

信息：**羔羊的新婦** MESSAGE: THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

當萬有被創造的時候，神看一切所造的都甚好，惟獨有一樣，耶和華神說：『那人獨居不好』，所以神為亞當造一個配偶來幫助他，亞當是那以後要來之人的豫像，是豫表基督的。神在這裏說出祂心中神聖的祕密—祂的兒子需要配偶。所有受造雖然都甚好，然而，沒有一樣能與基督相匹配。於是，神使亞當沉睡，取下他的一條肋骨，用以造成一個女人，取名叫夏娃。這女人是用亞當的肋骨造的，是出於亞當的，正如教會是出於基督的，凡不出於基督的都不是教會，不能與神的兒子匹配。

亞當的沉睡代表基督為我們死。當時人還沒有犯罪，這個死與罪無關，乃是因『基督愛教會，為教會捨己』（弗五：25）。主在十字架上不但流出血來，也流出水來。祂不但為我們的罪死，也藉著死釋放出永遠的生命。教會是從基督死而復活的生命裏出來的，是祂的身體，是祂骨中的骨，肉中的肉。祂以無比的愛保養顧惜她，用話語中的生命洗淨教會；用心中的純正和手中的巧妙製作她。直到日期滿足，新婦豫備好了，被帶到基督面前，獻給祂自己作個榮耀的教會。「哦，號筒吹響；哦，我主的聲音！哦，何等的盼望，何等福！」

During the creation, God looked upon all that was created as good with the exception of one thing. The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." Thus God created a counterpart for Adam to be his helper. Adam was a type of the One who was to come; a type of Christ. Here God tells of the divine mystery hidden in His heart (that His Son needs a counterpart. Although all of creation was good, there was not one that was worthy of Christ. God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and took out one of his ribs to make a woman called Eve. This woman was made from the rib of Adam, and was from him just as the church is from Christ. All which is not of Christ does not belong in the church, and can not be a counterpart for the Son of God.

Adam's sleep represents the death of Christ for our sake. It took place before man sinned. This death was not related to sin, but because "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her." (Eph. 5:25) Upon the cross, water and blood flowed from the wound of the Lord. Not only did He die for our sins, but through death, He released the eternal life. The church, coming out of the resurrected life of Christ, is His body, the flesh of His flesh, the bone of His bone. He guards and protects her with immeasurable love, and washes her with the water of the Word. With the skillfulness of His hands and the integrity of His heart He fashions her. Until the fullness of time, the Bride has been well prepared. She will be brought before Christ to be offered to Him as a glorious church. "The trump shall resound, the voice of my Lord, what a hope! What a blessedness!

故事： 神對待你如同琴師調弦

STORY: AS A MUSICIAN TUNES HIS HARP, SO THE LORD TUNES HIS CHILDREN

一個善奏古琴的琴師，何等寵愛他的古琴呢！他把它懷抱在胸前，撫它，親它；他和它相依為命。可是，你看他怎樣調整弦音。他把它緊緊握住，用力的在弦上撥一下；弦立刻震顫，好似驚痛之下的顫慄。他側耳細聽，覺得弦音粗浮，還未準確，於是他把弦絞緊，彈撥再三，直等到它能發出柔和準確的聲音來。這時，他臉上纔露出笑容，點頭滿意。

親愛的，其實神也是如此對待你。祂愛你遠勝琴師愛琴。祂發現你的聲音不和諧，就把你緊緊抓住，用力撥你的心弦。祂側耳細聽，豈知你所發的聲音仍是咒詛和怨言。祂只是絞緊你的心弦，再撥，再彈，直等到你的聲音是讚美、感謝、和「不要成就我的意思，只要成就你的意思。」（路廿二：42）——神所最愛聽的音樂。

A good harp player truly loves and protects his harp. He carries it in his bosom, holding and caressing it. The two are inseparable. But if you see him tuning the harp, you will see him holding onto it very tightly and plucking the strings. The string will immediately vibrate as if it were under great pain. The harpist listens closely to see if the note is accurate. Then he will tighten the strings and continue plucking upon each one until it can produce a mellow and accurate sound. Only then will he smile and nod in satisfaction.

Dear beloved, this is also how God treats you. His love for you far surpasses the love of the harpist for the harp. When He discovers that you do not produce a harmonious sound, He will grasp onto you tightly, and pluck your heart strings. He will listen carefully to see if you give sounds of cursing and complaints. He will then tighten your heart strings and continue plucking and playing until sounds of praising, thanksgiving, and all "not my will by Thine" (Lk. 22:42) arise - the sound that God loves most to hear.