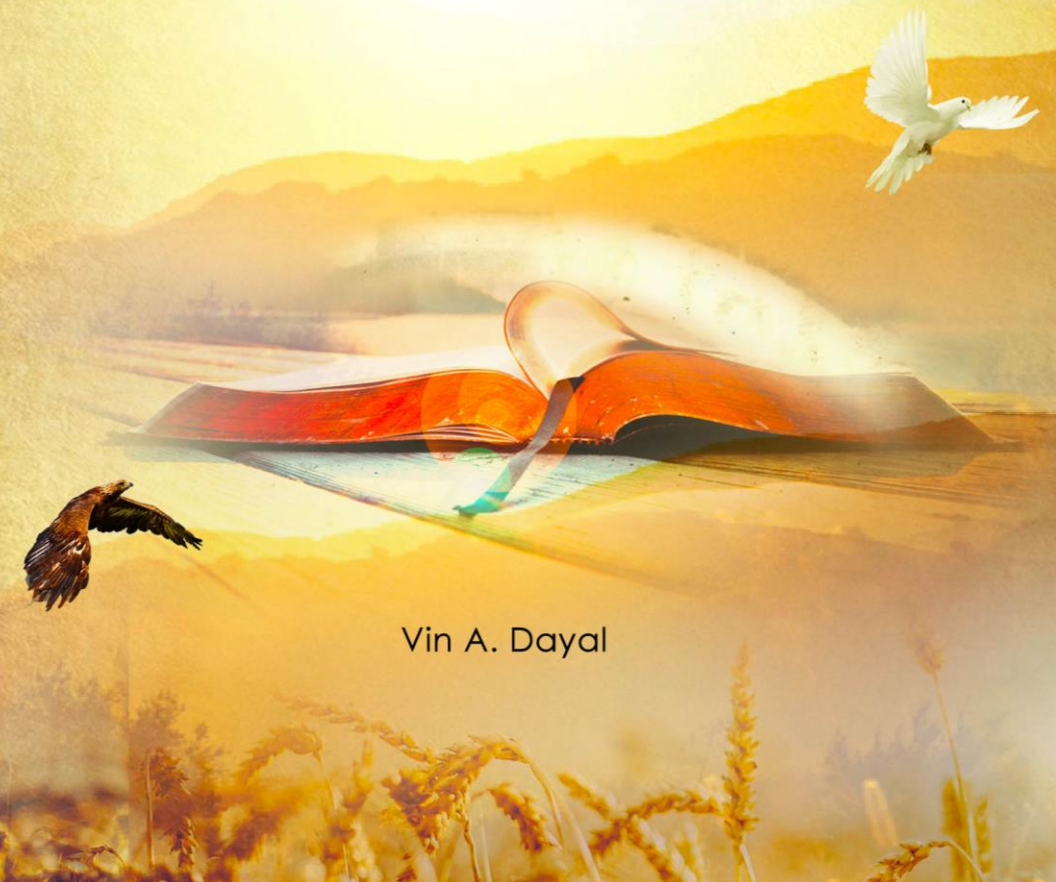

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Praise the Lord. I'm certainly happy to be part of these special meetings. We are looking forward once again that God's grace would continue to flow out through the ministry as He did on Sunday and Wednesday; looking at how the ministers ministered and we can see it was a great blessing all over. So many people in so many countries, it just shows that there is an invisible union of the Bride of Jesus Christ, this great special Lady who is the Final Voice to the Final Age.

And to all God's servants, all the ministers and their churches that are gathered in different parts of the world, we want to express our sincere thanks for the cooperation, for the unity, for the support because this is the Hour the Bride is being united and God is drawing His people from every walk of life. And it is so wonderful when we see people from all these different countries that take time off to be part of the meetings. And we know they do that because they believe in what is happening. It's happening, as the Prophet said, "Something so great but happening in such a simple way." God in simplicity, being revealed in humility.

And so many times people stumble over it. The Prophet said, "Something so great is taking place and except they have the Token to examine it, it will pass right through the people and they will miss it." But we know that there is an elected people whom God has given the ear to hear what the Spirit is saying.

And to our host pastor, Bro. Alfredo Perez, and the church there in Mexico, we want to express our sincere thanks that we all can be united together like this. We trust that everybody is right there linked up. I see we've already begun to have some problems here but when these things happen, just get quiet, and pray in your heart, and have faith. Amen? Because we know where two or three gathered together in His Name, there He is in the midst. And there are little groups gathered everywhere.

So, I want to speak a little message tonight and I'm calling it **"STANDING IN THE GAP"**. And I have a subject: ***"An Intercessor In This Hour Of Increasing Judgment"***.

Judgment has been going on in the earth for many years now. People, when they think of judgment... A prophet is always a sign of coming judgment. When Noah came on the scene, it was a sign that judgment was coming for the world. In the time of Abraham when God came down to him, it was a time of investigation judgment because there was a judgment to be poured out upon Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities of the plain.

And so when we look today, we know that God does not bring man into judgment without first warning him; warning comes first. God gives every man the opportunity to repent when that warning comes. But sometimes people take these things lightly and then they find themselves out of God's favor because God must be respected.

Just relax. The enemy wants to get in the way but you just, as I said, when you see a little disruption, you just in your heart begin to pray. There is a power in prayer. And when we have such a group united around the world, that's a lot of power and Satan will not be able to stop and hinder this meeting tonight. Because as members of the Bride, we have authority over that devil. He is just trying to do things because he knows in

groups like these, you always have one or two weak ones that God wants to do something for them but Satan is trying to hinder what God has in store for His children.

So, we are looking at this, that we can see the value and power of intercessory prayer. If you have an intercessor, that means intercession is taking place. And if intercession is taking place, then people are being interceded for.

So, we are just going to pause and wait for the technicians to get things right.

So, I want you to see and understand something about the value of a true intercessor in the Hour of judgment. Amen.

We have Message churches all over the world, because the word of the Prophet went into the ends of the earth. And God raised up men out of many nations and those men went out in the service of God, recognizing that God had sent the Message and these humble herdsmen were to take this Message and sweep It unto the Coming of the Lord.

So, when we see this Bride being raised up and She will come from all nations in the earth, it is because God in His great economy, He put those office gifts in these countries. And these men would be contacted and visited by God and begin to recognize their election and calling. And they begin to see that they were chosen by God to have a part in this great program of God in this Hour. And these are Gentile warriors. And some of these men, having the opportunity to meet some of them in our journey over the many years ago, to see the conditions that they live under but yet there is a faith and a perseverance to fulfill the will and plan of God for their lives. Many are unknown in the world. Mostly, people know some who are from the United States and were in the Prophet's meetings but after he died and went, we see God raised up men from so many nations in the earth until there is a great, mighty army that God has raised up for this great warfare.

So, join with me in a word of prayer. Beloved Jesus, we are grateful tonight to be gathered together with Your ministering servants and their congregations and many of Your sons and Your daughters in many different places in the earth, Lord, joining together in this great united effort to fulfill that which You have spoken concerning the Bride in the last days.

How we are thankful that in times like these, Lord, we can know that You have ministering servants, gifted men, just like those three wise men were coming with those special gifts: one from Ham, one from Shem, one from Japheth. Then they were following the star. And the three of them reached a certain point where they were united together and the three stars, the three constellations became one. And it was You doing this great work. Then You moved them, Lord, into Jerusalem, oh God, because they were looking for the Messiah. And so, You are the same God today; knowing that there is nothing new under the sun. That which was is now, and that which shall be hath already been.

So may You help us, dear God. May You just have Your blessed way among us tonight. Lord, help us to be relaxed and the interpreters to be relaxed. We are not running a fast race here. We are trying to follow the Holy Spirit, Lord, where the Word could be brought out and be expressed, and It can come together in a way where we could see the vision that would help us to better understand our purpose and to move under Your Headship in the revealed will and plan of God.

So may You calm everyone, Father, and let us go as You would have us to go. Because we know it is not by might nor by power. It is not him that willeth or him that runneth but by Your Spirit saith the Lord. You are the Author and You are the Finisher. You are the Speaker tonight. It is the Holy Spirit operating through Your gifted servants, Lord, speaking the things that You desire to be spoken, and especially when we are dealing

with, Lord, thousands of people and nine-tenths we don't even know. But we know You know everyone.

And the same way that Intelligence guides that sperm to that egg in the womb of a mother and they connect together and it begins to become a living organism, adding cell upon cell, forming a body by the same principles; Lord, as that Word, that Seed, God's sperm finds the hearts, Lord, where conception can take place and the Word that is planted can begin to bring forth life and many can be born again by the incorruptible Seed, the Word of God that abideth forever.

So, may You grant it tonight and may You bring illumination in the hearts and minds of Your children that, Lord God, it can build their expectation and their faith. May You give Divine understanding from the least to the greatest that everybody could get their portion tonight.

And these things that You put upon my heart, Father, to speak to Your Church, oh God, may it cause us to come into such a place where we can become so yielded, submitted, and surrendered to You that You can have the preeminence, and the oversight and the leading in our lives, for we are conscious You made us co-workers with You to finish this great commission, to finish the plan of Redemption. For You said by and through the members of the Bride, You will finish this work. And She is the Final Voice to the Final Age.

Oh, Spirit of God move like when You made that first move in Genesis. And here in Revelation in this final move, this move of the Bride between the Gentile Prophet and the Jewish prophets, oh God, have Your way, Father. May the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ move in the hearts and minds of Your children and lift them up on higher ground.

