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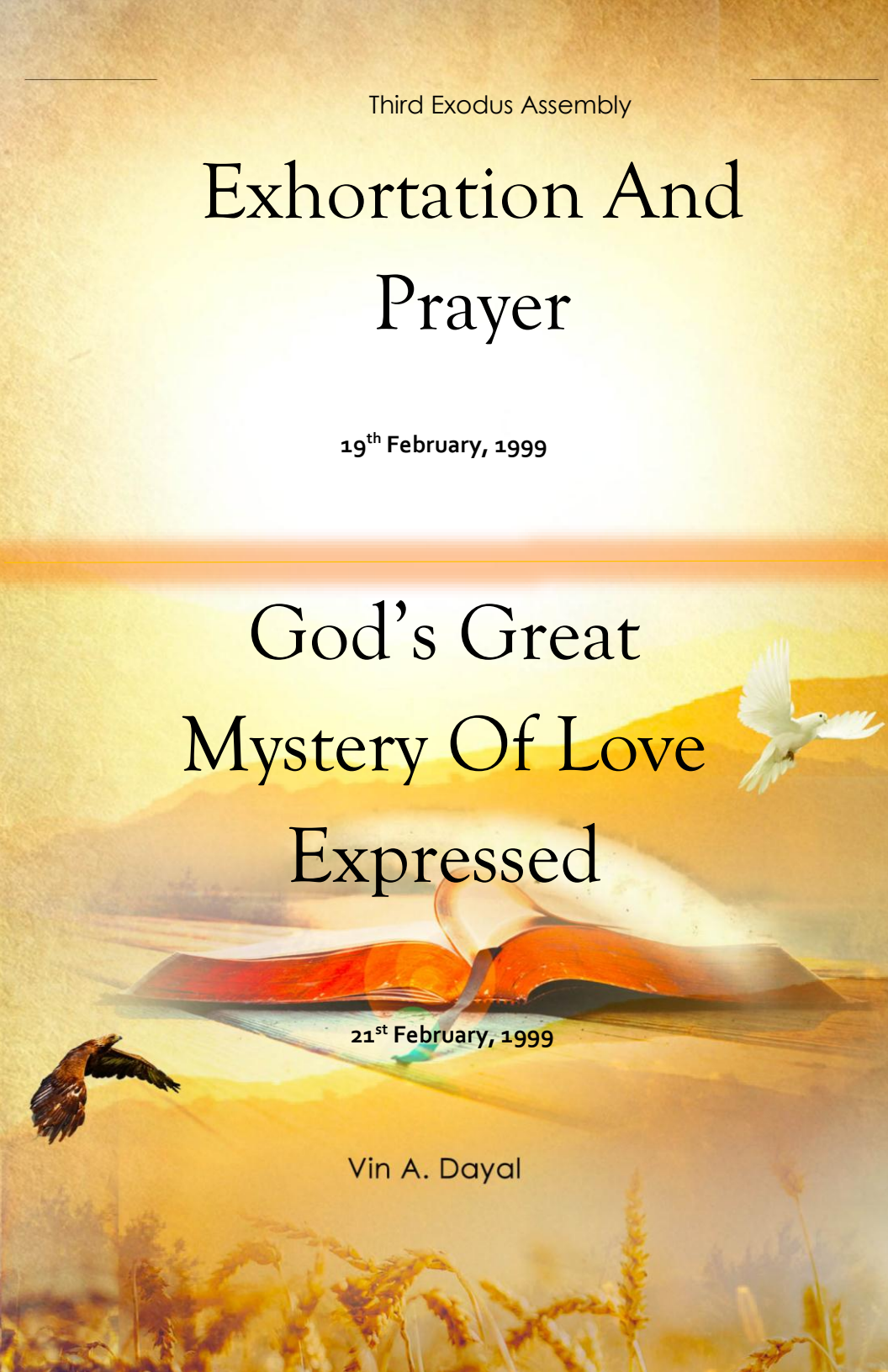
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He wants us to confess that: “God, You’re great, God. God, there is none like You, Jesus. Jesus, You are here. Jesus, the Word is true. Jesus, we know no matter how dark it is, it’s under control, Lord! We know it’s taken care of because we will not doubt You, Lord! Help our unbelief! We judge You faithful, Lord.” When you get in that attitude, things happen. He performs paradoxes. Do you believe that? Amen. [Page 10]

Hallelujah! Oh, Thank You, Lord. Glory be to God in the Highest. Lord, we thank You You’re a God Whose ear is attentive to the supplications of Your children tonight, Father. Oh, that’s what we desire in the church, saints. We want this church to be God’s very place where He comes down, He must feel that He’s the Head. He must be made to feel that by us. He must never feel in any way that He is hindered, He is bound, He’s handicapped or retarded. He must feel liberated when He comes among us, tonight to heal, to deliver, to move. Whatever He wants to do, He must know He’s welcome; He must know He’s loved and appreciated; that He’s the head of this House here, (hallelujah!) that He’s always welcome here; that we are always in anticipations and expectations and our hearts are overjoyed, when we feel and hear the sound of the Spirit moving nearby. [Pages 43]

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That's why He died...

That's why He died... Thank You, Jesus.

... on Calvary

... on Calvary

When I could not come to where

He was, He came to me.

Oh, let's sing it once more with all our hearts. Isn't that grace tonight? Isn't that marvelous grace? God rich in mercy.

He came to me.

Oh, with all the appreciation in your heart.

When I could not come to where

He was, He came to me.

Oh, thank You, Jesus.

That's why He died

That's what it was going to cost Him, but He was willing to pay that price, so He could come to us and take us back.

... on Calvary.

When I could not come to where He was,

He came to me.

Amen. Once more, with all of our hearts, tonight.

He came to me.

Oh, we're so grateful for that tonight, Father. Lord, with all the might in our hearts, we express our gratitude and our appreciation

unto You; to see where You had to come, Lord – in the very pits of hell; Lord, that we could have stained You so badly, but You were willing to do it for us. You had to become sin in order to free us. but Lord, You became sin that we could become Your very righteousness, tonight. Hallelujah.

... on Calvary.

When I could not come to where

He was, He came to me.

Oh, let us just thank Him, tonight. Father, we thank You, dear God. We give You praise and honor and glory, oh God, that we could fully realize this great realization of what You did for us, Lord, that Day. No wonder it made the apostle cry, Father. He was the least of the apostles, then least of the saints, then chiefest of sinners, as this great revelation began to grow and become so real and be made so clear in his heart. Oh God, as Your Prophet said, If he had a million lives, he would give them all to You. If he had a thousand tongues, they wouldn't express his gratitude and appreciation that, Lord, on that Side he could sing *Amazing Grace*.

Oh God, as the Eternal Ages unfold, Father, we stand here tonight, Lord, giving back thanks, expressing our praise and gratitude, dear God, for what You have done for us, Lord. Blessed be Your wonderful Name, dear God. We thank You, Lord. You let us look in and see this great thing when You took the Cap off the Pyramid, when You opened the Seals and let us look in the Book, Lord, and see this hidden plan of Redemption in these last days.

How we thank You, Lord. We give You glory tonight. We give You praise tonight, Lord. We thank You... Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Glory be to God in the Highest! Thank You, Jesus. Thank

You, Lord. Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus. Glory be to God in the Highest! Thank You, Lord. Worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb, tonight! Thank You for claiming us, Lord. How we're bleached with Your Blood, Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You for the Atonement, tonight. Thank You; You rent the veil in twain, Father.

Thank You that Your hands are not short, oh God, that You could reach down that hand for us, Lord. You took us out of the miry clay. You set our feet on a rock to stay. You put a song of praise in our souls today. Hallelujah. Glory be to God in the Highest! Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Amen.

Amazing Grace shall always be my song of praise. Let's just sing one more before we... I believe we could never fully... Number 70 in your books, if you have it close to you. Most of you know it by heart. *I shall forever lift my eyes and look to Calvary (tonight) and view the Cross where Jesus died for me.* How many love Him, tonight. If He's the Center of your life or you want Him to be, you are willing to pay the price to see that take place. Hallelujah!

You know there's something about prayer meeting, we can always come and just empty out. We can always come and refill. When I was coming up tonight, I got in the car and I looked and I saw the needle on 'E', and the little red light began to come on, but there's a gas station I could have just driven right in and say, "Fill it up." Amen. Hallelujah! "Clean up the windscreen." Amen. Oh my. Then there was no stopping then. You can come all the way up to your destination.

Isn't it good that it can be like that, tonight? We can come and let Him fill it up, saying, "Lord, fill it up." Amen. "Clean up the vision, Lord." Hallelujah! Glory be to... I'm on my way to Glory, amen. I'm bound for that City. Glory be to God, tonight. Amen. Thank You, Jesus.

So good to be in His house, tonight. Let's just worship Him and praise Him. A wonderful atmosphere is already here in the building. Amen. This is the night sometimes just to open up your heart. Sometimes, you think you have to go down there and plead and beg and wrestle but sometimes, He's right here wanting to give It to us more than we could desire It.

So let's just thank Him, tonight. Let's just praise Him. Let's just worship Him, tonight. Amen?

Amazing Grace shall always be my song of praise. You know this is an Age; the Bible said in the last days people shall be unthankful. [2nd Timothy 3:2 -Ed.] But the Bible says, in everything give Him thanks. [1st Thessalonians 5:18 -Ed.] In the good times praise His Name; in the bad times do the same. Amen. Be thankful. Be excessively thankful. Don't just be, you know... say, "God knows my heart. God knows I'm thankful." No. That's why He gave you a tongue, amen, to praise Him. Hallelujah! He gave you a tongue to praise Him. Glory be to God in the Highest! And when that language, brother, is insufficient, God gave you a heavenly Language. Amen. He'll quicken you and make you speak in an unknown Language to praise Him. Glory be to God!

So let's just really worship Him, tonight. [#70 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amazing Grace... Hallelujah.

Amazing Grace...

shall always be, oh my...my song of praise. Make it personal, tonight.

For it was Grace...

Think of where you were when He found you that night, what condition you were in. You wanted to be free, then Jesus came. Amen. He's the same tonight, right in this building.

I do not know just how He came...

He looked beyond my faults and saw my need.

I shall forever lift my eyes...

I shall forever lift my eyes to Calvary

And view the Cross (hallelujah!) where Jesus...where Jesus died for me.

Isn't that marvelous tonight?

How marvelous... Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord.

... caught my falling soul.

Falling into the pits of Hell, but He caught me. Amen.

He looked beyond my faults and there were so many; and He saw my need.

It was God's Grace...

It was God's Grace that brought

me out of darkness

And to the light...

And to the light...

where I can clearly see.

Hasn't He done that for us tonight, in this church? Amen. Thank You, Lord.

I'll shout it from the mountains...

I'll shout it from...

And even though some of you might be in the valley tonight, you can still shout it there! Thank You, Lord. Do you know why?

He looked beyond my fault...

He looked beyond...

Oh, I thank You, Lord, You didn't condemn me, but You applied Your Blood to my sins. You didn't blot out my name, but You blot out my sins.

Oh, I shall forever lift my eyes... That's my pledge to Him, tonight.

I shall forever lift my eyes to

Calvary

To view the Cross...

The Old Rugged Cross that made the difference. Golgotha's Hill (amen); where Jesus, my loving Savior, where He died for me. Oh, thank You, Lord.

How marvelous...

How marvelous the grace, that caught my falling soul.

He looked beyond my faults...

...beyond my faults and saw my need.

Let's just sing that first verse again. I believe we have a liberty here, tonight.

Amazing grace shall always be...

Amazing grace ...

Thank You, Jesus. Sing it to Him, tonight. Look right in His face that has been unveiled to you. Just tell Him one more time tonight, that you love Him. Say, "Lord, I love You. I love You so much, Jesus."

For it was Grace that bought me liberty.

He paid for it, friends. You have a liberty in Christ. Stand fast in that liberty, tonight. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

liberty. Emancipation. Hallelujah! It's not bondage there.

I do not know...

Oh, we'll never, never know that; just how He came to love us. Who can find that love tonight?

He looked beyond my faults.

Thank You, Father. Thank You, Jesus.

...my faults and saw my need.

I shall forever lift my eyes...

I shall forever lift my eyes to Calvary

To view that Cross...where the Lamb of God was slain for us; where He laid down His life for His friends; where He was whipped for my transgressions and bruised for my iniquities; where the chastisement for my peace laid upon Him.

How marvelous the grace...

...marvelous the grace, that caught my falling soul.

He looked beyond my faults...

...beyond my faults and saw my need.

Just for the next few moments in your own way, just thank Him. You can always talk with Him right there. When you come to worship Him, you come with praise; you come with thanksgiving. You make your request known with joy. Just thank Him a little bit because all you have to receive, all that He has promised is based on that redemptive work. It's because of what He did on Calvary. The true merit is to stand in His Presence, to ask in His Name, because we have come into identification with that Sacrifice. Every redemptive blessing lies in that Atonement.

Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Father. Teach us, Lord. Make it more real to us that truly, oh God, it would be made so clear to us – the eye of faith. The eye of the soul can see it so clearly, Lord; can see all that was achieved for us, what it means to us, how it is applied to us, the benefits it has brought to us, what it made us beneficiaries of, the God-given privileges that have been restored to us, made clear to us through this Message when those Seven Thunders uttered their voices, ministering an entrance abundantly into these Divine promises; (hallelujah!) to know it's available even now, in this Bride Age. Lord, You poured It out, Lord, through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, our Inheritance, Lord. We thank You tonight, Jesus. Blessed be Your wonderful Name. Hallelujah! Oh, praise and thanks be to the Living God, tonight. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

We like to acknowledge our brother and our sister; Bro. Thomas and Sis. Christianne from Germany. They have the privilege to be with us here one more time. They've looked forward to being here and we're glad to really have them, tonight. God bless them. And make them feel welcome in Third Exodus Assembly once again. Amen? [Congregation applauds. -Ed.]

I want to do it a little differently, tonight. I have a message that I want to preach on Sunday and it has been my... I started it a little bit, before I left for a few days. I'm really glad to be able to have had those couple of days and yet, at the same time, I am so much more overjoyed to be back because it's not nice to be out there, and I'm surely not the kind of person built up to just sit around and... It was like a little torment, but nevertheless, the purpose I went for, I was

able to achieve that purpose and I'm glad to be here tonight.

I have a few things in my heart and I would like to speak it on Sunday, continuing from my last message, *From A Bondmaid To A Free Woman* [1999-0131 -Ed.]. Then some of those things that... we have been having the couples meetings, when I told you that when I come back we'll continue on; and we'll certainly be doing that.

But I want to read a couple of chapters of Scripture here, just to acquaint you, so, Sunday morning we won't have too many stares with staring eyes. It's in a Book I kind of think that many of you are not acquainted with, Hosea, the Book of Hosea. And I want to speak something out of there. So, I trust that... I'm not going to preach; I just want to read so that I'll sort of get you acquainted, so on Sunday I wouldn't have to be using up a lot of time trying to familiarize you with the Scripture. So, I thought that, you know, it would be so appropriate tonight.

It's a wonderful atmosphere of thanksgiving tonight, in the house of God. The Holy Spirit just seems to want us to bless Him, and honor Him, and glorify Him with our praise. And it's always nice when you have a spiritual mind and you sense that God just wants you to praise Him, then it means to say that something is going to happen.

You know, when you come into the house of God and God says, "Just praise Me; just worship Me. I'm God. There's none like Me. There's none that can compare with Me. I'm the Almighty. I created the Heavens and the Earth." Like He told the Prophet that day when he walked in that woods, He said, "I'm Jehovah God Who created the Heavens and the Earth. I stilled

the waters that time.” What was happening? He was getting ready to speak to the storm (amen); bring a peace and a calm.

Wouldn't that be nice tonight? Some of you have circumstances that you're praying for, you're trying to push out of your mind, block out, asking for prayer, special prayer, fasting and everything else. Wouldn't you like God to say, “Yes, speak that thing away from you. (Amen.) Shake that thing off of you; it can't bother you anymore.” Wouldn't you like that tonight? Amen.

Then some people would just want to praise Him, and when you can sense that, that's good. That's good because, sometimes, He wants us to acknowledge Him, what He is, to see if we believe Him, that He said, many times, “Is there anything too hard for the Lord? Believest thou that I'm able to do this?”

He wants us to confess that: “God, You're great, God. God, there is none like You, Jesus. Jesus, You are here. Jesus, the Word is true. Jesus, we know no matter how dark it is, it's under control, Lord! We know it's taken care of because we will not doubt You, Lord! Help our unbelief! We judge You faithful, Lord.” When you get in that attitude, things happen. He performs paradoxes. Do you believe that? Amen.

And this little message on Hosea, it's not a... It's just a message of Love. It's a message of Love. And when it was coming to me, you know, I know some of these Things, but then, I don't preach on it and I can't preach on it sometimes, until I get the inspiration of it. And I think that there was something that I was seeing and wanted to get a hold of, and I was reading up so many different things, and backgrounds of

people and some of the ancient writers and them, and they just...

It stumbled them in this Book and they came up with different ideas. And I tell you, I believe God showed it to me. Yes, and I believe God took the Seals off of this Book here and gave It to me. And so, I sought and I said, "Oh, that's why they couldn't see that. That's why they don't understand that. That's why they couldn't explain further or go further on that." And I'm thankful to God when He does something like that for me. And I think I see it; I believe I see it. I believe I can preach it out of the Bible. And that's why I wanted to...

When I saw the Love of God, I was telling my wife before I left... I was studying it the very night before I left and I started preaching a little bit about it, and I was telling her, I said, you know, "To think of the Love of God, it overwhelms me to see that God could love like this." And when you see that, it encourages you because sometimes, you know, you feel condemned, you feel down, you feel... You know you love God, you know God is Love, you know God loves you and you know He cares for you, but you're so unworthy, you're so bound up, you've made so many mistakes that you don't know how to move. And then you see something like that and you know... God says, "It's taken care of. That's what makes Me God. That's why there's none like Me. That's why I'm different. That's why it pays to serve Me and live for Me." Amen. And when you see that, it encourages you.

So, let's just read. I'll read the first chapter and then I'll let you have your seats.

[Hosea 1 -Ed.]

¹ The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

If you're acquainted with the Bible, many times, you'll realize when you read things like that, you'll realize why there's no book like the Bible. In that one verse, before you could really even understand why God needed a man like Hosea, you have to know what were the days of Uzziah; what characterized his time, his reign; what characterized the reign of Ahaz? Because remember, the condition must exist if God has to send a Message to help people in that condition. See? And all these kings, this man's ministry was in this time.

Like I always say, brother, I'm raised up in this country, preaching this Message here in the time of Eric Williams, and George Chambers, and Patrick Manning and Basdeo Panday [successive Prime Ministers of Trinidad and Tobago -Ed.]. And I see leaders, one after the other – in the days of Anthony Pantin, and Bishop Abdullah and the new man that they have right now, and these people in the religious realm. [Former Catholic and Anglican Archbishops of Trinidad and Tobago -Ed.] And you see the country is changing, and you see the politics is changing, and they are following investments and everything is going on, but in there, under all of that, you came into the Message.

And under the reigns of these leaders in government, it pushed the people in different directions and they got trapped under different conditions. And everytime it happens in the

natural, you have to catch the inspiration in the spiritual, to bring the message. Amen.

So, you see, things like that in the Bible are for a purpose. And that is why Jesus said, “Not one jot or tittle shall in any wise fail.” Everything that’s written There, informs us, and it sets the scene for us that we can know how to read It. And this is to give us a little inspiration to pray, tonight, because we’re going to pray directly for the service on Sunday morning, and God willing, we’re just going to breakthrough.

² The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea.

This is the beginning of his message that began to come to him. There was a time when he was going out with his message. He was born a prophet, sitting down there in the country, but when the Word of the Lord began to come to him and he was beginning to go out to sound the message, this is where it started.

...And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed [a] great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

So, God was telling this man now, “Go and take a wife of whoredoms.” And I think that this is one of the things that confused many of the great reformers, because God here was speaking prophetically. He was not telling the man to go and marry a woman with a lot of children already. (You’ll see that in the Bible as we read.) He said, “Go and marry a wife of whoredoms.” God knew the condition the woman was going to get into, because remember, He was telling the man to do that because what? Israel was departed from the

Lord. But when God chose Israel, they were His people before they departed from Him. Amen?

³ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

She bore him a son. You see?

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

Remember the kingdom of the house of Israel started with Jeroboam, when they had the Spirit. So, this thing now was going to come to a cease. They were going to be taken out the land and go into captivity. So, his Message is coming to a people who had departed from the Lord, got into deep idolatry, and would not come back to God. And remember, it's the same for like an individual person, same for a family, same for a church.

A church could drift away from God. A family could drift away from God. A man or woman could drift away from God. If you belong to God and you start to drift away from God, and God sends people to talk to you: "Brother, be careful. Sister, be careful. You're drifting; watch it. Look at how you're dressing. Look at what's coming into your life now. Look at these things you are getting a hold to. Look at these things you are making important. Be careful!" See? Then they begin to get into problems. See? Just like this here.

⁵ And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel, in the valley of Jezreel.

So, God said, “Name the son.” He said, “You go and marry the woman.” He gave conception. She bore a son. God said, “Name the son, because I will do such and such. Why? Israel departed from Me. I am using your life and experience to make My message clear to the people that I want to communicate My Message to, so they will not miss it. They will know plainly, clearly, what they have done, how I’m dealing with it; and if they are to come back to Me, they will know the basis on which they must come back to Me.”

6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter.

Now, notice something here. It didn’t say, “She conceived again by him.” First time, It says that she conceived and bore him a son; now It says that she conceived again and bore a daughter. Because God had already said what? She’s a wife of whoredom; her children will be children of whoredom.

...And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

That is what we read. He said that He will cause the house of Israel to cease. He said, “I’ll utterly take them away.” So call her name what? ‘I will have no more mercy.’ Literally, it means that she will not be shown compassion. Why? Because it’s not his people. That child didn’t come from the husband. That child came from a false union, from another husband.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor

by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

Now, remember that Israel was divided into two kingdoms. One was Israel – ten tribes; one was Judah and Benjamin. Judah had the Messianic promise. Israel was sold into idolatry. Just like the Church – two vines. See? Nominal church – fundamental; and the spiritual Church. They have always been together. Look at this.

⁸ Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

It didn't say that she conceived and bore him a son, now. First time, she bore him a son. See? Now, It says that she conceived and bore a son; another one again, just as this one that was weaned.

⁹ Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

Because Loammi means *not my people*. See? In other words, the church is bearing children by another pregation and the children don't resemble the true Husband, so God can't claim them. Because when they decided to go into heathen worship, when they started to wear all those tight dresses with those big slits; (is that right?) when those men started to carry themselves in that way of the world and the worldly influence, they want to smoke and drink and different things and that kind of way, that is not an impregnation from the Word. That's not a life that comes by being birthed by the Word. That means that it's another life, another life from another seed.

Another seed... To receive seed, you have to have intercourse. See? So it means to say that

they are cohabited, they are correlating with another person and being pregnated with another life and giving birth to another kind of children. And any children that are not from the original marriage are what? Illegitimate children (is that right?), being born from an adulterous act.

So, when God sees people, let us say, among His people, like if this church is God's Church, and God has a Word going forth and that Word is birthing people, and there are people coming forth here and they're not like that Word that is being preached, they don't resemble that Word that is being preached, they're getting another pregation from somewhere. There is another influence in their lives, stronger than the Influence that is supposed to be influencing them. Is that right?

You see, I'm trying to give you places to think, so Sunday morning you could grasp when we begin to look at the Word. And I don't want to get to preaching and explaining some of these things but just to familiarize you. You may have your seat.

Now there were three children; one was Jezreel. Jezreel means *God soweth* (see?) *God soweth'* Then Loruhamah, *She shall not be showed compassion; I will have no mercy upon her.* Then the next one, Loammi, which means *You are not My people.* In other words, I know My people. I know My children. My children, I could give them a blood test and prove they're Mine. My children have My characteristics. My children were in My loins. Do you understand me? Amen.

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor

*numbered; and it shall come to pass,
that in the place where it was said
unto them, Ye are not my people,
there it shall be said unto them, Ye
are the children of the living God.*

Now what makes this Book a difficult Book, and that's why through a theological mind it's hard to follow, because Hosea was a preacher like, let's say Bro. Branham. One day he's using illustrations to preach. The next minute he is giving It to you like a parable. The next minute he is using something figuratively or speaking it metaphorically. And the next minute he might say something plainly. So it's difficult to keep abreast with him if you don't understand how he speaks, how he gives his message.

Like even when Solomon gave his messages in Proverbs. The Book of Proverbs was written by Solomon, even Ecclesiastes. That's why when you read Proverbs, if you don't have a spiritual mind, it's hard to grasp Proverbs. You're reading It, you're getting some and some of It you can't get. Why? Because it is something being given in the form of pictures.

You know the Chinese have a proverb that says, *A picture is worth a thousand words*. And that is the beautiful thing with preaching. That is how Jesus preached: "The sower went forth to sow a seed," and different things. He was giving you a picture but He was talking about His whole Ministry, about His preaching, and the Age, and planting, the former rain, and the seed, and different things.

So Hosea, God could use him in this way, that his life: "Take this woman; marry this woman. She will have children by other men, but that is how you will tell Israel that they're supposed to be My wife and they went now with other

nations, got under the influence of other nations, and then they began to bring forth children like the other nations; other nations' religions among them, other nations' fashions among them, other nations' styles among them, other nations' languages among them; in politics, in military, everything, until you can't even tell them from the other nations. And I called them out of the nations to be a holy nation, a peculiar people."

Like God called us out of denomination to be different from denomination. But today, what is happening? Subtly that denominational day is coming back in among the people, that you could sit down among Message people and can't even tell a difference, unless you see somebody with a belt buckle or the picture or something, or they mention the Prophet's name or something, but half of the time it's confusing because a lot of it looks so much like the organization. See?

Now, it always happens like that. Even if you see a person come out and start to serve the Lord, walking with the Lord, "I'll die for the Message. I love God." They get saved. They come to the altar, they cry; they wash off their paint. Brother, they come, the world doesn't even have a hold upon them, but as they begin go along, they begin to have second thoughts. "I don't want to be a fanatic. Why do I have to behave like that for?"

And the next thing they start to get modernistic in their thinking, and start to get modernistic in their taste. And the next thing, you know, they begin to go back to the things that they once destroyed and begin to rebuild that same material – the cycle of revival and death.

And that is why God brings us to places and say, "Remember" He told David, "where I took you from; the sheepecote." He tells the Church, "Remember your first Love and repent and get back to your first works." Why does God do that? When the people drift away.

And that's why prayer meetings are nice because sometimes you come and you want to pray for the car, and you want to pray for the house, you want to pray for the church, you want to pray for this and you want to pray for the other, and God says, "Yes, but see where you were." In other words, "I don't just want you to be praying. I want to keep you in step too, because you have to know where you're at, to know what to ask for." It's because when you're in a certain place, you could ask for certain things. When you're not there, you have to pray that God can bring you into that place where you can ask for those things. Do you understand that?

And then, sometimes, in your own self would need to review your life: "Am I backsliding? Am I getting cold? Am I on fire? Do I still love God the same as when I started? Would I die for this Message? Do I still want Jesus to come this year or I have some plans now, and if Jesus comes He'll offset my plans?" And you start to realize, "I want Him to come, you know, but I have gotten so deep into these other things, I didn't realize that it got a hold of me so strongly." And you start to realize what has happened to your human spirit - it is being caught under an influence.

So, watch how this Book goes. The first part of It, It tells you what time he lived in. It tells you what God told him to go and do: get a wife of whoredom with children of whoredom. But

we noticed, the first son was his and then the whoredom started. Did you get that? So, in other words, she wasn't a whore from the start. She was a good woman but she began to get seduced after the marriage. Are you seeing a picture there?

What was the first marriage? Adam and Eve, right? Remember, it starts in Genesis and goes all the way through the Book. And then what happened? When she got married there, then Eve was seduced, then she went into whoredom. Then Eve began to do what? Bring forth children of whoredom. Is that right? That's the same way.

