."* (Vs.21)

Jesus has been building this glorious, living temple for His Father. He was that tabernacle while here on earth, and now He is raising up the temple of His body which is the church. *"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."* (Col.1: 18)

The prophet Malachi saw the Lord coming to His temple. *"...the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple..But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap."* (Mal.3: 1-2)

Then the prophet explains that from His temple, He shall purify His priesthood. Is this not what we have experienced, from the day that He came as tongues of fire upon the hundred and twenty in the upper room, until our very day? He has made us priests and has entered our beings as the refiner's fire and fullers' soap.

He has been in us and it is through the progressive work of His Spirit that He is revealing Himself to us. Indeed, Christ the Lord has entered and purified our spirits. He has been wooing and cleansing our souls, but He has not fully entered our bodies. *“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (I Thess.5: 23)

THE WORKING OF OUR FULL SALVATION

As Paul explained in Romans 1:22, God has chosen the visible things of His creation to explain the reality of the invisible things of His Spirit. We know that the things of His Spirit are more real than the visible things around us. *“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* (II Cor.4:18)

It is no wonder that David exclaimed, *“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”* (Ps.139:14) Indeed, our very bodies have been designed to be His temple. Anyone who has studied biology must have been awed at the intricacies and perfect order in which every part works together and there are constant researches into how to keep our physical bodies in good working condition.

However, the parts that are not seen are the real life of these bodies. They consist of the soul and the spirit. Our soul is the seat of our emotions and reactions. We find the exact replica of our invisible parts in the Tabernacle that God told Moses to build in the wilderness. This is why God insisted that it be built according to the pattern He gave to Moses. It

is a perfect pattern of the things that are not seen in the temple of His body in each one of us.

Over the years, I have made more detailed studies of the Tabernacle and what it represents but for now we will just quickly go over what we need to understand what the Spirit is speaking to us today.

To enter the sanctuary, one had to go through the outer Court where the blood sacrifices were offered up on the Altar of brass. Brass represents the Law and this tells us that before we can do any service to our inner being, the requirement of the Law to atone for sin must be fulfilled.

God no longer accepts the sacrifices of bulls, goats or doves. The only acceptable sacrifice to God is Jesus Christ, the Lamb which He has provided for Himself. Just as one could not enter the Holy Place without first offering a sacrifice on the Altar in the outer Court, one cannot receive salvation for the soul, without offering the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus. There is no other way to God.

The outer Court had no roof or covering; it was illuminated by the light of the sun. But the two rooms of the inner sanctuary were covered. The ceiling was of linen embroidered with designs of cherubims in blue, purple and scarlet red. One top of that was a layer of black goat's hair, topped with a layer of ram's skins dyed red and finally a layer of badger skins. So one could see why the room would have been in pitch darkness were it not for the light of the Golden Lampstand. I have detailed the meaning of these in some of my earlier studies.

Spiritually speaking, when we enter the Holy Place, we find the activities of the soul working out its own salvation. As Paul exhorts the church, **“..work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”(Phil.2:12b)** The light of the Lampstand made of pure gold represents the light of God's Holy Spirit working in the midst of His church. It is as He illuminates the darkness of our soul (Holy Place), and leads us into all truths that we are able to work out our salvation.

One may wonder why we have to work it out when

Paul wrote, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast.”* (Eph.2: 8-9) Indeed the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus is free and cleanses us from all sins while we bring our souls under submission to His Spirit. And the grace and faith is not obtained through works, but it is the gift of God as well. However, after we receive these things, He leads us to follow Him through the fires and testing of our daily lives and brings our soul unto submission to His Spirit. It is like a future bridegroom giving His beloved a beautiful engagement ring and many gifts, but the reason for it all is that she might follow Him and prepare to give herself to him in matrimony.