Would You do that, dear God? We pray, asking these things sincerely because we are working, Lord, according to Your laws and Your principles expecting

these results, that these things would be accomplished in the hearts and lives of Your elected Bride.

So, we submit ourselves to you, Lord. Order our steps in Your Word and may no man be seen but Jesus only. May this Mighty God be unveiled once more. Christ, the mystery of God be revealed in a greater way among us that we can see You and know You and come into harmony with Your will and purpose that Your Name could be admired and be glorified in all Your children that believe You, and that this faith could reverberate, Lord, through the ends of the earth in the hearts and lives of Your elected children.

Grant it, Lord. We thank You tonight. In the Almighty Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

I would like to invite your attention to the Scripture, Jeremiah Chapter 5, verse 1.

¹ Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

And drop down with me to Jeremiah 8, verse 7, also. Verse 7.

⁷ Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seat. So, as I said, my title is STANDING IN THE GAP.

And we are looking here in Jeremiah, Chapter 5, where we read, and the people had been so backslidden and their sin had piled up so much in the nation that God had no other alternative but to destroy Jerusalem and take the people into captivity for seventy years. And we see how in Chapter 8, verse 7, God was saying, "The

stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times.” He said, “And the turtle, and the crane, and the swallow”—all these are migratory birds. And He said, “These observe the time of their coming.” Because they know their seasons. He said, “She knoweth her appointed times, but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.”

Because they were living in an hour where judgment was coming upon the nation because the people had gotten away from God so far like it is on the earth today. And it was a time when the Babylonian power, Nebuchadnezzar and his army, had devoured the whole earth. And Jeremiah seeing those armies coming towards Jerusalem, he had been warning the people, but now he knew that God was going to give them over to captivity because they became so stubborn and rebellious. They became so intellectual.

It wasn't some strange nation; it was God's people in God's nation, where the temple of God was in Jerusalem and God was in the Holy of holies on the mercy seat. But God now was going to put that temple to be destroyed and burned. And all the princes and all the great people, and all the people who could play the music and who could build and who could make chariots, all of these people were going to go into captivity. Because they had been warned and warned and warned.

They were offering sacrifices to Molech on every hill. They were offering things to false gods. It just seems like when you see people today; look at what the churches of the world have become. Look and see how all these denominations, filled with people, yet when you look and see what is being taught, see the church and its condition, God has spewed them out of His mouth. Just like He said concerning this last Day, the Laodicean Church Age. He said, “Because you are neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth,”

and God rejected those churches. And they all went back into Catholicism, to that Jezebel system.

And it became normal. People who do not know the Word, they fail to realize that at one time these people who were coming in to be identify with Christ and people who wanted to serve God and these things, they were going into a system that eventually would become so corrupt and political until church and state, all of these things are united together today; the church and its condition.

And that's not just the church in the world now; when we look in the realm of the Message, the denominations had one Bible and a thousand interpretations, and in the Message, we have one Prophet, one Message, and a thousand interpretations. And all kinds of church wars are going on among churches, fighting one another, and these things. And people just say, "Well, that doesn't concern me. I don't have that in my church." So they feel a little better and of a little higher status than others.

But yet we saw when the Prophet was here, he had friends in the Methodist church, and he had friends in the Baptist church, and he had friends in the Pentecostal church, and they even asked him, "Why are you going among those people?" (some of them). Because he was different from them. He had love in his heart and knew he had the Truth. He knew Christ died for many of those people, and it was the system that they got into that corrupted them. But today, we see so many people draw back, they almost relate to other Message churches like they have the plague and they can't even have fellowship or say something nice about them. And they fail to realize a minister is a representative of Jesus Christ because a true minister is foreordained of God. That's right. And he'll be criticized, he'll be humiliated, he'll be rejected.

And the Prophet had to go through that himself. And he said, "They drew a circle and they put me out, but I

drew a bigger circle and brought them back in.” Because he knew he had a Word that could break the influence and the power of the devil from around the lives of God’s children.

And that’s why, when we look today and we see these things, it’s not many people. And the Prophet preached *He Cares. Do You Care?* [1963-0721 -Ed.] Jesus cares tonight, but do you care? Or are we measuring, “No, we have deeper revelation than these. We understand the Seals, and the Trumpets, and the Vials but they don’t, they are chickens”? And then we get carnal comparisons of one another. Does it please God? Does God bring us into these kinds of conditions to see how we’re going to act with one another? That’s right.

So here it had come to such a condition that the people got in such a state, that God now was saying, “Go through the city. If you could find one man standing there, I will pardon.” God will pardon Jerusalem for one, uncompromising, righteous person. Because when the Prophet was here and he was one man, he was standing there and he was staying the wrath of God. He didn’t know it at first. When he started to get criticized, he built up a complex, and he said, “I am done with these people. I am finished with them.” He said, “I’m taking my wife and carrying her in the woods and I’m going out there to live. These people are a bunch of hypocrites.” And he started to call them Rickies and Rickettas, and all kinds of things. And God came one day to him and said, “Stop calling them that. Many of them are My children but the organization has them in that condition.”

It seems like we missed these things in the Message, looking for so-called deeper revelation, only to realize people are becoming more lukewarm and they’re becoming more complex, and they’re becoming more debaters of the Word and they’re afraid of fellowship because they fail to realize the one who is causing all

the division and the strife and the contention is Lucifer; divide and conquer.

But God has watchmen, eagle watchmen, with eagle anointing, with prophetic vision, who can recognize the devil at his tricks, and break the power of Satan around the lives of God's children. Because you may have a false minister standing there with a group of people but inside of there are good people. It might be the nearest church to where they are. It might be the one church in the city where they live and they go there and then they find themselves dissatisfied but they don't know where to go; they want closer fellowship.

And so many times people look and they condemn the whole church. Some of the people in the congregation, they are not preachers. The revelation of the Word doesn't come to them, it comes to a minister. But they sit in a church and they are not being fed with the spiritual Food in due season, so they are faced with these things.

And fifty-eight years after the going of the Prophet, and we are so close to the going away of the Bride, and we see the rapidity in which things are escalating in the earth: the violence, the darkness, the politics, the religions, the wars, the rulers of darkness of this world oppressing the people, keeping them blinded.

And the war has come to a place where it needs God-called, God-trained men who are carrying the Message, who are willing to put their lives on the line for others. Somebody says, "Well, I'm not putting my life on the line for anybody that I don't know." The Bible says, "If the corn of wheat doesn't fall in the ground and die, it will abide alone." And Jesus crossed land and sea for one person, a son of God who was demon possessed, named Legion in the Bible. And Jesus went through the storm to find that one. If we are His Life reproduced and we are the Seed in multiplied form, scattered across the face of the earth, sons and daughters of God...

He said, “The only place you will find true, Perfect Love is among the Bride,” because if She is the Bride it means She is Spirit-filled. The problem today is everybody says, “We are in the Bride. We believe the Prophet so we are the Bride.” No, God has no grandchildren. You believe the Prophet so that makes you the Bride? No, the Bride...

He said, “Make your election and calling sure”; not try to connect yourself with the Prophet. You didn’t live in his time, you never had a personal conversation with him. What you have is a photo of the Prophet. And you can’t talk to that photo and that photo can’t talk back to you. And where he is for the last fifty-eight years, as far as I know, nobody has a testimony that he came back and spent time with them.

But we know Jesus comes to His own because when He comes in the form of the Holy Spirit, when the Spirit of Truth is come... Who is the Spirit of Truth? The Lord Jesus. He will make His abode with you. He will bring back the things to your remembrance. He will teach you all things. He is the Inside Teacher, not an outside teacher; He is an Inside Teacher. He will lead you and guide you into all Truth. But today most people’s teachers are outside teachers and so that doesn’t go too far either because it needs an Inside Teacher, the Holy Ghost inside.

Without the Holy Ghost, a man is in the old nature. Without the Holy Ghost, a man doesn’t have the New Birth. Without the Holy Ghost, a man can’t have any faith. He might occupy church buildings and sit in church services but that is not identification, that is not how God’s plan for His Elect is being fulfilled.

So watch here in Jeremiah’s time, God said, “Go in the city and see if you find twenty men who are walking in the Word.” It didn’t have that. He said, “Go and see if you find a man, just one man, who is faithful, who would stand for the Word,” He said, “I will pardon.” That’s right.

Moses was one man when God was about to destroy the whole two-and-a-half million coming out of Egypt. When Moses came down they were dancing to golden calf and all kinds of different things. Egypt is the world; they came out of the world. And then they were coming through the wilderness; that was sanctification and that was to take Egypt out of them after they came out of Egypt. The problem today is a lot of people come out of Egypt but Egypt hasn't come out of them yet.

That is why there is such a shallowness today that it just comes to a place of a little repetition, when the Word is the Seed that we could be reborn by. Because the Holy Spirit doesn't work with creeds and dogmas, He works with His Word; His Word is the Seed. He works with the Scripture. He quickens that Word and makes It alive by Divine revelation in the heart of the believer.

This is why you see people gathering but there's no life in the church, there's no power in the church. People are getting conformed to the ritual of church services. When, if it is God working by and through the members of the Bride, then that's Jesus in Bride form. Because he said, "She will know it is He in Her fulfilling His Own Word He left for this time." That's right.

