

The Manifestation of the Sons of God

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For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **Rom. 8:19-21**

MANIFESTA'TION, n. The act of disclosing what is secret, unseen or obscure; discovery to the eye or to the understanding; the exhibition of any thing by clear evidence; display;

- I. There will be a day when the sons of God will be disclosed, revealed, and made known to all.
 - A. The harvest of the earth will be complete.

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **Matt. 25:32-34**

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. **Matt. 13:41-43**

So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **Matt. 13:49-50**

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. **Psa. 50:3-6**

- B. There will be no more slander and accusations against them by the wicked – all that will stop... forever – not another critical, hateful, spiteful, lying word.
- C. There will be no more hypocrisy and no more imposters posing as Christians who really are not.
- D. There will be no more questions and confusion about who is really saved and who is not – so there will be perfect trust and confidence.
- E. There will be no more burden to bear about those who are rejecting God and are lost;
 - 1. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes and all the former things will passed away.
- F. There will be no more battles to fight in a wicked corrupt world full of people who blindly hate God and righteousness – the opposition, the burden, the struggle, will cease forever in that moment.
- G. The reproach of the people of God will be taken away forever – they will never more be blamed, be the butt of their jokes, or be despised and rejected.

- H. The day of grace and mercy toward sinful men will have ended and the door of redemption will have closed forever.
- I. God will openly reveal those who are his children, put them apart in their own place, and He will stand with them.
- J. The universe will rejoice and the heavens will be glad.

Psalm 96:11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.**

- K. The pain and the groaning will cease and the singing and rejoicing will begin and never end.

II. This is our earnest expectation.

- A. It is our intense anticipation – our attention is focused on this hope.
- B. We live and move and have our being in this realm of our eternal existence with Christ.
- C. We wait... that is we fully expect it; it is not a dream or a hope of something that is a possibility, but of something that is sure.
 - 1. The only thing between me and that eternity of peace is time, and that will pass very quickly.

III. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. (v. 20)

- A. God does not take a person home to heaven the moment they get saved.
- B. God leaves us here in this mess and He has good reasons for doing so.
- C. As far as our preference, we would rather go on and be with the Lord, and be delivered from being subjected to this vanity as soon as possible.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. **2 Cor. 5:1-8**

IV. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (v. 21)

- A. There will be a day when we will be delivered from the bondage of corruption.
 - 1. From the defilement of simply living in this filthy world.
 - 2. From seeing and hearing the filthy conversation of the wicked.
 - 3. From seeing and hearing their insane, perverted, corrupted ways.
 - 4. From the insecurity of our possessions and our life.
 - 5. From calamity and loss at the hands of others.
- B. Into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
 - 1. No more bondage because there will be no more sin.
 - 2. Where there is no sin there perfect freedom and liberty.
 - 3. Nothing to dread or fear because all is love and light everywhere.
 - 4. No more groaning because there will be nothing to groan about.
- C. This is why heaven is called Glory.