In the Holy Place, by the Light of the Spirit, our soul comes to the Table of Shewbread (Bread of the Presence) filled with fresh loaves each day. The table represents our fellowship with Him. The Bread that is brought to the table daily is the Living Word that comes to us through meditating on Him or through talking to like-minded believers or reading the Bible or some other faith based writing or by just listening to the still small voice. Daily we bring this bread to the table where our inner man is fed and strengthened for the day. This is our service at the table of Shewbread.

It is by partaking of that daily bread that we are able to come to the Altar of Incense. The incense is the substance of our prayers and daily sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving that we offer to God. At the Altar of Incense the golden censer is filled with the incense and with the fire of the Altar so that the sweet smelling smoke ascends to God in the Holy of Holies. This is all part of the soul working out its own salvation with fear and trembling.

It is in this place (within), that our soul learns to obey and submit herself to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our Husband. He plants the seed of life within us, until the Bridegroom appears, which is the Christ creation that is formed within us. Then it is no longer an affair of spirit only, but we become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh as one new man in the earth. This is the way that our soul is learning to fully submit to the Spirit. It is not as

under the Law where we learned submission for fear of punishment; this is submission by love. When we finally reach the Golden Altar, we offer ourselves for the sheer love of Him. Through it all, He has taken us through much fire and suffering and it is through suffering that He has revealed His love to us and that we have matured to the point of receiving His love and loving Him back.

The Holy Spirit is everything to us until the work is fully done. We can be sure that He will not fail, for the nature of God is in Him. When Israel began their walk to their promised land, the Lord said, *“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.”* (Ex.23: 20) Then the Lord proceeded to explain that His name or His nature is in this Angel and so He cannot permit any of their disobedience.

This Angel speaks of God's Holy Spirit who is given to us to bring us to perfection in Christ. Our daily experience is with the Holy Spirit. He is our Leader and the One who brings us back on the straight and narrow road when we err.

The Angel of Israel's journey is the One who brought them face to face with every enemy that would keep them from possessing their land. *“For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.”* (Ex.23:23)

I once made a study of the names of these giants that were dwelling in the land of promise, and I found that the same “giant spirits” have also been dwelling in the land of our soul, (minds and emotions). So with this we understand what it means to be working our own salvation with fear and trembling.

One by one, the Holy Spirit reveals the enemies of our soul. When we face them and repent, God's Spirit cuts them out of our land. It is through this work within that we are coming into our inheritance in Christ. At the same time, the Christ within is being formed.

Paul labored for this, *“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”* (Gal.4:19) Paul is speaking of the forming of the new creation in us. This comes by the union of Christ and the soul through the working out of our own salvation.

Thus, two things are taking place: the soul is being made ready to come to her perfection and **receive her inheritance in Christ**, and Christ is being formed in the soul that He might be made one with her and that **He might also receive His inheritance in the saints**. For He is our inheritance and we are His. *“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what **the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...**”* (Eph.2: 18) *“The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**, if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.”* (Rom.8: 16-17)

LET US GO ON TO PERFECTION

The writer of the book of Hebrews exhorts us, *“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do if God permit.”* (Heb.6: 1-3)

The Spirit is ever pressing us forward. All the steps that we have walked out so far are incorporated in the building, but they must not prevent us from moving on to the next stage. There was a time when I could not receive some of the truths that I now embrace, but I am thankful that God permitted me to take hold of them and find a new spiritual horizon.

We are aware that time is short and that the birthing of a new creation is at hand. The old creation was finished when Jesus gave up the ghost on the cross. Now we are seeing that men's arrangements for nations and societies are coming to a

screaming halt. The earth can no longer sustain the ways of life that men have established for themselves. Because they have left God out of their equations, they have lost the only source of knowledge and wisdom for their planet.

But God has a remnant that has not bowed their knee to Baal. This is to say that He has set aside (sanctified) a people after His own name. Peter wrote *“..to the STRANGERS SCATTERED throughout Pontus, Galatia, Asia and Bithynia, ELECT according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”* I Pet.1: 1-2)

He was addressing strangers who were scattered but who were elect for God's purposes. The “elect” have been scattered from the beginning. They were chosen in Christ, but they were scattered like sheep without a shepherd. Yet, each of these have one thing in common, they know His voice. So when the great Shepherd sent His Holy Spirit into them, they heard His voice and followed Him.