So, Jeremiah appeals to the obedience. God's prophet Jeremiah, when he saw, he said, look at the birds, migratory birds; from the time the season changes from autumn to winter, they can't stay there, they will die. So, from the time the season is about to change, they begin to go to another destination, they begin to migrate to a warmer place, because they are part of God's great plan of creation. That's why they represent true believers. And though they will go and spend the winter in another place, leave that cold place and go to a warmer place, from the time spring comes around they are going back to the place of their origin, the place where they were born. They have a law of navigation inside of them and they work in harmony with the sun, the moon, and stars, the heavenly bodies that tell time

and season because they are a continuation of that same nature.

And so, while they are there, they have a leader there, that duck, he knows how to get to the place where they need to go. Nature was God's first Bible. Today we feel like we have to have a lexicon and a concordance and three different kinds of Bible. No, we just need to be in contact with God. It's good to have a lot of theological things but the thing is, what we need is to be linked with the sun, the moon, and the stars because the Sun is Christ, the Moon is the Bride. She has no light of Her own; She reflects the Light of the Sun in the absence of the Sun, and the stars are the messengers. That's right.

And so, this is why God gave us those same principles in a written form also. So we have it in nature which was before written books came in, because it is the same God doing it. The Prophet said, "God wrote three Bibles: first one is the Zodiac." He said, "And we are living in..." The Zodiac is from Virgo to Leo, "And we are living in the age of Leo, the Lion, the last sign in the Zodiac." He said, "And the second Bible was the pyramid. We are living in the time of the capping of the pyramid and the Headstone because we came up through those seven steps representing the Seven Church Ages. And then, we are moving into the Eternal Church Age at the end of the Seventh Seal and the Seven Church Ages. And then we have the written Bible, the third Bible, and we are living in the twenty-second Chapter of the Book of Revelation; each Bible showing that we are at the end."

And in this Hour, to see what the Church ought to be. That doesn't sound like getting involved in all kinds of political things and church wars and church fights and these things; it is moving with God in season. Because the turtle dove, the swallow, the crane, these birds, they all were migratory birds. There was something inside of them, an intelligence. And if they as birds can do that,

how much more sons and daughters in the image and likeness of God?

So, look. Jeremiah was appealing to the obedience which the migratory birds render to the laws of nature. Because when you see the turtle dove, the turtle dove is a sign of spring; spring is coming. In the Song Of Solomon, he wrote about it: “The voice of my beloved! Behold, he quickly comes.” And, we hear the voice of the turtle [dove] in the land because it is springtime; the flowers are blooming. It’s a time of love, a time of union, (oh my!) the bridegroom and the bride.

So, when we look and see in the Word of God... Remember the Sadducees and the Pharisees came tempting Jesus, and they desired that He would show them a sign from Heaven. And He said, “When it’s evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ And in the morning, you say, ‘There will be foul weather today for the sky is red and lowering.’” And Jesus said, “Oh, you hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.” Watch what Jeremiah is saying; watch what Jesus is saying. They couldn’t tell their time and season. “And to every purpose under Heaven, there is a time and a season.”

There was a time for a prophet to come on the scene. We had theologians, we had reformers, but a Prophet was promised at the end of the Pentecostal Age, and he will have the Spirit of Elijah, and he will turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers. He is not coming to reform like Calvin, and Finny, and Knoxx, and Wesley and all of them, and Luther. No, he is not coming to reform; he is coming to restore – a restoration of the Bride Tree. He is not trying to reform people to live a good life and do certain things and they are going to go in the Rapture.

It’s not a ‘good life’ going to promise that you will go in the Rapture. It is not nice, good clothes and dressing that is going to put you in the Rapture. It is the literal

Life of Christ being reproduced in sons and daughters that would put them in the Rapture because they came foreknown and predestinated. Ephesians 1, they were chosen in Christ before there was a world. Didn't God ask Job, "Where were you when the morning stars sang together? Come on, Job, Mr. Wiseman, full of revelation! Where were you when the morning stars sang together? When I drew My line and I was measuring out and laying a foundation for the earth, where were you?" He couldn't answer.

So, when we look and see how even Jeremiah, God said, "Before you were formed in your mother's womb, I knew you, I sanctified you; I ordained you to be a prophet. And this day, I set you among the nations to root up and plant, break down and build." That's right.

This is when God is bringing forth His sons and daughters predestinated to operate the Word allotted for their day. It's the same today. That's why he said you can pray for any one of the nine spiritual gifts; that's in every church. But the people are not taught it, so they don't know how to behave; they think it's something way beyond them. Because the first gift is wisdom. "A wise woman builds up her house; a foolish woman plucks down her house. The wise man built his house on a rock; the foolish man built his house on sand." Wisdom: the wisdom of revelation; wisdom to rightly divide the Word of Truth. Glory!

So, when we look and we see, God's things are so simple. And after those nine spiritual gifts, he said, there are five office gifts. You can pray for wisdom: "If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of God." You can pray for knowledge; more knowledge. You only know one-tenth of certain Truths and God wants to reveal more; you can ask the Lord, "Lord, I am not seeing it plain yet." You need faith. Faith is revelation. There is no prevailing power as the revelation of the Word. So, when you watch those gifts—you need discernment of Spirit. We are living in the Hour when two hundred

million supernatural devils are not in the bottomless pit; they are on the earth, and they are invading and taking over human bodies. And many people are opening themselves to these things unconsciously because they are not trained and taught and established in the Scriptures.

The Message is not all singing and dancing. It is not going to church in a nice little church where you sit down and listen. That's a church building with people. But Christ is speaking of a living organism, and that's a mystical Body. And that mystical Body, inside of that mystical Body are these nine spiritual gifts and five office gifts. And no man dares join themselves to the church; the Lord adds to the church such as should be saved. No wonder we have so many Message churches all over the place but nothing is happening, because people now, have missed the real purpose; have not caught a clear understanding. And I'm talking about people who are thirty or forty years preaching the Message. It's just their little ideas, and they think that that is 'staying with the Word', and they have these nice, little, cozy churches.

Remember, all Hell is against this Truth. Remember, Satan is not trying to stay away from Message people; they are the ones who have the Truth and who can expose the devil. And Satan knows those men who have that Truth. Because the first thing that he knows about anybody is whether they are Spirit-filled or they are not Spirit-filled. And that is why so many people are led astray so easily, and they get influenced with all kinds of manmade interpretations of things because they lack that Spiritual discernment to be able to identify Truth from error.

What happened to the Message churches in Paul's time? "Oh, foolish Galatians. You Colossians, you talk about your moon days and your new moon," and all of the different things that they had in the church. He said, "I'm afraid of you all." Message churches! But,

watch. God's looking for a man here; not any kind of man. And that is why Jeremiah was saying, "Go and seek and see if you find a man, one who does justice and who seeks Truth, sincerity, and faithfulness. And if you find one of those, God said, 'I will pardon. I will pardon.'" It shows us that God has to get man in certain conditions if that man is to stand in the gap and keep the wrath of God that is coming; a man who can stand there and stop that thing by throwing himself in the breach like Jesus, like Abraham, like Moses, like Elijah. Watch these men down through the Bible. How much more today? God-called, God-trained men who have been given the Seven Sealed mysteries, those Eagles, those sons of God who go past the clapping of the hands, past the rhythm of the music, past the joy of the saints; go up into the spiritual realms and bring down these mysteries and display it to the congregation. Because it has to be something more than gathering; more than going through the routine and ritual of church services. Because in this Hour, it's fifty-eight years after the Prophet and we are using the words 'Super Race', 'Super Church', 'Super Sign', and most of it is 'super dupers'.

Follow me now. We are going to Ezekiel 22 because Jeremiah and Ezekiel were contemporaries. They lived in the hour when the Babylonian power had devoured the earth, and they brought a siege and a conquest to break the power of Jerusalem, of Judah, and took them into captivity. A new world order was emerging in the earth at that time. But while that Babylonian power was moving in such a dreadful way and a new world order was emerging in the earth, the church that was identified with God was the weakest thing that they had. God couldn't even find a man to stand in the gap; that all of the princes and all of them were going to go into captivity for seventy years. Watch the kind of prophets they had down through the era of time. They were in such a backslidden condition, they even put Jeremiah

down in a cistern, locked him up and these things because the politicians, Zedekiah and them, didn't like his preaching. They wanted a man who would kiss the babies and say nice things about the President and the Prime Minister.

People have to be careful of where we are standing and know what condition the Church in this Hour ought to be in. That is why they keep saying, "The Rapture will take place one of these days. When you see the Squeeze comes; when you see this comes," and they're always pushing it back in the future, because they are not in any condition to deal with the present challenge of the Hour.

But in that Hour, Jeremiah 15:16, it says, Jeremiah had eaten the words that were in the Book that was found. And Ezekiel also had that vision and he was told to take the Book out of the hand of Him Who sat on the Throne, and he should eat that Book and it will be sweet in the mouth and bitter in the belly, and go forth and prophesy to that rebellious place - Ezekiel Chapters 2 and 3. It's there. It's the same vision like Revelation 4 and Revelation 10. And the Elect was being sealed and intercession was coming to an end. Because Ezekiel 9, when the vision broke, showing that the slaughtering angels have been let loose, and the sealing angel, the man with the ink horn went forth sealing in the forehead those who were sighing and crying for the abominations in the city.

In our city here, Port-of-Spain, the capital, where the judicial system is, there are some of the most corrupt politicians - these people who took away my passport and tried to lock me up three times to kill me. That's right. Wicked people! But there is nothing new under the sun. That which is now hath been. That's right.