And what happened to the Church? After She was married, after God took the Bride from His side like Christ and the Church; after they were to Perfect Love, then what happened? Nicolaitans came, conquered the Church. Is that right? Then they started to bring forth denominational children. Is that right? Exactly. So, you see.

So, you see, because the Seven Seals are opened, we can look back in Genesis and look back in Revelation and we can see how these Things come. So look.

Now remember, all of this is to get a message over to the people; Israel, but look at Israel's beginning – God chose them like a man chooses a woman. They didn't choose God; God chose them. Did God call Abraham by election? Was Abraham election? Was Jacob grace? Is that right? Was Isaac love? Sure. Was Joseph perfection? Sure. God, dealing with His elected people whom He called to perfection, whom He showed His elective Love; Who, in His grace, the election of grace that He chose them; not of

works, but of grace. That's what God is doing with His people.

But this same people fell away from God. After He took them out, brought them into the land, placed them there in Canaan land, gave them that land, made them His people, made them the head of the nations; what did they do? Began to go after other nations. Then they started to worship Baal. Then they had a Jezebel there. Do you understand what I'm saying? They began to get seduced after God chose them for Himself. And this is what He's trying to tell them.

Now remember, every Book in the Bible is redemption. This Book has a revelation of God's Love. Because Hosea... to get to the beginning of it; Hosea is the same word as Joshua. If you look in Numbers 13, you'll find that Joshua's name is Oshea. Joshua is – I think, I'm not certain, if I am not wrong – could be Greek; Oshea is Hebrew. And Hosea is that same word. Joshua is what? Jesus – it's the same word; it means *Jehovah-Saviour*.

And this Book takes the name of Hosea. So it is something about Jehovah's salvation; something about that salvation, that Love of God that this Jesus Who saves... And how did He save? He laid down His life for us. But what He saved us from; how lost were we? Sometimes, we don't know how lost we were. It's the Word that tells you how lost you were.

A person can say, "I wasn't that bad." You might not be that bad, but you were that lost. Because Romans 5 says, *while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*; while we were enemies of God, when we were without strength. 'Without strength' means we didn't have any ability to live for God. If God gave us a million

years to live, in a million years we still wouldn't be able to prove that we could live for God.

It says, "While we were ungodly..." 'Ungodly' means, (that's Romans 5:12-13) it means we couldn't get a right concept of God. That shows you the first birth. And that's why with you, young people, and some of you old ones who don't have the Holy Spirit, that tells you why you need a New Birth and why it can't be in reformation. Because you see how there's a big 'X' over that first birth. That's why Jesus told Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I say unto you, Nicodemus, you too must be born again." Man in his best state must be born again.

So, this Book shows us the condition we were in and got saved from. When we see where we were and we see how He came to us...like we were singing the songs tonight and I felt that was the Holy Spirit right there because *He came to me when I could not come to Him. Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise. He looked beyond my faults and saw my needs.* That's the Book of Hosea. That's it right there. See? *This love of God so rich and pure, so measureless and strong.*

When you see that, then you see the things that have influence over you or the people you want to have influence with, or the people that you want to like you, and to see if they could love you with this Love that God showed He has loved you with. And when you see this, if the Holy Spirit could be so gracious to give you an insight to see this Love—now we don't have to imagine it; it's somewhere in the Bible. There are places in the Bible. In one place you will see Boaz and Ruth. That message on the bondmaid and the free woman, we see how God designed marriage

to take a person's state and condition and change it up from that, to another place.

Well this Book of Hosea is about marriage. The beginning of the message was about what? "Marry that woman." Now remember, when God marries, it's till death, but look at the condition of the woman! Look at the condition!

Could you imagine the Apostolic church ended up to be that woman Jezebel when she fell, and God said, "Repent and get back to your first Love," because now she had another love? He said, "I forbid you to eat from the Tree of Life," because she had already eaten from the Tree of Death.

You see, I'm getting in my message and I don't want to get there. But I'm trying to show you something. It is sealed with the Truth Seal, but when you see the Love of God, you say, "Lord..."

Now there is something that is important to this message. It is, as I told you, I kept reading it back and forth in different ways. They can't explain this Book. It confuses them. They disagree. They say, "No, no, no. How could a Holy God tell a man, 'Go and marry a woman in whoredom?'" They can't understand that.

That is why sometimes you get ministers who are disqualified to preach and marry women in whoredom, and they try to use Hosea, and say, "I am like Hosea. God let me marry that woman."

But that's why I'm showing you here, the first child was his. She went into whoredom afterwards. And to prove that that is so, I showed you back the types with the first Eve and the second Eve, and showed you back with Israel. Are you understanding me?

But you see, even these things prove, the Seven Seals are opened. How are we finding

these Things? I read this Book over and over and over, and I've heard people trying to preach on It, and they picked a verse here and picked a verse there. But when the Spirit broke It, I saw It.

Do you know something? I'll tell you maybe afterwards or if not, maybe Sunday a little bit; something that has happened to me in San Juan. I had to fly through Puerto Rico, you see. And I remember when I was going out to South Carolina some years ago, I sat down right there, a layover, maybe about five or six hours. And God just dealt with me. I couldn't understand it.

And going this time, I sat down there in the airport and it started to happen, and in coming back; it started to happen. I had about maybe five-six hours there again. And I'm sitting down there with my Bible, and it was just... and then I was telling my Sunrise [Bro. Vin's daughter -Ed.] (she was with me) of how I had an experience some years ago.

And today coming up to the service, I was thinking about that and I said, "Oh yes, it is San Juan...San Juan. That is Saint John; that is where I was born, in San Juan, Mission Road here." If Saint John is the Eagle, Puerto Rico is Rich Port. And I'm thinking... I said, you know—because I am trying to figure out, "Why am I sitting down in this place and these Things are coming to me?" I sit alone in my office for hours and sometimes I can't get that. And God just sent me to this place and I started to see Things.

So when I looked at this and began to see the hidden messages and how they came, God began to refer things and when He referred those things, I said, "Now I see."

It is something like the Book of Daniel. You see the Book of Daniel, what makes it so difficult is if you miss Chapter 2, you can't understand anything in the Book of Daniel. Chapter 2 is Nebuchadnezzar's dream. That is the image from the time of the Gentiles. Well, everything from chapter 3, all the way back to the end of the Book of Daniel, is only developing the first thing. It is like the Bible.

The whole Bible is just a development of Genesis 3:15. Genesis 3:15 is the first prophecy ever given: The woman shall receive a Seed and the woman's Seed shall bruise the serpent's head. Every other prophecy comes out of that. That is the seed prophecy. Every other prophecy only expands and develops, to make the picture clearer, giving you more detail.

Well the Book of Hosea is like this, "Go and marry that woman, a wife of whoredom." And that whole experience with the wife, after that, from chapter 4 to 13, every prophecy, everything that God gave only develops something about this relationship. So when you could grasp that, it makes the picture clear for you. And when you see the picture, you see God's Love.

And when you see your own condition, you realize that we are living in the Age when these things which could not have been understood before and could only be understood when the Seals are opened; and that's why I tell you, the reformers and they couldn't explain the Book. It puzzled them. And just to get past the first three chapters, they didn't know what to do with it because it seemed so strange. It seemed so abrupt, "Marry a woman of whoredom!" It didn't explain anything.

Even there about the children, they're not certain about the children. But the Bible said

the first son, she conceived and bore him the son; then she conceived and bore, and conceived and bore. That is like Genesis 4; Adam knew Eve and she conceived and bore Cain and again bore Abel. The Prophet said he knew once; she conceived twice. See? He said they had to be twins. Then Adam knew Eve again and she conceived and bore Seth. He said, "Now this is the second time he knew her." See?

So when you watch conceive and bear in the Bible, it keeps the same way. The next two children, she bore. It never said she bore for him; never said she was conceived by him but the first one, It said, she conceived by him. But before that even happened, God said, "It's a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom." Because God Who knows the beginning from the end is speaking prophetically.

When God would think for Seven Church Ages, "Tell the Church at Ephesus, this," even before the Age starts, God sees what it's going to be. And to the Church of Thyatira, even before that Age comes, God sees what it's going to be. Isn't that right? Exactly. "Sardis, I know your deeds, that you have a name that you liveth, but you are dead," even before the Age comes. And when the Age comes they take a denominational name. How did God know that? Foreknowledge.

Is He not interested in you? You see, I want you to see that because you see, remember... Why is it important? The Message is the opening of the Seals, that doesn't mean White horse, Red horse, Black horse; that means the hidden Truths sealed in the Word; to see Jesus Christ in every Scripture. And when you see Hosea, even the very name, five letters, Hosea - Jesus; Joshua, Jehovah-Saviour, Jesus

saves: His great salvation, His love for His people, how He redeems them. And when we see our condition, then... because remember Israel is our type. Israel is a type of the Bride.

So look at verse 10. He's giving a prophecy: They shall be... what? ...like the sands of the sea.

He said:

10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered;

It changes over. He's prophesying here.

...and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

When the child was born, He said call her name 'you are not my people'. He said, but—then He gave a prophecy. "But in the same place I tell you, you are not My people, I'll come back one day and tell them, they are My people." In other words, "Right now, they are in this condition, but one day will come, I'll bring them back. They will not be like that anymore. I'll change them. I'll be able to call them My people."

You see God could have come down and said, "Third Exodus Assembly, you are not My church," because God could look down here and see people, let us say, walk in anyhow, they are living anyhow claiming they are in Message, claiming they believe Bro. Branham is the Prophet, and claim this. That doesn't mean anything to God.

Remember it's one thing for you to claim something and one thing is for God to vindicate

the claim. Anybody can claim anything is of God, but if God doesn't back up that claim, that means nothing. All denominations are claiming Jesus is their Saviour. But He's not their Saviour because they rejected Him; they put Him on the outside of the church.

So you see, the thing is... He is telling them here, He said, "But in the same place where you are not My people..." Now, what does 'you are not My people' mean? *Loammi*. So 'My people' will be *Ammi*. Where 'you are not My people', where you are 'Loammi', the time will come, you will be 'Ammi'.

*¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah
and the children of Israel be
gathered together,*

Notice, they were separated. How many know that they are going to be gathered together in these last days? Twelve thousand out of [each of the] twelve tribes. They were never after that time united at any time. It was two kingdoms all the way. It broke in the days of Jeroboam. But in the last days, they'll come back out and the two sticks in Jeremiah will be joined and come back as one stick, in the last days. So look, even while it was happening here, God was giving a prophecy for the last days, but it was all being symbolized by this man's life with this woman.

*¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah
and the children of Israel be
gathered together, and appoint
themselves one head,*

And you know who that is – Christ.

*... and they shall come up out of
the land: for great shall be the day of
Jezreel.*

Now, look at Chapter 2 now. Then God was speaking to Hosea again.

*¹ Say ye unto your brethren,
Ammi; and to your sisters,
Ruhamah.*

In other words, the two children's names were what? Loammi and Loruhamah: you will not be shown mercy because you are not My people. So God is saying now, "Say to them, 'You shall be shown mercy because you are My people.'" So what is He doing? He's giving them hope. "I'll lift you out of that condition."

If tonight you feel like you are not His, if tonight you feel like you're away from Him and it seems like you're only seeing wrath and judgement around your life, you're not seeing any mercy, remember He said, "I will show mercy unto whom I will. It's not who willeth him or him that runneth; it's God that showeth mercy. I will harden whom I will and I will show mercy to whom I will. There is no unrighteousness with God. I am the Potter and you are the clay." See? Romans 9, the sovereignty of God. So He said: [Hosea 2 -Ed.]

*¹ Say ye unto your brethren,
Ammi; and to your sisters,
Ruhamah.*

*² Plead with your mother, plead:
for she is not my wife, neither am I
her husband:*

So this is like Hosea speaking to Jezreel, his son.

You see, Jezreel was his own. He said, "But tell your mother and your sisters and them," which are the two girls, because all three came from the same womb but from two different fathers. "So tell your mother and tell your sisters." Do you get what I'm saying? The

message is being given figuratively. He said, "Marry this woman because you represent Me and the woman represents Israel, and the children are the people in the nation, what they've become. I can't show them mercy because look at the condition they are in. They're not My people; look at what they're reflecting." See?

How did they get like that? They went a whoring after other gods. They went into false union and joined with other nations and got the influence of those nations upon them, and they're trying to be like the other nations, instead of trying to be like Me." Exactly what the Church did. He said:

...let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

He is describing acts and a position that inferred sexual relationship. He said those lovers are between her breasts. They're on top of her. And *...put away her whoredoms*; in other words, that lover on top of her has her involved in illicit intercourse, because that one on top of her is not her husband. Watch his Message.

Why is God giving the man that language, in that situation, to give that Message? Do you know why? People like to walk about saying, "I'm a Christian. I love Jesus."

God said, "You are nothing but a filthy whore, is what you are."

You say, "Me? You can't talk to me like that! I am letting you know, you can't talk to me like that!"

That's why God says, "She's the great whore and her daughters are harlots, and I'll stone them with a plague of hail like they used to stone the adulteress in the Bible. And they'll rot in the

thigh, and the fowls of the air will eat them, the same way they eat people when I bring judgment upon a nation or upon a people that I stoned and killed for committing adultery.” How many know that will happen to the churches in the last days under that Seventh Vial? It’s the same thing.

That is why when you’re playing around with the world... When you’re baptized, when you say you love the Lord and you change your dress, and start to talk about you love Jesus, and you start to pack a Bible in your hand, and you come to church and you lift your hand and close your eyes and begin to sing, “Hallelujah, glory to God,” and you come in prayer meeting and you kneel down and you begin to pray, to talk to your... Remember it’s your Husband you’re coming to talk to. Remember when they say, “Lift your hands and praise God and worship Him,” remember you’re making love to your Husband.

And when a lot of people like to just sing and worship and dance in the Spirit and shout, and run and jump, and then they can’t take the Word, remember that is a woman who doesn’t want to bare His children or receive His Seed. But she only wants his money, his riches; let him drive her about in a car; let him put her out there. Remember, that is the kind of way the woman is.

I’m sorry I had to use some of that explicit language like this, but you see some of you sit down there and you don’t catch the nature and content of the message Hosea had. How many know that’s the Prophet’s Message to the Church in the last days?

I’ll give you the secret why I’m getting to this. Hosea was contemporary with

Isaiah. Isaiah saw Uzziah judged and after he saw Uzziah die, the Heavenly Vision broke. And after the Heavenly Vision broke, he was commissioned to bring the sixty-six Books.

How many know Bro. Branham, after he saw the Pentecostals dead, under judgement, rejecting the Word, that Heavenly Vision broke: Sirs, what time is it? How do you know the Seven Seals are opened to reveal all the Mysteries in the Bible? Sure. How many know this Message was to the whores and the harlots of this Age? How many know Hosea and Amos and all them were just little preachers around Isaiah, the major prophet who had the sixty-six Books, saying out of his Message?

Out of all, we saw Zephaniah, we saw Hatach, we've seen Hosea, we've seen these things in the Bible, to show you the Five-fold ministry is to come there with that Message. How many are Spirit-led to recognize that if you're seeing these things right here in the church, sitting down here in the pew, you've seen the accuracy of the Holy Spirit in this season, supernaturally taking the Book and opening these Things to tell you you're in the Presence of God? How many know if you could see these Things it's the evidence that you've really seen the Message, and if these things are strange to you, you have missed the real revelation of the Message? Sure. You see?

I think I have to stop there because I'm going to go too long and we can't pray; and then I get preaching and then I won't have to preach on Sunday anymore. [Congregation laughs. -Ed.] But you see that is just to tell you do a little reading. Finish read a little bit.

I want to show you where she became so low and degraded, and after she was in such filth and whoredom, and so low, and went with all

these lovers and she brought forth these adulterous children, God said, "Go get her."

God said, "Go get Her because I said I'm going to restore Her. I'm going to bring Her back in the last days. The Bride Tree shall be restored in the last days. All that the palmerworm, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, the locust have eaten down, I'll restore it. I'll bring Her back. She'll stand justified like She never did sin. She'll be washed so white! She'll be marching up to Zion, "Onward Christian Soldiers", marching through Immanuel's ground, marching to Zion! Oh, thank You. Let's stand to our feet.

So tonight, if you feel, like sometimes, "I don't know why God... I don't feel God will put up with me any longer. I think this is not for me. I think that God's not really hearing me. I wonder if I'm getting through to God, at all. You know, I come, I mean, I'm where I'm sincere, I'm trying my best, but it seems like I'm not getting the response I need from God." Let me say tonight, when we see the condition of this woman...

I hope on Sunday God helps me to bring It. Because you see, you could preach these Things, and sometimes, if you can't grasp the picture of It and then God doesn't anoint you to bring It and lay It there to get you caught up into It... And that's why I felt that I needed to read a little bit of It to you to put It all around you, so if you are sincere and you read a little bit tomorrow, when you sit at home in the evening or some time, or early on Sunday morning, you come in here prayerfully, open It up and begin to read, by the time we get to the Scripture there, It will be all... not just around us but start to move all inside of us, and God may have a real tremendous blessing in store for us; something

that could really make us know that we are loved. We are appreciated. God cares for us. He's interested in us.

There is nothing that could discourage us or paralyze us, or bind us up, or make us feel that we are too far gone or something; that no matter how the devil tries to push, we have something to mount... set our wings and mount up with eagle's wings and break into the Presence of God and say, "Father, I stand here like the prodigal son, (amen) like that woman, coming back, (amen!) to her place." because [of] this One Whom we love, and to know that we serve a God that could love that much.

He isn't like the heathens, who, they'll want you to sacrifice your children to them or sacrifice your best bull to them, or your best cow to them, or your best sheep to them. Our God became our Sacrifice. We don't have to bring anything to Him. He, Himself, became the Gift. He, Himself, became the Sacrifice. He, Himself, did the work. He, Himself, said: "Not of any works that you can do, it's a free gift from Me." And this God is rich in mercy to bring us back to it, to give it so real to us.

And I told you, when I saw this, I know when we get in those Couples' meetings when we come back this week and start here, we are going to see: "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church." We will start to get a picture of how Christ loved the Church. We'll start to get a picture of the kind of forgiveness a man must be able to forgive his wife. And may that Love be so measureless and so strong. May it break us up when we see God naked, unveiled, nothing there hidden from us; our view of Him, that we could look at Him and say, "Father, is this our God? Is this our Husband? Is this our

Christ? Is this our Beloved? Is this the One Who died for us? Let me touch Him. Let me look upon Him.”

No wonder when the man tried... They said, “Sambo...” He had that dream the Angel said, “Sambo, come for your reward.” He said, “Sambo, here’s your robe and your crown, you served God so well.”

He said, “Don’t talk to me about robe and crown; just let me look upon Him for a thousand years. I just want to get a good view of Him! I just want to look upon His face.” Amen. Hallelujah! “I just want to adore Him.”

Oh, come let us adore Him, tonight. Let’s adore Him in this church, all around this building, tonight. Let Him be the Center of our attraction, the Center of our affection. Let us shower a praise. Let us as His wife get taken up, get interested in Him and love Him up and hug Him up and kiss Him up and say, “Lord, we love You, Jesus! Oh, You’re such a wonderful Saviour. I’ve been so unthankful. I’ve been so ungrateful. But Lord, out of my heart, Lord, let me show You affection, let me not be bound up. Give me a release so I can express myself to You.” Oh my! Thank You, Jesus! Oh, thank You, Lord!

You know, sometimes a wife, she loves her husband. She tries to cook a nice pie; it burns. She tries to make a nice cake, to do something for his birthday, she buys the wrong size. Oh my, and like everything is going wrong. But she wants to tell him she loves him but she seems like, she can’t get the words out because she grew up with a complex. She grew up, you know, introvert, and with a complex and inhibitions and all these things, and she’s bound up in her personality. And the husband

just wants to feel her arm around him; just hear her say, “Honey, I love you.” Amen. She says, “You know I couldn’t wait for you to come home today. Oh, I’m just so glad to see you! You have made my day. You are the sunshine of my life,” or something like that, to get the husband feeling all nice. Amen!

And then, you know, when a church can’t make the Lord feel He’s Lord and Saviour and then they want Him to raise the dead, they want to cast out devils, they want Him to heal the sick, they want Him to provide and create squirrels and bring a paradox and everything else and they can’t hug Him up a little bit and say, “Jesus, we love You. Jesus, we want to serve You. Jesus, we’re excited about You. Jesus, You mean everything to us.” Amen! Hallelujah! That’s the way we want to be. Don’t we, tonight?

Let the musicians come and let’s just worship a little bit here tonight. Sing with love, with gratitude, with thanksgiving, with appreciation. Amen. Let’s just exalt Him. Amen. Let’s just tell Him that we love Him so much. He’s our everything, tonight. Oh hallelujah! [#462 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I just want to be where You are;
 Dwelling daily in Your Presence.
 I don’t want to worship from afar;
 Draw me near to where You are.

We want to be so close to Him. Hallelujah! Do you love Him tonight? Oh, let it bathe down. I trust that God helped me to preach in a way that it will mean something to you. Amen. It could be something so fresh. Hallelujah.

Draw me near to where You are:

I just want be where You are;
I just want to be where You are – Oh, thank
You, Lord.

And I don't want to worship from afar
Oh, just draw me near, tonight.
[Could you dim those lights for me.]
...near to where You are.

I want to be where You are;
Dwelling in Your Presence
Sing with all the feeling and all the love in
your heart to Him, tonight; candlelight dinner
with you and Jesus.

In Your Presence... Thank You, Lord.
That's where I always want to be.
I just want to be,
Oh, I just want to be...

I just want to be where You are;
...be where You are;
Oh, dwelling daily...
... daily in Your Presence,
I don't want to...
No more, no more; I don't want to worship
from afar. Just draw me near...
...where You are.

I just want to be where You are;
Oh, in Your dwelling place forever.
In Your dwelling place forever.
Oh, just take me. Take me to the place
where You are;
I just want to be with You, Lord.

I want to be where You are;
Dwelling in Your Presence,

Oh, and feasting...feasting at Your table;
Supper time, Evening time, fellowshiping with
Him;

That's where...
...I always want to be.
I just want to be,
I just want to be with You.

Oh, once more: I just want to be where You
are;

...be where you are; (hallelujah)
Dwelling daily in Your presence,
Take me to the place where You are.
Hallelujah.

I just want...
...want to be with You

Do you know something? This thought just came to me, and maybe, it seems out of place here, but I just can't help but think of it. I was speaking here in a wedding, can't remember which one it was; recently, and there were quite a lot of unbelievers. And at a certain point in time in the service, I just, you know, turned to them and was speaking directly to them about, sometimes, how, when people find that in their marriage things begin to get cold. And the husband and wife, it seems like the fire begins to die down and they don't seem to excite each other or feel the emotion between each other, or the willingness to show that love. There's no gaiety. There's no joy and laughter.

And I was saying, I said, you know, sometimes then the mother-in-law or someone would tell the girl, "Girl, go and get a nice negligee. Go and get, you know, something that could put a little spice back in your marriage." And they try to do things that would sort of excite their passion because they realize their husband... maybe

he's not looking favorably to the wife or the wife doesn't seem to get a hold of the husband's attention as she would like. You know, that might be a carnal way, it might be an earthly way; it might be a fleshly way but it's a negative off of a positive. It's a perversion of an original.

But sometimes, you know, you feel that you want to fellowship with the Lord, but it seems like the joy and the excitement, it died out in the relationship. You come to pray and you find you just go through and you struggle. You come, you try to get on your knees and you can't seem to release yourself. You try to get methodical in your mind and you try to get intellectual about it; you try to get, you know, full of memory and you could remember this, and say about this, and say about that. And sometimes your feelings, you find that you can't even get it out from the innermost part of your being. Maybe you need to expose yourself to Him a little bit. Maybe you're too clothed up with too many things, that He can't see the real you. Do you know what I mean?

People get involved in business, get involved in this, get involved in the other, get involved in their job, get involved in their career, get involved in... There are so many different things they get involved in, that they go through the routine. These things just become routine and formalities.

Why don't you strip yourself off of a lot of those things, tonight; and just lay naked and bare before the Lord, and begin to draw near to Him in tenderness of heart and say, "Lord, Jesus, just as I am. Lord, I remember what it was when I first met You. I remember when I first heard Your Words that spoke Your love to my heart, Father. I remember how the affection

You showed me won me over, lock, stock and barrel, like I had no reservation, nothing was too hard for You, Lord. I would give up anything, I would go anywhere, I would do anything for You, Jesus.

It seems, Lord, that I need that fire to be rekindled tonight, Lord in our relationship, Father. It seems that when I pray it comes up more formal, there is no longer a passion. When I hear about Your Presence in the building, when I hear about, 'You can have anything you want now, ask what you will,' it seems like I don't get excited anymore. When I come and begin to sing Your praise, it seems like... and then I say, 'I don't like that hymn so much; it's not my favorite hymn' and I forget almost that I am adoring You, Lord. It's expressions of my love towards You. Lord, I pray You'll rekindle that, tonight."

Wouldn't that be nice if He could just move in our hearts? If He could just bring a fresh baptism of Love in our soul tonight, if the Holy Spirit, (amen) brother, could win us all over again, we could find a place to yield and surrender, tonight, for the next few moments, not long.

A wife doesn't have to be all long about that but she needs to be sincere about it. She needs to be tender about it. She needs to be truthful about it. She needs to be meaningful about it. Her heart and soul must be in it. And then what is going to happen? That husband could never stay away from her.

No wonder when the king saw Esther in that royal apparel, he said "Come, Queen Esther. Come, come, my darling. Ask even to half of the kingdom. Whatsoever you ask, Esther, you just speak and I'll perform it."

Did you realize how angry he was when he saw Haman sitting next to her on the couch? Haman happened to fall over there, brother, after he was intoxicated by the wine, in the banquet of wine that his wife had prepared for him, and they were tipping the glasses and they were toasting each other. And oh, they were laughing and they were dancing, and oh, they were just embracing each other. And the next thing, he steps out in the garden and Haman fell over in the chair; and he thought that he was trying to make a move on his wife, brother, that jealous anger—

He said, “I’m a jealous God. I don’t want to see any man next to you. I don’t want to see a next lover around you!” Amen! Brother, He burned with anger. That’s the way it ought to be, tonight, by the grace of God. Let God be so excited about us. Let us be so excited about Him tonight in this place. Hallelujah.

Once more as we sing and get ready to pray.
 I want to be where You are;
 Dwelling in Your presence,
 Feasting at Your table,
 Surrounded by Your Glory.

We’ll sing the first verse and we’ll sing that verse. Amen.

... to be where You are...

As you draw near to Him in your heart.

Dwelling daily in Your Presence,

Oh, like a wife to her husband, real tender, in a tender moment.

Oh, draw near to Him.

CHORUS

I want to be where You are;

I want to be where You are; (oh yes!)

Dwelling in Your presence

Oh, just feasting on that Seven-course menu.
That table You've prepared for us in the
presence of our enemies.

Surrounded by Your glory

In Your Presence,

That's where....

That's where I always want to be.

I just want to be, [hallelujah]

I just want to be with You.

CHORUS

I want to be...

Oh, just enter right in, whether you want to stand, sit, kneel. If you have a special need and you need personal attention – something that is worthy of that tonight, because we all want to get our personal channel. But if you have something that is an emergency and you want to come forward and just kneel, someone will pray with you. Amen.

[Bro. Vin and saints go into prayer. -Ed.]

Hallelujah! Oh, Thank You, Lord. Glory be to God in the Highest. Lord, we thank You You're a God Whose ear is attentive to the supplications of Your children tonight, Father. Oh, that's what we desire in the church, saints. We want this church to be God's very place where He comes down, He must feel that He's the Head. He must be made to feel that by us. He must never feel in any way that He is hindered, He is bound, He's handicapped or retarded. He must feel liberated when He comes among us, tonight to heal, to deliver, to move. Whatever He wants to do, He must know He's welcome; He must know He's loved and appreciated; that He's the head of this House here, (hallelujah!) that He's always welcome here; that we are always in

anticipations and expectations and our hearts are overjoyed, when we feel and hear the sound of the Spirit moving nearby.