“And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.” (Jn.10: 4-5)

This is how He has been gathering His sheep unto Himself. He calls them and they hear His voice and follow Him. I am sure that many of us have sometimes felt like sheep without a shepherd. We have traveled the route of going to one church after another. From time to time we have felt secure in their fold, but then again we heard His voice calling us from deep within, and we had to leave and move on. There are no other shepherds for us. We may have felt alone and abandoned, but we know that this is the way Jesus often felt too. We could be in a crowd of people and still feel alone because no one could understand us. For God's elect, there is no other way. There is no place for us to turn back to. Our destination is “perfection.” The Christ within has called us to become a complete new creation in Himself. This is what we are programmed to be.

The seed that had been planted in us has now been formed in us. The new man consists of the Christ (spirit) in union with our very soul (earth). This new creature has the mind of Christ, but bears the outer identity of our now justified, glorified and fully redeemed soul. It is when Christ has totally absorbed the death that was in our soul, that we are in perfect union with Him and perfection is reached.

Christ has been ruling within our spirits, He has possessed our souls and now He is taking over our entire house, even our bodies. As the dream shows, "He is home!!" We are coming to this place of perfection. The keys are on the bed, the Husband is now in the house of our entire spirit, soul and body. He has claimed His place in the "bedroom" and has left His fragrance all over the house. The working out of our own salvation is being completed. Hallelujah!

WHAT IS BEHIND THE VEIL?

When Jesus yielded up the ghost something phenomenal took place. *"And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many."* (Matt.27: 51-53)

First God rent the veil in two (top to bottom). After our Lord's resurrection, the saints who had been asleep came out of their graves and joined Him. They were actually seen in their bodies by many in the city.

Now the question arises about the veil that was rent, "was it the veil of the literal temple or was it the veil of the temple of His body?" *"Then said the Jews, forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body."* (Jn.2: 20-21)

The veil of the literal temple may well have been rent in two, but I believe that it was the veil of the "temple of His body" that released those who had been waiting in their graves for that day. It was at

that time that the way was opened for the spirits of *"just men made perfect"* (Heb.12:23b), to arise and take their place in Jesus. When Jesus triumphed over hell and death, He opened the way into the invisible Holy of Holies for all His firstfruits. Even now we have great hope for this and this hope is the anchor of our soul as we sail through all the doubts and fears of this life.

*"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and **which entereth into that within the veil**; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."* (Heb.6: 19-20)

Behind the veil, we find the Light of the Shekinah glory or the glorious light of His the presence. This area would have been in pitch darkness if it were not for the light of God's presence. *"The Lord said that he would dwell in the thick darkness."* (I Kgs. 8:12b)

There was no light of the sun, nor anything man-made to illuminate the little 10x10x10 cubic place. It would have been thick darkness were it not for God's glorious presence that gave it light. The dimensions of the place speak of the perfection that is attained through suffering and testing. A perfect cube speaks of perfection and ten is the number of testing. The city being foursquare, also speaking of the perfection of the church.

In that room sat the precious Ark of the Covenant. It was made of wood, overlaid inside and out with pure gold. The lid was a thick slab of pure gold called the Mercy Seat. There were two cherubims with wings touching at either end of the Mercy Seat.

Within the little Ark was found the Tables of the Law that God gave to Moses, the rod of Aaron that budded overnight and the golden pot of manna. I will not explain this in detail, but suffice it to say that this little Ark and its contents, is a perfect type of Jesus Christ, having overcome death in the flesh to become the new creation of God in the earth. This Ark is the type of the Lord, not only in Jesus, but in His entire Body. Indeed, the Lord came as a man in the flesh (wood) but when He arose from the

grave and overcame death in the flesh, He was as the Ark, overlaid inside and out with the pure nature of God (pure gold). He fulfilled the Law of Moses by laying His life down as the only acceptable sacrifice for sin. The rod of Aaron represents the power of resurrection that is a very part of His being. And the pot of manna, speaks of the Word of God that is stored and hidden within Him. He is the Ark of the Covenant of God.