So, watch. And Ezekiel in that vision, he saw how the Elect were being sealed away. And when God had sealed away the Elect, the slaughtering angels were loosed. Remember in the Bible, God will judge one man, and by

the same principle He'd judge a family, and by the same principle He'd judge a church, and by the same principle He'd judge a city, and by the same principle He'd judge a nation, and by the same principle He judges the world. That's right. It just goes and gets greater and greater in magnitude.

Watch how God judged one man, Cain, in the garden; then watch how God judged a family with Achan and his family and killed all of them. Watch and see how God judged Judah and carried them into captivity. Watch and see how God judged the nation of Israel when Titus came for the rejection of the Word. And watch how God in this last Day is going to judge the world and Armageddon will clean off the earth. That's right. It's the same God. Let's awaken and come to an understanding.

And many times, Ichabod is written: the Lord has departed from some places. But the realm that people live and walk in is so shallow today, and Satan has gotten into weak Message churches and weak ministers, and have them fighting one another and quarreling. And they are so childish that if someone criticizes what they do or shows them where they are going wrong, they do not want anything to do with that person, yet, that is the person who can help them, but they want to play little church games and their church politics and these things, and call it, 'We are in the Message'.

I always tell people when they say, "We are in the Message," I say, "I don't know what you are talking about. What do you mean by 'We are in the Message?'" The Message is Christ, and Christ is revealed in His Own Word. Christ is the Mystery of God revealed. And He said, "In that Day you will know as I was in the Father and the Father in Me, so I in you and you in Me." If they mean that, then praise God; I'm standing behind that. When someone says, "No, we are in the Message," I know that the Message has to be in you. I do not know

how you get ‘in the Message’ because the Message is Christ, it’s a person: personal pronoun, singular, masculine. God above us, God with us, and God in us.

You see, that is why a lot of things that sound like Truth sometimes, when you put it under the microscope with the magnifying glass, you realize it’s just some little thing they put together to give the appearance like they are talking revelation. That’s not any revelation; revelation has power, revelation changes lives, revelation brings the Holy Spirit down. Revelation will break the power of the enemy. “Upon this Rock (revelation of Who Jesus is) I will build My Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against It.”

So, let’s go to Ezekiel quickly. Ezekiel 22. I’m far away from getting there, but I’m picking up the momentum now, a little bit. Ezekiel 22, verse 23:

²³ And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

²⁴ Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

²⁵ There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey;

Look at the Spirit of God speaking to Ezekiel, His prophet who ate the Book. That’s right. That rebellious house of Israel. He said, “I’ll make your forehead harder than a diamond, and you go and you speak My Word to them because they are a rebellious people.”

So, God said, there is a conspiracy of her prophets and it’s like a roaring lion ravening the prey.

... they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

The prophets in Jerusalem? That is what God is talking about. Watch how God is enumerating the sins

of the people in the different categories and is showing how judgment must come upon that. Verse 26:

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

God started with the prophets and then He came to the priests. He is showing the sins of the prophets and He is showing the sins of the priests – the religious realm in the nation. Then, He is coming down again:

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, [what for?] to get dishonest gain.

This is the politicians; the princes. They are all about money – wolves ravening the prey, shedding blood, destroying souls to get dishonest gain. In Trinidad, we have plenty of that and we are seventy miles by forty miles. How much of that do you think Mexico has? How much of that do you think Lima has? How much of that do you think it has in Chile, or in Bolivia, or in Paraguay, or in Argentina? This meeting is a Latin American meeting. Sure, we have people from countries around the world viewing. They are benefiting, but we are really preaching to Latin America: Brazil, São Paulo, and these big places; millions and millions of people.

From the princes, verse 28, the Spirit dropped back on the prophets again.

28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

All of this is Him dividing up the cities, the prophets, the priests, the princes; then he comes to the people:

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

You see city life? You see the people, the businessmen and they who control big parts of the city, who sponsor the political party, who, by giving favors have made some of them—given them certain positions in the community. Why? They are supporting the party. He is describing the conditions that bring a nation to judgment. And it has two men there: Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Jeremiah ate the words. The Book was lost for years and Hilkiyah found the Book one day, the priest, when they were doing some reconstruction.

And then, when the Book came out, and King Josiah, they brought... From the priest who had the Book in his hand, he came and gave it to the king. And the king, when he began to read, he rent his clothes and he got down and began to weep. Because Josiah from eight years old when he began to reign, he was a righteous young man who wanted to serve the Lord; now he was an aged man here. And when that happened, Josiah realized that the whole nation was under judgment when he began to read the condition that brought judgment upon the nations and the same things were happening in that very nation.

Do we just preach against one another's churches or do we preach to the government; do we preach to people outside there? Are we so desensitized that we do not know where the real schemes are taking place; who the big politicians are? Yet we go and we fight down this church and fight down that church and fight down this church over here, and then all this pollution's in the country and these are the men God raised up in there with the Word. But we are preaching messages about what is in Russia, we are preaching messages about what is in Ukraine, we are preaching... Preach a message on your country, what is going on in the

country there, because that is where God lit a lamp and put a lamp on the lampstand to give Light in a region. That's right. That is why...

Now, we are coming down deep to this, you know. We are just seeing the fundamentals here. I want you to see what will make the difference in God's economy when God has to work. God's agent... That is why it had God-called, God-trained men in shape to carry the Message. That is why God took the Spirit off of Elijah and the robe and put it on Elisha, the minister. That is why Isaiah, when God said, "Who will go for us," he could say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Because God gave him the Heavenly vision and he saw the true King high and lifted up.

Because he was leaning on Uzziah all the time, the earthly king, compromising. And Uzziah, full of pride because God had blessed him and he felt so powerful, he wanted to offer incense, and the priests said, "You can't do that. Leave that alone. That is not your office." And then he stared them down, "I am the king." But those priests were looking at what the exodus prophet had said when he went up in the Pillar of Fire and came down with the law. He said, "According to what Moses said, you cannot do that. Whether you are the king or not, we are not compromising with that." And he got so angry, and the leprosy came right up in the forehead. And it happened so instantly, they had to grab him and run out the tabernacle with him, because God doesn't have any big boy bigger than the Word, whether it's king, whether it's president, whether it's the head of some political party, or whatever it is.

But, you see, in this kind of modern-day Christianity, fifty-eight years after the Prophet, it is a kind of a watered down, kind of sweet thing, and men are not looking back in the Scripture, knowing there is nothing new under the sun. All these things that we are reading here is what's happening today.

Because, it's not one nation the king of Babylon wanted; he took the whole earth and brought it into a new world order. But God has men strategically placed in the earth. And those men who are strategically placed on the earth are anointed and commissioned. Remember how God had to rebuke Moses? "Why are you crying unto Me? Speak and go forward, have not I commissioned you?" We are in the New Testament. The Seven-Sealed Book is opened. We have eaten the Book and we are the final Voice to the final Age.

Watch how those men acted. Watch Ezekiel; watch Jeremiah. They tried to muzzle them and shut them up. So, everything is internal. We 'shoo-shoo' [whisper -Ed.] inside the church. We talk softly. We don't want anybody outside to hear. They'll feel we are Christians and they will close us down. That is the Light under a bushel. The Light has to be on a lampstand within a certain circumference where everybody within there will see the Light and will hear the Voice of God.

And verse 29 says,

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

So, God watched those priests, He watched those prophets; He watched the people in the land. He put everybody in a category and showed they all are the same.

30 And I sought for a man among them,

There were plenty of prophets, plenty princes, plenty people in the land, but God could get His work done with one man who would obey God and God could have the preeminence. He said,

30 And I sought for a man among them,

Not a bunch of men. Not more princes. Not more so-called denominational prophets or self-made prophets.

30 And I sought for a man...that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap...

A man who could stand between the living and the dead in this Hour. It will have to be a God-called man. It will have to be a God-trained man. It will have to be a God-anointed man. It will have to be a son of God who came from the loins of his Father, another Corn of Wheat. Because that is what the Prophet was, but he is not here. But he saw... He was the first matured one for a whole Harvest that was to come forth. So, where are they? They should be all over. But we have all these nice little church programs and some specials here and some specials here. He said,

... but I found none.

“I sought for a man to make up the hedge,”

... and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it:

“I don’t want to destroy the land so I’m looking for men. If I get one itself, this whole land could get spared from the wrath of God but I found none.” A man to make up the hedge. A man to stand in the gap.

You mean to say, in Latin America and in the Caribbean, if we have four hundred churches, five hundred churches, in which it has more than that, I’m sure, but I’m quoting a random thing, look how many men—that is men in every city almost, that could stand in the gap. Because, “I am God and I change not.” Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. That which has been is now, and that which shall be hath already been. There is nothing new under the sun. Watch God’s program.

Look at us. We gather sometimes for a little fellowship, what we call Latin American Meetings Fellowship; you could check the men on your finger. Where are the men? Yet, we are conscious we know hundreds and hundreds of men who have churches in the Message, but somehow they are walking after the intellectual sense of things and not the sense of the Holy Spirit leading them in the Bible. Their spiritual eyes, their spiritual vision is plucked out and it is almost like

men groping in the dark; they have no clear path and no clear direction.

Remember, we are not working for God. God doesn't want anybody to work for Him. God wants empty vessels that He would pour out His Spirit like on Pentecost and God will work through them. God is working through man – elected men, called men, anointed men, placed men. God is working through men.

