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I believe this message correlates with the end times that we are in before Jesus' return. As each person comes to the end of their physical life on earth, where a lot of questions and reflections take place plus decisions are made, it's the same in the end times when we see our world fulfilling prophecies from the Bible as to what will take place when Jesus' return is at the threshold. The enchantments that the devil is bombarding the body of Christ with in these days is unprecedented with the goal to get them to become drowsy in spirit instead of staying sharp and alert. Today, allow the Holy Spirit to stir you up again as we see the day of the Lord approaching.

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We read today the following; *“My recollections of the journey are now, for a little space, dim and confused, inasmuch as a singular drowsiness here overcame me, owing to the fact that we were now passing over the enchanted ground, the air of which encourages a disposition to sleep. I awoke, however, as soon as we crossed over the borders of the pleasant land of Beulah. All the passengers were rubbing their eyes, comparing watches, and congratulating one another on the prospect of arriving so seasonably at their journey's end. The sweet breezes of this happy climate came refreshingly to our nostrils; we beheld the glimmering gush of silver fountains, overhung by trees of beautiful foliage and delicious fruit, which were propagated by grafts from the celestial gardens.”*

Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary defines enchantment as this;

1. (n.) The act of enchanting; the production of certain wonderful effects by the aid of demons, or the agency of supposed spirits; the use of magic arts, spells, or charms; incantation.
2. (n.) The effect produced by the act; the state of being enchanted; as, to break an enchantment.
3. (n.) That which captivates the heart and senses; an influence or power which fascinates or highly delights.”

This unnatural drowsiness that overtook the pilgrims was spiritually demonic in origin. When you're a Bible believer that's not born again like those on The Celestial Railroad, living a lukewarm compromising walk is just the norm, because you don't have the authority over the devil who is Enchanting your life with various forms of witchcraft. Witchcraft uses people to operate through by their curses and incantations. Keep in mind that Apollyon (one of Satan's Angels), is the Chief Engineer of the Celestial Railroad that they're riding on with the belief of ultimately reaching their destination of The Celestial City of Heaven.

Continuing reading in the Celestial Railroad; *“Once, as we dashed onward like a hurricane, there was a flutter of wings, and the bright appearance of an angel in the air, speeding forth on some heavenly mission. The engine now announced the close vicinity of the final station house, by one last and horrible scream, in which there seemed to be distinguishable every kind of wailing and woe, and bitter fierceness of wrath, all mixed up with the wild laughter of a devil or a madman. All through our journey, at every stopping place, Apollyon had exercised his ingenuity in wrenching the most abominable sounds out of the whistle of the steam engine; but in this closing effort he outdid himself, and created an infernal uproar, which, besides disturbing the peaceful inhabitants of Beulah, must have sent its discord even through the celestial gates.”*

This shows that those riding the train were experiencing the supernatural things of God. We've said this time and time again; it's not God's will that anyone perish but that all should come to repentance. So this show of God's supernatural power is meant to draw them to Christ Jesus, bring conviction of sin to them. Whether they

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have ears to hear though is a different story. This brazen show of defiance by Apollyon, who's now, 'putting on the Ritz', so to speak, is being emboldened as he knows he has the passengers in his clutches as they reach death. He's kept them on the train to his final destination. It's unlikely that these infernal uproar sounds made it to heaven although I'm sure he thought they would.

Born again Christians, if they are not watching and praying, can be overcome with witchcraft enchantments and end up in the same sleep and lukewarmness like that of those Bible believers who are not born again who are on The Celestial Railway.

Jesus talks about the lukewarm church in **Revelation 3:14-19**; *“14 And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things say the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.”*

The devil has the ability to enchant your life with witchcraft if you're not watching and praying. He'll get you to become a lukewarm individual and get you to influence others to become lukewarm also. He likes Christians to become lukewarm because that's the real trophy to him. He knows if you're in that state, God will be vomiting you out of His mouth, and that's exactly what the devil wants. He already has the victory over The Celestial Railroad church, but to him it is victory for you to backslide to a place where God will vomit you out of His mouth on judgment day.

Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, rebukes his disciples for sleeping in **Matthew 26:40-46**; *“40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, [a]if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour [b]is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”*

It almost seems like the disciples fell into an enchantment by the devil, doesn't it? This was the climax of demonic warfare on this night Jesus was betrayed and oh how the devil would have wanted more than Judas Iscariot to fall away. How many people are in churches today with heavy eyes, can barely make it through the message without falling asleep, and they can't pray? Even King Solomon says in **Proverbs 24:33-34**; *“A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.”* How much more of a stronghold would satan get on a person's life when they're sleeping instead of praying?

BunyanMinistries.org talks about Christian and Hopeful in Pilgrim's Progress when they passed through the Enchanted Ground. It says; *“THEN I saw in my dream that the travelers continued on their way until they came to a particular region where the nature of the air had a tendency to make one drowsy, that is with regard to strangers passing through.”*

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Spurgeon declares: “There are, no doubt, many of us who are passing over this plain; and I fear that this is the condition of the majority of churches in the present day. They are lying down on the settles of Lukewarmness in the Arbors of the Enchanted Ground. There is not that activity and zeal we could wish to see among them.”² And it was here that Hopeful began to feel lethargic and sleepy. Therefore he spoke to Christian, “I have now become so drowsy that I can hardly keep my eyes open; so let us lie down here and take a nap.”⁶ CHRISTIAN: In no way, my brother, lest in sleeping we never awaken again.⁷ HOPEFUL: Friend, why do you say that? To the working man sleep is very sweet;⁸ in taking a nap we will be refreshed and feel much better.