Oh, come by here, Lord. Come by here. Hallelujah! Oh, thank You, Jesus. We are overjoyed tonight, Father, when we can see the Love, Lord; when we can see what You want to do for us, Lord; when we can see how You are dealing with us, oh God, in this 1999, Father. Oh brother, as we're approaching the year 2000, this third Millennium, oh God; Lord, Jesus we realize, oh God, You are already, Lord, moving Lord, in a way to let us know the time is at hand; the Rapture is at hand, Lord. Oh, not many days from now, Father, we'll see things in the earth, oh God, we'll see changes.

But Lord, You are here getting us ready, oh God. You are here moving, stirring the waters, oh God, delivering Your children, oh God; lifting up on higher ground, Lord, making Your vision clearer, anchoring their lives a little deeper, oh God; teaching us Lord, building us up, strengthening us, Lord; showing us our place; bringing us to our position. Lord, we thank You for these things, Lord; oh God, that we could really be equipped and fortified. Raise us up to accept our responsibility, to sweep this Message in the region, Lord, united under one Headship, Lord, (Hallelujah. Glory be to God!) in harmony; no longer twain but one, Lord.

Oh, thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

You know I came in last night and just as I came through customs, I saw Bro. Glaude [Bro. Anthony Glaude -Ed.] there, and trying to wave to me, to see me. Amen. And what he did; he brought Sunrise and then he came. I looked at him and

I said, “My, you’re looking, you know, strained and tired. What’s the matter? Are you sick? You’re not well or something?”

And he was telling me, he said, “Yes, diabetes and the cholesterol.” and he seemed like, no... And I was driving coming home and I was just thinking about him and said: My, you know, it’s so many years he’s been with me here in the ministry, in the church, way back in Barataria days when we were there. In the beginning, he was one of them who came over and made his identification with us, down through these years and I was just thinking how loyal and faithful he has been. And you know, coming in here tonight, and just seeing the grace of God, just coming down to him and you know, hearing him crying out there to the Lord, and the power of the Holy Spirit... and it’s what you really desire to see, amen.

So he... I’m glad to know that God could be so mindful to give him a touch, tonight. Amen.

How many feel that you’ve received something from the Lord, just being here tonight and you’re being closer drawn to Him? In your heart you want to go a little deeper, a little closer. Amen. This is a time for us, friends. Believe it. Claim it. Expect it. When you believe, you expect. And when you know the time and the season, it makes your expectation that much stronger, and it gets you more focused and more concentrated.

And as you begin to see yourself in the Word and the Word begins to get into the places, where it brings assurance and comfort and peace, settled peace, and It begins to anchor you and you begin to see the faithfulness of God, do you know what happens? You begin to get focused. You begin to get concentrated. You

begin to get a grip on God and then, you know something is going to happen.

When the whole world is going to miss it, you will not miss it. Do you know why? Because you got a hold of God like blind Bartimaeus. He's passing by and you got a hold on Him. Something in your heart; you broke through. Why? Because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word.

Right in this service, when you come and you sit there and you come hungry and you come thirsting; do you know what the Bible says? Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; they shall be filled. [Matthew 5:6 -Ed.] Without faith it is impossible to please God. [Hebrews 11:6 -Ed.]

When you come, you come believing. You come knowing that you are in need, but you come knowing that Jesus Christ has already supplied every need and you start to confess it.

Say, "Lord, I believe that. Your Word says it, I believe It. Maybe I read It in the Bible. Maybe I know the Bible is true. Maybe I have more questions concerning the Bible, but you know something? I never claimed that as mine. I never saw It. I've reached the place, till today it must not just be a Scripture, It must not be just something that is said there, It must not just be a verse I can memorize. I must now say, Lord, today, I need this portion to be applied to my life and make this real to me. I'm planting my stake here. I'm pitching my tent here. I'm walking around with this Scripture for the next couple of months, Lord, until It becomes actual in my very experience. I'm going to confess It. I'm going to sit at my table and talk about It. I'm going to read It on the job when I carry my Bible to work with me. I'm going to testify to people about It.

I'm going to come to the house of God, not opening my Bible and cutting my Bible and trying to play lottery with the Bible; but I'm going to say Lord, this Scripture, this need... this identifies my condition. From here... Start to deal with me from here, Lord." And you'll get in that Place.

Do you know why? If you abide in Me and My Word abides in you, you shall ask what you will. [John 15:7 -Ed.] If you get a hold of a promise and begin to nurse, you are nursing through the promises, the very breasts of the El Shaddai: the Breasted One. You are drawing the Life of the strength of that promise into your being, that it might be interpreted in your life.

Can you do that tonight? Do you know that that's the way you relate to God? Do you know that's how you work with the Word? Do you know that's the approach that gets God's attention? Do you know that's the attitude of approach; that's the way you come into it? Do you know that? And then, sometimes God says, "Yes, you are doing mighty fine, but dig that out and dig this out and circumcise this here."

And you say, "Yes, Lord. Whatever You say, Father." And you begin to get yourself in condition to receive the blessing. Is that right? Oh my, don't lose that. Go home with it, tonight. Take it in your heart with you. Walk with it.

You need to let the devil know you believe. And like a little baby you start to walk and you toddle. How many are parents here? How many remember when they had their first baby and they see that first baby begin to take a step? Wasn't that a joy for the parents? Oh, they're excited. They say, "Come on, do it again. Do it again." And they hold him

by the hand. "Make two more, make two more; three more, three more." What? He's walking. Do you know why? He's come into another level.

First, he was creeping around, creeping around. Well, they were not excited about that. They say, "He's doing fine. The baby is healthy, nice, creeping around." But when he gets on that feet and begins to stand on his feet. His feet he begins to stand on, he begins to plant those feet and they begin to walk. Oh my!

And then when he begins to talk, he says, "He spoke! He said a word! He called my name!" And the father hears it. He says, "Daddy. Mama." And he says it again, "Daddy," and he calls your name. That's how God feels when you begin to stand up, and live under the promises; when you can call the Name of Jesus with revelation. When you say, "Jesus." Oh my!

You meet Jehovah-Jireh and you say, "Jesus, You can provide. Jesus, You have provided. Jesus, I don't doubt You one bit. You are more than able to bring that out, into existence from nothing! You are God, the Creator."

Oh my! Do you know what happens? He calls the angels, "Did you hear that? Did you hear that? Did you hear what he's saying there? Did you hear him standing there?" That's the way God feels. Amen, He says, "They're growing up. They're coming to another level. They are walking in union, on holy ground now. Look where they're standing. Look how they're talking. Look how they're acting." That's when a church moves on. That's what we are desiring to see, friends.

And may God give us that. May we grow to that realization. May we be His hands. May we be His feet. May we be His Body. Could you think of God, Who's a Spirit, in a body? Could you think of God walking? Could you think of God standing up and looking through eyes and speaking and doing something? Think of this church here. Think of us as a body that His Spirit could get into and He could walk in our feet, speak through our lips, think with our minds, see through our eyes, move in our hands, believe with our heart, would that change Him or make Him less? Would that diminish Him? Would that take away some of His Power? Amen. He will do the same. He will do still the same.

You say, "How are you sure? Look what He was in a virgin-born Son without sin, the corporal body, and look what He was in a man, had it not been for the grace of God he'd be a murderer, he could be a quitter, a man that couldn't even pray, a man with a temper like a buzz saw, premeditated and tried to kill six boys in cold blood; a man who tried to run and God had to run him back to his place; a man who was born, whose father was a drunkard, mother was a Catholic. Think of it. And Jesus Christ did more in him than He did in His own Ministry. Do you know what it did? It magnified God. It made God look so much greater!

So if we, as a church could become His Body, the flesh around that Spirit, if we in this church could become the flesh around that Spirit, if the soul of this church could be the soul of the Word, if the spirit of this church could be a cleansed spirit, raised up in Heavenly Places and submitted to Him; if the flesh of this church be the body, the members that He could hide

Himself in, enmorphe in this Age... do you think God is interested in doing something like that? Isn't that His plan? Is it God above us or God with us or God in us? Is it time for these things? Is that the promise: In that Day you'll know I in you and you in Me? [John 14:20 -Ed.] He wants to bring us there. I want to sing tonight,

Lord, You know I need a brand
new touch... (as you go)

If you give me, Lord, another touch;

I'll have the strength to carry on. Amen.

And go in that touch, tonight. Even while you're driving your car, you say, "Lord, You've already spoken." and go in the blessing and under the influence of it. "I'm taking the instructions. You were throwing out some Supernatural instructions. I was catching it in the way, it was being communicated, Lord. I wasn't just hearing the Minister just saying some things to end the service. I was catching the breath of the Spirit, breathing out something to focus the church; something to help the church coming into the things that they have need of, which God has promised but which, by the exercising of their own personal faith in Him and what He has done, will bring them to receive that blessing, whatever it is.

God could give a man a wife. God could give a woman a good husband. God could give a man a good job. God could give, brother, clothes, and house and car and land, and all the temporal things. These secondary things God could give. A man who believes God has all of that. A man who seeks first the Kingdom of God has the assurance that all of that will be added.

When God brings a man into union, holy union, when a man in his own heart and a woman in her own heart says, "I took a good

inventory of myself and I've searched out my own spirit and I've asked God to carry me deep enough in the Word that I could see my motives, I could see my objectives. When I speak, I think of: Why am I saying that? What do I hope to achieve by doing that? When I relate to a brother or sister, there's something inside that says, "That's your brother. That's your sister. That's a child of God." God wants to make you a blessing, friend.

When you can search yourself out that way: "How can I serve God better? I know I gave up this, I know I gave up that. I know I love Him. I know I don't intend to miss any services. I know that I intend to be involved with what's happening in the church; but I know God wants much more than that."

"Teach me how to understand better. Let the relationship between You and me get deeper, where we could talk things in an intimate way, Lord, where there are no secret sins. There's no reservation. Lord, Your wish is my command. Lord, where I am standing on my watch to see what You require of me, what You expect of me. Lord, teach me to learn to value and treasure what You have done for me in Christ. Teach me how to work with it, Lord, how to live in the enjoyment of it; where my life could show what Your resurrection means, what You died for, that when people see a New Creation, they would say 'His dying wasn't in vain. He did achieve something. That man, that woman got a hold of what Christ's death means. They live to show God: every pain He suffered, every stripe He bore, every loneliness, rejection; and all that He gave up in this life to be obedient to the Father's will, to bring redemption for us, it wasn't in vain.'"

We want to live with those things in our own lives. We don't really want it to stay on the pages of the Bible and then we look at it and see what we have need of and say, "Lord, give me this, Lord, give me that. Lord, give me that." No. I want to walk with Him there. I want to fellowship with Him there. I want to commune with Him there.

There are many people I know; "Hey Bro. Vin, how are you?" I talk things with them on a certain level. They will never, ever get to know me in this life or a million life times. Because when they come to me, they come to me with their own desire of what they want. If they would sit and look at me and try to visualize me and see what makes me tick, who I am, what drives me, what's my passion, what excites me, what is the thing that pleases me; that person and I would be able to fellowship in a place where our souls become as one.

Well, that's the way it is with God, friends. We could say, "Lord, You are the great Creator. Look what You have created, Lord, a beautiful world. Lord, You have power. My, You stopped the sea and the storm, but You wanted to be a Father. You wanted to have children. You wanted to have a Bride. You wanted to have a Future Home."

When you watch a man in the natural, his home is so important to him, his family is so important to him. He's doing these things. God patterned our lives like that, so we could have a channel to understand Him. If two fathers get together and they talk about trying to do the best for their children or how they treat their wives, or what they are trying to do to be a blessing to their home and to advance, you know, the cause that the home stands for, they would find they

have something in common because every father is similar.

But then when we get in a channel with God, friends, He's the extreme Parent. He's the extreme Person. He's the extreme Sacrifice. He's the extreme Individual. He's the young man who was tempted at all points but without sin. He's the Mother, the El Shaddai, the Breasted One, Who as an eagle stirreth her nest, He's that One. He's this great God Who came down as a farmer, a sower that sowed his seed. He's the very One Who came down as the rain. He's all things to us. Even the creation that He made depicts Him, what He is. So that there is no person He brings into this life that cannot relate to Him to come to know Him, what He is. That is the great privilege we have tonight. And that's how it means something to us to talk with Him in prayer, just to fellowship, just to meditate upon His greatness.

That's why all the Psalms are not the same. Some Psalms say: "Praise God with the symbols, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him." Some Psalms say, "Oh, His majesty, His greatness, His creation." Some Psalms say, "Oh, He's the great King." Some Psalms say, "He's the great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek." Some Psalms say other things about Him: "He's the Captain of our Salvation." Because they see Him in so many ways: His wondrous Majesty, His Excellency. We don't have a little God; we have a big God, tonight. Don't we? We have a mighty God.

The Pentecostals are excited that they're getting Benny Hinn to come to Trinidad. They have to, maybe, pay him close to \$500,000, nothing less maybe; ticket, hotel

accommodation, five-star suite, whatever he needs and all these things to come to throw down a few people like this; trying to preach some little warmed-over Lutheran message or denominational things about the principles of life. When he's finished with them, they'll never know their Age, they'll never know who they are, they'll never know the promises of the Age, they'll never know where they're at, they'll never know what goes on with him. They'll never know anything! And then they'll be on the radio all the next week, talking about what a wonderful time they had. And when they're finished all of that, they are still blind as bats; more deceived. I'm not saying this in a bad way like I hate these people. No.

But, when you fail to see what God has done in this Hour, you miss God. Malachi 4:5 has been fulfilled. Revelation 10:7 has been fulfilled. St. Luke 17:30 has been fulfilled. And if you ask these people, "Do you believe that?"

They'll say, "No. That man was a good man," thinking they're giving him a compliment and they're doing him a favor and then they'll say, "yes, but he went off in the end." That's what they're going to say.

But we are here gathered, knowing where we're at, knowing what God promised. We're not going to fall down and get back up the same way. When Paul fell off that horse, Saul of Taurus, he got up to be the Apostle Paul. And from there, he was caught up to the Third Heaven and began seeing Things, not even lawful to speak. Do you understand what I'm saying? Praise His mighty Name.

Do you love Him, tonight? Hallelujah. Let's just lift our hands and give Him thanks. Father, we thank You once again. It's so wonderful to

be here in Your Presence tonight, Lord. We appreciate You. We love You.

Lord, You know I need a brand new touch.
[#287 - A Brand New Touch - Song That Live -Ed.]

*Lord, You know I need a brand
new touch,
My strength from yesterday is gone;
...from yesterday is gone;
But if You'll give me, Lord...
I'll have the strength...
...the strength to carry on.*

Oh, I tho't the sun had come to stay
I tho't the sun had come to stay
Oh, but all too soon ...
...all too soon it went away,
And in its place the storm clouds came,
...the storm clouds came,
And with the clouds there came
the rain;
...there came the rain;
Oh, it rained so hard and oh, so long,
...it rained so hard and oh, so long,
But amidst the storm...
But midst the storm... [I felt a calm];
It was Your touch...
...Your touch that brought me through it all
Without Your help...
Without Your help I'd surely fall.

CHORUS

Oh, Lord, You know...
Lord, You know...
Oh Father, give me [inaudible -Ed.] tonight.
All in the side rooms [inaudible -Ed.] to be.
Hallelujah!

I just want to get so close, Lord, so I can
receive from you.

I'll have the strength to carry on.

Oh, yesterday has come and gone.

Yesterday has come and gone

And now a new day's coming on

Can you feel it dawning all over you?

Shalom. Amen.

I do not know what it may bring,

Oh, my heart may cry instead of sing;

Oh, but it matters not what comes my

way...

...not what comes my way, Lord,

If You'll just touch me new...

...touch me new each day;

Oh, your loving touch...

...drives all my fears away,

Close...close by Your side I want to stay.

CHORUS

Lord, You know I need...

... a brand new touch,

All my strength...

My strength from yesterday is

gone;

But if You'll give me, Lord...

I'll have the strength to carry on.

BRIDGE

Oh Lord, You know how weak I really am

Lord, You know how weak I really am

Oh, confess it tonight! Confess in your
weakness His strength is made perfect

Even better than myself

But with Your help I know I really can, (Lord)

Oh, make it through the darkest night

And everything's gonna be alright.

CHORUS

Oh, lift your hands to Jesus!
*Lord, You know I need a brand
 new touch, (hallelujah)*
 My strength from yesterday...
... yesterday is gone;
 But if You'll give me, Lord...
... another touch,
 I'll have the strength... .
...have the strength to carry on.

Hallelujah. We believe that tonight. We confess that tonight. One touch from Him can make all the difference. Oh, you reach out and touch Him as He passes by.

You'll find He's not too busy
 To hear your heart's cry;
 He is passing by this moment,
 Your needs to supply...

Every head bowed, every eye closed as we sing that softly. I'd like to invite Bro. Stewart to come and close in prayer. Amen.

[Bro. Vin and congregation sing #375 - Songs That Live. - Ed.]

*Reach out and touch the Lord
 As He goes by,
 You'll find He's not too busy
 You'll find He's not too busy
 To hear our heart's cry;
 Oh, He is passing by...
 Reach out and touch the Lord
 As He goes by.*

[Bro. Ronald Stewart prays. - Ed.]

Can we all say, amen? [Congregation says, "Amen."]
 Turn around and greet the person next to you.

Tell them God bless them. Give them a great big hug, "I'm praying for you sister, love you and appreciate you." Amen. *Just Once More, Lord.* Hallelujah.

Try and be out early. Come and pray before the service. Get quiet in His Presence. Get under the Influence. Come with anticipations and we'll find Him faithful. Amen. You may have your seat.

Just once more, Lord.

God bless you.

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TRINIDAD

Bro. Vin A. Dayal

Excerpt:

And if we are under our Seventh Seal, this is the Hour. Brother, here was the Bride who was deceived in the first Age. Here was the Bride who fell away into whoredom, went into the false union in Pergamos, married to the world. Here was the Bride with that Thyatirean, that Jezebel condition, in that whoredom condition; but there, in Luther, God began to take them out of there. Amen. Under the Water Age He washed them. Under the Blood Age He cleansed them. Under the Spirit Age He was restoring them; but in the Bride Age He brings them back in union. He is not planting a new Church, He is restoring His own that was planted, back to its original Seed. [Page 44]

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GOD'S GREAT MYSTERY OF LOVE EXPRESSED

TRINIDAD
SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 1999

BRO. VIN A. DAYAL

Hallelujah. That's where we want to be. We just want to be with Him; not just in the service but for all Eternity. Amen? I greet you this morning in the precious Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are very happy to be here in His house. We have a few notes of thanks. [inaudible -Ed.] thank the Lord for the delivery of a baby boy, on Thursday. May God bless them, amen.

Sis. [inaudible -Ed.] would like to thank the Lord, for the safe delivery of a baby girl on Wednesday. Amen.

Sis. Grace Marcano would like to thank the Lord, for quickly delivering her from pains in her body after prayer was offered. Amen.

Let us lift our hands and thank Him once more, for all these blessings; for the goodness He has extended to His people. When one member of the Body rejoices, the whole Body rejoices.

Father, we thank You. We praise You for Your loving kindness. Oh God, truly David said: *Thy loving kindness is better than life*. Our lips shall praise Thee, thus will we bless Thee. We will lift up our hands in Thy Name. [Psalms 63:3-4 - Ed.] We thank You. You have loaded us with Your benefits, Lord. Receive our thanks and praise, today. We give You honor and glory in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

We want to be thankful. The Bible says: In everything give Him thanks. [1st Thessalonians 5:18.] I'd like to invite your attention to the Book of Hosea, this morning; we would like to read. I certainly appreciate the fine atmosphere we feel, and we trust that we would be able to cover as much ground as we could, quickly and clearly, in a way that It could really benefit us. There is so much to look at, I'm just trusting in His grace this morning. If you are fine could you say, "Amen"? [Congregation says "Amen" -Ed.] Let's just bow our heads for a word of prayer before we read.

Father, as we open the pages of this sacred Word, that is what, as living human beings, we can do: take the Bible and open It up the way we were taught by a Prophet, and we know to be the very Truth. No man is able, oh God, to even look upon this Word in a way that he can stand with confidence to know that he has given a true exposition, a true revelation of what lies within these pages. That could only come from You, Father. And so, we look to You today that Your grace would be upon us.

We remember, in the Bible You said that You would come as the Former Rain and the Latter Rain and both would fall in the same season; the very Word quickened and anointed by the Holy Spirit, the Mechanics and the Dynamics together. And Lord God, that is what we desire today, that the Oil and the Meal would be mixed together Father, and Lord, It would become a Life Loaf to nourish and sustain us in this great Hour that we live in.

Sanctify our hearts now. Lord, bring us in one mind and one accord and may the very Intelligence of the Holy Spirit, Lord, settle into our hearts and may there be such a clear understanding both for speaker and hearer; and

dear God, that the Things that You would make known to us today, would cause us to understand better Your will and Your purpose for our lives and that It could serve to minister an entrance, to bring us in to live in the fullness of the grace and Love that You have poured out and extended to us in this Day, through this Message that You have sent, Father. And Lord, that It might bring us into this oneness, into this union, where You truly can show forth Your victory and the reason and purpose of Your death in our lives. Grant it, Lord.

We pray that You would bless also the strangers, the visitors, even those who may not be Christians. May dear God, Your great Love be so shed abroad in every heart today, that even those who are not a Christian, Lord, they would not want to leave this place without making that commitment, Father, to live for You and to serve You, when they would see the Love with which You have loved us with. Grant it, Lord. We pray and we ask these things in the precious, wonderful Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Hosea, chapter 1. So you who were here on Friday, you know we were taking the opportunity to read a little portion of It, that It might help familiarize you. I trust that you did read at home and it would even make it easier for you to catch and understand today. Hosea was the beginning of what they called the minor prophets of the twelve Books there, and they follow the four major prophets and what is considered to be these writing prophets, like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, and then comes Hosea. And that's just the chronological order of it, but all of that holds a great revelation as well.

¹ The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

So, there were two kingdoms: Judah and Israel and... because the nation was divided in the days of Jeroboam. You know that. That was the first Jeroboam, this is the second Jeroboam here. And Hosea's prophecy went forth in those days.

² The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

³ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and [I] will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

⁵ And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

So God is looking back and looking forward. He is looking back at the blood of Jezreel; that's when Jehu destroyed the house of Ahab and now, God is going to bring retribution upon the house of Jehu. And all of that is speaking something in a figurative way concerning Israel.

6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter.

And I was drawing your attention on Friday, to verse 3 when she conceived the first child and said that she conceived and bore him a son. But these other conceptions are not connected with him because they are children of whoredoms.

And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

In verse 4, here He says that He will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease and here He's still speaking: *I will utterly take them away* – speaking of the captivity.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

It is God Who was giving the names of the children, because they were for signs.

9 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered;

Do you remember that with the part of the blessing in the Abrahamic covenant, when God made the covenant with Abraham: “You shall have seed like the stars of heaven and as the sand of the seashore.”

...and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, You are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, You are the sons of the living God.

So God, even though He is pronouncing judgment, it is giving hope and expectation of restoration.

¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together,

At that time, they were divided, but God was going to bring them back into one kingdom, so He is holding that before them that they could look and know, what His future plans concerning them would be. It is always good when God could tell you a little about your future. That's why He revealed to us Things that are to be; Future Home. That's why we have a promise of the Marriage Supper and the Millennium, all these Things.

So, in the midst of all this temptation and evil, we see what He wants to fulfill in us, and we could press through this and keep looking forward. So, we could lift our eyes from around these things, knowing that there is something better for us to live for. So even though they were being chastised, to give them hope and encouragement, God is showing them their future. Isn't that love?

That's why parents when they have to train their children, sometimes they have to whip them, but then the present chastisement is grievous, but it brings forth peaceable fruit unto righteousness. It is to help them in the days to come. So he says:

¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be

gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, [that's a promise of Christ] and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Because Jezreel means *God soweth*, but it also means *God scattereth*. See? So when He says, "I'll avenge the house of Jehu, and the blood of Jezreel," then, He was going to scatter them. He would cause the kingdom to cease and be taken away, because they were not His people. But He was going to bring them back and make them His people. He was going to sow them again in the land; just like you plant it and you root it up.

God put them in that land. He planted them like a vine in a vineyard but then, it brought forth sour grapes, so God rooted it up. See? Just like the Church; they were in Perfect Love, then it fell away; but God brought us back here again. There shall be an Ephesians. He is bringing us back to the Word again. So, it is restoration and judgment; these things.

So, let's just pray, once more. Father, we thank You for what we have read. We pray that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, would just cause the people to relax. Sometimes the human mind could get so tense and Lord, with anticipations, but we pray that You would help us to relax, Father, because our joy and our comfort and our satisfaction is that Your Presence is here with us. Nothing, Lord, that we have to struggle; it is not by might nor by power but by Your Spirit, saith the Lord. It is You Who showeth mercy, Father.

And we pray, Lord, that our hearts, Lord, would be receptive, our minds open; Lord, Your grace would be poured into us without measure

today, that Lord, it would just cause us to love You, not to give us knowledge to puff us up, but to reveal Your love to edify us and strengthen us. Grant it, Lord. We give You thanks. We look forward to what You will do, in Jesus precious Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Just kind of relax yourself. I know I announced that I wanted to preach a little bit, but sometimes, the people come kind of tense, so you get all there and you get in that kind of atmosphere, and you can't receive anything in that kind of atmosphere.

You just relax, what the Holy Spirit wants you to get, you will get, because it is not going to come by human ability. You just want to have your hearts open and your minds in the spirit of prayer. That's why you've come. You sing and you worship God. You opened up your heart to Him; you are making love to the Holy Spirit. You yield and submit unto Him that He can reveal to you, not just the knowledge from the Bible, but something to help you in your life and your walk with Him, and your preparation for this Hour that we are living in. Amen.

So, you don't get ahead of me, and just let me take my time because I, myself don't know what I'm going to do. When you come to preaching, you have things, you just... I have things that I can't just preach what I studied, I just have to try to catch the feeling of the Holy Spirit in the pulpit, and see how He's going to lead me. And maybe, there might be a stranger, and He might leave all of us, the ninety and nine, to go for that one this morning. I don't even know.

That's why we want to be led by the Spirit: As many that are led by the Spirit, they are the sons of God. [Romans 8:14 -Ed.] But we are certainly

happy just to be in His house; to be in His Presence, and it is wonderful for us to be gathered here together.

I would like to take for a little title this morning, "**GOD'S GREAT MYSTERY OF LOVE EXPRESSED**"; GOD'S GREAT MYSTERY OF LOVE EXPRESSED. I'm trying to, for the first part of it, just familiarize you with the Book of Hosea, but in a way that we can see how, his life and his acts were expressing something of God's great Mystery in Christ; something of God's heart. And I think that for any person who would like to serve someone and please someone, and to find favor in the eyes of someone, you certainly would like to know, by God's grace, that you know what it takes to please Him.

You know, that is the thing, I believe, that sometimes we want to please God, and we try hard to please Him; but before we could please Him, we must know what it takes to please Him. The Bible says without faith it is impossible to please Him [Hebrews 11:6 -Ed.], without revelation. And that's revelation: He, unveiling Himself and making Himself known to you. And when we come to know Him, know His ways, know His character, know His nature, how He works, what He likes, then we can come into harmony with Him; and when we come into harmony with Him, we can know what it takes to please Him.

You know, sometimes people see each other and they fall in love and they feel that they cannot live without each other. So, they begin to go through, maybe, a little courtship and then they come to an agreement, and then they come into a marriage. There are three stages of marriage: a courtship, an agreement and the marriage.

