



Are We The Church at Sardis

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My dear ones, my prayer for all of us this week is to come back fully to Jesus, to push the world out of our lives, to find Him in that enclosed garden of our hearts, and cherish every moment with Him.

You see the Lord has been giving me the church at Sardis, and I wasn't sure what that meant. I was afraid it was about me, and finally yesterday, He revealed the truth to me. If the church at Sardis was about some of the heart dwellers, then I am to blame, for I believe that as the shepherd goes, so will the sheep. So, I had to really examine my conscience, and there I found the truth.

To the Church in Sardis

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

I've been struggling with a balancing act, in the midst of a building program while providing for those here on the mountain, for ourselves and prayer time. Notice how I just put providing for those on the mountain before prayer time. The truth is that every time I go to pray there is some kind of interruption, not just someone needing my attention, but also my thoughts...“Oh you'd better order that compost toilet...or you'd better add fire starter to the list...or you'd better see to it there are enough vitamins and herbal medicines, or you'd better put fruit on the list, etc, etc, ad infinitum...in other words without end! And it didn't help any that Ezekiel and I were in the same room. We are the kind of married couple that get cold when the other is hot, or want loud worship when the other needs silence. We managed as best we could but it was definitely a trial and difficult teaching in patience and brotherly love. I say teaching, because for us, the Lord teaches us through His own lesson plans, not from books. And this was course in patience was a doozy!

And rather than being strong and resisting the impulse to jump up (I used to jot it down for

later) I pop up like a wind-up clown and get it done!!! This has ravaged the vineyard guys... my preoccupation with all these details has left the Lord waiting for me to return. Finally, He became invisible...and I don't blame Him, I had abandoned the vineyard to the little foxes who were consuming the fruit, why should He stand by and watch such a pitiful sight?

Getting the church at Sardis, several times over the past month finally got me to stop, look and listen. Not only that but I missed Him terribly, for days, weeping and knowing that in my heart I had acted foolishly. But in His mercy, finally yesterday He made Himself visible, with a big smile, and my heart just melted.

Now I want to deliver his message to all of you heart dwellers.

Lord, why do you keep giving me (impressions of) the church in Sardis?

Rev 3:1 "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."

Because there are many among you who are not taking My Words with seriousness and gravity and living them to the fullest. I need you to repent for being lax and pay strict attention to what's going on in your hearts. Boot the world out, out, out! Focus on Me and our eternity together. Do not bring the world into this sacred space. Put all your doings with the world aside and give Me all your available time. Make room for Me by putting aside shopping, entertainments, idle conversations, and curiosities. Much is going on in the world this week that is toxic to your souls. It will bring fear into your heart and mind. Oh, how I want you to approach the altar with pure love and expectation of all that I have for you. I want this to be a week of spiritual concentration on our nuptial vows.

But, if you feed on what satan is brewing, you will miss it. Your mind will be cluttered and unfit to receive the graces I have in store for you. I will protect you, but you must do your part and shun those things that have nothing to do with eternity.

"My love, it is not My intention to chastise - rather it is My intention to correct the course so you will arrive at the destination. Many are still far too preoccupied with what is going on in the world and their plans for this week. You are being tempted daily to veer off course. I must say you have done well to ignore those things that keep trying to snag your attention. Hold to My directions and put away everything that can be ignored and put aside. You will never regret it.

"And, for the rest I say: tighten down the hatches, and keep the world out - the seas are rough and foreboding. I do not want you lingering there. Stay close to Me, isolate yourself with Me and keep the world out of your life as much as you possibly can. I am calling for a week of devotion and drawing close to Me. Dream your dreams about what you want to do in Heaven,

dare to ask for the impossible and all the gifts you have ever wanted from Me. Expect Me to hear you and fulfill your every desire.

Please, My Bride, give Me you're all this week! Stay out of the news, stay out of the stores, stay off the internet, go into your prayer closets, pray and seek Me above all else. This is My desire for you - would you give this to Me as a wedding present? I am offering you the grace to accomplish all that I ask of you. If you love Me, you will obey Me."

The Lord then spoke to Ezekiel: "It is imperative that you absolutely and firmly discipline yourselves this week. Please, My faithful Brides, stay away from browsing the internet. Put your curiosities to death. I need you to be preparing yourselves for the most important moment in your eternity. Press into Me exclusively. My whole heart and mind, spirit and soul are preparing for our Wedding Day.

"Please, Beloved, no more of the world. Stay out of the stores. This is not the time to purchase gifts for yourself or your loved ones. I need you to be clean for our wedding. Avoid television, radio, magazines and the newspapers. You have had a lifetime full of that. I have gone to great pains to purify you from those influences.

"Yes, My Precious Ones, do tend to your proper duties - children, work, etc. But, only fulfill those obligations that are crucial for the good of another. For example: giving someone a ride to the doctor or errands of mercy for the sick, the poor, the elderly. You know what is absolutely necessary and what is not. I will help you, and caution you as well as nudging you to act when needed.

"In human terms, one preparing for their wedding would be consumed with every detail of the wedding. Please do not be as the church of Sardis - that I would have to come to you as a thief in the night. Strengthen now what is left.

"Abide in Me, and Me alone. Let all of your thoughts and intentions be of Me and for Me. Offer each day and everything that it brings to Me. I will sanctify it all, everything, even your struggles and failures. Give it all to Me and I will make you Holy, a Bride fit for Her King."