TRANSITION INTO LIGHT

A. LIGHT – speaks of physical and mental illumination; spiritually speaking, it points to knowledge, inspiration, brightness, understanding, perception; it is associated with God's glory

- 1. Transformation is upon us:
- a. The Light Of The World (Jesus) transforms the "substance" of Earth (waterpots, vessels, filled with the water of the Word; a people of full stature; Eph. 4:13) into wine (the beverage at the banquet house; Luke 5:37-39), the substance of Heaven; John 2:1-11
- **b**. We are transformed by the "renewing of our minds"; Romans 12:2
- c. We are transformed (changed into His image) as we behold Him; 2 Corinthians 3:18
- d. "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising"; Isaiah 60:1-3
- **2.** God's people are exhorted to "Walk In The Light"; 1 John 1:7. Those who are walking in the light are getting BRIGHTER "But **the path of the just is as the shining light**, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"; Proverbs 4:18
- 3. God illuminates His people:
- a. They need oil, symbolic of the anointing of the Holy Spirit; Ex. 27:20; Matt. 25:1-13
- b. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"; Ps. 119:105
- c. God gives light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus; 2 Cor. 4:6
- 4. Jesus is called the "Sun"; Malachi 4:2, and His glorified saints are as "stars"; Daniel 12:3
- **a.** God's People Are "Children Of Light" "For you were formerly darkness, but now you are **light in the Lord**; walk as **children of light** for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth"; Ephesians 5:8-9 (NAS); Matthew 5:14; John 8:12
- 5. Various kinds of Light are described in Scripture:
- a. Cosmic, Natural Light Genesis 1:3-5; 14-18; Judges 19:26
- **b**. Glorious, Transforming Light Matt. 17:2 (that which is within manifests on the outside)
- c. Heavenly Light Acts 9:3-8; 22:9
- d. Angelic Light Luke 2:9; Acts 12:7
- e. Miraculous Light Exodus 10:23
- f. Artificial Light Acts 16:29
- g. Deceptive Light (satan is disguised as an angel of light) 2 Cor. 11:14-15
- **6**. The Bride has come to The Light:
- a. She has the eyes of a dove (a single focus; sees by the Holy Spirit); Song of Sol. 1:15; 4:1
- **b**. She "puts on" **the armor of light**; Romans 13:12
- c. The light of Her Beloved causes the "shadows to flee away"; Song of Sol. 2:17; 4:6
- d. She is "fair as the moon" and "clear (pure and bright) as the sun"; Song of Solomon 6:10
- **e**. The Perfected Bride, the Lamb's Wife is described as "...**Having the glory of God**, and her light was like unto a stone most precious..." Revelation 21:9-11
- 7. God spoke of a time when His people would have the light of seven days; Isaiah 30:26:
- a. There is ever increasing light as each "day" is fulfilled; 2 Peter 3:8; Ps. 90:4
- **b**. Each of the Seven Feast Days illustrates spiritual truth; they have historical, prophetic and personal applications; Leviticus 23:2-44. **Each "day" introduces more revelation** and the unfolding of God's glorious plan of Redemption. He takes us from glory to glory; 2 Cor. 3:18.

B. EYES WITHIN AND WITHOUT

- 1. The **Natural Eye(s)** is the organ of sight for the natural man:
- **a**. The O.T. priest was disqualified from offering the "bread of God" if he was blind or had a blemish in his eye; Lev. 21:18, 20 (physical blemishes/defects speak of spiritual, character flaws)
- **b**. Trusting in what the natural eye sees can be deceptive; Joshua 9:3-24
- c. The natural eye cannot see beyond the physical, external realm; 1 Samuel 16:7, 12
- 2. The **Spiritual Eye(s)** is the source of sight for the spiritual man or being; Proverbs 29:18:
- **a**. "For I always pray the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation of insight into mysteries and secrets in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him, by having **the eyes of your heart flooded with light**, so that you can know and understand the hope to which he has called you and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints His set apart ones"; Ephesians 1:17-18 (Amplified)
- **b**. "Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you"; Luke 11:34-36 (NIV)
- c. Spiritual eyes can see the "Stairway" (a Person), upon Whom the messengers ascend and descend; Gen. 28:12; John 1:51. The Bride is in the secret places of the stairs; Song of Sol. 2:14
- d. We are shown spiritual things when we are able to receive them; John 16:12-15
- 3. "Many Eyes" in Scripture symbolizes the eternal wisdom and knowledge of Christ:
- a. Ezekiel described spiritual beings who are "full of eyes" (covered with eyes); Ez. 1:18; 10:12
- **b.** John described living beings around the throne who are "full of eyes, before and behind"; and as being "full of eyes within"; Revelation 4:6-8
- **c**. John and Ezekiel saw living beings (Cherubim) with 4 faces (symbolic emblems), who have the ability to see and move in every direction; they are in union with the Mercy Seat.
- **d**. "Eyes Within" speaks of **inner vision**; Jer. 17:9-10. This is the ability to see into the "depths" with spiritual insight; **they perceive hidden truth**, which lies beneath the surface.
- **e**. When Isaiah had a vision of the Lord upon His throne, his "eyes within" saw what he really looked like; Isaiah 6:1-7. We are exhorted to examine ourselves; 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5
- f. "Eyes Without" are "watchful" and observant, having outer spiritual vision to discern.
- **g**. A rainbow around God's throne reveals One Who has an eternal, "full spectrum" of truth and light; Rev. 4:3. **He sees all** that transpires in every dimension at any given time; 1 John 1:5.
- 4. In Revelation 5:6, Jesus is described as a Lamb having Seven Horns and Seven Eyes:
 - **a**. 7 horns are symbolic of His complete omnipotence (He has all power and authority)
- **b.** 7 eyes are symbolic of **His complete omniscience** (all-knowing, all-seeing); Job 34:21
- c. His eyes are described as "flames of fire"; Rev. 1:14; 19:12. He "searches us"; Ps. 26:2
- **5**. The EYE(S) of The Lord is associated with:
- **a**. His Omniscience 2 Chronicles 16:9: "For **the eyes of the Lord run to and fro** throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them who heart is perfect toward him..."
- **b**. His Justice Amos 9:8
- c. His Holiness Habakkuk 1:13
- **d**. His Guidance Psalm 32:8
- e. His Protection Psalm 33:18