



TRUSTWORTHY

Beloved, we know we can depend upon HIM, but can He depend upon us? As true children of God, we are, in these days, meditating and seeking to be ready for the great day of His appearing – yes, to be ready for the coming of our Bridegroom. Many Christians are asking, “What can we do to be ready for that secret coming?” Only the other day, a lady wrote us, and said; “If there is one thing that I am praying and longing for, these days, it is that I might be ready for that secret coming – when Jesus comes to take His bride away, to live forever with Him – to be at the marriage Super of the Lamb”. Yes, we know that we can trust Him, beloved, but can He trust us?

There is a verse in Prov.31:11- That is written for us. Let us consider it, today. *“Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her.”* Can it be said of us, that He can safely trust us? Yes, He is longing these days to make up a bride in whom He can trust. It’s necessary that we be found faithful, the Word says; and also, that we be obedient – that we have wisdom – that we have understanding. All of these characteristics are so very necessary, indeed; they are required for the Bride of Christ. Also, does He find we are wholly obedient to Him? Does His heart discover in us full obedience, -- that we are one with Him – that we desire no other love but His love – that we have an undivided heart –that we belong altogether to HIM? Precious Jesus! Let us look forward to meeting these requirements.

Not only must we have His wisdom, but we must be clothed with His humility; be found fully in His truth; having His understanding; keeping His commandments, and having no will of our own. His will is the will that we must be united with, walking in the way of His life and His truth continually. Oh, it means something, dear ones, to be ready for Him, and that is what this verse means! *“The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her.”*

Oh, may God help us to see the necessity of knowing Him so well and being so clothed with His humility and with His wisdom, with His righteousness, with His holiness, with His purity, that we shall have nothing of ourselves. Yes, in order to be ready for Him, we must be like Him – we must be qualified. We must meet the requirements. There must be none of self in us. The flesh must be gone. Indeed, we must be like our Beloved! We must have no other lovers but Him.

Are we meeting these requirements? Are we seeking? Are we asking? Are we knocking day by day, all the day long, to be like unto Him so that He may be able to put “trust” in us? Of course, we can trust HIM. We can depend upon the Lord, but can the Lord depend upon us? That is the question. If He cannot trust us, we cannot expect to be among that number that will be in the Bride of Christ and sit down with Him at the Marriage Super of the Lamb. How we need to be delivered from every hindrance of the

self-life! We need to be set free! We need to come to that place where He will look upon us, and say, "*Thou art Mine*". (Isa.43:1) "*Thou art all fair...*" (Song Sol. 4:7)

We say, along with so many other earnest Christians, "Oh, we long to be ready to be in the Bride of Christ. We long to be ready for that secret coming." Dear ones, are we doing what is requisite? Are we living, today, the way Jesus wants us to live? Oh, He would speak to our hearts that we might truly seek Him, pleading with Him to change our lives, and make us ready when the call comes, "Go ye forth to meet HIM!" (Matt.25:6) It's a great day, and it won't be too long, now. Oh, to be in His likeness, live always beholding His Face. This must be accomplished in us now. This is the day of our salvation. Now is the accepted time. Oh, may God help us to turn away from all things of the world, of the flesh and of the natural, and be united to our Beloved! We must, indeed, be united to Him here and now, else we cannot be united to Him when He comes.

Speak to our hearts, dear Jesus, as we see the Day approaching. Do we know you better, Jesus? Are we more like You, today, than yesterday? Are we more filled with Your Spirit? More clothed with Your lowliness and meekness? Are we becoming pure as You are pure? Oh, to be ready for You! Dear heart let us pray as we have never prayed! Let us seek as we have never sought! The enemy of our souls is going about to deceive, if he can, even the very elect. (Matt.24:24) God is dealing with us; He is speaking to us, in great love, "Come! Come away from all of self, that I may unite you to MYSELF!" Surely, He is coming for those who have overcome fully and care for naught but Himself! That is His call. That is His desire. Let us turn from all things, and look full into His lovely face! "Let the beauty of our God be upon us", that we may be ready, in the hour of His appearing!

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