

The Bride Is But An Illustrated Parable In The Dramatization of The Fulfillment of The Scripture — FATHER DIVINE

OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE
WHILST AT THE
HOLY COMMUNION TABLE
of the
PEACE CENTER CHURCH and HOME, INC.
of NEW JERSEY
122-126 HOWARD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
THURSDAY EVENING & FRIDAY MORNING
MAY 1-2, 1947 A.D.F.D.
TIME — 1:15 A.M.

This large beautifully decorative wood plaque, engraved in burntwood old English lettering, tinted with gold, was presented to FATHER on this occasion by the Rosebud Choir during the review of the First Anniversary of the Marriage Feast of the LAMB in the artistically decorated Holy Communion Hall of the Peace Center Church and Home, Inc., of New Jersey. A spokesman for the Choir presented the unusual plaque, at the top of which was placed a golden-tasseled cord with which to hang it on the wall; and as she presented it to FATHER she spoke the following words:

FATHER Dear, at this time we, YOUR Real, True Rosebuds, do thank YOU to present a plaque to YOU in commemoration of YOUR Beautiful Marriage! We do this in our deepest devotion and reverence for the high, beautiful, Standard that YOU have lifted, that we might enjoy this Perfect Life! And I do thank YOU at this time to read the words of the plaque that was inspired and made by YOUR Rosebuds. (She reads)

To FATHER DIVINE, CREATOR, PRESERVER and INSPIRER of ALL MANKIND, and to HIS SPOTLESS VIRGIN BRIDE! In DEVOTION and REVERENCE we do this day, APRIL the TWENTYNINTH, 1947 A.D.F.D., commemorate this ANNIVERSARY of the MARRIAGE of the LAMB to HIS SPOTLESS VIRGIN BRIDE! — Beholding before our very eyes the UNIVERSALIZING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH, VIRTUE, HOLINESS, DEMOCRACY and BROTHERHOOD, and witnessing in TRUTH this which shall FREE every nation! Oh, come, ALL ye NATIONS, to the MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB!

(Signed) ROSEBUDS

Let us say, at the top of the wording on the plaque is pictured a full-blown red rose, on either side of which are written the Words, VIRGINITY and HOLINESS!

To be more explicit about the decoration of the dining room or the Holy Communion Hall, artistically strung above the Table were streamers of twisted crepe paper in pastel shades. On the Holy Communion Table directly in front of the Beloved Lamb and HIS Bride was a flower-adorned white-lattice arch, the colors of the flowers mingling beautifully with the pink hue of the neon sign above, which spells out, "GOD'S HOLY COMMUNION TABLE." A beautiful picture of the Beloved Bridegroom and HIS Spotless Bride with the words "Behold Virginity, Holiness", and decorated with a floral design, was at each place at the Table; also a tiny pink basket containing candies and nuts; and a pretty artificial flower peeked up from each white linen napkin. Besides the beautiful wedding anniversary cakes, other festive goodies and flowers bedecked the Table; and with the Beautiful LAMB and the LAMB'S Bride seated at the head, it created a picture of such Virtue and Holiness that words quite fail to describe it!

It was after the Rosebuds sang the song concerning the Marriage Feast of the LAMB that our Precious SAVIOR arose to give this beautiful Sermon of acceptance in appreciation of the plaque as presented.

THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, after which FATHER Speaks as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE: At this instance I have arisen to say, it is marvelous to be here to observe the depicting of the convictions of millions in the presentation of the Plaque, as read, to and for the Spotless Virgin Bride and the LAMB! We cannot or do not attempt to say how much we appreciate the Rosebuds' Devotion to GOD and to humanity transmitted!

To bring about Virtue, Holiness and Honesty in the people we demonstrate an expression of the Holy Perfect Virgin, depicting the Church Triumph that is Pure and Spotless! (As FATHER says this HE indicates HIS Beautiful Virtuous Bride seated by HIS Side. Then HE says:) In the dramatization of this demonstration we find that it is an expression dramatizing and demonstrating the convictions of MILLIONS — how they too as well as that one, or this one, whichever, (HE again indicates Mrs. DIVINE) have chosen to fulfil the Spotlessness of the Virtue of Holiness reproduced and personified!