CHRISTIAN: Do you not remember that it was one of the Shepherds who exhorted us to beware of the Enchanted Ground? By this he meant that we should be careful not to doze there. So let us not sleep as others do, but rather let us watch and be sober.¹⁰ HOPEFUL: I do confess myself at fault, and had I been traveling here alone, by sleeping I would have been in danger of death. How true is the saying of the wise man, “Two are better than one.”¹¹ Up to this point in our journey, your companionship has been a continual mercy; be assured that you shall have a good reward for your efforts. CHRISTIAN: Now then, to prevent drowsiness in this place, let us commence with some profitable conversation.”

When demonic attacks of enchantment, manifesting themselves in lethargy, drowsiness and sleepiness come upon you as a Christian, you must persevere and press through. Find a brother or sister in Christ to encourage you, talk about edifying things that will build you up, talk about ministry, reaching the lost...just don't fall asleep at the wheel.

1 Peter 5:8 says; “Be [a]sober, be [b]vigilant; [c]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 says; “²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Colossians 3:1-3; says; “³If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

The body of Christ then is to be praying, building up and edifying each other, staying awake and not falling asleep. It's not physical sleep, but an enchanting demonic spirit of heaviness that will influence you to just give up, lay down, quit and backslide. It reminds me too of the parable of the ten virgins where they all fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom. A demonic spirit of heaviness came upon them and only those five with the oil – representing the Holy Spirit – were ready to meet the groom, the rest were left knocking on the door to get in, but were left outside. Church be ready! We don't know the day or the hour of the Lord's return.

After passing through the Enchanted Ground, they enter Beulah Land. BunyanMinistries.org says this about Beulah Land;

“The Fair Features of this Outer Suburb of Heaven.

NOW I saw in my dream that by this time the pilgrims, having traversed the Enchanted Ground, then entered into the country of Beulah [Married].¹ With the way passing directly through it, the air in that place was found to be very sweet and pleasant, so they rested and took comfort there for a time. Yes, here they continually heard the singing of birds, while every day they enjoyed the blooming of various flowers in the land, and also listened to the voice of the turtle-dove. In this country the sun shines day and night. Therefore it is beyond the influence of the Valley of the Shadow of Death, as well as the reach of Giant Despair. In fact from this vantage point, Doubting Castle was quite out of view. Here the pilgrims were in sight of the Celestial City to which they were going;² here also they were able to meet some of the inhabitants³ of that place. For in this land some of the

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Shining Ones walked quite frequently, because it was located upon the very borders of Heaven. In this land also the contract between the bride and the bridegroom was renewed. Yes here, "As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so did their God rejoice over them." 4 Here they had no lack of corn and wine, 5 for in this place they began to reap in abundance what they had been seeking for throughout their pilgrimage. 6 Here they heard voices wafting across from the City, loud voices proclaiming, "Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold your salvation comes, behold his reward is with him." Here all of the inhabitants of the country called them "the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord, sought out," etc."

What we read is the hope of the born again Christian. Those riding The Celestial Railroad may see and hear things of heaven as it's God's will that they do become born again, but even in the end of their life's journey, if they do not repent of their sins by receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and have the Holy Spirit come and live in them, they cannot be born again and will not enter heaven. You can have all the faith to believe in heaven, even experience a glimpse of it at the end of your life before crossing over the river of death, and even see angels. It's not God's will that you spend eternity separated from Him. It all depends on your decision making, whether you choose to be born again or not.

Jesus says that there are strict requirements for entering into heaven on this narrow path that as born again Christians we walk on in **Luke 13:22-28**; "22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out."

It almost sounds contradictory what Jesus says here, but it isn't. Those on the train would argue with Him saying that for some, maybe for the past 90 years, they had been riding the train, believing in Him, going to church, believing in the Bible, tithing, going to Sunday School and participating in all the church events, but Jesus says, 'I don't know you'. The iniquity He's referring to here is rejecting His Lordship in your life by not being born again. Of course Jesus knows everyone. He made everyone. He knows those in whom He lives by the Holy Spirit living in them; that's what the knowing is. The Holy Spirit living in the born again Christian is Jesus' identification in knowing them. The identity between you and your parents are your genes. The identity between you and Jesus is His Holy Spirit living in you, that's it.

Jesus' parable about the wedding feast in **Matthew 22:1-14** represents exactly today's message as to all the reasons people have to not be ready for this wedding. It ends with this; "...11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, [b]take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

You can believe in the Bible, have a call on your life, but unless you repent and become born again you won't be chosen, but will be cast into hell, outer darkness; where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth for eternity. Everyone is called to be born again, to repentance, to salvation ... the choosing is at your will.

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How many churches are full of believers that have not repented of their sins and become born again, and are attending church without a wedding garment as described in the scripture we just read. They're not ready to meet the groom - Jesus. Isn't it amazing to think that a person can spend their whole life religiously attending church and be cast into hell at the end of their life because they simply did not repent of their sins and become born again of the Holy Spirit? The wedding garment is the Holy Spirit living in you.

In **Romans 13:11-14**, the Apostle Paul says this; *“11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk [a]properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”* Put on Christ Jesus!

The Apostle Peter says this in **1 Peter 1:3-12**; *“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance [a]incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been [b]grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not [c]seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. 10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to [d]us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”*

What's the conclusion of this message? When you choose to put on Christ, to make Him Lord of your life, to have the Holy Spirit living in you, that's the permit or your right of passage to your inheritance in heaven. We have authority in Jesus name over the Enchanted Ground of demonic witchcraft so as to not slumber and sleep and loose out on our salvation. We have access to God by being born again, seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places. Does God know you today? Is your name written in the Lambs Book of Life? Is the Holy Spirit living in you today so that Jesus can say to you, 'I know you'?