

His bride is beautiful to behold

(is He talking about you?)

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If so many things (wrongs things – I have to say) are happening right now that it's almost impossible to not to make a mistake to get the wrong picture about the bride of Christ. I'm talking about the real one. Sometimes we have the picture of the bride of Christ painted by what we hear out there or by what we see. But guess what? That bride is not His bride – the chose one. Now it's time to sit at His feet and hear what He has to say about His bride. So, hear what the Spirit is saying about His bride: She is coming out of this mess, gloriously, and He wants to display the beauty of His bride!

Months ago, the Lord was challenging me with worship Him in front of people. I really did want to do it. Then I started trying to negotiate with Him, without any success. Then He took me to the book of Esther: **“ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing her royal crown, in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she was beautiful to behold. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command brought by his eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, and his anger burned within him.”** Esther 1:10-12

And He showed me that just like Vasti I was refusing to come before His presence. It was a difficult request because for me worshipping Him it is something very personal. For example, I will never expose my relationship with my husband and now I saw Him asking exactly to do the same. Plus: I'm not a good singer either a good player. But I guess He appreciates my heart. He told me: “If you don't want to do it, I will pick somebody else.” Then, He led me to the rest of the passage.

“ If it pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will not be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.” Esther 1:19

The fear of the Lord came upon me. Not the fear of being punished but the fear of losing Him! I cried and I trembled and a weak yes came out of my mouth to my King's request. After my act of obedience, He, so full of love, started explaining to me how important that request was. He showed me that He wants to display the beauty of His bride. He wants to display the passion between His bride and the bridegroom. So our love history will provoke jealousy in others and they will desire to have this kind of relationship with Him. Also He wants to encourage those who have heard Him calling to the presence of the King but have refused to show up because they feel disqualified. They don't sing or play or dance like so and so. They don't even speak perfect English. It doesn't matter. He wants to display the beauty of His bride! Esther is at the door. So, it's better to take our place.

Two months later, God gave me a dream. In my dream I saw this man totally covered with gold. It was not only gold dust. It was thick, pure gold. It was not only on his face, but around his arms, hair, his whole body was covered with gold. Then the Lord told me this: “ Gold has been a sign of my glory. I have shown my glory through those signs and wonders. But the time is coming and now it is I will display my glory from the inside out of my Church. My church, my bride will shine my glory as never before. I will present her to myself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. She will be seen as a holy and without blemish bride. Again He told me: His glorious Church is coming out!

Few days ago, during our H.O.T. Prayer Meeting He gave me a vision. I was at the garbage dump in Nicaragua: piles and piles of junk, broken glasses, plastic, ashes, garbage everywhere, dirty ponds, dust all around. Then I saw a bride coming out of the garbage. I didn't see her face. The Lord was showing me her dress. It was totally white! Pure white! No spot! No stain! Nothing! Completely clean! If you have been at the garbage dump you will agree with me: it's IMPOSSIBLE not to get dirty. But His bride was completely clean which impressed me a lot! Then the Lord spoke to me:

“ My bride is coming out of the garbage. Out of the dirty waters, without life, out of the broken pieces, out of the ashes. Although her dress remains spotless, pure white. She is coming out of places that nobody ever thought about. What you have been hearing about her, it’s not about her. All the negatives things it’s not about her. It’s not about my bride. It’s about a harlot who thinks is my bride. My bride, the bride of Christ, is getting ready. Pure. Spotless. Sinless. She hasn’t drink out of the dirty wells. She has not bowed before any idol. She hasn’t kiss strangers. She is getting ready for Me. She has oil in Her lamp. She is preserving her virginity with all her strength. The most important thing: she has preserved our intimacy. She has her ears protected against the voice that deceives. I have revealed myself to her. He has revealed herself to me. Soon the whole world will see her coming out of the ashes. Her beauty will be seen. She is mine. I’m hers. Out of the dirty waters, out of the ashes, out of the broken pieces of a kingdom built by men, she is coming. She is coming gloriously! “

Isaiah 61:10/62:5 - Ephesians 5:25-27 (New King James Version)

“ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ 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.”

Glory! That made me think: how many brides will He take for Himself? Only one – the real one. The spotless, holy, without blemish one. Let it be me!!!! She is coming out, gloriously! Let’s put on our royal crown. Let’s clothe ourselves with His righteousness. Let’s go out and meet Him! It’s showtime! His bride is beautiful to behold. Let the whole world to see her.

In Him,

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