

## The Loom of Heaven, You, and the Righteousness of Christ

"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed" (Rev. 3:18).

This white garment is "that garment that is woven in the loom of heaven, in which there is not a single thread of human making." That garment was woven in a human body and the flesh of Christ was the loom. That garment was woven in Jesus; in the same flesh that we have, for He took part of the same flesh and blood that we have. Christ took upon Himself our sinful fallen human nature, yet He was without sin - He is the loom in which God wove that white garment for us to wear in the flesh, and He wants us to wear it now, as well as when the flesh is made immortal in the end!

Christ in His human flesh is the loom of heaven and in Him was the white garment of His righteousness woven. The righteousness of Christ, which is the life that He lived here on earth, is the white garment that He wove for us. The Father was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and He wants that garment to be ours, but does not want us to forget who the Weaver is. It's not us, but He who is with us. It was God in Christ and just as God was in Him, Christ is to be in us, and His character is to be woven and transformed into us through the sufferings, temptations, and trials, which we meet. God is the weaver, but not without us. It is the cooperation of the divine and the human for the mystery of God, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory is the same mystery that is the gospel and that is the third angel's message.

It is true that His character was woven without us but it will not become ours without us. It is through the trials and temptations that we become partakers of the character of Christ, and they also reveal to us our characters and the importance of having His. As we pass through the same temptations that He passed through, we become not only partakers of His character, but we bear in our body the righteousness of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The beauty of His garment comes in that we are to have it as completely as He has it. We are to grow up into Christ until we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Before the second coming, we are to be as tall as Christ in character and our stature is to be that of Christ's. We are to be men, perfect in character, reaching "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

God is the weaver and in His eye is the pattern. Many times the threads appear tangled and the meshes seem all out of shape, and there is no symmetry or beauty at all to the pattern - as we see it. But the pattern is not of our making. We are not the weaver. Although the threads become tangled, and the shuttle gets clogged as it goes through,

we are to remember that God is the Weaver – He sends the shuttle, and it will go through. We are not to worry if the threads get tangled for He can untangle them.

When we look and see everything tangled the figure seems spoiled. Just remember whose loom it is and that Christ is the pattern; but do not forget, "no man knows the Son but the Father." So we do not know Him. But it is God doing the weaving and He sees the pattern in its completeness before it is done. It is in His eye perfected; when to us it seems all tangled.

Let Him weave away! Let Him carry on His blessed plan of weaving, through all our life and experience, the precious pattern of Jesus! The day is coming soon, when the last shuttle will be shot through, the last thread will be laid on, and the last point in the figure will be completed, then is placed the seal of the living God. John the Revelator tells us that this will be complete: "in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God<sup>1</sup> would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets" (Rev. 10:7). The time referred to is just prior to the close of probation.

At this time, the weaving process will be ended and those who cooperated with God in His way of saving people will have been perfected in character. Now we shall wait only for him, that we may be like Him because then we shall see Him as He is.

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<sup>1</sup> The mystery of God is "Christ in you, the hope of glory". (See Col. 1:26, 27)