But you find now that when the marriage takes place, which is a union, that there is a more intimate knowing after union. A knowing, that they could not know and did not know each other in that way, during the courtship days. When the marriage is consummated and they come into that oneness, then the husband knows the wife and the wife knows the husband. And then in that relationship, as she begins to enter into a deeper insight of him: who he is, what he is, then she begins to see that there was so much more to know of him. And this is what I'm trying to get over in trying to bring my message; I want you to see that there was something in God's heart that He wanted to make known.

You know God gave His message through Daniel, in one way; and then God gave a part of His message through Jeremiah, and God gave part of His message through Isaiah, and God gave part of His message through Jonah and different ones; Nahum and Zephaniah. But then, whenever God raises up a ministry to bring forth part of His message, the message and the messenger has to be one. And so, before the message could be truly reflected, God had to bring that messenger into alignment with Him, because really bringing God's message is really reflecting part of God; something about God that God wants to communicate.

God is not just interested in telling us about events: "I'm going to judge the nations. I'm going to purge the earth. I'm going to do these things." But in what He does as His works, He makes Himself known. And when He makes Himself known, then we see Him in a way that, had he not worked in the way that He worked, we might look at Him but not see Him. And even though

we look at Him and we know that was God doing that, and He said He would do that, yet we are not edified because we have not really come into contact with His Person and His nature being revealed in His works.

That's why, sometimes, you know, you can maybe... Let's say, for instance, somebody may know me. They say, "I know the car that you drive and I know where you live. I know you come and you preach here. I know your wife and I know your children." And they know a lot of things about you, but they don't know *you*; because, these are things that they could gather through observation of what you do, where you go, you know, who you associate with. But then, when it comes to knowing you as a person: what drives you, your passion, your convictions, your principles, what you will do, what you will never do; what no amount of pleading and pressurizing and different things could change you from certain convictions, and to evade or try to move you from those things if they knew you; that is coming to the real knowing.

So, for God to bring His message as He raised up different ones, He was unfolding Himself. And that's why, sometimes, God takes a statesman, sometimes God takes a prophet, sometimes God takes a farmer, sometimes God takes a shepherd, sometimes God takes different ones like Cain to make Himself known. Because in all these personalities are only attributes of this one, great Personality. Because He is Farmer, He is Shepherd, He is King, He is Ruler, He is Husband. All these things reveal this one great Person, Jesus Christ.

And that is why in reading the Bible, we can't read It like we read an ordinary thing, like we're reading the newspapers or you read some,

maybe, writing of man. It is not a writing of man. Men were instruments that God used to write things here, that even though they wrote of it, it did not mean that they understood all that they were writing about. Because in some places, like in the Book of Revelation, He says, "What you see and hear, you write." It didn't mean that he understood anything. See?

So many times, you know, while they thought that they were making a record of history: "And Nebuchadnezzar came in this and this year, and he surrounded Israel, and he broke the nation, and he took the people into captivity, and he burnt the city and destroyed the temple," and different things, and they were writing events. That was a type being made when the king of Babylon comes in the last days, breaks up the economy of the world, takes the whole world into captivity and these things.

So, they didn't know It was doing all that, but God was compiling His Word together. And that's why, when it reached to a place now, where the last Book sealed up the Bible (but that was given) and now, there are no more Books to be given, there was no more Word to be added, because now, we have from Genesis to Revelation. And now that the whole Word was there, It held a Mystery of something that this great Eternal Spirit had in the back part of His mind.

It took all those years, over 1600 years of different writers writing and bringing the... over forty different writers coming together and compiling that; part was prophecy, part was dream, part was vision, part was parables. See? Part was prophetic utterances; part was given like a pre-figure by the very actions of the people.

Like God told Jeremiah, "Take a yoke and put it around your neck and walk about the place and tell them, I'll bring a yoke of bondage on them." God wanted to give the message like that. Not just the man saying, "You shall go into captivity."

Then God said, "Go down to the potter's house; take a flask and stand up in a certain place; break it in that place, right where they have all these idolatrous sacrifices: burning children to Molech and these things, offering them as human sacrifices, and let them know I'll do that in this nation right here!"

God wanted to, not just give It in Word being spoken, but through the lives and actions of the people, was expressing the thing. Now, in doing it that way, He was sealing It up.

Because... Could you imagine what it takes, you're reading the Bible, and while you're trying to focus your mind on: "Okay, this is a prophecy, a man is saying something. Okay, this is a piece of Word I need to study. This is an historical account of something that happened." Yet, how could your mind travel in different channels at the same time and then, maybe, grasp when it is speaking of a historical account or when it is something being given from the life of the prophet?

While God is telling Hosea go and take the woman for a wife, God is not telling the people, "This man's life with this woman is going to demonstrate to you what you have done to Me." God is not explaining that to them. They were looking at the man and saying, "He wants to preach to me?" Do you understand what I'm saying?

And they can't grasp it! Because while they are trying to relate to it on a carnal level, this

man is experiencing the pain and the hurt and the injury that a wife who is in covenant with you, is forsaking you and committing adultery and going into whoredom and bringing your name to a reproach and to shame and to disregard. It is exactly what they had done to God. And in that pain and hurt, he is qualified to become God's spokesman, to give the message with the burning passion and the hurt and the conviction, knowing how injured God had felt by what the people had done to Him. Amen.

So, then you realize, it takes revelation to know God. And when you see those places in the Bible, saints, you just can't sit down as a person afterwards and say, "Well, I'm trying to be a good Christian," and try to live a moral life. You pray for revelation. That's why the Prophet said that you cannot overemphasize the importance of it.

You say, "Why?"

Because God does not change! He is the same yesterday, and today and forever. And if He does something the first time, He would do that every time!

You say, "Is that so?"

Why would God send a Prophet to leave home and church and everything else, to drive two thousand miles and go in the desert and wait there for days for Angels to come just to tell him, "Go back, now..."? He drove all the way back now and started to preach."

Why? Because he must be coming from the wilderness with "THUS SAITH THE LORD." He must be coming from the west with the Message coming back east. He must be like Moses, he must be like Paul, these things must be done. That's why God came and said, "Pick up a rock

and throw it up in the air, and then say this, and then that will happen.” It is the same thing.

So, when you read these things, you realize, even in this Day part of the Message was being given by vision, part of the Message was being given by dream, part of the Message was being given by prophetic utterance; part of the Message was even being demonstrated in the life, behavior, manner and conduct of the very Messenger.

So, when those theologians would come and tell you, “You have to say what he said here and you have to do what he did here,” unless God doesn’t reveal to you the same thing is coming to pass, you will still think that God has to do things when they were already done. Because when part of the Word is being given by manifestation, you can’t see it.

Sometimes God could be using you to fulfill the Word and you yourself don’t even know it. Like when the page got stuck in Bible and he said, “Oh God, what did that mean? Maybe that means something, I don’t know.” He could have dismissed it. But he kept enquiring about it. And the Voice spoke to him and said, “And He went into Nazareth and the priest handed Him the Book to read.” And he realized, “That is a junction of time. Look what is happening! This day is this Scripture fulfilled”; by the very action in his own life.

Yet how many a man and theologians said, “I preached that already.” They said, “I preached that already and I explained that better than him.” Do you understand what I’m saying? See, like that wasn’t a new revelation. See, it was just theology before.

But now, when the man who has the ministry of the Son of Man is standing in the season and

time, in the place where the prophecy, that it is not just to stay in the page and be explained but when that is to become history, being made actual in his own life and experience to prove the Word is becoming flesh; that God is not guilty of a breach of promise; He has kept His Word. You see it come to pass. Then, that proves we are at that Hour; no more explanation. We have arrived. We have come to the place. That's a junction time. Amen. And that's why those things are so important.

You see, I'm going into a place, I didn't even think I was going to go in but as I told you, I have to try to set this right for you. It's remarkable. You see, sometimes when prophets came, prophets were signs. Let's read something quickly. It's just to show you a little thing on that. You might just feel the Holy Spirit is just helping me already. Ezekiel. You see, you could better understand and see and appreciate the value of these things. Chapter 24. God is speaking here now.

24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Now, here we see in the Bible, God had made Ezekiel a sign to the people. Let's turn to chapter 4 now. Ezekiel 4, verse 1.

1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also

*against it, and set battering rams
against it round about.*

You could imagine him out there outside the city with this tile and putting up this thing and somebody says, "My goodness! This man has gone off. This man is making sand castles. Look at this big man out there playing in the sand." He's building up a little model like, of the city, with battering rams and a siege laying around it because that is what was going to happen. He's a sign.

*³ Moreover take thou unto thee an
iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron
between thee and the city: and set
thy face against it, and it shall be
besieged, and thou shalt lay siege
against it. This shall be a sign to the
house of Israel.*

Now, couldn't God just tell him something? But there is a reason why He does what He does. God is not stupid, we know that; and He has ways to communicate His message.

*⁴ Lie thou also upon thy left side,
and lay the iniquity of the house of
Israel upon it: according to the
number of the days that thou shalt
lie upon it thou shalt bear their
iniquity.*

Now, you know what the Word says – we are weighed in the balances and found wanting. A scale is a measure and you can measure out weights of things and say, "This is six pounds. This is five kilograms. This is four pounds, five ounces." You could measure out things. Well, God measures man by His Word. Didn't He tell Belshazzar, "You are weighed in the balances and found wanting"? [Daniel 5:27 -Ed.]

Didn't God say, "The cry of Sodom is come up unto Me"? Sure. Didn't He say, "I've heard the cries of My people and seen what the Egyptians have done to them and now I'm come down"? [Exodus 3:7 - 8 -Ed.] And in the last days in James 5, he says, "And the cries of those who have labored in the field of these rich men who exploit people and so on, that those cries have come up into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth." [James 5:4 - Ed.]

When you see employees crying out, working their lives out and can't get a good wage and people are exploiting them, employers, those cries come up in God's ears. Do you know that? Sure! Because God sees those things. All these things are put here in life. That's why everything in life is a vocation; it's a stewardship. Do you get what I'm saying?

So watch something. So God is showing here now, signs, how these things... He gave signs to the people. He used Ezekiel for a sign: "And so many days you lay on one side, will determine the measure of their iniquity." Sin is marked. That is why sin has to be settled.

Remember that woman who wanted to get healed that time and couldn't get healed? No matter how many times they prayed for her, no matter that she stood before the Prophet, visions and everything else; and then one day the vision broke and he said, "You committed adultery at one time. You, yourself even forgot it because you did such a good job at shutting it out over the last twenty-five years of your life." But time does not erase sin and God found it back. Is that right? And God said, "That has to be fixed. That is your problem right there." Why? It is marked somewhere!

Remember in the days of David when the famine came and David said, "Lord, what is this? What caused this?"

He said, "This is for Saul's sin, when he broke his oath to the Gibeonites." [2nd Samuel 21:1 -Ed.]

Remember I preached that once here and showed you, that time does not erase it. Though Saul had died and gone on, David saw the judgment for Saul's sins coming on the kingdom that he had taken over after Saul went. Is that right?

That is the ways of God. And that's why sometimes a lack of the knowledge of these things, people cannot find their way. They are bouncing their heads over and over, going around in circles because they cannot see how God deals with man.

So God told him... He said, "You're going to lay on one side for so many days."

⁵ ...three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

⁶ And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

Could you imagine that? This is what? His judicial dealings with His people; His chastisement, His rod of chastisement to His children that He had called out of bondage by the message of a prophet, had brought into that land to be the head of the nations and to represent Him but now they had gotten away from His Word. They were no longer living under the influence of the revelation of why He had called them out of and brought them into.

If God has called us out of denomination, the world, by the Message of a Prophet, brought us into the promised Word and then we lose sight of that and begin to live anyhow and go after the world and go after this and go after different things, would God be obligated to take His rod of chastisement and measure us out the same way He measured them out?

Were these things written for examples? Was the first exodus a type of the second exodus? Is He the same yesterday, today and forever? If once He did that the first time, He must do it every other time? If He changed that, He did something wrong. Is that right? And if He doesn't do that to us, He is obligated to raise them back up and repent that He's partial. Is that the Bible?

Man shall live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. That's why we need the Holy Spirit. If we have to do that in human energy, oh, we would be frustrated this morning. And that's why when we fail to do that, we are encouraged to know the Holy Spirit has been made available, so we can dig the ditches and seek Him for a greater portion of the Holy Spirit that will make us line up where we are failing. Is that right? So, if we sit in a service and we are hearing the Word and we are catching places in our lives, what do we do? We begin to apply that Word as It is coming right there in the very seat while you are hearing it. Amen! Glory.

So this is how God through Ezekiel was giving out His prophecy. A prophet was a sign. Remember, Ezekiel saw a vision of the man, the inkhorn writer, coming to seal the people. Is that right? Remember, he saw visions and he prophesied about Israel in the last days, when bone comes to its bone and becomes a mighty

marching army and so on; the breath comes to the body. Is that right? He prophesied about when God will have the great supper of the great God and feed the flesh of captains and great men to the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field – Ezekiel 39. Then in Ezekiel 17, he spoke parables about this great eagle and these two tall cedar trees.

Part of his message was given by vision, part was given by prophetic utterance, part was given by parable but part of his message was prefigured and shown forth in the actions of the prophet. That is the hard part to catch. To catch the other part is easy. If a man is talking to you and explaining things to you, you could tell... you could take notes for that. But if you are not noting the man's life... Did not the Bible say, "You are..." what? "written epistles, read of all men!" Hallelujah. Is that interesting to you?

Look, on *True Sign Overlooked* [1961-1112, para. 31 -Ed.]:

"A True Sign That's Overlooked"... Man has sought for signs all the way from Pharaoh until today. And Jesus told us of a time there would be seekers of signs, and said that a wicked and adulterous generation would seek after signs. But yet, they would receive a sign; and that generation was to receive a sign of the resurrection: which would be a weak, wicked, and an adulterous generation would be given a sign of the resurrection.

You know, many people say, "Oh, Jonah backslide." But look how that Prophet was inspired because of how he knew the Word. He said, "I don't think Jonah was backslidden." He said, "I think that that was meant to be."

Why? Because Jesus Himself, His Resurrection, which was for our justification,

which was part of His atoning work, He looked at Jonah. Is that right? And when He came, He said, "You seek a sign." They wanted to see: "Raise the dead, Jesus, let me see. I heard You are the Son of Man. I heard You say You are the Prophet that came to fulfill Moses' prophecy. You are our Messiah, then, heal the sick! Do this, let me see You. Do a sign for us."

He said, "Do you seek a sign?" He said, "Look at you, when the heaven is red, you say, 'It is red and lowering; rain is going to fall.' When it is dark and gray or whatever it is, you say, 'So and so is going to happen.'" He said, "But I say something to you; no other sign will be given you but the sign of Jonah, the prophet."

Why? Jonah's life and experience, that of itself was a mystery. Even while he was preaching, "Repent, Nineveh!" he wasn't saying, "I have a resurrection sign." He was preaching his message. But then that experience, that conduct, that action, was figuratively showing how in the last days, Gentiles will receive a ministry of judgment, brother, when that resurrection ministry of the Son of Man goes forth to Gentiles because Nineveh was Gentiles. It was a message of judgment.

That was for the Second Coming, not the First Coming, yet Jesus applied it in the part of coming out of the tomb. But it was compound. And so, in this Day, he came back and showed the resurrection sign that the Son of Man is risen; raised up out of history. The Wave Sheaf is waved again. It is here among the people to bring a judgment upon the Gentiles. Is that the Bible?

So, I'm taking this time to nail down to you, prophets were signs. When a prophet comes onto the scene and is giving a message, you

don't just listen to his vision. You don't just listen to his prophetic utterance. You don't just try to understand his parable alone. His very life there is given for that message. And that is why many times when people look for things to happen that were supposed to happen, it's happening right there and they can't even see it.

Now watch. Oh my! [1961-1112, para. 38-41 -Ed.]:
... We [found] out ... *this young prophet by the name of Ezekiel constantly became a sign all the time. How he tortured himself. One place ... we find where he laid on his left side for three hundred and ninety days. God told him to get some beans and some pottage, put it all together, and cook it up, and lay it down by his side, and go lay on a tile, and lay on his left side alone, not turn over for three hundred and ninety days. Think of it! And then said, "Turn over on the right side and lay ... forty days again."*

Do you know how painful that is? Now, he is bringing a thought to us.

And he said here ... Ezekiel said, "Because you're bearing the iniquity of the people. Each day will I count a year for them." Being that every day he laid there, that meant a year they'd be in captivity, and that their iniquities would be remembered to God and God would not hear their prayers no more.

But the torture that the man had to go through, why would that be necessary?

Do you see what preaching is? I'm trying to get you to a place to see God. We are talking about: you see Him in His works, you see Him in His Word; how He unveiled Himself. You see why He does things a certain way – because He has a reason and purpose for doing that. You see why Joshua and Caleb stood with Moses, regardless.

Brother, even though we say, "But the Prophet said David had five hundred wives!" and you can't find it anywhere in the Bible. "Enoch lived five hundred years!" you can't find it anywhere in the Bible. And people say, "No, he can't be a Prophet and do that; he's making mistakes." You see? Brother, that doesn't move you at all because you saw how God identified him. See. You see the Word that was being revealed through him.

Now watch. He said: *You know, I believe it was Paul [who] said, "Ye are epistles of God, read of all men." God uses people for signs, to show His sign. And many times that sign, and every time mostly, unless it's with the elected people, that sign is overlooked, and criticized, [and] made fun of, cast out...*

They said, "This man came, couldn't run his operation well; the government was going and charge him forty thousand dollars in tax." In other words, "He ended up in problems with the government. I understand some businessman had to help him pay off what he owed the government, otherwise they were going to put him in jail."

You know when he had the tax case and William Dauch, Bro. Dauch and they, helped raise the money to pay the tax case. But when you read the Bible, you see the government came down on Jesus to pay tax.

You see, they can't see it. They can't read those things in the Bible. And so, they found things to criticize and make fun of: "He is praying for people who are sick and look at him, sick there for days. Look at him saying he's a man of God, left those people sick on his porch and went to hunt in the bush to shoot little squirrels. Heartless!" They didn't understand.

He said, "By the power of a vision I was sent to do that." He said, "Compassion, is doing the will of God." He said, "Jesus walked by the whole pool of Bethesda, healed one man and walked away; many more, worse than him and left them there alone." [St. John 5: 2-9 -Ed.] He said, "I do nothing except the Father first shows Me." [St. John 8:28 -Ed.] Do you see what we are talking about? And then if He's the Bridegroom and the Bride is part of the Word, She will have "THUS SAITH THE LORD" or keep still.

So, you see, it is not a bunch of church people getting excited, running and trying to do things; it is the same Body anointed by the same Spirit, living out the Bride's part of the Word, and that kind of Christianity is very, very, very scarce in this Hour. A lot of people fail to enter in that kind of Christianity when that is the only kind in the Bible. That's why you come to church. That's nice, to see you in church but when you reach there, you still haven't reached yet. You need to go a little further and a little deeper to get the Holy Spirit.

Like David when he said, "They pierced my hands and my feet," prophesying in the Spirit. And man looked at him and said, "Pierced his hands and feet? False prophet. The man died. He never came back to life." He said, "I marked him with that prophecy, you know. I was watching him really close. When I see he died and that didn't come to pass and all those disciples and they were waiting for him to rise back up now, to fulfill that..."

David in the Spirit spoke in the first person. It was the Holy Ghost, the Spirit, speaking through the prophet. Hallelujah. They were acting out the Spirit. He said, "And if that was in the days when the Pillar of Fire was above us,

God over us, under the law, in the dispensation of the law, when it was God above us, then God with us, but now, we are living in the time of the Holy Ghost – God in us; how much more believers will speak in the first person!”

But do you know something? People are afraid to say, “That man, that’s the Holy Ghost speaking through that man.” They are afraid. They think they will give credit to a man and they don’t want to do that. And they think if they do that and it doesn’t come to pass, they might get wrong, so they want to play it safe. Oh my! It is still carnal Christianity because the real Christian is the Word and the Word is always identified and confirmed by the Holy Spirit. It will always be the Bible and will never leave the Bible. Is that right?

I want to live there, don’t you? Oh brother, I could come so far to see this Message, live in this Age, see everything that this Message identified, that this world civilization is at its end, seeing the hopelessness of denomination; see the hopelessness of the nations of the world and their governments. Look who they are going to look to. The Pope from Rome is who they are eventually going to look to, to lead the world out of chaos.

But a Prophet told me, “Look away to Jesus Christ.” Hallelujah! I heard him cry like a lion that roareth when those Seven Thunders uttered their voices. When he said, “Look in on this,” (hallelujah!) oh, it spoke to my heart and I saw Jesus and His program. When he took the rock (amen) and he ripped it off and the Light began to shine in the Word to reveal God’s one great goal and purpose in the Bible and what a joy it was in my soul when I saw that I’m part of

it; when I saw I'm part of it, in the Day I'm living in; when I saw my name splashed in the Blood.

When the Holy Ghost came and claimed me, found me in Santa Cruz and said, "You are Mine." Amen. "I spoke of you in the Bible. I'll show you where your name is." And I know I'm heading for Glory this morning. Amen. And I'm trying to persuade every man who has that same deep and desire and should be born for a purpose, that these are not cunningly devised fables, this is nothing but the Truth! Hallelujah.

What a torture it was for Ezekiel to bring that message especially when the message came so demanding that he couldn't just speak it, he had to pass through certain places.

Some of you as believers that God use you as little signs in your work, in your communities, have had to suffer a lot too. Some of you because for lack of spiritual revelation, your agony became greater because you couldn't even understand your own life, after you tried to serve God so well, why this could happen you, why things go wrong in your home; why this thing could happen. It seems that way because you can't see the end and you feel discouraged sometimes. But do you know something? This God, friends, He is not interested in raising up people to say, "I'm in the Message. I'm in the Bride"; wear a 'Jesus' badge or something.

When He judges this generation, brother, it is because He has fully given them everything that was necessary to save them. He has laid it out, not just written in paper (because it has been that way all the time in the Bible) but through a people. He didn't just reveal His Power and His great signs but He revealed His suffering. He revealed His hurt, He revealed His pain, He revealed His agony, He revealed His rejection;

how He felt; the humiliation He had to bear from people being God, the Creator, Who could have spoken them out of existence; create a new world and go on with it.

Like He told Moses, He said, "Moses, let Me destroy this nation, speak them out and bring up a new one. I'll make you God and take them in."

But Moses, the Spirit of Christ in Moses, he said, "No, Lord! I'll take the hurt. I'll take the rejection and I'll still go in the gap. I'll still stand there and I'll still say take me and blot their sins out to bring them back." And God had to step back because that was Christ. That was God. That was really God's heart.

That's why sometimes when your children leave you and go, you have to—when you don't know, you try to hide your shame. You see, you are trying to justify yourself. You are trying to do all kinds of different things because you're so locked in the superficial realm, trying to impress this one, afraid to bear shame, afraid to bear reproach; afraid to do these things.

I'm not talking about what your delinquency produced. Get me! We know that delinquency could produce a lot of things too but I'm talking about God here. I'm talking about a predestinated life which could only become predestinated because it was part of the Word to begin with. And if it is part of the Word, it is part of the Mystery. If it is part of the Mystery, it is part of Christ and He is identified to be the same in all generations. Whether in the corporal body or in Bride form, in the Bride Age, in the Bride Coming, He is still the same.

This is the Age, He and His people become one. In that day, you will know I in you and you in Me. Think of it, friends! This is what we are

talking about here. The responsibility of being called to walk in this Message, in this Truth, has been missed and not fully grasped and not clearly understood by the majority of the people who just look at it as 'false doctrine in denomination, right doctrine in the Message', comes in to try to live a religious life, hoping something happens in the end but failing to see that they are a thought of God.

God thought something about them and God described that thought by putting characters in the Bible, who were going to type them, to understand what is the real purpose of their life.

Do you think Rahab got that token on the wall just like that? She risked her life. She put it in jeopardy. Do you think Esther got the power just like that? She had to renounce all self and self-preservation and say, "If I perish, I perish but I'm going in, anyhow." She was willing to pay the price. Do you think Samson saw the power come back just like that? He said, "Lord, let me die." He had to count the cost and be willing to pay the price. That is how real Christianity is and still is; because the thought that you are expressed in the earth, those things will be in your life.

And when you see the Philistines begin to make sport with you, what do you do when you don't understand the Mystery? You compromise. You want to be accepted and become popular with them. You try to throw off the reproach. You start to find the life is hard when you don't understand that you are a thought of God, in a certain Age.

Do you see the importance of trying to fellowship with the Mystery of which you are a part and get a hold of it? So, when you understand your life and the things come, even

things that look negative, it becomes a confirmation. It becomes an identification.

Remember *Present Stage of My Ministry* [1962-0908 -Ed.] when he was rejected, laughed at, ridiculed; big ministry, tens of thousands came down to about seventy-five people, and they began to laugh and say that he's washed up. He found in the Bible... "I'm not washed up; I'm washed in." Every true ministry comes to that place. And when he saw the junction, he said, "But right after this junction is where the crowning comes. He said, "Lord, let me take the clothes of the Word..." Amen. "Crown my ministry so that I could take the clothes of the Word and dress the Bride."

Brother, within three months, he preached on: *Sirs, What Time It Is?* [62-1230E - Is This The Sign Of The End, Sir? -Ed.] Within three more months, *Seven Angels in the Coronado forest*. Coronado means *crowning*. God was crowning it, amen, when he brings the beautiful gown of the promised Word like Eliezer, to clothe that Bride. Amen! Why? It was a reality in the Bible.

Look a man with a seventh-grade education, living out his life; he got a hold of those Things. When man saw him as a failure, God revealed to him: "That is no failure, son; that's junction time. That will put you under expectation." And God gave revelation to break the fears and let him take the reproach and he came and preached, *Reproach For The Cause Of The Word* [1962-1223 -Ed.] Hallelujah! Glory!

Why? He was understanding. But with you and me, do you know what happens? We tend to wiggle away. We find it is too hard. We can't handle the pressure because Satan robs you many times from getting in deep, where He can make It real to you. And where do you live, you

live in the place where you're up today and down tomorrow, all the time.

What about some of you here? You sit down there this morning. You prepared to come to service; are you going to sit there and just want to stay there? If you did that last week and you are doing it this week, are you going to do that next week again? If last week you came with that approach and you didn't get anything, will you come back with that same approach this week?

You come and raise your hand and praise God. Amen. You say, "Lord, shake me from this! Lord, take me in the channel! Teach me how to get there, Lord! Lord, give me expectation! Hold my place there by the grace of God!"

But when you don't watch yourself and don't examine yourself; when you don't look at your life deeply; when you don't realize that God wants to give you something but God put it on a certain level, in a certain place and God says, "Go, get that. Go for it. Go for it." Amen. Hallelujah! Oh my! You want to be determined to get in there because you know this is the time you could have it. Amen.

What a torture! What a torture to bring in the message. What a torture! So, Hosea now, I take that to let you see now, why God said, "Go, take a wife of whoredom." And I showed you last week, she wasn't like a whore when he took her. God was speaking prophetically. God knew: "This wife that you are going to receive..." Because for you to feel the pain, you have to love her to begin with; otherwise, you will feel no pain.

Do you think it was that he didn't know the woman and God said, "Go and take that woman there!"

And he walks up and tells the woman, "God sent me to marry you, you know. God put it on my heart, I'm supposed to marry you." Do you think it was like that?

Marriage is for love. Do you think God could tell a man go and marry somebody and he doesn't love them? Do you think God wants them to get married, to get 'papers' to stay in the States? Do you think it's that kind of marriage God is talking about; that nonsense? God can't go against His own Word. That's why the first child... She bore him a son. But then, she bore and bore.

Like I told you, Genesis 4: And Adam knew his wife Eve; and she conceived, and bare Cain. He's not saying that Cain was his. He said, "And again Abel." He said, "Did you catch it?" One knowing, two conceptions; twins. To prove that, he went into the genealogy, he said, "Look, nowhere you could find that he is Adam's son." [1965-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ - Para. 149 -Ed.] And in 1st John 3:12 says that Cain is of the wicked one. So he is proving these Things by the very Word.