This plaque (FATHER holds the plaque in front of HIM on the Table) explains it according to the convictions of those of the Buds through

which it was presented, and it is an evidence of their DEVOTION to THEIR GOD and APPRECIATION for HIS PRESENCE with them, and a reproduced expression and demonstration of HONOR too, having had one from among the Rosebuds to be chosen as the BRIDE direct! They realize that as in Adam all die, so shall in JESUS CHRIST all be made ALIVE! One as the SPOTLESS VIRGIN ROSEBUD BRIDE is but bespeaking ALL of GOD'S CREATION that shall be PURIFIED, MADE WHITE and TRIED!

It speaks of the Bride in the Bible on so many different occasions, and also speaks of the Marriage Supper of the LAMB. It also speaks of the Kingdom of GOD, depicting the Marriage Supper, but in an illustration, CHRIST, in the Sonship Degree explained how a man had set a great table and he sent out his servants and invited guests to come in — many of whom would not come to the great Supper — it was speaking of the Kingdom of GOD for it was like unto it; and yet I was also speaking of the selfsame expression as that of the Marriage Supper of the LAMB!

On another occasion, even in B. J., better known as B. C., Solomon declared,

"He led me up to the Banqueting House and His Banner over us is love!"

You have never seen such Banquets as these! Even through the days of depression, panics and famines and in and at the time of the crises, with us there was the Abundance of the Fulness, and we were conscious of GOOD and we found no space vacant of the FULNESS thereof!

For this cause the Rosebuds can plainly depict the Blessings of GOD to them and to all mankind! Therefore, they, by inspiration according to their conversions or convictions, whichever, were moved to carve out and draw this Plaque and print it to show their appreciation for MY Presence among them and for the bringing of the Spotless Virgin Bride as their companion! They also realize that JESUS declared in the Sonship Degree, when a question came forth as to His Mother and His Brethren — they realize JESUS said,

"Who is My Mother and who are My Brethren? They that do the Will of My FATHER, the same is My Mother and are My Sisters and My Brethren!"

So the Spirit is very explicitly depicted in the illustrated parable! You can see at this time the Bride as one among them; yet a good many of

them voluntarily — not by coercion neither by request neither by even slightly asking them to do so, they call Mrs. DIVINE, "Mother" — because they realize they that do the Will of GOD are your Mother, your Sisters and your Brethren!

Therefore, this Plaque as an evidence of their convictions (FATHER again holds it up) came forth, describing their conviction as a memorial; in other words, to commemorate the First Anniversary of the Bride's Marriage to the LAMB! And thence realizing this Marriage to the LAMB is the Marriage of CHRIST to the Church, the Bride is but an illustrated parable in the dramatization of the FULFILMENT of the SCRIPTURE, and yet it is an abstract expression of a person, as being termed a woman; but it is written,

"Man shall leave father and mother and be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

But it is so plain to be understood, as afore said, He did not make further comment even as I have made at this instance, but He said,

"Man shall leave father and mother and be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh; nevertheless" —

immediately! — did not make further comment but brought it out that "I speak" —

"This is a great mystery! I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST and the CHURCH!"

Even CHRIST looks as a man to the mortal minds of the children of men, and His Companion looks like some of them; but it is plainly declared it is a GREAT MYSTERY! "I AM, SPEAKING CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH!"

Those of the Rosebuds and others of MY Followers are fortunate to know these facts are TRUE; in other words, these sayings are TRUE, and that it is in REALITY the Marriage of CHRIST to HIS CHURCH! ("So true, FATHER Dear!" verified one and all.) Now you will see and you have seen already inside of this last calendar year, as it may be termed, that the Church all over, of different denominations, are calling for ME as never before! — because it is

a true saying, I AM MARRIED TO MY CHURCH THAT IS PURE AND SPOTLESS! Wheresoever they are as MEMBERS in PARTICULAR, they are the BODY of the CHURCH; and wheresoever they are PURE and SPOTLESS, they are the BRIDE, the CHURCH, the LAMB'S WIFE!

