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## A R I S E   S H I N E

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### *Isaiah 60:1-3*

*1 Arise, shine;*

*For your light has come!*

*And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.*

*2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,*

*And deep darkness the people;*

*But the LORD will arise over you,*

*And His glory will be seen upon you.*

*3 The Gentiles shall come to your light,*

*And kings to the brightness of your rising.*

**The glory of the Lord is rising. God is rising over a people who know Him. A people who know Him are known by Him and have become one with Him. They have daily waited before Him in prayer to seek His face, to learn to hear His voice and obey Him. They have set aside all other loves to love Him and Him alone. He has become the object of their love and affection. They obey the first command to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. It is this group separate from the others that will begin to reveal His glory and shine with the revelation of Him. It is through this people rising that Christ will reveal Himself. He will manifest His glory, His power, His authority, His strength through them. This is the church called to become the revealers of Him. They will see Him and in seeing Him know Him, they will be known by Him and by this experiential knowledge they will reflect Him. They will become a light shining brighter and brighter in the growing darkness. As they rise with Christ, the light He is, will begin to shin through them and as they rise the Gentiles and kings will come to their light and the brightness of their rising.**

### *Isaiah 60:1*

*1 Arise, shine;*

*For your light has come!*

*And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.*

**His light, their light rising will reveal or expose the darkness. The brightness of the light will begin to reveal the depth of the darkness. The separation of the precious from the vile will show what is precious and what is vile. The separation will show the world what is His and what is not. Who belong to Him and who belong to the harlot. The true church, His bride, from the false church, the harlot. The Light, His glory, will only be seen over an overcoming church. The bride who has made herself ready for the bridegroom. The bride who has washed her garment and is without spot or wrinkle. It is His glorious church that will rise to reveal His glory. It is this people, this church that has embraced the fire of Christ purifying Word, the washing water of His Word, that will shine with the light of His answer. The answer**

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is Christ and it is only Christ that this church will reveal. This church will be wholly in love with Christ. Their hearts will be on fire for Him. They will love Him with all and it will be this consuming love, this holy zeal, that will create the distinction. The heat of the furnace that will separate the gold from the dross and produce the pure light of Christ rising to overcome the darkness.

**Malachi 4:1-3**

1 *“For behold, the day is coming,  
Burning like an oven,  
And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble.  
And **the day** which is coming shall burn them up,”  
Says the LORD of hosts,  
“ That will leave them neither root nor branch.*

*The day which is coming shall burn them up. The day of light will burn up the darkness. Darkness will be swallowed up by the rising light of a new day. Judgement in the house of God will proceed The Sun of Righteousness rising with healing in His wings.*

2 *But to you who fear My name  
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise  
With healing in His wings;  
And you shall go out  
And grow fat like stall-fed calves.*

3 *You shall trample the wicked,  
For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet  
On **the day** that I do this,”  
Says the LORD of hosts.*

To those who fear His name He will show himself strong. To those who love Him with all their hearts He will rise to reveal Himself. He will draw them to Himself to make them holy and a great gulf will grow between the righteous and the wicked. The wicked will grow more wicked and the righteous will more fully reveal the light. The gray tones will disappear and the contrast between the light and the dark will become more pronounced.

**Proverbs 4:18**

18 *But the path of the just is like the shining sun,  
That shines ever brighter unto **the perfect day.***

**Jeremiah 23:20**

20 *The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart.  
**In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.***

**Isaiah 60:2**

*2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the people;  
But **the LORD will arise over you,**  
And **His glory will be seen upon you.***

**Malachi 5: 17 - 18**

*“They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.”*

*“Then you shall again discern **Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.***

The day is coming when we will see the righteous. We will know the people of God from those who pretend to be the people of God. Those who love to play church will be separated from those who desire to be the church. The righteous, by reason of change into the image of Christ, will be separated from the wicked. The wicked are the half hearted that pose to be fully committed in the church of God. They become an overwhelming harlot force that threatens to overtake the bride. They create the false within the true. They are the dim lights, the fence sitters, the lukewarm, that keep the church from becoming red hot. They become a diluting force working within the church to water down the wine. They are the planting of Satan in the field of wheat. They are tares and at the time of the end the angels of the Lord are sent to remove them from the field of God. Christ will vomit them from His mouth.

**Revelation 3:14-17**

*14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,*

*‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will vomit you out of My mouth.** 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—*

The warning now is to repent to see our true condition and begin to make ourselves ready. We think we are rich, wealthy and in need of nothing, but we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. It is now that we must see with eyes that have been anointed to see. We are called to be zealous. To become filled with fire of Christ’s own zeal.

*18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore **be zealous** and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

Christ calls us to be zealous. To have and reveal the fire of God. He calls us to have a burning zeal, a sin burning love for Him. A zeal that consumes the apathy, the indifference, and sets our hearts on fire for

**Him and Him alone. It will be those who love Him with a fervent love that will obey Him and it is only those who obey that will be raised to sit with Him on His Fathers throne and reign with Him.**

***Revelation 3:21***

*21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

***Isaiah 60:3***

*His glory will be seen upon you.*

*3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.*

**It is only those who obey Christ that will be able to walk with the One, the true Son who only did that which pleased His Father. We can not line up behind Christ to call ourselves Sons, if we refuse to obey the Father like the true Son did. Those who call themselves sons but do not obey will be revealed for what they are. The rising light will reveal them as impostors. Impostors that are in truth His enemy. The contrast is growing. The light will pull off their mask of the masqueraders.**

***Matthew 12:30***

*30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.*

**To be gathered to Christ is to be changed into His image. To be conformed to Him. To become one with the light of His glory. It is to arise and shine. To wake up and put on Christ.**

***Isaiah 52:1-3***

*1 Awake, awake!*

*Put on your strength, O Zion;*

*Put on your beautiful garments,*

*O Jerusalem, the holy city!*

*For the uncircumcised and **the unclean***

***Shall no longer come to you.***

*2 Shake yourself from the dust, arise;*

*Sit down, O Jerusalem!*

*Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck,*

*O captive daughter of Zion!*

**We are to put on our strength, to put on Christ. To put on our beautiful garment. A garment the radiates the Son. That reveals Christ. We do this by taking the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God to cut ourselves loose from the bonds that are around our necks. We are to free ourselves from our captivity to the world and the demonic. We are to lose ourselves from the entanglements of a lukewarm church. That is in love with the world and not Christ.**

***Ephesians 5:13-14***

*But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”*

***1 Thessalonians 5:5***

***You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.***

**We must awake. Wake up to rise up. It follows that those who awake will be those who arise. If we remain sleeping we will miss Christ’s visitation and our high calling. Now is the time to rid ourselves of all that puts us asleep. Cut ourselves free from the bands of our neck. ARISE SHINE.**