I mean, it might be a little strong and with some strong expressions, but this can't un-christianize anybody. This can pull people out of a slump and raise them up and plant them on higher ground. You say, "I have eaten the Book." We are reading Ezekiel, the man who ate the Book. You read John, the Eagle? He ate the Book too. You understand? You see, the problem here is, a lot of people like to read messages but they do not read Bible so they get conformed to a certain kind of ministering. They think that the Message is to be a reader and repeat what the Prophet said. He said, "I am giving you sermons to dovetail all, (Message books?) all Scripture." Make the entire Bible one revelation like the Message is one revelation. Twelve hundred tapes; one revelation. Sixty-six Books of the Bible; one revelation.

And if some of my minister brothers in Latin America would hear this and listen to this, we invite you to sit in the minister's meeting and fellowship. Didn't the Prophet say, you ministers get together and talk on the deeper things of God? Aren't we seeing the condition that was prophesied in the earth before us? And when we look at the churches, the condition that they're in, they're not ready to face that challenge. They feel comfortable in their four walls. That is not apostolic. That is more like reformation; not Restoration.

So, God's desire is to pardon; not to pour out wrath. "If I could find one man, this whole thing could turn around." Judgment only comes when God cannot find one to stand in the gap. And who are they standing for?

The guilty so that they could be taken out from under the wrath of God and come through the water and the Blood, and come into the Spirit, being completely delivered. That's right. He's looking for one man. Quick repentance always stays the wrath of God.

So, I want to read a little portion here now, from *Standing In The Gap* [1963-0623 -Ed.] that Bro. Branham spoke. Now this message, *Standing In The Gap*, was actually the Prophet's confession to the world concerning him losing his love for the people.

You know, it is strange how some people look at the Prophet and don't look at God. Because God told the Prophet, "You are calling these people Rickies and Rickettas. From the time you go and see them with their curlers and their short dresses, you start to lash out at them." He said, "Stop that right now!"

Now, thank God, God could talk to His Prophet like that. You and I, if we go to say something about that, people would think, "What are you saying?" Well, it is always good that God doesn't leave us to do that; God does that for Himself.

Then the Prophet comes now, on this message and tells us how God dealt with him. Not like, "My precious Prophet, William. Son, you know Daddy loves you, right? I know you have had a temper since you were a little boy and you tried to kill six in cold blood one time. And we know you have been criticized so much that sometimes now, you feel the only way to deal with things is to lash back."

Now, I don't know how many of you ever listened to this message or read it, but this message was a confession to the world concerning him losing his love for the people and how God corrected him and changed his attitude. God rebuked him and ordered him back to his place of service. God even showed him a dream where he'd become a bum if he carried out his plans. All of this is in the message *Standing In The Gap*.

So, I am going to read a portion here. Because, what were Jeremiah and Ezekiel? God was looking for a man to stand in the gap because the threatening wrath of God's judgment was coming to that nation. It was about to be let loose by that Babylonian power. And before the slaughter and the burning of that city could come, God said, "Move quickly. Find a man," and they could not come up with one; went through the princes, went through the people, went through the priests, went through the prophets. It tells you the condition things had deteriorated into.

Were they worse than now or are we worse than all of that put together? Is not this the Age where Satan becomes enthroned as God; when he has all religion, all politics, all economics: white horse, red horse, black horse, and the one on the pale horse is called Death and Hell is following him, and power is given unto them to kill one-fourth part of the earth? And just in the last pandemic there, they killed over twenty-two million by the vaccine. And there was no COVID, but you had the World Health Organization, you had the United States government, you had all these other governments in Europe and different places who came together and in one day the whole world, every government in every nation, the world was shut down. You have to wear your mask. You can't come out of your house. There can't be more than five here. And the people do not know where this is in the Word, what is happening here, what time are we in, what is going on.

Is this what we are seeing: Hell being created on the earth? And Hell couldn't be created on the earth if these demons were not loosed from Hell. What was in the J.C. Penny's store? Forty years, a generation had passed, from 1923 when he went down in Hell, the regions of the lost, and he began to scream and cry, crying for the mother, crying for the father. There was no mother and father there. When he came back out he was so shaken – 1923. Forty years after, 1963, sitting in J.C. Penny's

store waiting for his wife shopping in the store, he saw from the basement of the store, coming up the escalator, some women. And when he saw them, he wanted to pass out because it was exactly what he had seen in Hell when he went down there as a little boy, forty years ago. And then he realized, somehow Hell has come here. He couldn't understand it fully.

Then he went and God opened up to him *Souls That Are In Prison Now* [\[1963-1110M -Ed.\]](#); that this world has become an extension—these three dimensions have become an extension of that fifth dimension, and all these demons now have access to bodies because the soul is dead but the body is alive. It is not bodies in prison; it's souls that are in prison now. You don't believe with your reasoning and your memory and your affection and imagination; you believe with your soul which is just faith or unbelief. Reasoning, conscience, memory, affection, imagination: the five senses of the human spirit. But what did Ezekiel say, Ezekiel 18? "The soul that sinneth shall surely die."

When that person crosses the line between mercy and judgment, when they reject Truth to stay in error, they refuse... This is the condemnation, that Light is come but people chose darkness rather than Light because their deeds are evil. This is the condemnation.

Evening Light came, "Arise, shine; thy Light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you and it will be seen upon you. But gross darkness on the earth and upon the people." Shalom, God separating the Light from the darkness. The sealing Angel came to seal up the children of Light, and these demons of darkness came to possess those who rejected Truth. Rejection of the Word makes a way for the devil to become incarnate in you.

People have to wake up! They have to understand the time. You are seeing the thousands and thousands and thousands they killed in Gaza. And when you have people rising up to protest that, they start to beat them

and lock them up in the United States. That is the beast from the sea. The beast from the earth is Rome; the United States is the beast from the sea. This beast from the sea was made for that first beast. This is the image. 'Image' means 'one like it'. And her destiny is in Revelation 13. He said, thirteen stars, thirteen stripes on the flag. When they started it was thirteen colonies, and her destiny is right there in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 13.

Daniel had seen four beasts but John saw five, because in Daniel's time, the United States was not yet discovered, that fifth one, the military power of the Vatican. Over nine hundred military bases are strategically placed in the earth. Rome, Britain, the United States, and Israel, all are one entity. Like all these past presidents, most of them, they realized all of them changed their names. They were not originally Jews; they came from Europe and different places, and they changed their names to look more Jewish. But what do you think it is?

When we see these things, my brothers, my sisters, how we as ministers, have this responsibility to hasten with the Message. If you are in your own little place and your own little zone and you are not hastening, you are not going anywhere, you are staying in your own little corner – let other people see about it, and different things... Now, not everybody is called, maybe, to go out in that way, but many get domesticated and conform to that kind of life. But somehow, when you put the first Bride Tree and the restoration of the Tree, and you watch Peter, and Paul, and Philip and how they moved, directed by the Angel of God, and this is the same Message, the same teachings, the same baptism of the Holy Spirit, it's the same Bride Tree, how is this so different and operating differently? The Book of Acts didn't stop. It's the Acts of the Holy Spirit!

And that's why this is the... Christ in the True Church is the continuation. In other words, you have Acts 29,

Acts 30, Acts 31, Acts 32. Because Peter is still here, Paul is still here, Philip is still here; they are not dead. They may have a different name, but [it's] the same leaves, the same bark, the same fruit on the same Tree; it is the same Tree restored. The same sons born by the same Father through the same Word, anointed with the same Spirit!

Okay, let's get the Prophet's story here now. What made him preach this message called *Standing In The Gap*. Bro. Branham had read out of the Scripture in Numbers 16, verses 3 and 4. That was when Korah came with the two hundred and fifty princes to challenge Moses. They found Moses was taking up too much on himself. Like when those three hundred ministers from Chicago and different ones came against the Prophet too. Because, it's the same. It's the same history repeating itself. That which was is now. The only thing is, they're called Bro. Branham here, they're called Bro. Ever, they're called Bro. Felipe, Bro. Alfredo; it's just the name that's changed. What was back there in the first Age, apostolic, here is the same apostolic thing. The city they are living in has a different name, but the Message, the objective, the purpose... because this is just a continuation of that same thing, this is a restoration.

Restoration is not replacement. Restoration is the same original thing coming back to the original condition. This is what it's supposed to be today. The same... When they said, "You can't preach in that Name, stop that," and they beat them. And they said, "We rather obey God than man." Because they had faith, and their faith was in the One Who put the gift in them and the ministry in them.

Bro. Branham was... I'm reading out of *Standing In The Gap*.

Of this time that we're speaking of, or reading, of course, we all understand that it was when Dathan and Korah had decided that they would interfere with the

commission that God had give to Moses, saying, "You ought to let the whole congregation do such-and-such. They're all holy." And God had commanded Moses to lead the people to the promised land. And they said, "You take it up upon yourself to do too much. You, try to make yourself the only one in the bunch that's got any say-so."

And this displeased God so much until He told Moses, "Separate yourself from among them. I'll just kill the whole bunch, and start a new generation with you."

And Moses fell in the Presence of God, and said He'd have to come over him. See?

It's like, "No, Lord! You can't take the people. If it's anything, take me!" He didn't say, "Now they are going to see, they want to challenge me. They don't realize I'm God's prophet, they want to challenge me."

God knew what kind of spirit was in Moses. Korah was his cousin or something, but Korah had a little problem: Moses was the prophet, Aaron was the high priest and Miriam was the prophetess. And he Korah, he was taking care of furniture and different things, folding up the tent and all these things. He kind of felt that Moses and they chose all the big parts for themselves and he was like nobody. But the Bible talked about the gainsaying of Korah. He was a good politician. He started to pull people on his side against Moses until he had two hundred and fifty princes.