The Word doesn't contradict Itself. Is that right? Then It says: And he knew her again and she bare, Seth. And Eve said: "I've received a seed instead of Abel. God has appointed me a seed instead of Abel." See? Abel was his, and Cain killed Abel. And he knew her again and God gave her another seed. So, he knew her twice, she had two conceptions for him. Because there were three children, he had two conceptions; one was not his.

They said, "Well, the Serpent doesn't have any seed."

He said, "Well, if the Serpent didn't have any seed, then Cain had to be immaculate, virgin

conception. Then if he is the immaculate, virgin conception, it makes him the Son of God. And if he's a seed, he could only become seed by intercourse. He can't become a seed without it being [by] intercourse. Amen.

So it nailed it down. You can't jump from either side. That's why you see denominational people coming with little ideas, try to fool around with the Bible. That Word is going to expose you and blow you away in no time. You can't come to try to make the Bible say something different to what It says. That Word is God. That is God on paper. That's not the word of man.

Jesus said: Not one jot or one tittle shall in anywise fail; Heaven and earth will pass away but that Word will not pass away. [Matthew 5:18 – Ed.] He told the Pharisees: “You neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God.” [Mark 12:24 –Ed.] “Don't you know the Scripture cannot be broken.” [John 10:35 –Ed.] Amen! The Word that proceedeth out of His mouth will not return unto Him void, It will accomplish the purpose unto which It was sent. [Isaiah 55:11 –Ed.] You watch that Word, you don't fool around with that Word.

That's why God could judge the world by this Word. Amen. That's why faith only has one resting place; that's the Word. It doesn't rest on our feelings. You say, “I feel it and I believe it.” No, no, no. That might be pretty good. That might get you from here to there but that isn't your destination. And if you try to travel further and you intend to travel with a feeling, you're going to run into problems. See? You will be starting to say God told you when God didn't tell you. You would be starting to say God revealed to you when God didn't reveal to you, and it would prove that you have a lying spirit.

But when it's the Holy Spirit it will be the Word every time; never leaves that Word, because the Holy Spirit will not contradict His own Word. Is that right? You see, I want you to see how It is set up. It is not set up in a weak way. That's why when God called you to be a Christian in this Age, you don't think, well, "I wonder if I could make it. I wonder if I want to live that life. I wonder if this is really right. I wonder if we could really overcome those things, really. Do you think somebody could really overcome that? I don't think anybody could live that life."

You haven't seen what the Word is yet. You haven't begun to see how this thing is set up, yet. Because when you see how this is set up, and then you begin to examine what the devil is working with; that thing is so full of holes. Amen! And then you get to realize, no wonder the Bride can't be deceived. See? My!

So it takes pain and torture. And if you are called to be in this Bride, be a part of this Last-day Ministry to finish up this great Commission; if your life is a predestinated member in that Body that makes up a body ministry of many members and you are one of those members, then your life is part of the Word.

Then if your life is part of the Word, you are going to find yourself in situations and circumstances. Sometimes things happen that if you don't know the Word, Satan could really take advantage and exploit you and cuff you up and mess up your mind, and make you think all kind of things are wrong sometimes because of the pain that you have to bear.

That's why you can't even lie to your own self. You can't even see your own self more highly than you ought to see yourself. Because if you

cause problems and you bring things into your life, and if you try to take that now and make that: God using that through you for something else, then the Holy Spirit will show you that you are misinterpreting the very Word. Because you can't misplace, misinterpret nor mis-locate It either.

When It is true It is always confirmed by the Holy Spirit. And if it is a genuine revelation, it will always be connected to faith, and faith will always bring the victory. You can't be explaining all that and living in defeat afterwards. You can't be explaining all of that and still being tied up in the world. It doesn't work. You don't mess with the Word. Amen.

Now, this Book of Hosea chapter 1, we looked at it – a marriage and three children. Now, Hosea chapters 1 to 3, (as I was saying Sunday, we are going into the Book a little more now) it is like the Book of Daniel. Anybody who understands the Book of Daniel, in chapter 2, God gave a whole vision of an image from the head of gold, all the way to the toes of iron and clay, until the great Rock comes and smites the image and It grows into a great Kingdom. And it is showing from Babylon, in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, until Christ comes and sets up His Kingdom, in that one vision.

Well, when you go to rest of the Book of Daniel, the subject does not change. That's where sometimes people get confused when they study the Word. You go into Daniel and you begin to hear now... in chapter 7 God shows four beasts. Well, those four beasts turned out to be the same four kingdoms. First, he showed them in four metals, showing the outward part of the kingdom that man could see. Then he showed it in four beasts, showing the spirit, the way God

sees the spirit, that power that rules in those kingdoms. Amen!

Then, in chapter 8, he goes on to develop certain kingdoms; giving you more detail and information if a certain kingdom is going to play a certain part, have a certain influence, and is necessary to understand how the thing will unfold you have to know these things, then God expands and develop things as He sees it fit, in giving out His revelation.

When he comes to chapter 12 and the Book ends; even like chapter 9, it is seventy weeks, it doesn't go different. Seventy weeks brings you right back into the image; from where Messiah was cut off in the legs of iron, until He comes back to Israel in the time of the ten toes. And during that time he takes the people out...the Gentiles out. So when you look at those things, you see then that, how... when God is introducing His revelation, He gives you the beginning of the Book, and then He begins to develop it all the way through afterwards.

Well, it's the same way in the Bible. The first prophecy in the Bible when man fell, God said, "The woman shall receive a seed and the seed shall bruise the Serpent's head." [Genesis 3:15 -Ed.] Now, God was uttering forth what was in the back part of His Mind, when the Lamb was slain since before the foundation of the world and the names were put in the Book. He was giving that prophecy that that Messiah is going to come. This Redeemer is going to come.

Now we can see why a redeemer is needed. Why? Because the human race is fallen. Amen. Then every prophecy goes all the way back. And here we are at the end of the Book, in Revelation: *The Spirit and the bride say, Come. Behold, I come quickly*, Revelation 22; you can't add one

word to the Book. We have come to the end of the Book because Revelation 10 shows you what was, is and is to come. And when we come down to the end of the Book here now, what do we notice? That here, we are taking the Book to eat It to go back in now, to the restored Eden and live forever.

When Adam and Eve tried to take from that tree to eat it, they couldn't eat. Then at the end of the Book, God comes back and says, "Now go and take and eat." Because that Word that they fell from, they've come back to It. So you realize that the entire Bible, from the first prophecy, It just keeps unfolding that one prophecy. What started in Virgo ends in Leo. But when He comes as Lion of Judah, it's only to bring back where It started. Is that right?

So, here in Hosea, God is giving in the first three chapters, He is giving the message figuratively, not just in utterance. That's why the beginning of the Word was what? "Go and take a wife" – the beginning of the Word that came to him. His ministry was going to start off in a figurative way.

But check something: The people who were going to receive that message or who were going to hear that message, their captivity was already being prophesied: "I will cause the house to cease." It was so full of idolatry from Jeroboam 1, the first Jeroboam, who put up the golden calf in Dan and Bethel, to this second Jeroboam here, the place was filled of idolatry.

The Bible says in 2nd Kings 14:15 speaking of this same one, It says that he never departed from the ways of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat who made Israel to sin. God lets your cup fill up. A man starts to sin, one day; he will sin for the last time and get away. A church starts to

sin, one day; they will sin the last time and then watch what comes. A family starts to sin, they will sin for the last time and then Ichabod is going to be written. A nation, brother, their sins will rise up too.

Do you see how much idolatry is being committed politically and religiously in the nation, right now? You know they talk about crossing the floor and they put little cartoons, this one's gone to sleep in the UNC bed. [United National Congress: local political party -Ed.] This one has crossed the floor and has gone over; political marriages and so on.

When they came down to 17-17 seats... Do you understand what I'm saying? Read your Bible. You see, when you read your Bible, you see how a nation goes a whoring. When they have to bring the foreign investors and they are coming in with their money; their money is buying them power because there are greedy people here who want money.

Look at the highway. Is that the road they brought them to build? I don't want to sound anti-all this, because my message is to you. My message is not to them out there. My message is to you. But, you see even Hosea and them when they were ministering to the people, sometimes they show you other things around them what was happening too.

I can look and see the spiritual adultery in the churches and see people playing around with men in the Message (sure!) and playing around with all kinds of little programs in the Message. And they have their lovers in the Message. I'm talking spiritually, like in the Word here. God said, "Because the land has committed whoredoms and departed from Me." He said,

“So, you do that.” He said, “They don’t understand My pain.”

They are going along, “We are Israel. We’re better than Babylon. We are better than the Medes and the Persians. We are better than Greece. We have a prophet with a Pillar of Fire.”

See? And they are committing whoredoms, and they are going away from God. And they are not seeing that that behavior is injuring Him and paining Him. *Such is the way of an adulterous woman: she eateth.* [Proverbs 30:20 –Ed.] Eateth is what? The crimes committed against her husband; the partaking of something forbidden that breaks her marriage vow.

[She] *wipeth her mouth.* [Proverbs 30:20 –Ed. What is she wiping her mouth for? What is that? Trying to clean up her act so the evidence of her crime would not be seen. Trying to cover her sin and then say, “I have done no evil.” The pretense that she tries to project of her innocence because she feels that she covered it up so good; she wiped her mouth so clean that nobody can tell what she was eating all the time.

Like the Catholic church; “We are against abortions!” See? “We want peace in the region.” That’s pretense. This is the great Red Dragon we are talking about. This is the one who is drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs.

So, “We are so sorry for those Jews there. You know, some of our diocese, they were not correctly informed and they took a wrong stand against some of those precious people.” See? “It is a certain way.” And they say, “We are having repentance week. This is a time for reconciliation and we have to heal ourselves of all these bad attitudes because the year 2000 is approaching. We would like to get together and

pray on Mt. Sinai: Muslims, Jews and Protestants. Let us all get together.”

It sounds good but her scheme is uncovered. She is not fooling anybody. She is fooling those who rejected the Light that has come to show them, what she did!

You see, we heard God many times. We came in and said, “Oh, I’m glad I’m going in the Rapture because this is the Bride’s Message. I am Bride!” until Bride has just become a word. Bride no longer says: marriage, fidelity, purity, loyalty, commitment to your vow. Bride no longer means that! It’s like bride... Denomination is harlot-seed bride; and you get carnal and then they do just like the organization; love the pleasure just like the organization. And that was the adulterous acts of the organization: going after lovers, indulging in worldly things.

Some of us come and sing Bride songs and we sound revealed; but then, the wife is taken up with the desires of her husband. The wife is in submission to him; the wife who wants to serve him and minister to him; the wife who wants to make him feel he is king; the wife who is a crown to him, she is not water in his blood, she is not rottenness in his bones; the wife who has proven to be a real helpmate, taken from the rib where she can protect and guard and make him secure, that he doesn’t have to feel unloved and unwanted.

When Christ feels unloved and unwanted because He is trying to get in His Church; He comes to His people and they are not excited over him. He begins to strip Himself and take His clothes off and she kind of looks like, “I don’t have time with that. I can’t bear any Acts 2:38 babies again, no. Give me a program, yes.” See?

She is not ready to hold hands. She doesn't want to be Wife to Him. She lost sight of what the covenant was. She doesn't want to give Him a posterity. She wants to move around like a barren woman who can't bear a child; all dressed up nice and never put on a pregnant [maternity] dress one day in your life, never felt anything kick on the inside; got emotionless, doesn't feel anything for Him. I'm speaking spiritually, you know. Bear with me in my folly, please. See?

This is where you get to realize... You see, I am laboring here on this point. I want to bring it to you... I want you to see. When you catch the first three chapters, the message is being given figuratively through the actions of the prophet, showing forth future events that were to take place between God and His people, showing the pain and the injury that God felt; showing the hurt, showing how He was made to be ashamed but how He was willing to bear the shame. And even though it pained Him, He was determined to redeem Her and restore Her and bring Her back to Her first estate.

As I told you, Hosea was the same word as Joshua's original name, which means *saviour*, same word as Jesus – *Saviour*. This husband of Gomer was going to be a deliverer. He was going to be her saviour. He was going to be her restorer. He was going to bring her back, who fell away from him and fell into whoredom and got into false union and brought forth polluted children; he was going bring her back and wash her clean. He was going to lay down his life for her, as Christ laid down His Life for the Church.

And while we were yet sinners, He came to become sin. And He took our sin and was sent to hell in judgment. Jesus died a sinner. The

Prophet said, "God will not send Christ to hell if He was pure; He couldn't do it." The Bible says: The iniquity of us all was laid upon Him. [Isaiah 53:6 -Ed.] Why did the lamb die? It died as a judicial sentence of judgment for the guilty. It died because the sins of the guilty was transferred upon the innocent, making the innocent guilty and making the sin-bearer [the one] taking the punishment. That is what Adam did.

That is why Paul said: *Adam was not deceived*. Eve didn't sin, he said, Eve was deceived. [1st Timothy 2:14.] She didn't know what she was doing, she was deceived but Adam went with his eyes open. Adam knew what he was doing. But the reason he did it: he so loved her, even though he saw her in sin, even though he saw her degraded, perverted into another species, used by the Serpent for sex, pregnated with the life of the devil inside of her (amen), and Adam went there. When Adam went there he united with her in that sin and both of them went into judgment and death. Adam could not cleanse her, Adam could not redeem her, Adam could not bring her back; both of them were cast out of the garden.

God knew what he was doing; being identified with his wife in shame and sin was speaking of something, because Romans 5 says: the first Adam was a figure of Him Who was to come. That was the bride taken from his side. That was the bride he had loved in holy wedlock. That was the wife, that, they walked in harmony and perfection. That's my thought.

When I'm done with this Book of Hosea you will see. I'll show you that the whole Book of Revelation is inside this Book here. That is what I'm going to get to, to show you the Seven

Church Ages is in this Book here; and out of the Ages come the Seals, and out of the Seals come the Trumpets, and out of the Trumpets come the Vials. Because that restoration of Israel comes when? Under the Seventh Trumpet and their Seventh Trumpet is our Seventh Seal! Amen!

And if we are under our Seventh Seal, this is the Hour. Brother, here was the Bride who was deceived in the first Age. Here was the Bride who fell away into whoredom, went into the false union in Pergamos, married to the world. Here was the Bride with that Thyatirean, that Jezebel condition, in that whoredom condition; but there, in Luther, God began to take them out of there. Amen. Under the Water Age He washed them. Under the Blood Age He cleansed them. Under the Spirit Age He was restoring them; but in the Bride Age He brings them back in union. He is not planting a new Church, He is restoring His own that was planted, back to its original Seed.

All that the cankerworm, the palmerworm, the caterpillar and the locust have eaten, I will restore, saith the Lord. [Joel 2:25 -Ed.] Alpha will become Omega again, in the last days, but washed clean; made clean and white in the Blood of the Lamb! Amen! Hallelujah!

I had to give three theologians that; otherwise, they wouldn't leave me alone. I'm trying to take my time to get to where I'm going, but you all are sitting down there...I don't know. Amen. Put that in your pipe and smoke it, if you could smoke that.

You see, Gomer... This Book opens up a Mystery of Gomer. "This woman that you love," God said, "go and take her for a wife. I see you love her. I see you're desiring her, but you don't know what is going to happen to her. You don't

know the condition that she will get into. You don't know how low she is going to sink, but go and take her. Do you know why? Because through your life, I'll make a mirror for Israel, that they would look into your life, and that your experience with your wife would become a revelation to them of My experience with them.

And that's how I'll give forth My prophecy – through you. You will speak part of It. You will give part in parables, but the main part of It... because, if you're just speaking It and giving It in parables, you're not bearing any pain. You wouldn't even understand what I'm going to tell you. How could you be My messenger if you don't feel some of what I feel, when you have to reflect Me; when it is I in you, giving out the message? And if My pain has to be expressed, if My forgiveness, if My unmeasurable Love is to be comprehended, to be understood, to be grasped by you, then you can see how you're a worthless, filthy, lowdown, immoral, no-good thing. As long as you separate from Me, that is what you become."

She was married to the prophet who was part of the Word, who was the mouthpiece of God. Think of it! It raised her up to such a high estate, to be the wife of the prophet, but then, look what she fell away into. Look what she fell away into.

Let me read something here; chapter 2. Let me read something for you. We'll let you out by five. I didn't say chapter 5, you know; I said that I'll let you out by five. [Congregation laughs -Ed.] I'm just giving you a little humor to liven you up, so you wouldn't feel so bad, but where I feel we could stop, I'm going to stop. But I must give you these first three chapters because this is the seed of the Book. Like Daniel 2 was the seed of

the whole Book. Like Genesis 3:15 was the seed of the whole Bible. You miss this...

Because, everything he began to speak from chapter 4 to 14, he was only developing and giving utterances in the spiritual realm, which was already shown forth in the natural experience. So, from 4 to 14 is only information developing different aspects. Because in the experience, he took the woman, he married her, they were happy, they were overjoyed; then she was seduced, then she fell, then she went into a really low condition, then he had to go and redeem her, then he brought her back, then she ended up in the home with him again, back in her rightful place. That's the whole experience.

I want to show you that that's the Mystery of the Bible, that's the Mystery of the Church. That's the Mystery. And if this is the Hour, not when she is falling away; this is the Hour when she is coming back in the home, to the original privilege.

Then, if you've come back, then, it's to live in the first estate before the fall; to live in the position and the privilege of covenant relationship with Him, [and] to know what that means. If not, then you're just in the process of being restored or you're still in the bondage of the whoredom, in false union. You pick out, on an individual level, where your life is.

I have to try to get you on an individual level and as a church level here, and as the Bride, generally, where the Bride is. But I'm trying to catch all realms, so you cannot just sit and look at something, but in your own life: have you fell away from the Lord? Are you serving Him faithfully? Are you taken up with Him? Do you honor Him? Do you get excited when He comes, when He begins to strip Himself off of His

clothes, when He begins to unveil Himself before you, when He wants to pregnate you with His Word to bring forth His Life, His signs, His pre-eminences, to bring forth fruit unto Him? Or do you say, "No, I can't take the Word; just let me feel happy and dance in the Spirit and then go home"? Do you want pleasure and no responsibility or do you want to see that you bring forth that Man-child, Christ?

Because, remember, Israel, when she comes back, crossing from the moon over into the sun, she is pregnated; not with any kind of child, with the Man-child Who shall rule the nations. Is that right? Brother, she has the pregnation of the Word when she is coming back! That's the same Israel.

Is she back in the land? Was she in the nations? [Congregation answers, "Yes, sir." -Ed.] Then He's bringing her back. Feast of the Trumpets is bringing her back. Under the Day of Atonement, brother, she would be restored to covenant privileges. She would become head of the nations again. He would come and fight for her (is that right?) in the battle of Armageddon. [Congregation answers, "Amen." -Ed.]

Right now, they are beating her up and doing different things but, brother, watch when the whole world comes, watch Him come on the scene. Did He promise the same thing when all *denominations* come against the Bride? When the Squeeze comes, what? Watch the Third Pull then.

Right now, they laugh, they rebuke, they put pressure, bring all kinds of slander and ridicule and everything else, and you bear it. Amen! Exactly. So we see where it is going. Sorry, if you can't follow me this morning, some of you, but I think it will help you.

Chapter 2. Let's look now and continue.

¹ Say ye unto your brethren,
 Ammi; and to your sisters,
 Ruhamah.

We found that just now in verses 6 to 8 in chapter 1. He said, "Call them *Lo-Ruhamah* and call them *Lo-Ammi*." *Lo-Ruhamah* means *that no compassion shall be shown to you*. See? She will not be shown mercy. "Call them that." *Lo-Ammi* means *you are not My people*. Why? They were children of whoredom, by the wrong pregnancy.

Did he say... He said, "Man, repent and get back to where you have fallen from," in the first Age. The Church was a fallen woman. He said, "You have in you the deeds of the Nicolaitans!"

Paul said... He said, "I espoused you a chaste virgin," he said, "and you went... As the Serpent beguiled Eve, they come preaching another doctrine, planting in you...you're having spiritual intercourse and you get pregnant with another Jesus." The Bible says, *and some went in the way of Cain*. She was bringing forth children that were denominational children, in the first Age.

Pregnated—because what? Out of Ephesus came twins – children for two different fathers. What is the parable of Matthew 13? Brother, that was wheat and tares in the same field; two sowers in one field! Is that the Bible?

She had for him and she had children of whoredom. And watch him, he's speaking here. He didn't call the names, but he said, "Say to your brethren, Ammi and Ruhamah." Well, who was the next child? Jezreel, a little remnant there. Jezreel also means, as I said, *God sows*. That was His own.

He said, "And you tell the rest who come out of the same womb that you came out of, Ammi and Ruhamah."

God uses the names for these ten tribes. One time, He's calling them 'Israel' and another time, He's calling them 'Samaria', when He's using the capital as the symbol of the whole nation. Whether He's dealing with the people and their condition and those who were under the influence and grip by the...

Now, you have to bear in mind that there are always people who are trying to live right in the midst of all the idolatry around them, but the thing is, a little leaven leavens the whole lump. In the Corinthian church, a man was living in fornication with his mother. The whole lump was becoming polluted, but there were good people in that church, too. But when God looked at that church, He didn't say that it's the devil is in the church; it's the church!

When Achan sinned in Israel, what did God say? *Israel hath sinned.* Not Achan sinned; *Israel hath sinned.* Because when He viewed them as a whole... Because why? One corrupted member, brother, in the body, then the rest of the body has to bear the glory or the shame.

So, that's why when God is speaking many times, if you don't understand how He speaks, then you read and you get confused.

So he says now, "Say to your brethren, 'Ammi' and your sisters, 'Ruhamah'..." In other words, "I've already told them they are not My people, they shall not be shown mercy; but tell them that they are My people and they shall receive mercy." The unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband and the children are made holy. Why? Is it because of the children? It's

because of the marriage covenant. It's because of the power in the marriage covenant.

Now, I'm not saying Cain... Don't get there; I'm not talking... I'll read a quote just now to show you where I'm going. You see, because when you can't see the Word in Its full scope, you'll hold on to one part. Remember, the church is a corporate body of good and evil. There is a nominal church and there is a spiritual Church, and they are together as one. 2nd Timothy tells you what? The house has become a big house with all kind of vessels: vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor. [2nd Timothy 2:20 -Ed.]

The field had wheat in it at, one time, now the field has wheat and tares inside of it. It's a mixture of good and evil. In the garden of Eden had what? A tree of knowledge and a Tree of Life. In Heaven had what? Lucifer and his angels and Michael and the angels. Do you understand that? In the ark had what? The dove and the crow. See, you have to keep your mind in the Word because all the Word goes together.

So, God is showing here... Sometimes, when He speaks, He calls them different names; it does not mean that He's changing His subject. He changes their name depending on what He's emphasizing and the evil that He is dealing with.

² Plead with your mother, plead:

for she is not my wife,

Why? She has forsaken her covenant. She has gotten away from His covenant.

Now, Abraham could not have lost his covenant but he could lose the blessing of his covenant. How many know that? Abraham had an unconditional covenant. Israel had an unconditional covenant. Remember all this

Israel here in Hosea is the same Israel that started in Abraham, you know. There are not three–four nations; it's one thing. And the thing is, when Abraham went in Egypt, what happened? He lied and backslid, but when he was in Canaan land, he could have chased those kings. Why? He was in his covenant! He went there and lied against one—afraid of one king! Is that right?

Well so, when she forsook the covenant to go into false union... When a woman has extramarital affairs, when she starts to play around with other men, when a church begins to entertain other doctrines and influences and other man-made programs, what happens? They are leaving their covenant. They are breaking their vow. That doesn't mean to say that she becomes a single woman because she leaves her covenant. No, no, no. The husband is not entitled to deal with her as a wife, as long as she refuses to stay under his headship. See?

A lot of women, they want to marry to a man and after a while, they forget and they start to call the shots. They start to make demands, "I want this, I want that and I want to do the other," and they forget that they ought to please him. They forget the woman was made for the man; not the man for the woman. When a woman can't submit to a man, it is a perverted marriage; it could never be a godly marriage. Because when the woman rules the man, it is denomination trying to rule Christ!

The greatest curse is what? A dominant female, which is Jezebel religion! That has its type in Ahab and Jezebel. See? But the thing is...

Now, you know, sisters, I tell you that... I was kind of dealing with the brothers in the couples'

meeting, so, you know that I'm not contradicting myself; I'm just making an emphasis here to bring a point. I'm trying to say that's why the Bible ends up: ...*and wife see that she reverence her husband.* [Ephesians 5:33 -Ed.]

A woman has an unsaved husband giving her a lot of pressure, she could become very frustrated if she doesn't understand the power invested in that marriage covenant, as long as she tries to remain faithful. The Bible says that wives with their chaste conduct, coupled with fear, will do what? Save the unsaved husbands. [1st Peter 3:2 -Ed.] And the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the believing wife. [1st Corinthians 7:14 -Ed.] But when a woman looks to try to take off in any direction because things get a little hard in the home, you know she is using the circumstances, if she is a Christian woman, or claims to be a Christian woman, she is using the circumstances to get into problems.

Though the Word says that a wife is not under bondage, but it better be things that would qualify to be bondage, where she could no longer serve in the capacity of a wife, who is even in a position to sanctify her household and save her family. And that is why a woman has to be responsible to weigh the consequences.

And that's why you, who, as a young woman, says, "I want to marry. I'm getting old; I can't get married." Do you want to get married? Are you taking all of this into consideration, of a wife's role? Have you ever looked and examined what is the position that marriage brings a woman into, and what kind of responsibilities are required of her?

To be a successful marriage, to be a true marriage, a marriage that glorifies God, to be something that would last and be a blessing and

serve a purpose, some measure of interest must be there concerning these things. It cannot be neglected, or overlooked or be treated as unimportant.

You will not know everything the first time you look at it; that comes as you grow in grace and knowledge. That comes as you go over the years. But the thing is, you will know that this is what your role in the marriage is. Vice versa, as the man himself, who has his own responsibilities.

So, let us see. He said,

*² Plead with your mother, plead:
for she is not my wife; neither am I
her husband:*

She had forsaken her position, her place. He didn't marry her and put her in a marriage covenant to be running around with other men out there and she is claiming to be wife. No. Neither is a woman supposed to be sitting down in the house and a man is living an adulterous life, chasing every dress tail that he sees outside there, and then want to come home and demand certain services and privileges, just because he thinks that he is the head of the woman. She is not under that kind of bondage. Because the home is the institution where the marriage covenant is expressed and the marriage relationship is developed. And that's why a man has to leave father and mother and cleave to his wife, and has to take her to his own house, if it is marriage.

*...let her therefore put away her
whoredoms out of her sight, and her
adulteries from between her breasts;*

This was how God felt. When God saw them going into this false worship, taking off after this fashion, running down these things in the world,

God was seeing them as an adulterous woman with another man lying on top of her, taking the position, and role and privilege as a husband over her, when she was conducting herself in that manner by going after those things that she had opened up herself to and allowed herself to be influenced by.

I want to say in this church here: let us do our endeavor best. And when we come within these walls and we remember: ...*where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst* [Matthew 18:20 -Ed.], and His Presence comes to meet with us: the Headship that we are united under, this Word, this Capstone that has come in the last days, this great Capstone Message of redemption and grace that has washed us and made us clean, and dressed us in the beautiful gown of the promised Word, that we do everything to make Him, the Lord Jesus Christ, the center of our worship, the center of our purpose and our gathering.

Our every effort, our every attitude, why we are here, would be taken up in honoring Him, ministering to Him, glorifying Him, that He could have free course among us to do what He wants. That, if we could be that way in His House with Him; and in our houses, which are the houses that He gave us when we are not assembled here in this house; and the places where He gave us in His economy, where we go and work and put in time and service and get a reward to sustain and maintain ourselves; even there, we would reflect Him and conduct ourselves in a way to show that our whole life is taken up in exalting Him, that we can be His crown.

