

The Lamb And The Dove

- To Be Led Or Misled -

St. Matthew 3:16-17, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (see also St. John 1:29-34)

Psalm 78:52-53, "But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies."

In the same Psalm we read in verse 14: *"In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire."* And we know, that this cloud, that went before them in a pillar of a cloud (Numbers 14:14), was the anointing. Moses couldn't go into the tabernacle as long as the cloud remained upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tent. And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys (Exodus 40:34-38).

When God first appeared to man, it was in a pillar of fire. Every Bible reader knows, that the pillar of fire, that was in the desert, is the Logos - the Angel of the covenant, which is Christ, for He said: "Before Abraham was, am I!" He was the "I AM".

That was God in holiness. Even when a man would have touched the mountain, he would have died for it (Exodus 19:1-25).

The pillar of fire is in the form of spirit, what was upon the Son of man (Mat. 3:16-17). And It has come now, to anoint sons of men, and to bring back a ministry, just exactly as He said, it would be, and to join the head with the rest of the body.

What did He do in the first Exodus? He brought them out of a natural land by Moses into a natural promised land. At the second Exodus, two thousand years ago, He brought them out of a spiritual condition - the Judaism - to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which happened through the Son of man, Jesus Christ, the Word Himself. Now He brings them from the baptism of the Holy Spirit direct into the Millennium and then into the great by and by. He calls His people out of the denominations, direct into the presence of Jesus Christ - right into the presence of Jesus Christ - into the heavenly land. It is the same pillar of fire, through the same anointed system. For God was the fire, and the pillar of fire only anointed the prophet.

We must know, that the same pillar of fire, the same anointing Spirit is leading us to the promised land. Oh, praise the Lord! We don't have a text book, no connecting thread, but the Bible. We don't have a leader, no bishop, but the Spirit of God.

A man was created to depend completely on God. That is the reason that we are compared with lambs or sheep. A sheep cannot lead itself. It must have a leader, and the Holy Spirit must guide us. In this way man is created, and God made all His works so simple, that the most simple could understand it. God makes Himself simple with the simple, in order to be understood by the simple. Doesn't His Word say in Romans 8:14,

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Now a serious question is directed to us: Are we led by the Spirit of God? You are led by your spirit, life and nature. Are we sheep of His pasture? Can the pillar of fire - the Holy Spirit - lead us into the promised land Canaan? Someone guides us! It is written in Psalm 25:9,

"The meek will he guide in judgement: and the meek will he teach his way."

I ask myself whether we are lambs. A lamb is obedient and selfless. It doesn't even claim what belongs to it. You can lay it down, and take off the wool, it will not complain, and will sacrifice everything it has - that is a lamb. It gives everything, itself and everything it has. The same way it is with a real believer. True believers, if they are true, will sacrifice themselves. They don't give anything more for the things in this world, but they give everything they have to God. Well, Christ was the perfect lamb.

Today the true believer stands under the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, and identifies himself with the sacrificial lamb - it is as perfect as can be. You see, in the old testament a lamb was sacrificed, the most innocent animal we

have. When God proved Jesus Christ, He presented Him as a lamb, and when God wanted to identify Himself, He presented Himself in the form of a dove. From all birds the dove is the most innocent and pure, and the lamb is the most innocent and pure of the animals. There you see, when Jesus was baptized by John, the Bible says: "*He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.*" When it would have been a wolf or any other animal, the nature of the lamb could not have agreed with it then. This was only possible with the Lamb. **Both of these natures came together, for they agree with each other.**

Can you see now the predestination? He was born as a lamb, He grew up as a lamb and He died as the Lamb of God. **Therefore the Lamb is the only kind of spirit nature, that can receive the Word and Christ.** The rest of them will try to get it. But how can you put the spirit of God upon the nature of a wolf? It is furious and malicious, there He could not dwell. The Holy Ghost would flee immediately. What would have happened, when the dove would have been descended and would have found another animal, instead of the Lamb? It would have flown back as quickly as possible. But when it found the nature it agreed with, a unity took place then. Then the dove leads the lamb. Watch, it leads the lamb to the slaughtering. The lamb was obedient to the dove. No matter, where it was led to, it was willing to go.

In St. John 10:27-29 we read:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Isn't this wonderful? In verse 1-5 we read in the same chapter:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 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 flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers" (St. John 10:1-5).