Now watch the message, it's a confession to the world. He could have said, "Ok, we are not taping this today." But he had it taped so that you could hear the very tape when he was speaking, you could read the very book of what he said because he was transparent, he had no ulterior motive. He wasn't trying to project himself to be something more than them. He couldn't help being what God made him.

Amram and Jochebed didn't say, "We are going to make a prophet. Here is how we make a prophet." And gave Amram instructions on what to do, and he's giving Zipporah [Jochebed -Ed.] instructions on what to do. You

don't make prophets like that. God sent a prophet in the family. But God is showing this man was a type of Christ. Moses was a type of Christ, born in a time of persecution, just like Jesus, when Herod wanted to kill the children. To see how God even made Moses a God to the people, that what Moses said, that was it.

Sometimes people, they just see church and religion, and my group and their group and our group and they miss all the intelligence, all the learning, all the working of God in bringing forth a people.

That is why we have so many splits and groups and all these kinds of crazy business. Because they just came from denominations and flooded the Message and so you got a hybrid, a mixture of different kinds of people. Everybody had their own imagination and their own reasoning. You see?

And this displeased God so much until He told Moses, "Separate yourself from among them. I'll just kill the whole bunch, and start a new generation with you." And Moses fell in the Presence of God and said He'd have to come over him.

And Bro. Branham says, *Now, today...*

I showed you Jeremiah's day and Ezekiel's day. I'm showing in this Day with Bro. Branham; that was in the past. And we are living in 2024. Do we have a pattern, a Bible pattern of what God is doing? The conditions described in the Scriptures that we read, is there anybody so bright to say, "No, no, no, my country is different to that, or your country is different to that, or this one's country is different to that"? No, they are all the same.

Did we have an exodus in this Day? Does history repeat itself? Did we have an exodus Prophet? Did he get two signs like Moses to confirm his commission? Did he have a Pillar of Fire and a Pillar of Cloud? You see, there is so much shallowness today. You could hardly even get to people who always want to hold on to their church. Salvation is not in the church, salvation is in

the Word of God, in Jesus Christ. And this is where the lines are mixed up and people think they are saying the same thing but they are not saying the same thing. It has become personality cults, because your church got criticized, so a church war starts. God has people to criticize people and if the criticism is just, then you should attend to the problem that is being criticized and get it fixed. Unless somebody is taken up with their reputation and their image and they see themselves in a light so big that nobody could criticize them.

Brother, they wrote about fifteen books about me here, called me Chief Nicolaitan, the biggest impersonation of William Branham's message, Vin the crow. I came in front of the church, lifted up the book, and said, "I got this book yesterday. How many people have this book?" Two-thirds of the church's hands went up in the air. I said, "I want everybody to read the book and see if that is me." I said, "I'm not fighting this." And I just continued doing what God led me to do, whether the people went or stayed; that was their business. Because God didn't send me to save anybody in that way. Because God knows who He chose in Christ before the foundation of the world and He knows where He wants them to sit to hear what.

You hear ministers fighting over this sheep and saying, "You're stealing my sheep," and this one's fighting over this sheep; and nobody ever died for anybody. The One Who died was the Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for the whole world; reprobate, everything He died for. He gave them the opportunity to walk in the Light; if they refuse, well, they'll bring condemnation to their own selves. But you don't hold on to these things. That is not any identification that you are going anywhere. But sometimes, people are so thin-skinned, they can't be spoken against or they are upset.

So what about when they sent filth in a box to the Prophet? When they put him in the back there after they picked up the offering—because when they advertised

‘Bro. Branham is going to be here’, people from all over came. And after they picked up the offering they told the people, “We are sorry that Bro. Branham couldn’t make it,” and so on, and he was sitting in the office.

And Billy Paul said, “Daddy, step out there and tell them look, you are here. Expose this whole thing.”

He said, “No, Billy, I can’t do that.” He said, “God will take care of that.”

A man has to choose his battles, what to fight and what not to fight. God lets those things happen to you to see your reaction because earth is the testing ground and God planned all different kinds of tests and trials and nobody could wish them away. But God, by His Spirit that indwells His children, they can endure suffering, they can endure rejection and humiliation. Paul, Peter, Jesus, all of them had to do that. Remember James and John? When the people wanted to stone Jesus, criticize Him, and run Him out of the city, they said, “Lord, call down fire like Elijah and burn them up!” They were trying to defend Jesus, as if Jesus needed their defense. They could’ve defended Jesus? It just shows how people get bent out of shape. Now, when you see these things...

And the Prophet now, had to endure all of this. And as ministers, we have to endure a lot of this but you have your blinders on, you have your earplugs on, and you focus on what assignment God gave you to fulfill. You’re not being distracted from your assignment because you know what you’re called unto. It is not just reading the Message and trying to preach the Message, it’s how we carry the Message. This is the reality.

Too many people are too self-conscious, they get bent out of shape. Next thing, they are against this one, they are against this one; that only shows the weakness of others. Instead of you getting affected and afflicted by it, then use...If you have Truth and you have Life and you have Love, use that to tell the person you forgive them and raise them out of that condition and overcome

evil with good. And in so doing, you heap coals of fire upon their head, the Bible said. But you see, this is the shallowness and the weakness in 2024 of so many so-called Message believers.

So, Bro. Branham said, *Now, today, if God was going to liquidate the people ... who would stand like Moses, today, for the people? Where would we find a person that would stand, or could stand, that God would accept like He did Moses? And Moses' own life on earth meant so much to God till it stayed the wrath of God,*

When Moses came down and saw the people dancing to the golden calf and all these different things, he was so angry. And God said, "Moses, move back, let Me kill all these people." He said, "I'll raise up a new church for you, full of people." Moses so knew God, Moses so knew God, and God's nature, and God's ways...

How many get trapped in that? God said, "My people see My acts but they don't know My ways." But Moses knew God's ways, so when God said, "I'll kill all of them and raise up a people," Moses knew God is not doing that and He knows me, I will not let Him do that. Because Moses had the same character as God, that's why God made him God to the people too. You see, the carnal church man can't see these things.

And the Prophet said, *"Who would stand like Moses, today, for the people? Where would we find a person that would stand, or could stand, that God would accept like He did Moses? And Moses' own life on earth meant so much to God till it stayed the wrath of God, and God would not cross over Moses.*

He said, *That always was a puzzle to me till... One day in revelation of the Scripture, there came this thought to me. That, you see, Moses, in act, was every way substituting. He was a type of Jesus Christ.*

When they were cursing Jesus, spitting on Him, beating Him, humiliating Him; stripped Him naked, put Him up there, He understood His role. He was like a lamb dumb before His shearers, He opened not His

mouth. He knew that was Satan in those people trying to make Him react. But He understood it was the time, and the season, and the place where He had to fulfill the prophecy: they pierced My feet and they pierced My hands. He knew He was the Lamb that had to be slain, He knew He was the Kinsman Redeemer. That doesn't sound like politics, that doesn't sound like religious Message believers today.

Watch the standard, watch the Life of Christ. Watch the Token on display. Watch the behavior, "This is My beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased."

I trust we are ready for serious church in this Hour. I trust tonight, when you look at yourself and you examine yourself and you put yourself there with the display of that Token in this life, and you find there are places with excess that need to be cut off and trimmed off, you are ready to put the knife on your own self and mortify your own members. Instead of us getting into church wars, and church fights, and church this, and church competition, let us rise up to a higher level and become real examples, living epistles that could be read of all men; a glorious Church without spot and without wrinkle. That's why when we talk about Super Race and Super Church, an Invincible Army, it sounds nice, they are powerful words. But when you look at the life many times, there is nothing super about it.

When you watch the behavior... "And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways and the Lord was with him and he put a fear on Saul." Saul was pelting javelin, Saul was doing all kinds of things to kill David. But David knew this is my hardest trial, I'm coming to adoption, I'm coming to be set positionally as king; that the prophet's prophecy, Samuel's prophecy could be manifested. So, he knew how to behave himself. He knew it was what pleased God. Not some power trip with some big ego. He humbled himself; in action, with reverence and humility.

[So] *when God was going to take the life of the whole world, and destroy it, and all was sinners, and condemned to die, Christ died for us all. And God could not cross over Christ, being His Own Son. And then Jesus gave Himself freely, that He might pay the way...*

Bro. Branham is coming to something here. He is showing Moses, he is showing Jesus. He had the ministry like Moses, two signs to confirm the commission. He had the ministry like Christ, the revealing of the Son of Man, knowing the secrets of the heart. So he understood the testings. He is looking at his trials and his testings from a certain angle and he knows that he must overcome in these tests because the promise is to the overcomer.

Moses had no blood but human blood, like we are.

In other words, Moses couldn't lay down his life for us like Jesus did, because Jesus' Blood was a different blood to Moses' blood. Jesus' Blood had Eternal Life in It. It was a newly created Blood. Moses' blood was Amram's blood; he came from the tribe of Levi. Amram was his father, a part of that tribe.

So, therefore, his blood would not suffice. But Jesus being the Blood of God Himself, the creative Blood of God, God just excused the entire human race then, of sin, because it was all laid upon Him.

Now he is coming to the place here now.

That's what God did to one man who throwed hisself in the gap, that could take the promise. And Moses being a type of this Antitype, that's why Moses stood in the gap for the people.

What is the Bride today? Life of Christ's Life, Spirit of Christ's Spirit, Word of Christ's Word, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh. She is Him revealed! Because the Bride is part of the Bridegroom, She was taken out of the Bridegroom. Then She was formed in the image and united with the Bridegroom. The true Bride is already married to Christ. *Invisible Union, Uniting Time and Sign*; the Marriage takes place here on earth.