That when He looks at us, He doesn't see us as: we've come here and we have a sick one, and we have a needy one, and we have one, brother,

going through a nervous breakdown, and one's body is being eaten up by disease, and one's home is falling apart, and one is under stress, and He looks at us and we are crying out to Him, "Oh, Lord Jesus! Lord, come down, tonight, Father, Lord God!"

And He says, "You wipe your mouth. You come in here; you're crying out to Me. You are flirting around there. You're not even paying any heed to Me. You treat Me as if I'm a Wednesday night and a Friday night thing." We don't want to do something like that.

Even when He tries us and that Serpent in the world comes hissing to us, and wants to offer us things to use the gifts and the talents that He gave to us to honor Him back with, and to serve Him, and to advance the Home, His Kingdom, that His Name could be glorified by and people could see His Love and His power, and come to know Him and love Him too and honor Him. And we take these things and misuse them, and they become unconsecrated because we use them to advance our own positions, and our own selves, and our own personal gains, and we treat them as not something given by Him to us, to honor Him by and advance His own Kingdom.

Let our thoughts not be shallow. Let our thoughts be deep. Let our hearts and our experiences go deep, where we would think of our relationship with Jesus Christ on this level, in these terms; and especially in this Hour when He is giving us messages designed to hold our minds in that place, to bring our souls a little deeper, a little closer, to love Him a little more, to understand our position and role as the Bride who has the wedding band, and the marriage certificate and the Name revealed in the Seven Thunders, who is being dressed in the beautiful

gown of the promised Word. We can understand what those things mean in this Hour. Amen!

Don't you think that is right? Don't you think He's deserving of that? And He Who said, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loves the Church," could we look at Him and say, "You don't love us. Lord, You don't love us"? Could we look at Him, a Husband Who has done what He has done for us and say, "Lord, You don't love me. If You loved me, You would give me this, You would give me that. I can't see any real blessing in my life. Don't You see that You don't really love me?" Could we tell the Lord that? [Congregation answers, "No." -Ed.]

Though He slays me, yet I'll trust Him. In everything, I'll give Him thanks. In the good times, I'll praise His Name and in the bad times, I want to do the same. I want to say "Lord, we don't even deserve that You should take the first glance towards us and what You see in us... When we begin to see You unveiled and understand Who You are and these Things; to see that You took attention on us; like that little girl in the back, the cousin, doing those dishes; not even her own sisters and they could see anything in her; and this ranch boss' son from Chicago came—and You passed all that bunch of corruption, and You came and You put Your eyes on us and gave this promise to us.

Like when He told those Pharisees and Sadducees and all those big denominations, He said, "Harlots and publicans will enter into the Kingdom before you"; when He was thinking about Rahab the harlot and those who had come in. Amen! When many people, brother, like Achan inside the camp was going after Babylonian things, here was a harlot saying, "Give me a sure token." Amen. Saying, "I know

God is with you all and He has given the city into your hand.” When he was stoned and killed, she came in; God was rooting out and God was planting in. Amen!

That’s why many people come along through the years, they come down and they take the things for granted in the church, you watch how God gets rid of them when the time comes. Because they fail to see and understand what God did for them, the privileges that He gave them, the high position that He put them in, the favor that He showed to them, the opportunities He opened to them. When they spurn it and they treat it anyhow and they turn their backs on Him, and then you see what it comes to. Oh my! Think of it. So he says:

...let her therefore put away her whoredoms...

That was the condition. “Called her Ammi and Loruhamah. My people will get mercy but let her put away those lovers from between her breasts. Let her wash herself, dress herself, line up, turn her back on that thing and I will begin to talk to her again.” Amen! He said:

³ Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

They will never see that cloud anymore; the former and latter rain. They will go through dry, parched, barren services. They’ll never see a sign, no Word could be planted in that heart anymore. They will never see any crop come up there. The floor... threshing floor will be bare. Harvest time came and when Boaz laid at the heaps of grain and he could fill up Ruth’s scarf and send her away, brother, the threshing floor

was bare. The winepress, you can't even get a good bottle of wine from that winepress; services don't have any stimulation, everybody's watching the time, looking around, wondering what is going on. Everybody's looking for a Pepsi, some little church program they're excited about or something. Why? It's gone! See? Brother! You watch.

He said:

⁴ And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.

In other words, they were conceived when she went into adultery. They were conceived when she began to receive another seed and became pregnated and her womb began to be defiled when she was seduced away and she lost sight of her responsibility as a wife. When the church of the living God begins to lose sight of her responsibility as a wife and ...

Now notice, all this is pointing to one thing – This is the Hour of the marriage of the Lamb. Eliezer brought a bride at evening time. This is the Day we are going to... The Rapture is what? Going to the Marriage Supper. The Millennium is what? The Honeymoon. The New Heaven and earth are what? The Future Home. This is what's happening.

That's why this is the Bride, this is the Wife that He goes in with. Watch. I know I'm talking long. Even though I don't finish this morning I know (amen) it's real; it's plain.

⁵ For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully:

Look at how he's speaking here using Gomer to illustrate in a figurative way what Israel did to

God. Israel was God's covenanted wife. God and his wife were a type of Christ and the Church.

...for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

You say, "I can't go to service this evening. You know that man helped me to get that job; he asked me to do something for him. I can't do that. No, I have something else here." The things that God gave them, they were now attributing it—that they were getting them from the lovers. The corn... God sends the rain. God said, "I'll bring you into a land of plenty." It is God who gave it to them. It's God who made them a great nation. God established the boundaries of Canaan land. He said, "Even from the going down of the sun to the river Euphrates to the Lebanon shall be your coast. A land flowing with milk and honey; a land full of plenty!"

God drove out the enemy and gave it to them. They didn't work for it, not one day in their lives. He said, "I'll put a hornet before you. I'll drive seven nations. I'll give you that land!" They came in, they started to think, "Well, it's the Assyrians who let us have this because they could have invaded us, you know. But they threatened us, that, you know, we are not going to be invaded if we comply with them and pay taxes, or whatever."

When the time comes and they say, "You can't buy or sell unless you get into the World Council of Churches!"

"Boy, you see me, I'm no fanatic. God doesn't want me to be a fanatic. After all, I have my children to mind, and this and that. I will lose my job, I can't... you know. I have my pension

inside, and I have my gratuity that I have to get too. And if I wait two more years it will mature." They have not seen that God gave them anything. They are seeing now, that this one is going to take it away. This one will do this. This one here... Why?

These things are showing them what level their life is really on. And when they look, who they see as the giver of what they have. And when they try to say, "Lord, You gave me. Thank You, Jesus!" He knows that they are only saying that to flatter Him. But when push comes to shove, when a little squeeze comes, brother, they relate to the one who they really think gave it to them. They dance to another music. And God realizes, it is only with their mouth. See?

Because remember, many like Esau will do what? Sell out their birthright for a morsel of meat. So, God is saying:

*...for she said, I will go after my
lovers, that give me my bread and
my water, my wool and my flax,
mine oil...*

When Constantine began to give them what? Buildings and lands. And to have different things, the State began to subsidize them. And Luther came and got subsidized with the Government, and it was the biggest mistake he made. Is that right? And they went right back into Catholicism after they... Sardis means 'escaped ones'. He said, "I have not found your works perfect. You have a name that you live but you're dead!" [Revelation 3:1-Ed.] Is that right?

They were going after their lovers; playing around with politics. The church began to get into politics. I'm giving you natural and the spiritual, showing you where churches, many a times, they go along with men, and man's

program to get man's favor. Because they are afraid that they are going to lose out. They don't see God.

Remember, if God calls you to serve Him, friends, you have to walk in the place and God is going to try you and test you to see if you believe that He said, He will give you everything that you have need of. He is Jehovah-Jireh who will provide. He is Jehovah-Raha who will lead you. He is Jehovah-Shalom who will give you peace. He is Jehovah-Nissi who will fight your battles for you, amen! He is Jehovah-Rapha who will heal you when you're sick.

He can use man as an instrument to give you something, like when he sent ravens with bread and flesh, but brother, Elijah, when God said, "Get up and go."

He didn't say, "Oh God, those ravens will say that I'm ungrateful. I'm waiting for those ravens, and if I go there are no more ravens up there in that country, so I will not eat up there."

He said, "I have a woman to feed you there."

And when the time came, God came Himself and God baked the cake and gave him the water and said, "Rest and eat." Amen! He could give it to you through an instrument; He could give you by Himself with His own hands, (amen!) but you remain under His Headship. Oh my.

I remember over the years, when many thought that they had to play around with this man in the States, and play around with this man in Germany, and play around with this man here, where they would get favors from men. And they looked at me and they said, "Oh, he's proud. He is rebellious. He isn't buckling under anybody." See?

Brother, when I saw the Love that my Husband had for me... I had glimpse of that

Love. I had glimpse of the Power (amen) that He had, that He could provide and supply, that I didn't have to compromise on my stand, and beg and play to please men and live two-faced. It is the most miserable thing to do: trying to live to impress somebody here and put on a self, and then take off that clothes and pretend you've come back to your real self. After a while, you forget which one of the selves it is, and it embarrasses you when you're play-acting. People's pretense always finds them out. Amen.

I want you to be sincere in your heart and be honest with God. Amen. I've never seen the righteous forsaken neither their seed begging bread. [Psalms 37:25 -Ed.] Hallelujah! My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in Glory. [Philippians 4:19 -Ed.] Amen. He's everything to me. Can we say, amen? [Congregation shouts, "Amen!" -Ed.]

Oh, my! I'm going to hit these three chapters, just read it out; then close. I know some of you are getting tired. I think I'm trying my best to hold the whole picture before you, so you can see how it applies and where we are coming in, in this Hour; what privileges He is bringing us into, and the Love of God that forgave us, and the Love of God that cleanses us; and the Love of God that says, "You stand as if you never did anything. I can't even find it. I can't even see it. I can't even find a molecule of sin. You're right back across the chasm, brother, united to a New Nature as if you never even did it in the first place." Amen!

So clean; your robes He made clean and white, washed in the Blood of Lamb. And it is granted unto her to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. [Revelation 19:8 -Ed.] Amen, Glory! He didn't just impute righteousness unto us, He

made us His very own righteousness. He became sin that we might be made *the* righteousness of God; not just imputed righteousness but made *His* very own righteousness. Old things are passed away and all things become new [2nd Corinthians 5:17 & 21 –Ed.] – new creation, a brand new man! Hallelujah! Such love.

⁶ Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

Look at God here. She wanted to run after this lover. She began to run after this lover. He said, “But I’m going to hedge around her path.” Like Balaam when he was going after Balak’s money, oh my, he was taking after Balak’s money.

Balak told him, “I’ll give you a good position, I’ll give you a Mercedes Benz. I’ll give you this. I’ll give you a great ministry. I’ll make you popular. I’ll build a whole new church here and everything else.”

And he said, “Oh praise God!” And he’s taking off.

And God was standing with a drawn sword and trying to block him. “Where are you going? Turn back around!” Road block, road block, road block but he kept beating the ass. He kept beating it. “Go on, go on! I don’t want to reach late. I don’t want to displease Balak.”

God is saying, “I’ll put thorns in their path. I’ll let trouble come. I’ll let them lose that job. I’ll let this happen to them. They are getting into trouble; they are starting to compromise down there. They’ll go into adultery. I’ll let that happen to them there. I’ll cause the landlord to create problems. I’ll stir up a spirit in those

neighbors and make them to come after them to move. Why? Because I see that while they are there, they are getting too close to the world. They get into the wrong things. I'm going to block them; but they are determined."

They sit down and they are restless. The Husband comes home, they are restless. He says, "Today I have a nice, little message." The first thought comes to mind, "I wonder long that will be today."

I'm not saying that for psychology, that is the best illustration I could find at the moment. Amen. My! See? So, they are restless. Have you ever seen a restless woman? It brings suspicion in the husband's heart. From the time the husband comes, all of a sudden she... A season comes, she starts to dress up. She is taking longer in the mirror.

"Where are you going?"

"Well I'm going..."

Next thing you want to follow her. You want to stand up and hide and watch and peep. Suspicion – Numbers 5: the suspicion of a husband concerning his wife's purity; they used to carry her and give her the bitter water test, in the Bible. God tries a church many times. He finds that she's talking about that Convention too much. He finds that she wants to have a magazine so she could have her monthly issues. He's watching all those things. He says, "Something is wrong with this woman."

He finds He has to get her all those scientific perfumes and powders and all those cosmetics invented in man's laboratories by man's ingenuity of being able to work in science to make the church a little more classical; to make the program a little more refined so she could appear to be beautiful, until she begins to look

like Miss Methodist, and Miss Baptist, and Miss Pentecostal.

And He says, "Something's wrong with My wife. Something's wrong with My wife. I have to follow her. Who is putting things in her head? Who is that man?" He says, "Because that is not Me, so she is trying to please another lover, now. She has taken her eyes off of Me already. I wonder what it is that I am not doing. I thought I was still the same, yesterday, today and forever." Amen! "I'm not diminished in anything. I don't know why the marriage can't still be sweet as it used to be, but it's like she's left the first Love. She's begun to cool off. There's something wrong, (see?) something's wrong."

So God said, "I'll put hedges." And sometimes when things are going wrong in your life, it's God putting hedges all around to block you sometimes. Because from the time that thought comes into your mind and you sit down there and it begins to get a hold of you and you begin to get under the spirit of it, and you start to act out under the influence of it and your walk changes, your dressing changes and your speech changes, your action changes, God is seeing where you're heading. He is seeing where you're heading!

He begins to put roadblocks – thorns! Thorns are uncomfortable things. Do you know what thorns and briars are? The children of God is wheat. Thorns and briars are the unbeliever. Some obnoxious person on the job starts to stick you. They don't like you. They are jealous of you, they envy you. They come out to victimize you, and compete with you and put pressure on you. See? God is putting thorns. He is trying to contain you. He's trying... that you don't eat

the bread of idleness; let your foot stay in your house.

Hosea was watching his wife coming home in the evening. Jezreel was trying to take care of Loruhamah and Loammi. The house was in a mess. She's coming late in the night. Next thing, she has a TV, she's only watching *The Young and Restless* [A soap opera -Ed.] and all these kinds of different things. He knows something is wrong with this woman. She started painting up her nails and to fix up herself. He says, "What is the matter?"

And so, God is watching all those heathens things coming in the country, in Israel, that weren't there before. Things started to build up. See? New religions were rising up in the land, new temples to Dagan. New things over here to Milcom; new things to Ashtoreth. New high places specially for Bacchus, Tammuz. Women were going there to weep. God says, "What is this going on here?"

And the people were talking about prosperity and things getting better. And, "Boy! More money is flowing now and the market is freeing up." See? And God's watching.

And Hosea was going through that in his house with his wife, and God was going through that with His people. And then the church, when they started to go over and the Nicolaitans started to come in, and the hierarchy started to take over in the church, and the service started to get methodical and classical and the Spirit began to die out; and then all kinds of political, ambitious men started to rise in the church and get positions because of their social status. And the plough-boy couldn't be the preacher anymore, because they wanted an intellectual

boy, one with a degree now. See? And brother, things started to change in the church.

Like Israel, they came out of Egypt and they said, "We want a king like the nations!"

Samuel said, "What's the matter with you all?"

They said, "Man, this thing's getting too old fashioned; Samuel, this one prophet here. Look at how the other day, Agag wanted to come over and visit but when he heard that we don't even have a good airport, he said, 'No, I'll have the meeting in Caracas instead' And we will have to fly over there."

See? Brother, you started to realize that God was watching them. God was watching the Church because Israel...what Israel did was foreshowing what the Church was going to do.

When you are in a church, you as a member of the church have to love the Word so much. That's why you can't be anyhow. That's why you have to be involved in the work. You have to understand what the work is about. You have to get in the spirit of the work. You have to understand that it is a home, a husband and a wife and children. You have to understand the covenant that we are under and the relationship that is supposed to exist among us, if we have to come into God's blessing and have His favor and His privilege; that when we talk about signs and wonders and gifts and miracles and power, that is the favor and the blessing for the people in covenant, when the Home is established in the proper order. But when the people are lusting and they want these things but... They want blessing but they don't want responsibility, and they can't take the Seed of the Husband to bring forth those kinds of children, you realize that the

wife still has a lot of adulterous ways that she needs to be cleansed from.

Because the Husband is a gentleman and she is trying get Him into those things that she is seeing on TV and reading in those pornography books—you can't get Jesus in that. I'm talking about denomination. It is good on the natural side too, but you see, people get all denominational concept and they hold on to Jesus and, "Lord, I command You tonight, come and heal this brother, Jesus!"

The Prophet said he heard that in a meeting, he said, "What? Commanding God?" He said, "That's a little too strong for my faith." See?

Why? Adulterous ways they learnt in the system. They are not respecting the Husband. They are not coming with reverence, sanely, intelligently, right in the Word; knowing the approach, coming softly. Fools walk with hobnailed shoes where angels fear to tread; no respect, irreverent, don't know the provided way of approach, don't know the attitude of approach, can't receive anything; wild and radical! Next one, formal and starchy, "I'm not feeling to raise my hand, tonight. Nobody could make me raise my hand."

It's a sacrifice. Praise is a sacrifice of praise. Sacrifice is made when you're not feeling to do it; it is a sacrifice. God, teach us Your ways. Teach us to love You, Jesus. Teach us to see You, what You deserve, and to be more like You. Open up our hearts, scour us out, Lord. Bring us into a place where, Lord, we could love you so much, that You don't have to ask us. You would just be desiring it and we would think it, Lord, we would run to Your assistance and serve You, and minister to You and wait upon You as a real wife should. Verse 7:

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

Gomer... Get this. Gomer, when she went away from Hosea; a type of the Church who was in love with the Husband, receiving the Husband's Seed, in relationship, cohabitation, harmony, fellowship, a marital bliss, Agapo Love... Think of it. Jesus died on the cross – the second Adam, a Bride taken from His side, brother, from Acts 2 to Acts 5 they were in one mind and one accord, Perfect Love; angelic visitation, healing, resurrection, everything among them; sin couldn't stand in the Church; Perfect Love.

Then one day a chaste virgin began to get beguiled; began to get beguiled and seduced and got her mind corrupted by men preaching another Jesus. She who started off in the Spirit ended up in the flesh. She was being bewitched and came into bondage and was being conquered by a contrary spirit that was taking the headship over her; the rulership of man in the Church, that, where sin couldn't stand among them.

The deeds of the Nicolaitans began to come in and man started to man-handle the Church. And he came in and saw a big district Presbyterian—presbytery. [Bro. Vin stutters -Ed.] I can't say these words. Thank God I can't say it. I'm glad I don't know that language. [Bro Vin laughs -Ed.] Those names are from hell, wherever they got them from. Amen.

Manhandling the Church: his hand is all in the wrong places; putting their hands in places where the Spirit's supposed to be operating without any man's ability. Manhandling the Church: pulling the Church, pushing the Church, controlling the Church, manipulating the Church, exploiting the Church, carrying the Church into all kinds of Babylonian methods and ways; ways that they learnt from the prostitute system.

You walk into some Message churches today, you see the same kind of spirit, and people don't understand because they are not even spiritual in their mind to know spiritual things; what it should be like.

When the Holy Spirit came and began to see that, He began to rebuke the Church, "I knew your works. I knew your first faith; it seems like you forgot. Remember your first Love. Repent and do the first works." Why? He said, "You have the deeds which I hate among you." There was a little remnant that would have hated it too and they had to try the others, who said they were Apostles and found them to be liars.

He said, "That thing you said there... I see you preaching that message, you tried to excite the people and I watched how you were leading them. I watched you put in those quotes there, I see you strike them, got the people... I see what you were setting them up for. You were playing with the people." See? "You would have never seen the Prophet take the Word and do that. You're using your gift for the wrong things because your mind is polluted and carnal."

See? Oh my. What is it? Man manhandling the Church. The Church is a woman. What did Satan do to Eve when he got her? Eve didn't know anything about those things. Eve didn't

know anything about sex. They were naked and didn't even know it. They had a Holy veil. It was a dispensation of innocence but Satan knew that she was designed different to every other species.

Satan knew that none of the animals was designed like her. She could receive seed that was not her husband's own and bring it forth. No other species could do that. Do you know that? Think deep, friends. A woman could receive her husband's seed; she could receive another man's seed. She could even have a next man's seed and a next woman's egg, brother, hatched out and being developed and then implanted in her womb, like a rent-a-womb. Do you get what I'm saying?

She is made up different. In other words, she could take Baptist seed, she could take Methodist seed, even though she could be a Message church. She could sit down with Pentecostal seed and bring forth Pentecostal children or bring forth Methodist children; starchy children or wild radical children. Is that right? She could bring forth philosophy. They are not even in Christian circle, she could bring it forth too; once it is planted inside of there.

That's how a church is made up; the bedding ground has to be protected. And the only thing that protects that is her character. Her character that she knows, "I am a married woman. I am joined to one man and to join to any other flesh is to join to strange flesh and they use the temple of God for fornication. And the body is not for fornication, the body is the temple of the Lord. Amen! You see how naturally and spiritually it is the same all the way?"

Maybe, I'm taking too much of the time running the parallels back and forth for you, but it is the only way for you to see and to grasp and to capture the thing from a political standpoint; to see Israel as a nation committing whoredom with Assyria and Egypt and Babylon and those nations; and then the church with the Nicolaitans; the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, the doctrine of Balaam, the doctrine of Jezebel. Until God says, "I'll kill Jezebel's children with death. She could only teach them to commit fornication. She is a whore with all her whoredoms, teaching My people those things." See? Exactly.

So, it's the same way with the church, same way with Israel. And what was whoredom? Idolatry. And what was the idolatry in the church? The images of men; men's persons that's being held in admiration. Man, establishing their person and their image in the people instead of the Word: men who wasn't eunuchs, men weren't castrated men; men who had seed to plant. "Men who had eyes full of adultery," Peter said. Looking at those churches with big bodies. They don't like to preach to small churches. Sure. Think of it.

Now friends, let me tell you...you see, you look in the Bible. Remember, the Bible started—what caused the fall? Adultery. What brings you back to Eden? The true Marriage. What is the whole Mystery of the Bible? Marriage and divorce. What is a Mystery of those Thunders? Marriage and divorce, Serpent seed, all these things. Look what we are finding in the Book of Hosea here. I can't even...I'm trying to read, much more to get to preaching. But for you to see the value of what lays here when you look at this Scripture. But how could we know this if

the Seven Church Ages weren't revealed, how on earth...? You look at Scofield and look and see what he has.

They say, "No, no you can't mix up the Church with Israel. This is a different thing with us over here." They didn't understand. They couldn't see because the Church Age wasn't opened to them. They can't even see their Seventh Trumpet is our Seventh Seal. They don't know these Things. They can't see that all who were in the Old Testament were shadows and types and the New Testament is the reality of that. That's why they couldn't understand how Paul could take the Scripture of Hosea and apply it to the Gentiles and say, "You all who were not a people have become My people and you who couldn't have obtained mercy now have received mercy." [Romans 9:25 -Ed.]

And Peter said, "You, who came out of darkness to walk in this marvelous Light to show forth His praises; you who did not obtain mercy have now obtained mercy." [1st Peter 2:9 -Ed.]

You who were Loruhamah has now become Ruhamah. In the last days, out of that whoredom, out of that system, that great whore, out of mystery Babylon, the whore and the daughters – the harlots, what did God say? "Come out of her (Ammi) My people," Revelation 18. Revelation 19 is what? And the Marriage of the Lamb is come; and it was granted unto her to do what? Be arrayed in fine linen. Do you see what we are talking about?

Revelation 2, what happened? The Church was fallen. Then she went into false union in Pergamos, going after more and more lovers. Then He started to name them: You have the doctrine of Balaam, you have the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, you have those who are of the

synagogue of Satan. Brother, the spirit of organization had gotten into them, until the doctrine of Jezebel—they were now in whoredom, the depths of Satan.

From the heights of God's Love, they had come to the depths of Satan. But in the Water Age, in the Day of Luther, he began to take them out and wash them. Under the Blood Age, He began to sanctify them. Under the Pentecostal Age, He began to bring back gifts and so on to them. Is that right? But still, He didn't bring them into the Marriage Covenant yet.

Then in the Bride's Age when the Son of Man begins to be revealed, when He takes the Seals off of Himself, when He begins to reveal His Mystery, when He begins to show: "The Hour of Restoration is come, not reformation anymore, *Restoration*, back to your first estate I'm bringing you back; bringing you into a Marriage and into a Marriage Supper."

Because in this Book, Gomer was with Hosea, then we see Gomer fallen and into false union, seduced, and into whoredom, in need of redemption. Then we see Gomer being brought back. Then we see Gomer restored to her first estate. And who brings her back? Her very husband; the one that she turned her back on, the one that she played the harlot against, the one that she was unfaithful to. The one that, in spite of all her sin and everything else, He said, "Could I forget you, Israel? Could I forget you? Yet, I say, 'Return unto Me, come back!'" The one who could forgive her.

Please give me a few minutes. [Bro. Vin asks the congregation -Ed.] It's a place; I want to show you what she became. And brother, I don't just want to say it, I want you to catch with the inspiration, what she became. I want you to see

when you get away from the Presence of God; when that Church in the Book of Acts, from Acts 2 to Acts 28, they see the Power of God.

He said if God in Acts 2 was saying; "Rise! silver and gold have I none but such as I have I give thee." Paul, in Acts 27, shaking that viper in the fire; over thirty years that Power of God was among them; men who walked in union with God, in the Presence of God, a Church that was united with Him. Well, in Revelation 2, in the Epistles, we see how that anti-Christ spirit comes in, in the church, defiling it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless. We see the fires of revival begin to burn, then we see the cycle of revival and death and the cooling off; and the complete abandonment of God, until learning replaced revelation, reasoning replaced faith; program replaced spontaneous praise in the Holy Ghost.

You watch Message churches in this country, that started off in 1970, oh brother, little churches everywhere. You're speaking about ministers on fire, they would die for Jesus, they would go everywhere. They would go through the Caribbean, they would preach. Brother, their heart and soul were into it. People were coming, brother, with push-toe slippers and everything, coming through. Amen. They were under a house, under a shop; everywhere, they were going.

Men in the bush studying, crying out before God for a Word to bring to the Church. They wanted to know the Message. Brother, people were coming from far away. Oh my, services all night; people didn't even know how they were going home. Nobody had cars, nobody had good jobs, nobody had good clothes, nobody was

eating the best food, nobody ever travelled anywhere.

And about thirty years after...about thirty years after, you find men exalted, bent out of shape; you find churches polluted. You find people scratching around for a message. You find people can't even pray for half an hour. You will find people full of suspicion and mistrust and fear; people don't even know where they are at. Yet, they're eating better, dressing better. Brother, better in every way materially because they have been blessed and have prospered coming under the Message. Is that right?

That's why I try to preach the way that I preach. That's why I try to stand holy and keep it spiritual. That's why half of you—many of you sometimes, who come, but you are not really settled down to see what it is all about. You haven't opened up your heart enough because sometimes you come with concepts from different relationships that you had. You want to be handled the way some of your other lovers handled you; previous lovers that you might have had an association with.

But sometimes, God gives you a Fountain to wash you clean from that to bring your life in the Word, to see what His Church is, what His Word is, how He conducts Himself around His Wife, how She conducts Herself around Him, how they are in harmony, because the same harmony must exist between the Husband and the Wife to see this Third Pull. It must come into harmony. Is that right? His Spirit comes upon us to make us a co-worker with Him to finish His Plan of Redemption; and that's why we see these Things.

Because even as the Word keeps opening, as It keeps unfolding, look at these places where It

is going, friends. Doesn't that sound like: Soon the Lamb will take His Bride to be ever at His side. Doesn't that sound like, brother, a faith being revealed to give a Rapturing grace? Isn't it only the hidden Truth that was sealed in the Word, these Divinely-revealed Mystery Truths that were contained in the Seven Seals, where the Book becomes a new Book and you see Jesus in every Scripture; not just dropping off a few quotes – "Seven Thunders give faith, Seven Thunders give faith," but you see, it's opened to prove those Thunders uttered their voices.

