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## WAYS OF THE LORD SOMETIMES LOOK 'MESSY' TO US

As I was reading the Word yesterday, I felt I heard some things from the Spirit of the Lord that caused me to reread and look at some of the things I had just read.

I remember many years ago Dr. David Schoch telling H.L. and me that God's 'decent and in order' may be different from our 'decent and in order'.

As I meditated upon this, I was taken to the Book of Exodus. God is giving Moses all the instructions for the coming years and He is telling Moses how He wants the High Priest and the priests under him to dress.

God is very explicit with His instructions to Moses regarding the dressing of the Priesthood:

We find Moses following God's instructions in Exodus 39-40:

1. The ephod was to be of gold – with blue, purple, and red thread and fine linen.
2. There were to be shoulder straps for the vest and tied over each shoulder.
3. The shoulders of the ephod contained onyx stones set in gold with the names of the sons of Israel.
4. The breastplate was also of gold – with blue, purple and red thread and fine linen.
5. Four rows of three gorgeous gem stones – each with the name of a tribe of Israel – were set in gold on the breastplate.
6. Gold braided into chains held the breastplate in place
7. A robe of blue with a hold cut in the center and collar around became the outer garment Aaron, the high priest, would wear
8. Bells were made of pure gold and pomegranates of blue, purple & scarlet of fine lines were placed alternately around the bottom of the robe.
9. They made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons
10. A turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine woven linen, and a sash of fine woven linen with blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, made by a weaver for the priests
11. Then they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription *like* the engraving of a signet:

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12. They tied to it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban.

The work was completed! Moses did everything according to the directions he was given by God. Such intricate design! Such specific instructions!

Then the day of dedication came when the priests would put on these garments. Aaron and his sons were taken to the tent of meeting and washed with water.

The priests were then dressed in these beautiful exquisite garments designed by God. How handsome they must have looked! How perfect – nothing EVER had been done more decently and in order than all of this was done. I'm sure their eyes were fastened upward with the awe and the wonder of it all.

But it didn't stop there. **THE BLOOD HAD TO BE APPLIED!** The ram of consecration had to be killed and sacrificed and the blood had to be applied to the tips of the priests' right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. After which, Moses sprinkled the blood all around the altar. (Leviticus 8)

Leviticus 8:30 <sup>30</sup> Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

**BUT GOD!!** What are You doing? Blood and oil sprinkled on Aaron and his gorgeous garments and on Aaron's sons and their beautiful garments?

It's not finished until the **BLOOD** is applied!!

I believe we are getting ready to go into some marvelous days of revival in God. I believe the latter rain and the former rain are yet going to come together and the church is going to experience revival as we have never seen before.

God is doing a **NEW THING**. Shall we not know it? He is making **RIVERS** in dry places and **HIGHWAYS** in the wildernesses!

As revival comes, sometimes it will get and look 'messy' to us. I would **NEVER** think of sprinkling oil and **BLOOD** on such a ravishing garment – but God thought that was perfection and was 'decent and in order'. Knowing me, I would have called the sprinkling of the oil and **BLOOD** upon those gorgeous garments "a desecration" – but God called it "**CONSECRATION**" – oh, how different are our ways!

I don't believe any of us want 'wild fire' and crazy stuff going on, but on the other hand, some of the things God may be bringing into our midst may have that appearance until we realize this is really God in the midst of revival



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This morning, I just want to encourage you! We are in a new day! We are in a new season! There are new anointings and new appointments! It is a time a transition in many, many ways, but I encourage you to rise up for our LIGHT has come and the glory of the Lord is rising upon us!

Let's see the **BLOOD of Jesus** applied in all these things and watch the miracles and wonders of God taking place with many souls coming into the Kingdom of God in this year of 2010!

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