We go in Heaven to the Marriage Supper, not the Marriage; we go in Heaven to the Marriage Supper. Why was that Head in the clouds? Because the Body was on the earth and the Head came and united with the Body. The Word from the Head is what is coming down through the Body. You see, it is not theological learning. It is us waking up through the Divine revelation given from the Spirit; the Inside Teacher teaching us how this becomes a reality in us and identifies us. *The Identified Masterpiece*. [1964-1205 -Ed.] The first Masterpiece was Jesus. The Prophet said that is why He read the Scripture and He stopped in the middle of the verse. He preached the acceptable year of the Lord but He left the part with the Day of Vengeance. That was connected to the Second Coming. And the Prophet said the Bride fulfills that part. That's why you find Revelation 10:8-11 between Revelation 10:1... (Just a minute. I might be saying that a little differently.)

Revelation 10:8-11 is between Revelation 10:7 and Revelation 11:3. Revelation 10:7 is the Gentile Prophet who came, fulfilled his ministry, and went. Revelation 11:3 is the two Jewish prophets Moses and Elijah, who will come under the Sixth Seal for the Jews. And from 1966 to 2024, Revelation 10:8-11, the Bride who is united to the Head, the Intelligence; by and through the members of the Bride, He is finishing His Work. And She knows it is He in Her. She is not hoping this, She is not guessing this. We are talking about the real Bride, not people who say, "I'm in the Bride," not that, the real Bride. To whom He said, "As I was in the Father and the Father in Me, I will be in you and you in Me." And if you are in Him and He is in you, that's a union that took place. That's right. And it is Christ walking in your feet, speaking through your lips, thinking with your mind, working with your hands, believing with your heart. Christ, having the preeminence in you, working His will through you, an empty vessel that He fills with His Presence to continue through you this portion of

prophecy that is left not for the denomination, for the Bride.

So here the Prophet was when he came to realize the mistake he had made and began to lose the love for the people. And then God had to come down and deal with him, give him a dream, show him he is bum, walking by this big dump place, walking around, he and Fletcher, his brother-in-law. (Fletcher was an alcoholic). He played a trick on his wife to carry her in the wilderness because he was so hurt, he was so inflicted, he felt rejected by the people. He felt he had a right to take the Word and slay them. And God asked him, "Do you think your wife is going to stay in the woods there with you? No, she will not stay there." Because it was God Who gave him the wife. It was God Who said, marry her on the 23rd of October. It was God Who gave her the Scripture, "Behold I send you Elijah, the Prophet," not him. She is God's Eternal attribute; not him. He is an Eternal attribute and she is one too. But he wanted to do that and God was watching him.

Sometimes we have plans to do things and carry out things, not knowing how God is watching us, scrutinizing us in all that we are doing. But sometimes we are so taken up in self-will that we become desensitized that that is actually displeasing God the way we want to carry out our life.

"Because I am the head of the house, you are my wife, you have to obey me." That is the man with the three-cornered stick trying to beat down the woman in the vision. Because the Bible says she is the weaker vessel, and you are supposed to honor her a certain way and treat her a certain way. You say, "Well, God is not watching all of that." Who planned your life? Did God plan part and Satan plan part? Who appoints your trials and testings?

How was Satan able to test Job? It was God who had to give him permission. And God established boundaries: "Touch the property but don't touch those

children.” Then He said, “You could touch the children.” Then the time came, God told Satan, “Touch his body but don’t touch his life.” Why was God doing that? Because that was a little one like God; he came from God. And if he knows that he came from God in a reality and because of God’s Life in him and God’s characteristics, he could stand and overcome those things. That’s right.

And that’s why it is the same thing with us. It is not the devil giving you a hard time. The devil could only give you a hard time by permission from God. Who provided the armor for you to go into warfare? You bought it in a military store? No, God gave you a helmet of salvation, a breastplate of righteousness, a shield of faith, a sharp two-edged Sword, your loins girded with Truth. Watch your armor to go into battle, because you wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers. Come on, man! Get out of this church life and come up in the realm of Heavenly places. The Rapture is at hand. The world is again falling apart. Hell is created on the earth. Demon powers are on the rampage. But when the enemy comes in like a flood, God has a standard to raise.

Sometimes people don’t realize how religious and political they are in the Message. And when the testings and the trials come in certain areas of your life, it starts to show. I’m not saying, I’m immune and nothing can touch me. Like the Prophet, we all make mistakes but the thing is, we grow up in the faith. And our purpose is to come as fully surrendered vessels to God that He’ll have the preeminence, the oversight, and the leading.

That is not going to church; that is living in Christ. When you go to church, you have a church service; you start at seven and you finish at ten, then you go back home. Next church service, you go out to the same building and you go through the different routines in the church building. And people now, try to behave their best behavior while they are in church, in the building.

No, it is everyday living for Christ, whether you're home, whether you're with your children, where you're tested here. And that is why a lot of people get deformed into trying to make an impression and projecting spirituality and all this kind of—to show all this kind of classic behavior. It's a joke; they are just fooling themselves.

And the Prophet now, he says, *And this lazy, loose, happy-go-lucky, joking, sinful age of lust that we're living in now, it's a wonder that God doesn't just say, "Step back, Church, I'll just liquidate the whole group." See? What a age that we're living in! And He will do that one of these days, too. We know that it's coming. There isn't going to be no sparing to this,*

And remember, there's already been One stand in the gap, and no one else can stand. You either have to accept that, that remedy, or you're doomed.

Then he says, *Now I'm preaching to myself, in this.*

Now we're coming down to a place where I'll close, not too long from now.

Could we stand and see a human being that's blind,
He is asking a question.

Could we stand and see a human being that's blind, physically blind, and know that he's walking over a cliff, could we in our state of mind, that we're in this morning, could we stand and see a blind man walk over a cliff, blind, and not try to warn him? It would be so cruel. We would be so indifferent in our heart. Could you imagine, a person getting so indifferent that he could almost laugh, and see a blind man, that cannot see and can't help himself, deliberately walk over a cliff? That would be a bad thing; do nothing about it.

And now he comes to the place. He says *Well, to my brethren, world over, I want to make this confession. I humbly say it, that that's just about what I was doing, or fixing to do.*

He said, "Why do you wait for Me to move you every time you move? Where is your reward?"

God was rebuking him, you see.

Then I seen. And then said, "Do you remember what Bro. Roberson told you in your dream, in his dream, or vision? That you had done like Moses. You've forgot the feeling of your people. You forgot the call that I called you to."

Now if God was watching over His Prophet's life so closely, because God knows the work that He is ordained to fulfill in this man's life for the benefit of the Bride. When God gives ministers congregations, souls, men and women and children leaving their homes to come and sit down there in a church to be fed the Word of God, and the man is so desensitized, he is unconscious that is God trusting him with souls, that is the Father's sheep and God is giving him revelation. Not for him to be the most spiritual man; to feed those sheep. This is where so many ministers miss these things.

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So it's a confession. So Bro. Branham is confessing now.

I let the sick lay. I want the Lord to tell me where to go and not to. That's wrong. I had built myself a complex, because the people didn't hear my Message... And God forbid that I'll try to compare the life of now like Moses', but it's exactly what Moses did.

Remember Moses said, "You bunch of rebels, I have to draw water for you all?" And he smote the rock twice, in anger. And then God told Moses, "You are not going to see the land. You are not going to take the people into the land at all. Joshua will take them into that land." Because Moses became so angry. He was a meek man, a gentle man but a chain is as strong as its weakest link. And Satan found the weak link in Moses' life and

put the pressure there. And he reacted in such a way, that it dishonored God, it displeased God also.

Now that may look normal by reading, but when you think, that was so bad that God would tell Moses you are not going in that land. That's right. You see, sometimes we have our own self-estimation, we have our own ideas of how things should be, but God is not interested in who wants this to be so and who wants that to be so. Because God's true servants ask: "Lord, is this Your will or not Your will? How do You want this done?" And they are seeking God's counsel because they don't want to think for God and act for God because they do not know what is in God's mind; the only way to find out is to go and ask Him. But this is where people like to do things on their own and think it is okay.

This is Bro. Branham's life we are reading here. You know something, he didn't have to tape the service. We would have never had a record of this and we would have argued and debated that God loved him so much that he could have done what he wanted. God gave him the Spoken Word, God made him God. The same God said, "You didn't listen to Me; you glorified yourself, and you struck the rock. I told you to speak to the rock, and you went and struck the rock;" broke every type in the Bible." It just showed he was human.

The only infallible person was the Lord Jesus Christ. But everybody has their favorite man and they always want to lift up their favorite man. And half of the time they are doing something wrong and they are misleading other people into those things. Because these things are not basically like doctrinal things; this is behavior, this is obedience, this is submission to God, this is character. Because if after you take in all the doctrine and you don't have character, you don't have obedience, you don't have submission, then what do you have? Knowledge? He said,

And God forbid that I'll try to compare the life of now like Moses', but it's exactly what Moses did. The people wouldn't listen to him when he come to deliver them, so he just left them alone and went into the wilderness, but God turned him around. And he had long forgot the suffering people.

The Prophet said, *Then it all begin to come to me.*

This was something great in the Prophet's life that God would take him aside like a father with a son, showing him how he let human zeal carry him in this direction. He built a complex and reacted. God isn't taking away his prophet's office but God is pointing out to a son the problems and the things that he had done because he is an example to millions of people, and if he just lives anyhow then what kind of example is he leaving behind there.

