

TWO WORLDS



Deliverance from Man
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She would sit on that bench in the park with a grocery cart stuffed with all her earthly belongings. If you came and sat on that bench and waited, she would tell you a story that would fill you with awe. She could transport you into another world simply with her words. Nobody knew where she came from. Mary just appeared one day on that bench. And for three years, summer and winter, every day she would sit and wait. Whenever someone came by and listened, Mary would lift them into her world.

Then one day she was gone. She was never seen again.

Those of us who opened our hearts to her, maybe shared a few dollars, or brought her some groceries, knew that Mary's stories were not fiction.

She talked about God with such power and such joy that heaven sent glory upon that bench as Mary spoke. Through this strange woman many of us were introduced to another world:

God's World.

So now we walk this earth like everyone else.

But we are actually living in God's World.

God's World has been at work in this world for a long, long time.

Jacob's Ladder



In his dream he saw a ladder rising up to heaven with angels swiftly moving up and down upon it. From far above Jacob heard the voice of God speaking directly to him.

When he awoke, Jacob was terrified. "This is none other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven!"

That night, the old world of Jacob the cheater vanished. Jacob was now in God's World where he would learn what it's like to be cheated again and again the way he cheated his brother, Esau.

Yet Jacob would be watched over, protected and blessed by God for the rest of his days.

God's World is a mystery. It seems to come and go like those angels on the heavenly ladder.

God's World is the Reality behind everything that happens on this troubled earth.

God's World remains mostly hidden until "the appointed time".

But God's World is already at work among us.

Daniel's Prophecy

Daniel revealed God's World to King Nebuchadnezzar long ago.

"You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening."



This world, with its movers and shakers is the terrifying image. It appears to have great power and glory.

But its days are numbered.

"The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay."

Observe those feet of iron mixed with clay.

At the bottom of all the pomp and glory is weakness.

Its power is a fraud. Its glory is a lie.

“As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found.

But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”

Daniel 2

The Stone

The stone is God’s World.

The stone is God speaking.

When Jesus arrives, he is the stone in its final form.



***“The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe the good news!”***

Mark 1

To the movers and shakers of this world Jesus seems weak.

He possesses no wealth.

He carries no sword.

He commands no army.

Yet the moment Jesus breathes his last on that cross, those feet of iron and clay begin to tremble.

No wonder there’s an earthquake!

And when Jesus steps out of his tomb, never to die again, the iron and clay begin to shake.

Another earthquake.

Yes, the image of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream is still standing.

But not for long.

The hour is near when those feet of iron and clay, the gold, silver, bronze and iron, will turn to dust.

Even now God’s World is the only world worth living in.

It’s the treasure hidden in a field.

It’s the mustard seed that will fill the earth.

The door to God's World is open.

The Master calls us to leave the image behind and follow him into Reality.

Until God's World arrives in its fullness we enter it by faith every day.

Every day we leave the image behind and walk in the Light.

Until God's World is all there is.

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22



All Things New

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Prayer- Lord though we live in two worlds, connect our hearts to your world. May the desires, concerns and troubles of this world crumble to dust in our hearts as we are struck by the stone of your Word. Lord, may your Word become a mountain within us and be our enduring reality. Help us to cherish it and to walk in its light each day until we dwell in the world where you are ever enthroned and we shall see your face and you alone shall be our light, our world. Amen.

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