Jesus the Head of the Body is now sitting at the right Hand of the Father, in the Holy of Holies, the place of His throne. *“For he must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”* (I Cor.15: 25-26) Jesus overcame death Himself but now He is taking His entire body to the same victory.

From our place here on earth, we enter the Holy of Holies or the realm of eternal life by hope. And our hope is founded on Jesus Christ who has entered in for us as our High Priest of a new order. Because of Jesus, we have access into eternal life. By the “renting of His flesh,” He has opened the way for us to enter behind the veil by hope. Paul tells us that what we are hoping for is the redemption of our bodies. (Rom.8: 23-25) Indeed, resurrection speaks of “body.” This is what Jesus obtained for Himself and for us. This is the glory of the new creation of God in Christ.

So Jesus is behind the veil, in this Holy of Holies which is the very presence of the Father. He is not alone, for the cherubims and angelic realm are there, and also those who joined Him and are now awaiting the better resurrection when they with us will be made perfect or complete, spirit, soul and body.

Those who had been asleep in their graves and were seen in the city after His resurrection, have now ascended and are found in Jesus behind the veil. The veil is not removed; it is still there, but it is rent in two. All His elect who had died before His resurrection are now with Him behind the veil, and all who have died since that time have also entered with Him. They are the ones that Jesus will bring with Him at His coming. *“For if we believe that Je-*

sus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” (I Thes.4: 14) They are asleep, meaning that they are very much alive but are in another state of consciousness. Just like when we sleep, we are not conscious of what goes on around us, but are often very active through dreams.

Some are even messengers to the saints. Remember the angel that came to John on Patmos. John had been awed by the things that this angel had shown him and he writes, *“..And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not; for I AM THY FELLOW SERVANT, AND OF THY BRETHREN THE PROPHETS, and of them which keep the sayings of this book.”* (Rev.22: 8-9) What an eye opener this is!!

Some of us have seen them in visions trying to push through the veil. Indeed they know that as soon as Jesus appears in us, they will also appear in bodies as we will. *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not PREVENT them which are asleep.”* (I Thes.4: 15)

The word PREVENT means PRECEDE which means to go before. This will all happen simultaneously, that is to say at the same time. It took a long time to get us there, but when the time is come and we are ready, our change will all happen in the blink of an eye.

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall ALL be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall ALL be changed.” (I Cor.15: 51-52)

In His resurrection, Jesus ripped open the separation that was set up between our soul and the realm of spirit where He and the Father dwell. In Eden, man's soul had lost access to the garden of the Spirit. Now in Christ, we can again enter in; howbeit we cannot just rush in as we are, there are fiery

swords to guard the way of the tree of life. This fire is ignited in our lives, as each day we embrace the way of the cross. There is no other way. Jesus is the only One who opens the way to salvation, but to go on to perfection, we are called to take up our cross and follow Him.

Up to now, we've only seen in part. In the Old Testament, God only spoke through prophets and certain anointed ones. In Christ, all His sheep have access to hearing His voice. When Jesus rose from the dead, He brought up those who had been in their graves, unto Himself.

To confirm this, He allowed for the saints that were in their graves waiting for Him, to be visibly seen in the city, and the records to be included in the Gospels. There are markers of confirmation throughout the Bible for us. So who is behind the veil? They are the saints who joined Jesus at the time of His resurrection, and all the firstfruit offerings that have joined Him ever since.

THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN

How many times have we been asked, "*What church do you belong to?*" Our answer is simple. We have belonged to various organizations in the past, but as of now, "*Ye (we) are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel." (Heb.12: 22-24)

We have indeed joined the fellowship of those who are behind the veil in Jesus. We do not talk to them and we usually do not see them, but they influence our lives and bring us messages, for they are in this innumerable company of angels.

