

THE SEIVE OF THE LORD

A Prophecy given by Amiee Semple McPherson ...About 1918

Behold, two hands, strong hands, hands of the Lord: and in His hands a sieve. He is sifting, sifting, sifting His people.

Once they were small, and but as dust, then God could use them, but when they ceased to be small and helpless, when they gathered themselves together in separated lumps, they became big and hard, and unyielding, and the Lord wept over them. He could no longer mold or shape or fashion them.

There were the lumps of unbelief, and the lumps of pride. O, those lumps of skepticism, those lumps of formality, and ceremony: **God could not put them into the Body. He could not form them into that glorious BRIDAL BODY, for they were no longer yielded and submissive in His hands.**

Once they were small, but now harder and larger and wider; the lumps had grown until they were blind, deaf and dumb, and slow of understanding. Then were formed the lumps of organization and Catholicism. **Oh, the stiffness and hardness of those lumps. "I must break them: I must smite them with the hammer of My Word. I must have a broken, sifted people through whom I can have My way. I must separate a peculiar people unto Myself."**

The Great Sieve

Behold the hands of the Lord!... **He put the broken lumps into the great sieve He held in His hands...the sieve had large meshes, and as He did shake and begin the work of separation, many of the smaller lumps and dust went through the sieve. Many hearts were broken and contrite under His dealings: but the bigger lumps of doubts and fears, and unbelief...He had to throw away.**

He loved His people, but those who would not become broken, He had to throw aside. Many went through the sieve in those early days. Many of the smaller lumps went through the course sieve, but they were still hard and lumpy.

The Second Sieve

So He made another sieve of smaller meshes, and put in His people, who had passed through the first sieve. He shook them and tried them, separated them and sifted them. Many rebelled and refused to go through, so He had to lay them aside. But some went through this second sieve, and precious were they in His sight.

Those who went through the sieve had to go through the world. They had to let go one of another: they had to let go of themselves, and the opinions of people. They who passed through the sieve had to let go all foolishness and pride.

O, that sifting...that separating! The Lord gathered them in His hands. There were still a few little lumps. They were still His people: but those who would not believe and be broken, He had to throw aside.

The Fine Sieve

Those who had gone through the sieve were not sifted fine enough nor little enough to be moulded, so the Lord made for Himself a still finer sieve. Who can understand the plan of the Lord?

Into the finer sieve He put His people, and He is sifting and trying people who will let Him have His way. All doubts and fears must be eliminated. All selfishness, the old nature, all desire for earthly honor, popularity and recognition must be taken away. All hardness, stiffness and stubbornness must be taken away. All the flesh, even good flesh, must be left behind. All selfish ambitions, all gossip, all earthly idle words, and foolish communications. All falseness and shallowness, and desire for earthly leadership, must be gathered and cast out.

But His people He will try again. He will sift them the second, the third time. The fourth time, and the fifth time shall He sift His people. **Ah! He shall have a people who can go through the finest sieve...pass the finest test, whose hearts are broken, whose hearts are mellow and yielded, and who are abandoned to His will.**

He shall gather them together not a grain shall be lost. But He shall gather His people together from the East and from the West, from the North, and from the South...from the uttermost parts of the earth He will gather them in. He shall hold and mould them in the palm of His hand as fine dust.

Once the lumps were large. **They were big and great, but He could not use them. His people are a peculiar, sifted, tried people, who are as the dust of His glorious feet: and with that dust He shall form a body, even as He did from Adam in the beginning, so shall He form His Body. They shall be yielded in His hands. They shall be pliable under His dealings. He shall make them into members of His Body, and fasten them together with cords of love.**

Forming the Body

*The head shall be joined to the neck...the neck to the shoulders. The arms shall take their places in the sockets, and they shall not be stiff, but shall be oiled, and soft, and mellow with the Spirit. Their breasts shall be of Faith and Love, and shall be full. All the parts of the body shall be in their places. The spine shall be formed together, and the loins shall be formed and rest in their sockets. From yielded dust shall be formed strong limbs...legs as pillars of marble, not to be removed. Of the humble members shall He form the feet; they shall be humble and bear about the other members, **yet without feet the body could not walk,***

Giving Life to the Body

Then shall He breathe upon the Body...upon His yielded, slain people. He shall breathe life into the nostrils, and the Body shall become a living soul...controlled not by self, but by the Spirit. They shall walk not by flesh, but by the Spirit of the Lord. They shall be strong and do exploits. From the head shall grow the long hair of separation and praise to God...not one missing.

Coming For the Body

Soon He cometh! Ah. Soon He cometh...this King of Glory. Soon He shall part the cloud, and descend with a shout. His sifted, humble, tried little people He shall take by the hand, and stand them upon their feet...many members, but one Body, and catch them up to reign with Him upon His throne.

O, My people, be little enough to go through the *sieve*. O, *let go everything that would hinder, and go through ...Go THROUGH.*

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.": Psalm 40:16