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Subject: Re: The Bridegroom delaying his coming  
Posted by [Mark L](#) on Sat, 22 Nov 2014 21:17:59 GMT  
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Marilyn Crow wrote on Sat, 22 November 2014 00:50Hi Mark,

That was a good & interesting post you did & I agree with most of it. There is a point that you may like to clear up for me. It concerns this `cleansing of His Church.` Could you explain that further for me as to how you see that.

Thank you, Marilyn.

Sure. I see it two ways.

One a cleansing of sin & worldliness and two a setting of things in proper order.

What we have right now is a church where everyone goes their own way and believes what they want. Not a lot of unity even of the love kind. Its also full of sin and worldliness of all kinds. I'm speaking here of the worldwide church. That is a concept I don't really believe in or agree with but it does have its uses. Its also divided into denominations and non denominations.

Peter I think talked of those who have suffered in the flesh have ceased from sin. My opinion of what he had in mind was that suffering trial sickness & (in this context) persecution simply don't allow people (us) the time or inclination to sin. The positive side to that is that suffering concentrates ones mind wonderfully on the Lord.

I think the Holy Spirit is going to do a big work of cleansing his church of sin worldliness lack of commitment etc. That is one of the primary purposes of the persecution. Setting his own house in order

Setting his own house in order is going to start with the great falling away. Some of our important teachers here from the past (speaking of O/O) have said they believed it was occurring now. Pointing to the slide toward secularism mysticism etc. I beg to differ. I think it going to happen after the Gog war and in the rise to persecution. A falling away that is so noticeable it is in the news headlines. Paul spoke of it as a "clear" endtime sign.

The falling away will occur for several reasons. True believers falling prey to false ministers, chair sitters see something more interesting, persecution driving out those who aren't really committed etc. The big reason though is that whole world turns after something else.

I believe the time is coming when the Holy Spirit is going to get very serious with his people. Requiring a much deeper commitment to holiness & discipleship. All of us believe that to stay in

fellowship with the Lord a commitment to holiness is needful. I am speaking of something much much deeper. As time goes on it will become an absolute necessity. Both as a requirement from the Lord and simply needful to stay alive

I also think one of the big ways God is going to cleanse, purify and set his church in order is through the ministry of apostles and prophets. Eph. 4/11 is abundantly clear. We as individuals or his church will only come to maturity through the direct involvement of 5 different ministries.

I think apostles and prophets have always been here and are here now. But not in large numbers to say the least. I think it was a very common office in the early church and will be again in the end time church.

In other words I think they are going to come worldwide in the 10's of thousands. Raised up by the Holy Spirit.

If anyone is interested in apostles read up on "Saint" Patrick of Ireland. That man and some of those who were raised up after him stood under an apostolic anointing. Don't listen to the commentators just read about the supernatural stuff and believe it. Its coming in this end time too.

Sorry for being long winded here. I was just typing as I was thinking. Reminds me of a guy I used to work with. I would get in the truck with him and ask a question and an hour later he was still answering.

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