His sheep will truly follow Him, His voice. And His voice sounded again in these days through His angel, through His messenger. The elected listen to the voice of the seventh angel, they come out of the denominations, out of the religious confusion, and follow the Word of the hour, the pillar of fire (Revelation 10:7). Nobody - no devil, not the power of hell can pull His sheep out of His hand. Oh, what a security we have in JESUS CHRIST, and JESUS CHRIST is the Word of God! JESUS said: "My sheep know My Word." You say: "...hear my voice." That is His Word. "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word." You see, the predestinated ones know it. They will not follow a strange Word or a strange voice.

Do you know the reason, why the predestinated ones cannot be deceived? The reason is, because they are a part of the promised Word for this day. They are like the life that's in the roots, it cannot deny itself. They are the Word in this certain time of the Word. They cannot be something else, they cannot hear anything else, and they don't know anything else.

Therefore we don't need to worry about the elected ones. They will come out of their error and will enter into CHRIST. They will be prepared, and will be ready for the rapture. Then through this glorious endtime-message, we come back to the original Word of God, to the nature of a lamb. In this way we come under the blood, while we submit ourselves willingly under every Word, the way it was revealed in our time in the full light of God. Yes, how wonderful, in the evening time it became light (Zechariah 14:7)! And He, JESUS CHRIST, the Bridegroom, the Word of God is also the Lamb of God. But the bride is a part of the Bridegroom, she is a part of the Word of God and a part of the Lamb of God. The nature of a lamb is in her.

If we now try to follow the message of this hour, **we should live constantly in the life of CHRIST. If not, you will remain fruitless, although you know of these things, but you don't do them.**

We cannot remain standing behind. We have to follow Him every day and every hour, step by step on the way. We have to be led on from the LORD JESUS CHRIST. If not, we live a life of organisations. Whosoever does not follow CHRIST daily is not worthy of Him.

But only a born again Christian will follow Christ. To be a Christian, means to be like Christ, to have His Spirit.

Here is a great comparison; but yet mentioned: If you call a pig a sheep, will it become a sheep then? If you would say: "I am fed up with you being a pig! I want a lamb! I will take you out, I will clean you up and brush your teeth. I will comb your hair and in this way I will make a lamb out of you; I will put a pink ribbon on your neck, and you will be a lamb instead of a pig." Then you say to it: "little lamb, little lamb", but it will continue to grunt. If you let him loose in the pork-stable, it will eat up all dirt. And the world is the big pork-stable. It is not the sprinkling that you perform, it is not that you

put it under the water - it is to die what counts, a birth! Yes, you say, 'I will feed him with clover. I will give him food for lambs'. You can feed him with whatever you want, it will remain a pig, that's all. Why? It's a pig from its nature.

If you love the world and do the things of the world, you are still a pig. Only through the power of God, your soul can be transformed. Die as a pig, put your dirty habits on the altar, put yourself on the altar and become a sacrifice of God! Let the fire of judgement come down and be consumed as a pig and let Him make a lamb out of you, through the new birth! Then you will eat dirt no longer, you cannot digest it anymore. You cannot make a lamb out of a pig, just saying: it is a lamb. If somebody is called a Christian, because of a creed or because of an experience of emotions and says: "Glory to God! I have danced all night in the Spirit, I have spoken in tongues. Oh, I had experiences in various ways, but I want to say this to you, don't start to talk with me about the baptism in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, about the Godhead, the seed of the serpent and the other things...." Come to me, little pig, you are not anything more!

The Lord speaks: "My sheep hear my voice!" I speak about the true, hundred percent born again Christian, born of the Spirit of God through the Word of truth, the incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23; Eph. 1:13-14), who has the dew drops of heaven in his life.

You don't need to say to a sheep: "You must produce wool!" That is the problem with the Pentecost people today and the whole Christianity: They try to produce something. A sheep does not need to be asked to produce wool, but it simply wears wool. You also wear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), His promised Word, the right doctrine, it's automatically lived. Experience the new birth, and it will happen by itself! You don't need to ask: "Do I have to study all night, listen to tapes or to read, do I have to do this or that, or to join here or there? Do I have to go through these creeds, through this penance or penitential practices?" No! Just die and be born again! That's it. It must come out of the inside, then for the outside will be cared of. This body of sin will be subjected more and more to the interior man. Through a sprinkling or washing with water it will not work, the same way you cannot change a pig to a lamb. But if somebody has the nature of a lamb, he will never again be a pig.

If you have the nature of a lamb, that means the nature of the Word, then you will receive the Word anytime. The Word became flesh. The Word was God (St. John 1:1-5.14-16). And the Word - CHRIST - is in you. You have become sons and daughters of God, seed of Abraham, His offsprings, and you believe His Word (Gal. 3:7-9.29).