Brother, whether it happened locally, nationally, internationally, on an Age level, dispensationally—many times you talk about the Bride, and do you know what happens? We think about the Bride like this: we would say, "There are three brides; the first Bride fell, the second Bride fell and the third Bride will not fall." But sometimes people don't realize that is looking at the thing figuratively: there are three Brides. But when you come, looking at the thing from a dispensational standpoint, it is not three Brides. Because the first Bride and the last Bride is the same Bride, because the Bride is made up of Seven Church Ages and He's not planting a new Church, He is restoring the Bride Tree.

Do you get what I'm saying? So, that is why when we get to types like these, sometimes if you don't have revelation, your mind gets locked up and you say, "Well the Bride is a virgin, how do you know..." Yes, watch and see how He brings Her to a place; makes Her a New Creation. Watch and see the new position and these things. Watch and see on this Age, even though we've come out of this Age, we are the ones who forfeited the rights to the Word at Nicaea Rome.

That's why Elijah had to come to restore. Is that right?

That's why restore means, bring the original thing back to its original condition. That's why it's Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, not the in-between. Are you getting that clear? Oh my, it is all around.

Okay, let me jump from here. I'll make a jump for you. Let me get to verse 14 to save a little time. That's the only way to help me, because otherwise, with the way... my makeup, I want to get every detail. I feel if I leave out one detail, I leave out something that could make you miss the picture; that you get a kind of halfway feeling about it. That's why I try to labor with all the points to show you that it is not some hatched-up thing. It is Word upon Word, upon Word, upon Word because the Thing is opened; It's made plain. Let's go down to verse 14.

From chapter 2 to 13 He dealt with all her adulteries, which we expounded on that very much; showing how He said in verse 9... In verse 9, He said:

Therefore will I return, and take away my corn...

Verse 10: ... now will I discover her lewdness in the sight...

Verse 11: I will also cause all her mirth to cease...

Verse 12: And I will destroy her vines...

Verse 13: And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim...

I will...I will...I will...I will destroy. I will do this, I will discover, I will cause her mirth to cease, I will return and take away her corn, I will not have mercy upon her. All the 'I wills' of chastisement.

Watch. Watch verse 14 now; 'I wills' of restoration now.

Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

¹⁵ And I will give her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope:

I can't pass over that because that is put there for a purpose. The valley of Achor; there was no place named the valley of Achor until Achan was stoned and the place was known as the valley of Achor because Achan means, 'troubler', and the valley of Achor means the 'valley of trouble'. Because Joshua asked Achan, "What did you trouble us for?" because he went after the Babylonian garment.

They were warned, saying, "We are going in here, don't pick up any Babylonian garment. Don't pick up any Babylonian money. Go in the building, utterly destroy it, even burn it!"

Then, he went in, the Bible said; he saw, he coveted and he took – lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Babylonian, where satanic religion had its origin. What was that? Where did that take place? In Jericho.

Now catch this. What was Jericho? The first place of conquest in Canaan land. The very thing that God warned them about: "You're going in that land, don't go after their gods. Don't worship with these. Don't commit those acts. Don't get into their idolatry and their spiritualism." He comes over and he began to see something they had and lusted after it; and he took it and hid it in his tent.

And then, they went out in the next battle and thirty-six men died. And Joshua began to cry

and God said, "Israel has sinned, there is an accursed thing among them."

And when they judged tribe by tribe, they found Judah, they found the family, they found Achan's house, and they brought them out and they took them all into the valley and they stoned them and killed them. And stoning was what? The punishment for adultery.

Because with eyes of adultery, the first desire is to go a whoring after something Babylonish, to go after something that had no relationship to God and they were warned to be separated from; but they began to look. It was pleasant to the eyes. The pride of life: "You would look so nice in that Babylonian garment and the wedge of gold, that was going to elevate your status." Like Eve – the temptation. Do you see what I'm talking about?

Watch the Church, Israel is the Church. Watch how she begins to go a whoring. Watch the first signs of eyes of adultery: getting away from her Husband's Word to go after something and then watch how He judged it by stoning and killing them. And the first judgment upon Israel was in the first conquest. The same stones of the wall of Jericho that fell flat by the Presence of God, the same Presence was judging His own Church and stoning and killing the troubler in the Church.

Just like Ananias and Sapphira were in the Church in Acts 5 when that sin was judged in the beginning, the same way; just like it would come back in the days when we come back to an Ephesians at the end of the Age. When we come back to the Alpha becomes Omega again, the days of Ananias and Sapphira, the days of Achan shall return.

But watch something, He said, "That place, the valley of Achor will be what? A door of hope, an entrance." A door is for all access; entrance. And hope is what? Expectation. For what? To be called Ammi; to be called Ruhamah, My people; to come back to Me; to be restored to your first estate.

You will look and see how I judge sin. You will look and see that you got defiled, I'll bring you back to the original sin. I'll bring you back to the place where it started; they went lusting after something, that here today, look what they have become."

Doesn't God look at our early beginnings? Did He tell the Church, "Remember your first Love"? Didn't He tell David, "Remember when I took you from the sheepcote"? Is that right? Then watch the Scripture here.

*... and she shall sing there, as in
the days of her youth,*

God is looking back to Israel in the days of her youth. Different parts in the Book of Hosea when He is typing it back now to the nation, He is saying, "In the days of your youth, I brought you out of Egypt; you followed Me in the wilderness." God is saying, "You loved Me so much. I took you out of Egypt, a place where you sat down there, you looked so secure and I went out in the wilderness and you came behind Me. I didn't have a place to feed you, I didn't have clothes but you so trusted in Me; you so believed in Me, you so depended upon Me. You kept your heart so unreservedly to Me. You followed Me in the wilderness, and it gave Me a chance to prove to you that I love you and I'll take care of you and no matter what the circumstances, I'll never leave you nor forsake you. I'll be with you."

Remember when David was going to build the Lord a house? He told Nathan, "Go and tell him, did I ask you to build Me a cedar house? Because you live in a cedar house, you want Me to live in a cedar house too?" He said, "All the days I walked with My people, I camped with them in the desert, I slept with them in the desert." He said, "They walked, I walked with them in the desert. I never asked anybody for a cedar house." He said, "I want to be with My people, the way it was." Amen!

Can't you catch that? I want you to see His Love. When we see you... We used to beat the tambourine, [inaudible -Ed.] get saved, sit under the hog plum tree, and testify by the library. Brother, we were in the shop. Brother, we were in the bus. Everywhere we were testifying. When we didn't see a brother, he didn't come to service; we had no money, we had no car; we hiked and we went out there and found them. Why? We were so close to the Husband. We were so close to the Husband; but after a while, our knowledge got us so hard: "If they're predestinated, they will come." We became Calvinists: what will be will be. We became Arminians: "They looked for that. I knew that was going to happen to them. It serves them right! They will know God doesn't 'eat' nice." [God is strict -Ed.]

See? Look at what we've become. But you couldn't become that, unless... That influence didn't come from Him. That influence came from somebody else. It's another person who thinks like that, not Him. So that means, somebody else's influence came upon you when your heart gets that way. He said, "But I'll bring her back. I'll give her vineyards."

Look what God is saying about this nation.
Look how Hosea was seeing about his wife.

*...as in the days of her youth, and
as in the day when she came up out
of the land of Egypt.*

*¹⁶ And it shall be at that day, saith
the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi;
and shalt call me no more Baali.*

Ishi means, my husband. God is saying, "You're going to come back. I, Who said that you forsook your covenant; you're not My wife! You don't want to cook for Me. You don't want to wash any clothes. You don't want to iron. You want to go out there, the next man you see, you're all happy. You're dressing up for him, smelling nice for him. You want to go out and dance, fete want to go out and shop." See? He says, "I want to sanctify you, I want to come into union with you. I want to walk in your feet, speak through your lips, work with your hands, and think with your mind. I want to have the preeminence and the oversight and the leading in your life. I want to be so taken up with you and you taken up with Me. There is nothing between my soul and my Saviour; nothing between Me and My Bride! When you see Me, you see you! We are inseparable, no longer twain; one! We would write another Book of Acts. We would shake this world with one more ride." Amen! Though they laugh and begin to squeeze us out, we would stand together in the Squeeze. Amen! And we would go through it anyhow and we'll come out smelling like a rose. Hallelujah!

You look back at the Church at Pentecost. Remember Samson was looking back at his early days when he fought the lion, when he picked up the gates, and he looked and saw himself now

in that condition. Look where he was. It is typed all over the Bible, friends. Can you see it? Restoration.

Pitiful—but God, after she treated Him like that... After we don't want to pray, we don't want to read, we can't even testify, we don't even want to seek the Spirit; we don't want to get close to Him, brother, we are seeing all kinds of different things. And we start to find fault in the church, find fault with this, find fault with that, find fault with that! Every time we open our mouths, it's condemnation for something of God rather than condemnation for the world.

Some people, you never even hear them condemn anything in the world yet, but they're always finding something in the church to condemn. And when they pick up, they pick up for something in the world. You know what's happened to them already. See? Watch. He says:

*17 For I will take away the names
of Baalim out of her mouth,*

All these blasphemous names: Tammuz and Milcom and Ashtoreth and Bacchus. "I'll take away those Baptist, Methodist and Pentecostal, and Jehovah Witness and Seventh Day Adventist. I'll take them away from Her!" How will He do it? He'll seal His own Name in your forehead. He will bring you to the place where He placed His Name, bring you out of blasphemous names into the place where He placed His Name.

*18 And in that day will I make a
covenant for them with the beasts of
the field, and with the fowls of
heaven, and with the creeping things
of the ground: and I will break the
bow and the sword and the battle*

*out of the earth, and will make them
to lie down safely.*

*¹⁹ And I will betroth thee unto me
forever; yea,*

Remember I always used to use this in betrothals.

*...I will betroth thee unto me in
righteousness, and in judgment, and
in loving kindness, and in mercies.*

*²⁰ I will even betroth thee unto me
in faithfulness: and thou shalt know
the LORD.*

Because in Hosea 6—chapter 4: 6 rather, He says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” It was because of their lack of knowledge that they went into idolatry. It was because of their lack of knowledge to know the difference between right and wrong, they got seduced and deceived and couldn’t tell the Truth from error. But He says, “You’re going to come back and you are going to know Me. You will know Me in a personal experience, in a personal revelation. I’ll open up those Seven Thunders, I’ll open up those Seven Seals, I’ll show you Myself in every Scripture, in the Bible. I’ll unveil Myself before you; you will see Me hidden from the wisest theologians where they couldn’t find Me, and I’ll begin to expose Myself and show you how comely I am, and show you My love, and show you My faithfulness, and My long-suffering, and My mercies and how I could never leave you and how My love is unchanging, and I’ll show you the magnitude of My forgiveness. And I’ll show you that herein is the Love of God, you didn’t first love Me, but I first loved you and gave Myself to be the propitiation for your sins; and you didn’t choose me but it is I Who chose you. And I’ll show you, Myself and you will know

Me. And you would not think that I'm a hard taskmaster and bury your talent and walk around with your face all puffed up and you can't praise Me and worship Me.

When I show you who you are and Who I am, brother, and you begin to shout when I show it to you under those Seals, and I show you your part of the Mystery, everything in Heaven and everything under the earth, and everything (amen, brother) in Heaven would hear you praising God; will hear you shouting and screaming and giving blessings and honor and glory, and saying, 'Worthy is the Lamb!' The very Blood that cleansed you and made you clean and whiter than the snow, when under that Seventh Trumpet, I opened up a Fountain in the house of David; (and get ready to sing it for me this morning).

When I opened up that Fountain under the Seventh Trumpet. And when I opened up that Fountain when I opened the Word, the Third Pull, the Mystery is revealed. And that Fountain, (amen) that bleeding Word, that Fountain began to come forth to wash you clean from your denominational filth, (amen!) to make you white as snow and bring you back across the chasm, bring you back into holy union. Amen.

What Adam could not do for Eve, the second Adam could have done for the second Eve. The first Adam died with the first Eve, but Jesus came, the Second Adam, He became sin, but brother,

Living, He loved me;

Dying, He saved me;

Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely forever...

Those two goats, (amen) the scapegoat, the sins went from one to the other one and it went in a land not inhabited, in a faraway land, never to be seen any more; speaking of His resurrection, when the Son of Man is to be revealed in the last days, out of dark denominationalism, to bring forth a Bride in the last Days. Hallelujah! Think of it! Think of it!

Oh my! I tell you, I'm sure many of those ministers wouldn't come and preach this. They'll fall down a thousand times and get up and they wouldn't see that, and they would still be in whoredom because they refused to be washed. But God sent Elijah. God sent Eliezer at Evening Time with the Word, "You will no longer call Me, Baali. You will no longer call Me 'My Lord', you will call Me 'My Husband'."

When those Seven Seals were opened, He said, "I'll no longer call you church either, I'll no longer identify you in that prostitution and whoredom because this is the Bride's Age, the Seals have been opened now. I'll call you Bride now." He changed our status. Is that right? He said, "This is the Bride's Age." Before the Seals, it was a Church Age but after the Seals it's a Bride Age; an Ephesians at the end of the Age. It brings us back in this Day.

Look at those seven Mystery Truths, laying in this Book, laying in these first three chapters, the Mystery of Adam and Eve, the Mystery of Jehovah and Israel, the Mystery of Christ and the Church, the Mystery in the last days, the Mystery of Israel under the Seventh Trumpet in the last days, are all being revealed out of these first three chapters right here. I can't even get to finish it up here.

Now think. I was telling you, I sat down there in Puerto Rico in that airport [inaudible -Ed.] I said,

“Lord, why you passed us around here? When I came out of it, I said, “You’re a son, you were born a son. St. John is the eagle.” I said, “Look, if I didn’t go for anything else and... to go and travel and sit down in an airport and miss a flight looked so bad, but God put me in a place to receive something, to come back and come and talk to the church, to preach the unsearchable riches, to show the magnitude of His forgiveness, to show what He has done.

Now catch this. Catch this. My capstone point is this. If we are at the time where she’s coming back home, when does she come back home? In the Bride Age. When does Israel come back in that union and is washed? The Bible says: And these were virgins. They were undefiled with women: organization, prostitution, whoredom. [Revelation 14:4 -Ed.] Is that right?

She was crossing from the moon: the law, the shadow, into the sun and she was bringing forth the Man-child. She was given two wings of the great eagle to fly. All that is happening there under that Seventh Trumpet is happening under our Seventh Seal. Then if we are finding this, He could not bring Her back without forgiving Her. He could not bring Her back without washing Her clean. When the Seals open, there was a Water Age; that by these three: Water, Blood and Spirit.

What brings the natural birth when a woman is having a baby? Water. The first thing, the water bag bursts, then blood, then the life comes forth. What happens to the earth? Water, He baptized it in the days of Noah, destroyed it by water. In the days of Jesus, His Blood fell on the earth to redeem the earth. And in the last days

He will burn it by fire; a baptism of fire. Is that right?

So, if we have seen the Seals opened these Things and then a Messenger identified our Age, a Messenger showed us it is time for the Marriage... When was Rebecca's marriage? Evening time. When was Ruth's marriage? Harvest time. When was Esther married? When the Jews were going back in the homeland, after Ezra and Nehemiah at the end of the seven decades; seventy years. Is that right? It's showing the time for Marriage in the Bible.

At midnight, behold, the Bridegroom cometh; lamp trimming time! The Lord descended from Heaven with a Shout, Revelation 10, when the Son of man is being revealed at Evening time. Then if we are in that time, and a Bride is being brought in to come back into union: uniting time and sign, oneness, invisible union, we are coming back to that time.

Then, can we deny, can we doubt, can we misunderstand? Can we fail to see? Is it hard to grasp? Is it hard to believe and understand? What is the real identification of her being restored back as wife and be placed in her first estate, and she is calling him Ishi – husband? It's by her manifesting that joint heir-ship. They are joint heirs: husbands and wives, co-equal under headship.

You say, "I can't understand that."

He said, "Satan was co-equal... Lucifer was co-equal with God in Heaven, all except being a creator. What does it mean? There is a co-equal but under headship.

Adam and Eve were co-equal, Adam could not be deceived but Eve could be deceived, yet they were co-equal. Marriage covenant, the position, that is your help; you're hiding your money from

your wife? It's best you talk to her and let her know the truth.

When you're cheating on her and she tells you... you are not reflecting Christ, but another husband, the perverted husband who deceives his bride, who deceives his people and manipulates them and exploits them, is the one you're reflecting.

When you feel you can't share, when you all can't be in one when you say 'Me and my own', it shows that it's a fear or insecurity. There is a lack of trust there. If that money wasn't there, you could have looked like you all are one, but that money proves where you have mistrust and proves what your real god is; the god of mammon. Did you get that?

Now that kind of preaching hurts in some places, but it is just to help you to see what we are talking about. Because we can't talk about oneness and uniting time and invisible union, if we don't see... well we can't talk about co-equalness and Third Pull and the same harmony, if we don't identify that there can't be any mistrust. Because She is Him revealed: Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit, Word of His Word.

And if our marriage is to reflect Him, then there are places we need to walk, there are places where we don't have victory, yet. There are places that still need to be cultivated and develop, to mature and come into that place. And there are areas in our lives that we need to focus our attention and work on. It just shows that.

So, it just shows, instead of sitting down lackadaisical and saying, "We have arrived," we can say, "I'm pressing on the upward Way. Draw me deeper, Lord, into Your Word of Truth. Wash me by the Blood of the Lamb, free me from these

things. Lord. Break these influences and set me free, so I can live by every Word that proceedeth out from the mouth of God.” Wouldn't that be wonderful?

I will never finish here. Oh my. Let me go to chapter 3. I'm leaving out a lot in there but I'll get my picture where I don't want to just keep laboring on the thought after I believe this is made plain. I want to show you where He bought her back. That's where I want to get to and close with that.

¹ Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress...

God was telling Hosea again, after He showed where the woman went to and He showed the whoredom, and He showed him He put thorns in her path; yet, she could have those lovers, yet she was saying, “This one gave me corn, this one gave me oil, this one gave me this.”

And God is saying, “I gave you that. It is I sent the rain, I sent the former rain, I sent the latter rain, I sent these things. These things are only the results of My working to give you a fruitful economy and you never gave Me any praise. You never saw Me as doing it. You took My corn and you offered it to Baal. You took My oil and My wine and you offered it to Milcom. You took the children I bore... I gave you conception and you took it to Ashtoreth, the goddess of fertility, and said it is she that got you to conceive.” God says, “What's the matter with you?”

In other words; they were taking His gifts, they were taking His blessings, they were taking His power, they were taking the evidence of His workings among them and using it to glorify

somebody else and advance another kingdom. Are you getting that?

Man taking gifts to sing, play music, preach and different things and they use that to build up denominations, use it to advance man's kingdom, use it to propagate man with their selfish ways; things that God gave them to honor Him with. When you do that you're committing the same adultery.

That's why He says, "When you come out of this mess, come out of denomination, come into this Message," He says "Repent! Even though you were never out in the world, but for backing up the system of the devil," He says, "for supporting something that God never started with your tithes and your offerings and these things, and your presence and your prayers; praying, ignorantly, worshipping the god of this evil age, thinking that it was God you were worshipping," He says, "repent of that before you come." Is that right? That's the Church Age.

So, look. And God is saying, "Go here." He says, "Go. Look at her in that condition, but go." Because you know what? God is saying, "Israel will see, through your life and your action, I'll bring them back."

Because when Gomer got so deep, she said, "I'll go back to my first husband, yes."

Like the prodigal son, "I'll go back to my father's house. Look at me in the pig sty here." down in that denomination burning candle, making novena.

Look at Luther: "This is not the Blood and Body of Jesus Christ; this is something that they made in the back there! The just shall live by faith!" And he nailed that thesis on the door. Why? He saw the whoredom that he was in.

Then God washed them in Wesley, in the Pentecostal Age, God began to give them little ornaments, bringing them back; little gifts. But in this Age, He says, "You will call Me, Ishi. You will call Me, Husband. You will see how you were in Me. You will see you were taken out. You will see how you broke your covenant, you will see the power of My redeeming work, how I can wash you clean and bring you back. You will see what I can do for you. You will see, you'll experience it, and you will call Me, Husband."

¹ ...yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

You see, idolatry, false worship is spiritual fornication. What will the Vials to be poured out on in the last days? Men who worship the image, worship the Beast, who have the number of the name. Is that right? Under the Seals is what? Called out of blasphemous names, take those names out of your mouth, Baptist and Methodist, to do what? Come to the place where He placed His Name and worship the Lamb. The whole world will worship the Beast, but in Heaven they were worshipping the Lamb. Brings us back to true worship. In that Day you'll worship in Spirit and Truth; [John 4:23 -Ed.] true worshippers. Hurt not the Oil and the Wine. [Revelation 6:6 -Ed.] Oh, my! Get this here now.

God said, "Go get her, go get her." He said... In other words God was telling him... Catch this! God was telling Hosea, "I saw you sitting down on that porch and you saw her pass in the car and you stared until that car went out of sight. I saw you walking down by that village,

stood up in the dark, looking in the window, she and the man were dining.” See?

“You saw her shopping and getting nice birthday gifts from someone else now, who she is playing up to.” He said, “I know you love her, Hosea; but do you know why you’re like that? Because that’s Me.” He said, “That’s Me. Whatever they did to Me, I can’t leave them alone; I could bring them back. Adam couldn’t bring his own back but I, the second Adam, could bring mine back. I could become sin that She could become righteousness. I could make Her clean. I could make Her a New Creation, old things are passed away and all things become new. I could bring Her back to a state of purity and innocence. I’ll put that Veil on Her, the Holy Spirit again.” Hallelujah! “I’ll open up the Mysteries to Her, the hidden Truths in the Word. I’ll show Her My Elective Love is not parental care for a baby. When She sees that, She’ll know, I’m Ishi.”

Can you call Him that, this morning? Is He that to you? When does that takes place? When does the Marriage take place? Under the Seventh Seal: Revelation 10.

² *So I bought her to me...*

Not brought, you know, bought. She had become so low, she ended up in a slave market. Pimps, maybe, had her, selling her from market to market. All her young body, all her nice looks, lying with all kinds of different things – denomination after denomination after denomination; over nine hundred and something denominations. “But I’ll call Her out in the last days, in the calling out, ‘Come out of her, My people. Come out of that Jezebel condition, that condition of whoredom, that low degrading condition, that depth of Satan. I’ll

bring you back to the heights of God and bring you back to the depths of God. I'll bring you back where sin can't even stand in the Church; where the same Love that was in Heaven and the early Church will be in you, before the Rapture. I'll bring you back."

² So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver...

I don't want to take up time to read It but I'll give you a Scripture, Exodus 21:30, the price of a common slave was thirty shekels of silver. Isaiah 43:3 and 4, God said, "I gave nations for you." He told Israel, "I gave Egypt for you, I gave this country for you." He destroyed them to redeem his people, because they were worth so much; but now, she was just worth half the price of a common slave. Jesus with our sins upon Him was sold for thirty pieces of silver.

The woman that this man loved; the nation, a type of the Love that Jehovah loved, a type of the Love that Christ loved the Church; so loved! We're coming to the forgiveness here. Can you forgive?

So, you are going to get it... for the husbands and wives on Wednesday night, but this morning, in a general sense of the message here, watch. She came so low, degraded, to half the price of a common slave, but watch something; He was going to pay a redemption price to take Her out of the slave market, to bring Her back to the Home, where He washed Her and cleaned Her and reinstated Her to Her first estate, when She comes in, under the Seventh Seal.

Look where Luther found the church, friends. In Catholicism; they ruled the whole world. Luther came out of Catholicism. He was a Catholic monk down inside of there, in all that filth and whoredom, where they killed sixty-

eight million. He was part of that filth and whoredom inside of there, where Polycarp went when the original Church had gone into Rome... part of the Church, and started the work. And after... they put—Diocletian [Roman Emperor -Ed.] had run them out and when they went back, they found them full of idolatry. Even Polycarp went and he couldn't get them back. The Holy Spirit said, "Leave Ephraim with his... Ephraim is who? Israel. Right here, Paul mentioned them, all through this Book, with their idols. What do you think he was talking about?"

Pergamos is what? Married. In Nicaea Rome, what did they do? Swapped – forfeited their rights; like Eve forfeited her rights to the Tree of Life for Satan's wisdom. They forfeited water baptism, all these things, the Godhead, for Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and novenas and different things, and committed whoredom and got church and State and lands and all these different things.

And then, in that Jezebel system, if they were part of it: *A measure of wheat for a penny, a measure of barley...* [Revelation 6:6 -Ed.]. Luther was in all that filth there: sales of *Indulgences* and all these things; praying men out of purgatory. [Indulgences: a teaching of the Catholic Church that granted remission of the punishment of sin -Ed.] Luther was in that, where he got called out from when 'The Just shall live by faith' struck him; and the reformation, the first stage of Restoration started. But God was not going to stop until He comes back to the Marriage of the Lamb, no longer twain, one; until the Capstone comes to cap the Pyramid in the last days. So, he bought her.

*³ And I said ... Thou shalt abide
for me many days; thou shalt not*

play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

He had put her on a little probation. That's why many people want to see many things in the Message; like Adam and Eve in their waiting time, Eve was seduced. Christ in the Alpha Bride, in the waiting time, they were seduced. In the last days, this Bride would be put to the same test; when the Squeeze comes, watch the Third Pull then.

But between that time, from the opening of the Word to the Spoken Word, do you know what is going to happen? False anointed ones are going to come preaching another gospel, another Jesus, to see who will hold their virtues sacred; what kind of churches we have in this Message; where churches could maintain their purity; where churches could have holy decency, where churches could set their affections on this anointed Word, Jesus Christ and make Him their Head; where churches will not be manipulated and manhandled by man but the Spirit will be in complete control.

⁴ For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

Many days, during the whole feast of Pentecost, the children of Israel had no king. Titus scattered them throughout the whole earth. There was no prince, no real national leader; they were not even a nation. They were without the sacrifice. The temple was destroyed completely, burnt to the ground by Titus. There was no temple; the reason they laid the

cornerstone for the third one after they came back. Think!

...and without an ephod...

There was no priest, they can't even offer any sacrifices; nothing. But they are rebuilding the temple so they could go back to start to offer back the sacrifices and these things. But under the Day of Atonement, the real Sacrifice is made known under Moses and Elijah and they will preach this same Message.

⁵ Afterward shall the children of Israel return...

And they have returned after almost two thousand years, under the Feast of Trumpets. Feast of Pentecost... Many days they abode but under the Feast of Pentecost, they returned.

...and seek the LORD their God...

They'll find Him. "When you seek Me with all your heart, I'll be found of you." [Jeremiah 29:13-14 -Ed.] They'll find Him. Under that Seventh Trumpet, they'll find Him. On the Day of Atonement, Joseph will make Himself known to His brothers. They will weep and cry.

...and David their king...

Christ, Beloved. Feast of Tabernacles, it's all there.

...and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

I want to read one Scripture in 13:14 [Hosea - Ed.]. Let the musicians come. Let's stand to our feet. Remember when the Prophet had opened up Hosea 6? They said, "Come let us return to the Lord; we who He had torn and scattered and blinded, let us go back and He will revive us in the third day and we shall live in His sight."

Just how they came out of all nations, back to their homeland, we've come out of all denominations, back to the promised Word.

And just how they were cleansed and are going to come back into union under that Seventh Trumpet, under our Seventh Seal, we are coming into a calling and a sealing; under the Seventh Seal. Same thing with them there, we are having it right here; just like we are being restored and the hearts of the children are being turned back to the faith of their fathers.

Verse 14. Look how Israel in prophecy is just like Hosea's wife. God told Hosea, "Go and get your wife," He said, "and pay a price for her." Look how God is saying He'll do the same for the nation, as the prophet did for his wife. Verse 14:

14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death...