I need not say more in reference to the inspiration as given to the Rosebuds concerning the Bride and the LAMB and concerning the devotion they have and appreciation they have for MY Presence on earth among them, and for bringing the Bride to UNITE the CHURCH as ONE UNITED BODY and to bring ALL NATIONS, LANGUAGES, TONGUES and PEOPLE TOGETHER that there may not only be the UNIFICATION of the THREE AMERICAS as I called for by MY Appeal to the nations some years back, but there shall be the UNIFICATION of ALL of the UNITED ALLIED and even the present NON-ALLIED SOVEREIGNTIES of the EARTH! And ALL OF THE SOVEREIGNTIES OF THE EARTH SHALL EVENTUALLY BE UNITED TOGETHER AND THERE WILL BE NO MORE DIVISION AMONG THEM! I thank you!

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INTERVIEW Granted By FATHER DIVINE

IN HIS PRIVATE STUDY
of the
CIRCLE MISSION CHURCH
of

PHILADELPHIA
764-772 BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1947 A.D.F.D.
TIME: About 6:30 P.M.

Although there were many on the interviewing list awaiting a Personal interview by our LORD and SAVIOUR, FATHER DIVINE, and although FATHER had said HE would grant each one five seconds, as this Sister brought forth questions which drew our SAVIOUR out into deep water and caused HIM to lose HIMSELF in HIS Infiniteness, HE condescendingly, in all Love, Mercy and Tender Compassion, took the time to explain some beautiful points which are good for the Healing of the Nations. For the enlightenment and edification of one and all who will read these beautiful Words, this interview is published, for which we thank YOU, our GREAT CREATOR.

(The foregoing statement is that of the transcriber and the interview opened with the Secretary speaking as follows:)

Secretary: FATHER, this is Miss P— of Los Angeles, Calif.

FATHER: Peace, Miss P—. Take a seat for a moment.

Sister: Peace, FATHER.

FATHER: What did you want to see ME for, Miss P—?

Sister: I am so glad to be here, FATHER.

FATHER: So glad! Did you just arrive?

Sister: Oh no, I came last Friday but I didn't have a chance to get down here sooner.

FATHER: Oh, you have been here a week. Where are you staying, Miss —?

Sister: At Ridge Avenue. I have had a very nice experience in meeting such very nice children.

FATHER: I think there are quite a few here.

Sister: I suppose YOU received my little note the other day about a physical condition. I really didn't come for a healing. I came to break up an environment I had there and I thought the only way I could get away from it was to come here and get lost. I was working in the daytime in the millinery business and where I was living there was a child that I gave YOU years ago, not with them, but I had an extension there; then I was earning my room and board by waiting when they go away. They go away quite often. I didn't like the environment. I wanted to get out of it, and even where I was working, although it was a wonderful job and I liked my work. I like Los Angeles and if anything opened up there for me I would go back, but in the meantime I would rather keep away.

FATHER: Is that your daughter?

Sister: I don't claim any daughter. I gave her to YOU years ago. I wrote YOU and I gave my children to YOU, FATHER, and I know YOU sure have taken care of them. There were two boys in New York and this girl. She didn't remember her father at all; he died when she was twenty-one months old; so she clung to me a good deal. She has a husband now and they have plenty of money and a beautiful home.

FATHER: Well, then they can live without you as far as support is concerned.

Sister: Oh yes, but they do think that I am the only one that can take care of the place when they are away. So that is what I have been doing. They haven't been antagonistic for years; they brought me down to the station in their car and were just as sweet as could be to me. They haven't acted antagonistic in any way. Years ago she said something and I gave her warning about and I said, "People have dropped dead for saying things like that."

FATHER: What kind of business are they in?

(At this time the sister explained to FATHER the type of business in which the ones referred to are engaged and continued speaking as follows:.) So I am here and it is up to YOU as to what I do; but about that physical condition I want some advice. I had refused to have an operation because I had so much faith in YOU I felt it would be overcome.

FATHER: I understood you to say a little while ago you did not come for a healing.

Sister: No, I didn't. No, I didn't; but since I have been here it seems so pressing I thought I had better talk to YOU about it. I have really made wonderful contacts when I had anything wrong.

(At this time the sister related an experience which she had had to FATHER, and told HIM how HE had healed her one morning just by calling on HIS Mighty, Holy NAME, after which FATHER spoke as follows:)

Keep the Faith