WE HAVE COME TO THIS PLACE by hope.

This is where we belong and where our journey has brought us to. We have been made free from the doctrines and philosophies of man, and we are truly seated in heavenly places in Christ. "*And hath raised us up together (with Christ) and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*" (Eph.2:6)

We need to establish these truths in our hearts and minds, and to hold on to them. Our carnal minds are at work daily to rob them from us, but we must never tire of bringing them back into focus. This is who we are now. This is where we belong. We are being tested daily in this.

This is powerful because, if we are come to this place, then we have daily fellowship with the heavenly realm. We mentioned earlier that those whom Jesus will bring with Him are the brethren that were set free from their graves and they are some of the ones with whom we fellowship. Through the Holy Spirit, we are all being taught of God. "*It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*" (Jn.6: 45) By the Spirit I have seen some who were in school on the other side of the veil. This means that they as well as us are still being taught.

It is written of the angels, "*Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.*" (Heb. 1: 14) There came a day when Jesus was speaking with a Sadducee, a man who did not believe in the after death. He was explaining to him that after a man dies in the Lord, he is as the angels, "*For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*" (Matt.22:30)

Indeed, the spirits of just men made perfect are come to this place called the Church of the Firstborn. This is not referring to the perfection that we will all reach in Christ, but it refers to those who have walked the walk through the fires of testing and have reached the perfection they need at this time. Indeed, this is also our place of fellowship. We do not initiate any of this fellowship, but it does

take place continually in our lives. The veil is no longer a solid partition for us; it is rent in twain and the way has been made. We have already entered in by hope. On the other side of the veil, they are very eager for us to attain to our high calling in Christ for *"..they without us, should not be made perfect."* (Heb.11:40b) Oh precious fellowship!

MOUNT SION

"We are come unto Mount Sion." We know that this is not speaking of the actual hill of rock and dirt that lies outside Jerusalem, but that Mt. Sion represents the place of Christ rule in His church and in the world.

During the time of King David, Mt. Sion or Zion, was a stronghold of the Jebusites. No one had been able to go up and defeat them. However, King David went up and thoroughly defeated them and took over the mount, *"Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David."* (II Sam.5: 7)

After that, King David erected his palace there and ruled from Mount Zion. This is why, it is a perfect type of Christ's rule and reign over the church (New Jerusalem) and over the world.

"We have come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God..." This means that we have come to the time of the church (New Jerusalem) ruling and reigning with Christ. Each one who has been walking with Him knows that He is indeed ruling over His true church. He has been building her, feeding her and preparing her. He has been revealing Himself to her. She has been hid from the world but will appear visibly to the world.

The Lord gave his beloved servant John a preview, *"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband."* (Rev.21:2) Indeed, His church, His bride has been reserved in the world but not of it and her glory has been shrouded so that none would see her. But now she is beginning to appear to us in private, and soon she will make her debut in the world. Paul tells us how Christ has

been sanctifying her, that is setting her apart for His purpose so that *"He might present her to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that she should be holy and without blemish."* (Eph.5: 27) Then he adds, *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."* (Vs.30)

Our Lord is revealing Himself and His beloved bride, using the things that we are familiar with to make us understand the very reality of the eternal glory that shall soon be revealed in us. *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed IN US."* (Rom.8: 18)

This is the greatest love story ever lived. The beautiful Song of Songs portrays this bride as she is raised in the palace of the king (the religious orders of this world) while her heart continually pines for her beloved. Indeed, she was raised in a strange land, but she felt His love in her heart and she responded each day. He appeared occasionally, but then would seem to go away. *"My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the window, shewing himself through the lattice."* (S.of S.2:9)

Finally, she finds her way out of the wilderness and we see them as they appear, *"Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?"* (S.of S. 8:5a)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a fore-taste of glory divine...This is my story, This is my song...Praising my Savior all the day long." Thank you Father for the great love you bestowed upon us. Amen!

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*