

# January 15. 1678. the Holy Court.

by Jane Lead

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*Jane Lead's sermon explores the vision of the Holy Court and the transformative journey towards a new Priesthood and victory over sin through Christ.*

**Scripture:** Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:54, Hebrews 7:11, Hebrews 8:2, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 22:1

**Topics:** "Spiritual Transformation", "Divine Revelation"

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## Description

Jane Lead preaches about a divine revelation she received regarding the establishment of a holy court and secret pavilion of the Most High, where the Ark of the living Testimony resides. She speaks of a new priesthood emerging from pure hearts, in alignment with the Church of the firstborn, ushering in a celestial ministry. Lead emphasizes the transformation and purification of believers, symbolized by the separation from the earthly fold into a higher spiritual realm, where victory over death, sin, and the curse is achieved through the work of the Spirit.

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## Transcript

The truth of this following Ministration hath been evidently shewn me, and was thus presented to me in the Spiritual Glass. My Spirit was carried, where I did see a Mount, which was not of any Earthly mold, but all compact together of a clear Element, upon which four Pillars did stand, which were of a clear Amber colour, and round about it was drawn a Curtain of Purple, Blew, White and Scarlet. Upon which Manifestation, I received this information. That this was the Holy Court, and secret Pavilion of the most High, where the Ark of the living Testimony does lie.

Hereinto the Holy Royal Order of the just and perfect Priesthood shall both ascend and descend, and bring out from thence, that which will evidently be a Blessing to the Lord's own Heritage. And the Spirit did further declare, that till this Ministration come to be set a foot in the World, no true, sacred or perfect Church or Sanctuary, could be found in visibility in this outward fold. And as there was a Holy Seed, that lay in Abraham's Loyns, out of which the Levitical Priesthood did spring: So was it said that from the like Spirit of a perfect pure Heart, will another Priesthood in Faith arise, and multiply as Stars, in the order of a Coelestial Ministry.

That shall be all agreeable to the Church of the first Born, that with Jesus are gather'd before-hand into his Triumphant Kingdom. This the Lord Christ did imply when he said, that the Sheep which were yet of this outward Fold, must be through his Mediatorship brought up, where they should go in, and out, and be satiated with those Portions, which are assigned for those who do walk to and fro in the upper fold. The

great Shepherd aims to make of twain one Eternal and unchangeable Priesthood.

His Agent the Spirit is at work, to separate and call together his own by Name, that so through the distilling dew falling down from the Heavenly Sphear, it should produce the shining Golden Fleece upon each one, who of this separated Priestly Flock are call'd forth the footsteps of their great High-Priest to tread after, and to follow him where-ever he goes. But methinks, I hear a Voice of the Man of Reason say, this is strange and new Doctrine, who can ever such a thing as this believe, when for so many Ages past, all that have been of the highest Spiritual growth, have departed away from this lower fold by Mortal Death.

I confess to Flesh and Blood, it is a hard and uncouth saying, and cannot be digested, because it overturns the Seat of the Beast. His Mark, Name, and Nature, no more upon Man thus transformed, shall ever be found. The Dragon may well fight against this Truth, and may raise Storms of Unbelief, for when ever this Transmuting Stone of Wonder does open upon any one its Mystery such a blow will be given to his Kingdom, as shall not only shake it, but make it fall as a Mill-Stone into his own Bottomless Lake. For hereby Victory will be over Death, Hell, and Sin, and the Curse will be removed out of this Principle, and the Kingdom of Purity, and Power, and everlasting Joy brought in.

But then again, another Cry in my Ear did ring from the Believing Ones, who are Ravished to hear such good things as these, as the Spirit of Jesus hath to declare to those who full weary are of the Body of Sin and all its Lineaments, and are looking out for that which may fully redeem from this grosser Husk of that which is Vile and Corrupt. Who so in a deep sense of their degraded State with me are, the same Word which did to me speak for refreshing and strengthening Hope, the same to them doth verily belong, as not daring from such to hide the Counsel of the Lord, which was by Manuduction given out thus. That seeing there are some, that aiming are to reach the Life-Mark, they are excited well to consider, that hereby they are not excused from a Death, which must be passed through, in order to this Resurrection of Life, to live and act in an immortal Vehicle. There is a Life to be first laid down, which was taken up in Adam, contrary to the mind and will of God, and that is now to be expelled again. Which the Spirit of Christ is come to convince of, and to perswade of the absolute necessity hereunto. And whereas it hath been doubted, whether any can come to know a total decease from the Life, that is rooted in original Sin: If there had not been a possibility hereof, God in Christ would never have assumed a Mortal form, but that thereby he might have an inroad by his Spirit, still into depraved Nature, and thereby to work out and destroy the very Essences of Sin, and for ever by the Souls consent and agreement, bind the strong Earthly Life down, and to condemn it into that dark Abyss, from whence by the Serpent it was call'd forth, and introduced; to the despoiling of that, which should have continued a sinless Image, to go forward in higher degrees of Perfection, had Adam not revolted from this his first Station. But through the infinite Love and Compassion of the Father of Immortal Spirits that are now fallen into Mortal Forms, the Holy Trinity moved with pity; hath revealed and made known the way, by which the ruinous State of fallen Man may be Repaired. Which was shewn me by a Similitude representing it in a threefold Ground, which my Spirit was carried to view.

The first which I saw, was a place all Rocky, and Stony, and as a rude Chaos, where nothing could grow and prosper, that did put forth in that Ground. But there was a Man that Digged, and Toyled all Day in it. Then again I was brought in my Spirit, into an enclosed Field, where Trees of various kinds were, some Dry, some Barren, that bare no Fruit, and others that were Green and Flourishing, in a hopeful way to bring forth. And here was seen one with a Pruning-Hook to trim and dress this Plantation, he was set to keep it in order, and to Cut down the Shrubby Briery matter, that was apt to grow about the hopeful Plants. Then was I called out here, and a Voice said, Come and see Paradise all renewed within the Circle-Line of

the Holy Element, and here were Plants of all Colours: and one only Tree did this Ground all over spread, and every Bow richly laden with Fruit. Then was this question asked, Where is the mixed Tree of good and evil? And it was answered, that was Extirpated so as to be found no more. For the second Adam had gone through all probation, and needed no further Tempting Tree, for all Death was swallowed up in Victory. Here was to be seen Fountain Springs, that circled this Tree round. Nothing of this working or toying Man did in this place appear. All sprung and grew from virtual Power, that open'd from the Heavenly Sphear.

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