If you still love the way and trend of this world and the spirit of the times, you are deceived (I John 2:15-17). Your sacrifice has not been

received then and your name has not been changed yet. **Do you know now what it means to be born again? Your name has been changed and you will become a new creature (II Cor. 5:17). First you have to die, and then be born again.** If God is your Father, you are born into the family of God. Then you look for the things of God, you ponder about that what is on high, and not what is on earth (Col. 3:1-3). Then you are a child of God, and your nature is God's nature.

How heavenly it is when you can experience Psalm 23 personally:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

And we know, that our precious endtime message is the stored food, which is only given for the lambs. It is only for them, and only lambs can take it. Through this food, the revealed Word of God, they become strong, beautiful at the inner man and wear the desired wool - the virtues of JESUS CHRIST (II Peter 1:3-11 and I Peter 2:9-10). The Word of God has become flesh again in His Word-Bride.

Only true lambs will be at the wedding supper of the Lamb, for the Bridegroom is the Lamb of God, and we are a part of Him.

"Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God" (Revelation 19:6-9)

Sheep of God will have no need, they lay down at green pastures and are led beside still waters. They are camping and resting in the hidden of the Highest and shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91). We know, that JESUS CHRIST is the Good Shepherd. He has given His life for His sheep (St.John 10:11-18). It is not the work of the sheep, to keep the wolf away. That is the job of the shepherd. But the sheep must be in order with the Shepherd, in order to be kept secure. Our secure-line is in CHRIST, and CHRIST is the Word - that is the security line. The devil is indeed a smart cunning bird. He knows how he has to knock down the things, before they can ever start, he understands this. **And the only thing you can do to beat him, is to depend upon CHRIST, to humble yourself, and let Him have the leadership.** You can never do it in another way.

Therefore we want to examine ourselves, if the dove - the Spirit of God - can guide us, if we are lambs of God. Even if we are little, new born lambs,

very weak and without wool, in the process of growing, we all grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST (II Peter 3:18). The virtues of God grow, in the same way as the wool of the lamb, without own efforts. This heavenly nature of the Lamb is in us, we are changed, transformed, and are ready to do everything, He wants us to do. Why? Because we love Him so much, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST, that we say totally yes to His Word and are joyful ready to do it. His great and endless love has broken our heart. Caused by His love, His Spirit - this capstone-inspiration - we as the body will be united with Him, our head.

Now something more about the characteristics of the lamb and the dove:

There is nothing sweeter and meeker than a little lamb. It is innocent, it does not affirm itself, it is not arrogant. It is a friendly and meek creature. And when God wanted to represent CHRIST to the world, He represented Himself in a lamb. JESUS, Himself is God as a lamb. *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world"* (St. John 1:29).

The lamb has not a great meaning from itself. When a lamb gets lost, it is helpless lost, for a sheep will not find its way back. That is the reason, that a goat leads a sheep into death... There is no way that we find by ourselves, and there is only one possibility to do it, while we surrender ourselves to the great Shepherd, and He, JESUS CHRIST, the Holy Spirit overtakes the leading.

Besides this, the lamb is willing to give up its rights and to leave its wool. God wants us to be lambs. But very often we don't want to give up our rights. But we are obligated to be a lamb, in order to be led by the dove (Romans 8:14). But we men want our rights. We want to do that what we think to be the right. Then we become arrogant, enemy, indifferent, superficial, we irritate and let in selfishness. But cross out once the way of a Christian, and you will find out whether he is a lamb or a goat. But come across against him, and you will find out what he is...

The dove - the Holy Spirit - will go no other place than to the lamb. It was a quiet lamb. You don't own legal rights! The only right you have, is to give up your own will towards God, and from this moment on, God overtakes the leading. That's right, you must be led by the Holy Spirit. And the only way to be led by the Holy Spirit is, to remain meek, not to know a lot. Oh, you say, I know a lot. You know all the books, all answers, all Greek and all the Hebrew... and you have no room for the dove. You know everything, therefore the dove cannot lead you, because you know too much. The lamb does not claim to know something. It rather needs somebody, that can lead it!!

Become a fool to the world, that you can be led by the Holy Spirit. What a peaceful day breaks, when we give up our rights to become a lamb! Come

back to a lamb, come back to become friendly, come back in order to know nothing, come back to surrender yourself only to Christ! Don't try to know anything. Only walk meek, quiet, humble, friendly, and the dove will lead you.

Just become a lamb! The Holy Spirit will right come down, when you become a lamb. But if you have wrong motives and wrong ideas, and you want your own way, and you are not willing to give up your way, then the Holy Spirit will never come. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry (I Samuel 15:23).

Don't let us forget: The dove, the Holy Spirit, the love of God, the Capstone itself, will only come down on the nature of a lamb abiding there eternally!

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