This is the responsibility that is upon the shoulders of leaders. May God help us all. We don't want to use knowledge of the Word to walk around like a big Papi, "Oh, we are seeing things that nobody else is seeing." And we have so many bent-out-of-shape places in our life where we need to get lined up a certain way where God can have more preeminence in and through us.

Okay, my time is up. I just realized that. That is not too bad. Paul preached all night. If I add up what Bro. Alfredo preached before service and after service and then add on what he is going to preach on Sunday, he would have had about four services in this convention, these little few meetings here. I know he understands that; when you get here to preach certain things...

Because right now I'm just preaching by the inspiration of my heart and I have some quotations that I'm reading. I didn't come here to spend so much time on this. Because the real big part of the Message, unless we get somebody else after him to conduct three, four meetings so some of us can come back and finish up what we... Like Bro. Ever, he said it about four times the first night: he wanted to finish this, he couldn't

finish this; he wanted to finish that, he couldn't finish that. I don't think Bro. Felipe had it that bad, he kind of, I guess, got close to finishing what he wanted to finish but he might have had a little more.

And I'm talking about STANDING IN THE GAP and I only would be able to say a little part of where Bro. Branham, where he preached this message and why he called it *Standing In The Gap*, and why he talked so much about losing his feeling for the people. Because if there is nobody to stand in the gap the wrath of God is going to destroy everything. That is why, in the Scriptures I read with Jeremiah and Ezekiel, God said find a man and this wrath will be stayed. And if this wrath is stayed then there could be deliverance for people. There could be many who are not in the shape and ready to go and they need to be in condition to go, but if I could find somebody to stand in the gap; if I have the love for those people and not lose the feeling for the people and not build up some complex...

Then Bro. Branham said, *Something's got to change me, because I, in my heart, if I go out there feeling the way I do now; I still feel that they ought to have heard that Message... And I don't have the feeling for the people that I should have.*

Look at the honesty of the man. Look at the example he is to us; opened himself, brought out his mistakes and his failures to the whole world. You know that his heart wasn't on any ego trip. He wasn't on any self-glorification. He wasn't comparing himself with who is better than who and these things. God favored him so much that God kept him close to Him and even showed him his mistakes and his failures, and showed him how to conduct himself and be a better minister.

"Learning to lean, I'm learning to lean. Learning to lean on Jesus. Gaining more power than I ever dreamed. Learning to lean on Him." [#313 - Songs That Live -Ed.] He is teaching and we are learning and being transformed and being changed into a better person so that God

would be able to do greater things through us so that we can come in such full submission to His Divine will.

And I don't have the feeling for the people that I should have. Until I can get that feeling, there is no need in me going, because I'd be a hypocrite.

And all these years I've tried to serve Him with a true heart, and I won't go out there being a hypocrite. I got to feel that, that it isn't Ricky and Ricketta, and it isn't this bunch. It's God's children that's in bondage, that I must go to. Until I can feel that way, I'll just have to loaf around, preach some conventions and things,

And then he asked the people, Pray that God will place into my heart that something that I lost out there in that complex. It's so easy to build a complex.

Don't lose the feeling [for] the people. See? You must remember they're not made out of sawdust. They are flesh and blood, human beings [with] a soul. Pray for me, all of you, if you will. God bless you now.

And a little something here out of Humble Thyself. [1963-0714E -Ed.] He came back the week after and he was preaching Humble Thyself after he made this confession. So, he's talking about the same confession. He said,

Now, I believe this is the Truth, with all my heart. If there was anything different, that I thought was better, I'd certainly first go...I won't ask anybody to go anywhere that I don't go first, to find out whether it's right or not.

Watch his principles.

I wouldn't ask any person to make a step, in God, that I hadn't already made and know that it's the Truth. First, it must be the Word of the Lord, then I must step and see if it's right. And then if it's right, then I say, "Come on up this way." See, it's making the way.

And, now, I think any minister ought to do that, ought to first go, himself. He is supposed to be a leader, a leader of people, not speak something that he wouldn't

put his hand on, himself. We should go and be leaders of the people.

And he said, Now it's my time for consecration to God; God's time to speak to me. See, I must just have a little change in my own life, that, not as I think that I am wicked, but I want to feel a little more closer to people, see, the people that I have tried to tell this Gospel Truth to, and they turn their back on It and walk away and laugh at It.

Now, to me, that seems like it's an insult. I don't care, to me; but to the things that I've been saying, It's the Truth, trying to help them. Like shoving out a boat, and say, "Here, here it is, cross over! Here, get out of that swelling stream, you're going to die! You, you're going to perish there!" And they just laugh at you, and walk away. Well, to me, it feels like, if they walk away, there is nothing more I can do about it,

But I want to run down the bank now and persuade them,

He realized this is the kind of love, this is the kind of attitude I have to get in to help God's people. This is the wave sheaf. These are the footprints on the sands of time. We are the ones coming behind walking back in those footprints.

See, I've got to have that feeling, see, 'cause I know there is somebody out there that hasn't come in yet. And I'm going to fish... until the last fish is caught. I want to do that.

Do you see why God loved this man? Do you see why God made this man in this life the example for us in this Age? Because it was Christ being revealed through him.

... and now, in order to do this, I'm expecting something to happen in a prayer meeting. And many of you remember the vision of the last Pull, that Third Pull, rather. You remember? There was something happened just before that: I seen that Light come and go down into that place, and said, "I'll meet you there." Now [expecting] something to happen.

Let us pray. Forget that the service was long; think of what was said. We don't come for length of service; we come to hear Truth, present Truth that can bring us in the condition to be of service for God, to be an example of what we are called to be. That stature of a Perfect Man, that's the man that's going in the Rapture.

When you watch that pyramid from faith to Perfect Love, you don't see a black man, you don't see a white man, you don't see a yellow man or a red man; you see the characteristics of a nature, the Divine nature. That's not the body. The body is see, taste, hear, smell and touch. You don't see that in the pyramid. That's not the reasoning, conscience, memory, affection and imagination, the five senses of the spirit. You don't see that in the pyramid because that is not the body and that is not the spirit. That's the soul of the person. That's the Divine nature of God. And that is what is going to put us in the Rapture. That comes through the New Birth. That's why it starts with faith. Faith is revelation. That's the foundation. It is built on that foundation. And then it begins to change from glory unto glory, from faith, to virtue, to knowledge, to temperance, to patience, to godliness, to brotherly kindness and then the Love of God, Christ, the Head comes down into union with the Body.

My brothers, my sisters, let us think on these things. If there is anything of virtue, of Truth, of Love, of praise, think on these things.

Beloved Jesus, we pray tonight for Your children. Dear God, coming to preach here tonight and seeing the course how this service went, it matters not whether everything I wanted to say was said, but I felt Truth was spoken directly to a certain place in our lives and the responsibility that we have as members of the Bride because the work is to be finished and completed by and through the members of the Body. And the members of the Body have that Divine nature because that's the person that is tabernacling Deity. That's the

person that is beholding You and is changing into Your very own image. And we know this is not psychology, this is not some theology; this is Truth that has come to us.

The Rapture is not going to the United States or going to England or somewhere. We know that to change dimensions our body has to be changed, and before our body can be changed our nature has to be changed, and before our nature can be changed our atmosphere has to be changed.

Oh, gracious God, like Your Prophet taught us about the eleventh commandment, this Divine Love, this Supernatural atmosphere, that he loved that maniac that was trying to kill him; that he apologized to that bull that was coming to kill him in the pasture. He realized that he forgot the gun in the truck. He said, "If I had the gun, I would have killed that bull and then paid for it." He relied and depended on the gun so much for protection and safety but the hour had come You wanted to bring Your sons and Your daughters into the understanding of what we need to be and of what You want to make us, this race of people that You call a Super Race, a Super Church, these Eternal Attributes of Yours, Your Family, the Family in Heaven and earth named after the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we break out from all this churchianity and these things and may we walk with You in this holy Union under Your Divine leadership. And may we have deep convictions of what we believe and stand for.

We are not here to play church, Lord, because it will take faith to change this body and we cannot borrow some faith from others. We cannot borrow Love if we find we are short up on Love and cannot forgive. Help us that we can search ourselves with the Things that we have heard today and the first two days, and not just go through like another set of meetings but have the ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. May You grant it, dear God.

All Your people that are gathered in different places in the world, may You bless them, may You help them, may You provide and supply their needs. We see what is happening on the earth, how we need to be united, in love, in faith, in harmony one with the other. These are real things we have to overcome and possess.

We heard about the Inheritance. That Inheritance is the very Life of Christ, the same Life, Zoe, Eternal Life, the Divine nature of God inside of us. Because any man in Christ is a New Creation, old things are passed away and all things become new. Not new clothes, not new chairs and benches, not all these earthly things because we are a Heavenly people. Our origin was back in Eternity. We dropped down in time so that You can make Yourself known to us that through these Things, dear God, we can be true overcomers that would take us into that other World.

Bless Your servants. Bless Your people. We give You thanks. Renew their strength. Lord, we thank You for the grace that they sat, showing that they are willing to sit and listen. Not just because they couldn't get up and walk away because it might look bad, but as believers, blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness that can be filled because the days that are coming, we'll have to have reality, we'll have to have overcoming power in our lives. We'll have to have this tremendous victory in the Love Divine.

So, we commit each and every one into Your hands, and we thank You for Your grace and Your blessings, in the precious Almighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