Remember, Ezekiel 36 and 37 tells you, what? The nations were the graves. He brought them out of the nations, back into their own land. He said, "I'll sprinkle clean water upon you. I'll give you a new heart. I'll give you a new Spirit. I'll pour My Holy Spirit upon you. I will cause you to walk in My commandments. I will be your God; you shall be My people." [Ezekiel 36:25-28 -Ed.]

Then in Revelation 18, He called us out of Babylon – confusion, whoredom, under the Seventh Angel's Message, Revelation 10, gathering the Bride together.

14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave...

What kind of graves were we ransomed from? Organizational graves; denominations.

...I will redeem them from death: O death...

That pale horse rider; that one who deceived them and robbed them from life, who defiled their bedding ground, who took them into whoredom; who sowed them with evil seed.

...I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

That word 'ransom' means, *rescued by the payment of a price*. God said, "I'll give a ransom for you. I'll rescue you by paying a price. I gave My life a ransom." Hosea had to go and pay a price to rescue his wife from that condition.

And the word 'redeem', He said what? And I will redeem them. God said, He said, "I bought her back for half a homer of barley." And a homer of barley is for... what a slave was worth. She was so low and degraded. And the homer of barley... And the half of homer was animal food. Could you imagine?

No wonder He said, "You say you're rich and increased with goods." He said, "You don't even know what you're talking about. You're blind, you're wretched, you're naked, you're miserable," He said, "and the thing is, you don't even know it. But come and buy of Me eyesalve, white raiment and gold tried in the Fire and you will sit with Me in My Throne, as I overcame and sit with My Father in His Throne."

That is what He called the church for, in the last days. When He looked at us in this last days, friends, when He saw you in a denomination, He saw you with lovers between the breasts. When He saw you every day going in that denomination and somebody trying to testify and tell you, "That is false" and you put up an argument: "Leave me in my church. Talk to the unbeliever. I'm saved already!" thinking you had something, ignorantly worshipping the devil and don't even know it; looking and scorning the sinner in the street, thinking that you're better than them.

And the Word shows, denomination is whore and harlots. All Christianity were Catholics and Protestants. The whole thing was in whoredom. Everything was lost. But God said, "Come out of her, My people; even though, after you had gone under that Nicolaitan doctrine, that Balaam doctrine, that Jezebel doctrine; even though after you got into that depths of Satan, that whoredom. Even though, I'll kill Jezebel's children with death and all these things, those children of whoredom, born from false doctrine with a corruptible birth (tares are what they are); I'll root them out."

When He begins to narrow it down, He said, "I'll bring you back. I'll come to you as the Rain – the Former and the Latter Rain. I'll revive you. Your eyes will be opened on the third day. You will live in My sight again. You will abide with Me in a period of probation. You will show your fidelity. You will show your character. You will show your virtue. You will show that you're not the same person. You will show you've been changed, you've been transformed. You've been made into a new species by the Power of transformation: God's Power to transform, a Power that changed you – Quickening Power and transforming Power, made you a new creation."

He said, "Do you know something? I will take you in marriage as a virgin. There will be no signs of man's defilement. There will be not one molecule of sin that can be seen." God, showing the magnitude of His Love and He made the prophet live that out and go back for that woman.

Think of when your wife, maybe, does something that just gets on your nerves sometimes and you wouldn't talk for days: "Here's your food! Here's your money! See

about the child! What do you want to see me for?" [Bro. Vin speaks in an annoyed tone -Ed.] Think of it! If you can't even deal with those things on that level, what about this here?

Hosea lived that, a man under the blood of bulls and goats. Just like Moses spoke flies into existence under the blood of bulls and goats and Joshua stopped the sun, a man lived that under the blood of bulls and goats. One is power, man in subjection to the Holy Ghost; one is action in the Holy Ghost.

And here in this Day, the Prophet spoke things into existence and such Divine Love, he said, "This is the success of my ministry." Even when he had an attitude and was getting sarcastic towards the people, God said, "Don't you even call them Rickies, many of them are My children!" He said, "You get back to your place. You built up a complex because you feel that you have been rejected."

He said, "Friends, I want you to have a deeper love. Even though I feel rejected, I want to run down the bank and say, 'Come back, come back!' if I have to see this Third Pull starting to match."

My brother, my sister, I may not be able to do much better than what I tried to do, through the help of God here, this morning. And if that didn't hit the spot for you, it's just because you can't do what you are able to. You can't do more than what you can do. But I tried to bring to you to see, the Love of God that is revealed to us, through this Message, in the Hour of restoration, when the Bride is taken out of whoredom: from organization to be brought back into holy union and be restored to Her original estate, to live in covenant relationship again, where Christ in the true Church will be

the continuation of the Book of Acts like it was before she went into whoredom.

And He, opening these things, have been His Mysteries to wash us, to cleanse us; to give us faith for Rapturing grace, so that we can see the Love He has loved us with. And He said, "As I have loved you so, so you should love one another."

And you say, "Well, I don't understand how much God loves me." We are seeing a little this morning, our condition in the Word. Are you willing to love a brother or sister that way? Are you willing to love your wife and your children that way? That kind of Love brings commitment. That kind of Love brings responsibility. That kind of Love brings submission. That kind of Love is unselfish. That Love, in spite of her doing all those things, He is saying, "I will not cast her out. I'll remember you in the days of your youth. I'll look beyond your faults and see your need. I will not judge you by your mistakes. I will not hold those things against you. I will open a fountain in the house of David to cleanse you from all sin and unrighteousness. [Zechariah 13:1 -Ed.] I'll bring you back."

Faith works by Love. When you see the Love of God, what He has done for us, you'll come into a position to have real faith because His Love redeems us. He paid a ransom from the grave until He said, "Oh death... Oh grave, where is your victory? Look My victory is here. I took Her out of death and the grave. Look, I restored, I redeemed Her, I paid a ransom for Her."

It is opened up to us through the Seventh Seal Mystery that She was... the Redeemer was a kinsman; the nearest of kin coming to redeem by paying the ransomed price. The Ransomed

Price was paying the price to rescue the person. He found her in the slave market.

Where were the people? House of hell...house of hell: "We want to be delivered. I want to go back to my first Husband."

He said, "You can't take them out." He said, "Speak it in the Name of Jesus Christ."

He said, "House of hell, give way!" and those bars began to pop. Because in there, that man was beating Her with a three-cornered stick, that trinity doctrine in that organization; Nicolaitanism was binding Her in that condition.

But there is One that came, a Kinsman, brother, One Who laid down His life; One Who did what the first Adam couldn't do. He could loose us from our sins and take us back and make us over and over. Adam couldn't do that for you. He was only a figure of the real Adam, Who was going to come. Aren't you glad the real Adam is here?

It's been long, your mind is tired, the place is hot, but don't let that rob you. And remember what was said, we don't want to be running in the restrooms now. In these next few moments as we come—bring it to a close, this is the time right here. All these couple of hours is to let you see this Book of Hosea. I'm sure you can appreciate and honor. I'm sure you could see, how, in the Old Testament, lays the hidden Truth, the hidden Secrets of Redemption that were sealed in the Word.

When those Thunders uttered their Voices in the last days and that Capstone of grace come with shouting, the Message of grace comes; not of works that any man should boast, it is the Gift of God. By grace you are saved. It has come back to us, friends. It is grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The

Headstone came with shoutings of grace. Not by might nor by power, not him that willeth nor runneth but by My Spirit saith the Lord; when those Seven Thunders opened up and uttered their voices to that little group who could see the Love of God.

Can you believe in that Love, today? You who used to say, "God doesn't love me," you who used to say, "I wonder if God really called me and God loves me or God will keep me," you who used to feel, "Well, God must really be fed up with me," you who put a low value and a low level to God's Love and a very small quality to God's Love, can you see the magnitude of that forgiveness? Hosea lived out that and that was only a drop of the ocean of God's Love being projected to Gomer.

If you've been bound by a spirit of criticism, if you've been bound by suspicion, if you find maybe, that you've been resentful with people, you have a bad attitude; if you find that you harbor things in your heart, you hold grudges, you find it hard to forgive... You've been pained and injured and hurt so many times, you say, "I'll never let that happen to me again" and you guard yourself against injury and you guard yourself against getting close to people, you say, "Not me and people; I'm not getting close to anybody. You see me, I'm going to live my life a certain way. Nobody is going to do that to me again in life. I'll keep them at a distance. I'll hold them right there. I'll deal with them here."

"As I have loved you... As I have loved you... As I have loved you..." His Holy Spirit can make us love like that. Many of you might have broken marriages. Many of you in your homes, you find that you do things out of a sense of duty, not out of love, passionate love. Many of

you who feel so tormented, you get weakened, the devil beat you up so many times because of the circumstances that surround you. You almost want to give up sometimes. I want you to see this morning—this afternoon, I want you to look and see, that in spite of all there is, the greatest power there is in the world is Divine Love; that Love that could redeem, that Love that could change; that Love that he had in spite of...

Not what she did for him. She did everything against him. She didn't even *deserve* that but there was something in that love that he looked at her and saw that she could be redeemed. And he, her husband, her kin, was going to be her redeemer. He was willing to pay the price. Even though she came to nothing, almost wasn't worth anything, he didn't just say, "Come back, I'll do you a little favor." He was going to restore her to her first estate.

I pray, this morning—the Holy Spirit has been so gracious to give us a Word like this, the Antidote for callousness, hardness, selfishness, bitterness, hatred, enmity; and you walk away and say, "I like the types; I never saw that in the Word before; brother, that's deep," and fail to apply it to your life, you would be worse than when you came in; but God can free you.

Why did God want the prophet to do that? God was showing the desperate yearning of a husband's heart, yearning to have a faithful wife, who will not be unfaithful towards him; a wife in whom he will have no fear of spoil. God was showing that He wanted a faithful wife. If God could love us like that...

Like the man who said, the wife told him, "Honey, I know you're a young Christian. You are going to go out there and be tempted. If you fall honey, come back home; you are the head of

this house.” He was talking to himself in the lunch-room, he said, “How could I go and do anything wrong. How could I do it? How could I hurt her after she loves me like that?”

If we can see how God loves us, shall we continue in sin that grace might abound? God forbid. If we see the kind of consideration, if we see the kind of determination that God has for us, friends, to bring His Church up, can we go along wondering if this is the Hour?

The Jews are back in their homeland, gathered for the sounding of the last Trumpet. Moses and Elijah are going to come to bring the Seventh Trumpet to them. We are coming to the last part of the Seventh Seal. We are not in the Shout part, we are in the Voice part. The Spirit and the Bride are saying the same thing. And here when these Things are being opened up and we are seeing these things that have happened, is this the time we should be living in, should have proven that we have no other lover; that we have been cleansed from the places and the things that He has taken us out from and now, we can talk with Him as Husband and Wife?

Isn't that what He started in 1999? “I'm telling you, this is your year. I'll talk to you like that. I'll talk to you. You will call Me Husband, this year. You and I will walk as Husband and wife, this year. You will bear My Life, My signs, My pre-eminences. I watched you all these years to try you and see if you would have another lover; many days, until some of you get tired and weary one day. But the time is at hand.”

Can't you feel it? Can't you see what is happening? Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. And you all around the building, I shouldn't have to have an altar call for a

message like this. You sitting here and hearing that Word, can know if it is man or if it is the Holy Spirit. And that Light that came so bright and shone and the Word was made so plain this morning, in your heart if you see your situation, what you have need of, you should be up here already, drawing near to Him, that you are determined you will not go back home the same way.

If this fountain is opened and this Word is opened... What is that fountain? The Word, friends; the opening of the Word that can wash you and make you clean. Hasn't He sprinkled clean water upon you, given you a new heart? If you know, "It is hard for me to forgive"; you might be selfish and self-centered; you might be one who didn't treat God as a real Husband. You might be one who sees God as just a lord, a hard Master that rules over you. He says, "But you'll call Me, Husband. I'll have intimacy with you. I'll have relationship with you. I'll let you know Things about Me that another woman will never know. I'll keep back nothing from you. I'll show My obligation towards you."

What about some of you, who in your own homes, you're battling with your relationships and you feel that you couldn't treat your wife the way you ought to, don't you feel that you want to—your life to prefigure and show forth by the actions of the Holy Spirit in you, projecting His Word out, that it is not just theology?

Friends, if this year He began to speak to you in this personal way, He said, "You will call me, Ishi"; not just a statement – Ishi! Husband! No, no. The one who calls Him Husband is not merely saying it like saying, "Jesus, Jesus." It is the life that expresses Wife. It's the life that expresses reverence. It's the life that expresses

service in submission. That's how you call Him, Ishi.

What about us as a church, a corporate church body here, how involved have we been in the service of God? You who cheat on Him, having lovers you give 'sweet eye' to [flirtatious look -Ed.], that you kind of play with and make suggestions and advances. Many times, you desire to have intimacy or have feelings with extramarital lovers. I'm talking about fashions and things of the world that you put before God many times, that you allow to get between you and God, that you can't give God what God rightly deserves from you.

In moments like these, friends, God can make us change. Do you know why? Samson knew that God would hear a sincere prayer; when he saw his condition, when he remembered what he was. When he knew that there was a price to pay to get him out of that condition and a restoration to that former state; and to see the greater works, to manifest those same privileges, it's exactly the same thing, the story is the same. Whatever figure or illustration you might use to bring it out, God wants to do that in this Hour to you.

Almighty God, after hearing a message like this, Father, I didn't know which way to go and how to go, and even now I'm wondering whether I approached it, maybe, in the right way. I felt, oh God, that I went the way I felt led when I came on the pulpit. I believe, oh God, You anointed me to speak it. You made it so clear even though, dear God, there were many places I had to bypass and leave out; but Lord, it is humanly impossible to speak everything in one service, but enough to show the picture and make it clear that it would give Your children an insight

into Your heart and how You view the relationship with You and Your people in this Hour.

And when we stray away in our minds and in our attitudes, and in our lives and in our actions, and become involved in things that are not according to Your will and Your purpose for our lives, Lord, how You view it as adulterous acts. How, oh God, it brings pain and hurt and injures You, as a husband who has an unfaithful wife would feel, when these things would lower the state and condition of the wife, even to where the husband seeing the wife in such a low and degraded condition, would desire even to go to get her back from that condition, to bring her back, Lord.

Lord, seeing what Your Church had gone into, Father; seeing what She had become, Lord, during the Ages; seeing Lord, how low She had sunk to that Jezebel condition. When You spoke of it in the Thyatirean Age, You said... You called it the very depth of Satan. It didn't have lower to go, Lord; it was rock bottom.

Yet you said "I will restore all the years that the locust, the palmerworm and the cankerworm and the caterpillar had eaten, I will restore them." Elijah shall truly come and restore. You will make a people clean again; their robes will be washed white in the Blood of the Lamb. You'll open up that Word, Lord; a Fountain to be opened, to cleanse us from all sin and unrighteousness.

We will have our Feast of Trumpets. We will have our Day of Atonement, where we will recognize the true Atonement being restored in its fullness when You call us from Pentecostal traditions back to the living Word, Father, the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes; when

You bring us, Lord, to this great Marriage covenant, when You manifest that great co-equality in the Third Pull: Eternal Life, fellowship with God and power over the earth, because the whole Mystery is to restore Eve back to her rightful position. And the lives and acts of believers are expressed in that one great goal and one purpose, even as Hosea's life expressed that goal and purpose, Lord.

We see it so clear, Father. Lord, I thank You, personally, for letting me see the Things, letting me see, God; to look in the hidden counsels of God's Word and in the depth of the riches and the Glory of God; how unsearchable are His ways and His judgment past finding out! Who hath known the Mind of the Lord that they may instruct Him? Knowing that we, who were not a people have now become Your people. Oh God, we who could not obtain mercy, now have obtained mercy, Father.

Here we are, Father, You have manifested Your fullness in this Day. You are doing that; that's what's happening! Here it is in the Word. Here it is by experience in the Ages. Here it is being made personalized in our very own life. Here it is, right here in the local Assembly, even on a national level, oh God.

The things that we look and see round about us, it tells us, Lord, that it is not many more days, Father. And here are these who stand before this altar, before this sacred desk, where this Word went forth today, It struck their hearts and caused them to see something, Father, in their own lives.

Many out in the audience, Lord, young men, young women; tempted, lured, hypnotized, being seduced and enticed, in danger of going into false union to become perverted, to be

trapped in whoredom, to be held by an evil power; put briars and thorns in their path, Lord. Put a hedge in their way. Allure them this morning. Betroth them, Lord, to Yourself. Let them be touched by Love, Father. Let them be moved by Your Spirit. Let the Word have such deep entrance into their beings, It will bring illumination in their minds. They would be able to grasp the concept. They will begin to see Your purpose behind their lives, what You have designed them for. They will be able to see the cunning subtlety of the enemy, what he is trying to pervert and deform them into.

Oh, gracious God, let Your love be shed abroad today into our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. Take away all hardness, take away all callousness, Lord. We lift our hands to You in surrender. We want to submit, Lord. We want to be yielded and surrendered. We want to learn of this Love, and grow in this Love, and know this Love, and begin to get deeper in this Love, and be established in this Love, and be governed and controlled and be influenced by this Love, that our very expression and every move will reflect this Love, Lord. It will not be us, but it will be You that live in us.

We feel so ashamed of ourselves, Father, when we see the pain and the injury; how hurt You were, Lord; how You spoke in those terms so You can bring out the hurt and the pain that You felt. And You made the prophet, Lord, a figure, a sign, with he and his unfaithful wife and the pain that he experienced; yet, he desired to redeem her and bring her back, so Your people will not miss the message of the Love that You have loved them with.

And that is what You have done in reality for us, Lord. Let Your Holy Spirit breathe in our

hearts, today. Write it, Lord, into our hearts and in our minds. Let Your Spirit teach us. As the days go by and in the coming days, Lord, You will open these Things deeper. You will cause us in our homes, in our spare time, to set aside and to meditate therein, that You can show us places in our lives, Father, where we can become closer to You; where we can become more united with You, where we can understand how to serve You and how to please You, how to minister to You, Lord; how to bless You, how to make Your heart happy and glad, as a wife should be to her husband, knowing that's the best thing that You could give to a person outside of salvation.

Jesus, may You grant it, Father. You know the personal needs. You know the specific areas directly with Your children, stepping forward to make this stand, responding to the call, in obedience to the call of the Spirit; Lord, let it be settled with them, right now. And let there be a renewed pledge of Love: in sickness or in health, riches or poverty, for better or for worse, 'till death do us part; and there could be such a real renewal of that Love and commitment, Father, that they, as individuals in their personal situations; we as a church with You, Lord, and individually, all of us, where we truly can be Your victory; we truly can show forth Your praises.

We thank You, Father. We thank You, our beloved Husband, our Ishi. We thank You, today. May that Love that You allowed us to see and look at, so provoke us that we would be like that man in the lunchroom saying, "How could we ever go against You? How could we ever displease You?" We would be so taken up, Lord, with trying to live for You and to serve You. Let

that Love consume us. Let it burn deep inside of us. May You grant it, Lord.

I want you all around this building where you are; all in the rooms; you at the altar here; I believe we are in the Presence of God. I believe His Word has been spoken with such utterance today in the Spirit; the Spirit speaking expressly because He cares for us. He is saying, "You are Gomer. You are Gomer." That's us.

He is our Hosea, our Salvation, our Deliverer, our Redeemer, our Restorer, our Husband. He forgave us. He forgave us. He has forgiven us. He blotted out all our transgressions. Love like that, if you see it, you could never hold back anything from Him. A Love like that brings faith. A Love like that brings a loosing; it brings a liberation, an emancipation; breaking every power of darkness from around us. It was Love like that, that calmed the raging bull, that turned back the wild hornets. It was Love like that that healed the blind man. It was Love like that, that raised the little fish. It was that kind of Love.

Let's just sing that little song:

*Once My Soul was astray
from the heavenly way...
When He reached down his hand
for me.*

I believe we all strayed in times past. I believe, sometimes we never saw it as whoredom. We never saw it as something that injured Him. We never saw it as something that disappointed Him and pained Him. He didn't put us away but He desired to reconcile us. He desired to redeem us. He pleaded. He sought us. He bought us with His redeeming Blood. Hallelujah.

[Congregation sings #146 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Once my soul...

...from the heavenly way.
And was wretched and vile...
But my Saviour above, gave me
peace...
When He reached down His hand...
...down His hand... [Glitch in audio -Ed.]

...heart...
Oh my, doth rejoice since I
made Him my choice.
I accept His pardon, I accept His forgiveness.
I renew my commitment to Him. I confess I will
have no more lovers. He will be the Centre of my
life!

Oh, now I lean on His arm... no more to go
astray!

I'm secure from all harm.
When He reached down His hand...
...down His hand for me.

CHORUS

When He reached down His hand... Lift your
hands to Him.

*When He reached down His hand
for me.*

When He reached...

It is not too short that it couldn't save. It
could save to the uttermost. Hallelujah!

I was lost... hit rock bottom, worth nothing,
half of what a normal slave would be, animal
food, but He loved me so much that He came and
reached down His hand.

...down His hand for me.

Since the Lord gave me peace...

Since the Lord...

He spoke Shalom to you, Jehovah-Shalom,
God, He is our Peace, Who had broken down

every wall. Lord, I give without reservation today, Lord, all my life...all my life Jesus! I'm withholding nothing. All to Jesus I surrender. I freely give it to You, dear Lord.

Guide my feet, Lord...

...hold my hand.

Grant with Thee [that] I may stand.

For when I was unlovable, Lord, You loved me;
You reached down Your hand.

...down Your hand for me.

When You reach down Your hand...

When He reached down His hand...

That nail-scarred hand; that hand that was pierced; that unchanging Love of God; that amazing Love of God; the unsearchable riches of grace and mercy, fathomless! Hallelujah!

I was lost...

I was lost and undone...

... or His Son,

*When He reached down His hand
for me.*

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Just worship Him. Just adore Him. Just thank Him, this morning. Let... In this house, let Him feel as the beloved Husband. Let Him know His Wife in His house appreciates Him; that He is the Centre of our lives. All our affection is upon Him. Oh, we are so taken up with Him.

The love of God is greater far

Than tongue or pen can ever tell;

It goes beyond the highest star,

And reaches to the lowest hell.

Oh my, let us sing that. Amen!

Could we with ink the ocean fill,

And were the skies of parchment made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill,

*And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.*

How pure, how measureless, how strong... as
Bro. Ken comes and just... [Bro. Ken Flaviney - song leader -Ed.]

And you out in the audience, while the Holy Spirit is here, a service like this, you just don't want to take off. God is here, friends. When He exposes Himself by the Word, He creates that atmosphere. If you want to see people healed, preach healing, create an atmosphere for healing; watch them get healed. You want to see them get saved, preach salvation, create an atmosphere for salvation.

You want to see people prosper, financial prosperity? Preach the laws and those things and watch them enter into greater financial blessing. You want to see a Bride come into oneness with the Bridegroom? You want to see the same harmony? You want to see a Ministry of the Third Pull? You want to see the love of the Husband and the Wife, this great Mystery, the most intimate relationship? Then, if that Word has come forth to you, the virtue to achieve all those Things is flowing all over this building.

And if your heart can just receive; your relationship with you and Jesus Christ; the places that are cold, not what you feel now, what you believe in your heart and receive by virtue of Word that He has given to you to show you, now is the Hour He is restoring Her back to Her first estate and She can call Him Ishi. He calls Her Bride, Wife, His Beloved. Hallelujah.

I know some of you would have come here for something spiritual. I believe if that is settled,

that which you came for...and if it is otherwise, sometimes it does you good, just by the very action of stepping forward, you are pre-figuring by the action of walking out of that condition and walking forward to draw near to Him, where He said He will draw near to you.

And when you did that something happened, just like when you raise your hand, you break the law of gravitation. In your heart that's where you settle these things with Him, friends. It doesn't lie on another person to lay their hands on you; it lies by the Word of God being made plain to you. You see It, you believe It, you receive It, you begin to walk in It and It becomes a reality in your very own life.

I want you, right now, you who stand here, to think of it in that manner, and I'll pray a general prayer right here. And if after that, there is something else that you would want to specifically dwell on, that may not relate directly to the Anointing that has been released through this message and the line with which we spoke, then we would be more than glad to even minister to you also.

And if you're a stranger or a visitor trusting in some organization, having some other lover that is not the Word—because the Word and denomination is far apart; one is Heaven-sent and one is man-made. It is like Cain and Abel. God cannot deal with a man-made religion; God has no respect for it. It is an adulterous act. It is an idolatry. But if you have seen God's Love, that He wants you to worship Him in Spirit and Truth in this Hour; this is the lesson of the Bible. You've seen His redeeming Love, you've seen His forgiveness, you've seen His desire to become one; Christ the Head of the Church with the

body (think of it), no longer twain but one. That is what He desires to do for you.

Separate from that man-made system. Separate from that denomination. Could you spurn a Love like this? Could you spurn something like this, that God is doing in this very Hour, proving by the Bible to you that we are at that time?

Almighty God, we have lingered, though I've tried to close the service. Yet, knowing what happened here this morning, through the Power of this Word and the clarity with which You gave grace to express, Lord; You put Yourself within touching distance of the people. You made Yourself accessible to them. There should not be a person here today, who could be sensitive to know that You are close by, that this unmeasurable Love, this great magnitude of Your forgiveness, in spite of all the hurt and the pain with which we have injured You; yet, oh God, what You desire to do for us, and to reinstate us and to make us a new creation; Lord, how could we walk away from that today?

Bless my brothers. Bless my sisters. Father, by virtue of this revelation ministered to us by the Holy Spirit and the power of it Lord, God, Father, all around us here, today. Father, whatever Your children are in need of and are asking, by faith in the Name of Jesus Christ, may they receive, Father. May there be a healing in their homes. May there be a healing in their relationship with You. May there be a deliverance. May they see a restoration, a cleansing, a purifying just like Gomer went through after being in the depths of whoredom and adulterous acts, oh God. Yet, Lord, You poured out Your forgiveness and You loved in

such a way that You brought her right back, Lord. Oh God, and may they all receive it.

And what else can we do, but thank You and praise You and worship You, knowing how undeserving we are but yet, Lord, we see the quality of the Love that You love us with. And we are so grateful that Lord, You could look beyond our faults and see our needs and set this kind of Love and affection upon us.

And Father, to the best of our ability and with all our hearts we promise to love You, honor You, serve You, obey You, be sincere and truthful to You, Lord, in all things. And may You help us and may You lead us and guide us, Father and may our lives be only for You, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Father, we give You praise and thanks, amen and amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

[Bro. Vin continues to pray for the believers at the altar -Ed.]

Almighty God our sister's fountain is flowing constantly, oh God; losing her blood, being weakened; desiring, oh God, like how You stopped that issue of blood that time for that woman, just by one touch she got a hold of the hem of Your garment. You let us touch more than that here today, by revealing Yourself in this manner through Your Word, Father, something that woman never even had, Lord, in the way that You let us see it here, today. I pray that my sister Lord, receive this healing virtue flowing from this Word and bringing deliverance to her, right now, and knowing that You opened a Fountain in Your Body, Lord, out of Your Word, Father, flowing forth with rivers of virtue that could cleanse and make us whole. And may she be a beneficiary of this great blessing and healing today, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

God bless you. Remember the service (as we continue to worship Him) on Wednesday, where we start up with the couples' meetings. And we look forward... We try to keep up the way we were doing it: we come in early; we get back out early. We will start promptly at seven. And God has allotted that for us in this season, being so gracious to help us. Why? A new cruise of salt is poured into the Spring; the very Fountain here is opened. And where we had bitterness and barrenness flow in our life, that He might bring a healing into every life and into every home.

And may this church become so fruitful in every good work and in every good thing, with as much fruit so He could be glorified. And all bitterness and everything that is reflective of the curse be gone and be removed so far from us; and everything that is in identification with His favor and His blessings be so clearly visible among us.

God richly bless you. May His Presence go with you; take you in peace and safety. Trust that you did not think the time we lingered and long suffered today was in vain, but that we have done something to help raise your life up a little higher and Jesus be praised. God bless you. Amen.



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