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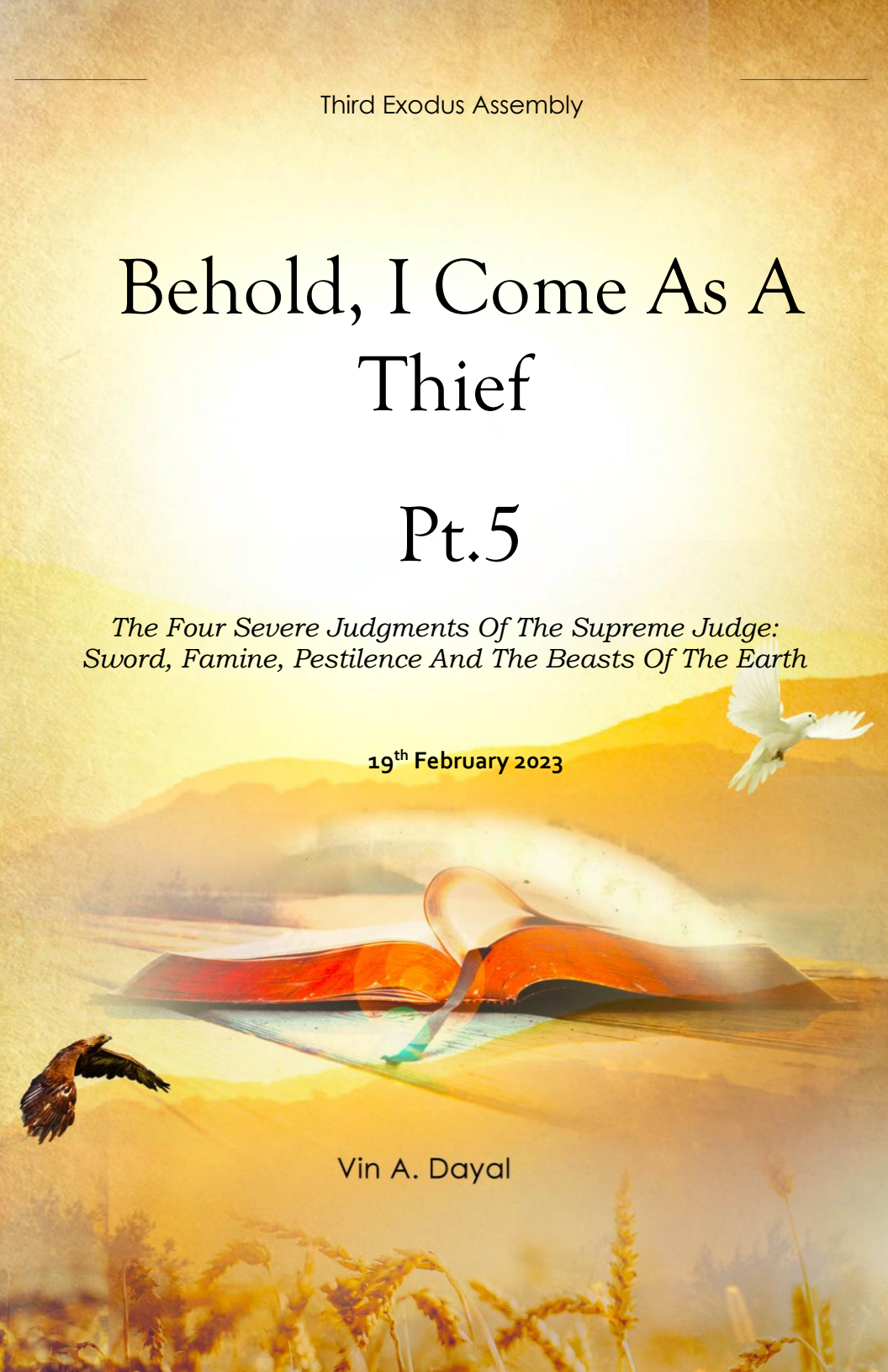
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Oh, praise His wonderful Name. This is a time when we know we are coming into the homestretch, the last round. And that is when the runners, they draw all their resources together, get focused, and in one great final surge, they run with everything that they have, because that's—because they are running for the prize. They are not running for bronze or silver; they are running for gold. They are running to win. “Running for the incorruptible prize,” as Paul said. [1st Corinthians 9:24-25 -Ed.] “A crown of glory that fadeth not away.” [1st Peter 5:4 -Ed.] What a great thing, friends.

What a great thing that we can see the Scripture; we can find the places in the Bible because God sent a Prophet. We can look and see the things that are spoken for this Day; that God allots His Word for a time and season and then God predestinates a people who are to operate that Word in that time and in that season. And then the Spirit of God comes down and reveals to them that that's the Word prophesied for this Hour. And God is His Own interpreter; He interprets His Word by bringing it to past in the lives of His Elected to whom these prophesied promises were spoken of.

You hear songs like these, and they sing them. It's something so great. A time of preparation; running: “Come, Lord Jesus.” You know, “Even so, come. Lord, come.” That's what our preparations are all about because He has appeared. You know His appearing and

His Coming are two different stages. Because in appearing, He appears in Theophany – King Theophany Jesus amongst us. Who is this Melchizedek that came to Branham? Was that the same One that came to Abraham? Are Branham and Abraham parallel? That’s right. That was the time when that Word, Melchizedek, was veiled in human flesh and discerned Sarah’s heart; turned His back—His back was turned to the tent and He was telling Abraham about, “This time next year Sarah will bear the child,” and she laughed within herself.

And He said, “Why did Sarah laugh?”

And she got scared. She said, “I didn’t laugh.”

He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

And she’s behind Him but it shows His omniscience. It shows how infinite He is; He knows all things. “And as it was in that day,” Jesus said, “so it shall be in this day.” It was God in a man like a Prophet there, speaking to Abraham, the Son of Man, the Supreme Judge, that Abraham said, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The coming of the Angels and then it unfolded into the Supreme Judge Who came in the investigation judgement in a day like Sodom. Because Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Lot, so it shall be in the days of the Coming of the Son of Man.

Oh, down through these years we who are Message believers, who take some time to know what was delivered to us by God’s Servant and Prophet in these last days, what he opened up to show us Jesus and His program; to show us the things that are to be before we move out of this world to that Eternal World. And that’s what all of this is about. And when we could come in a meeting like this evening, and you hear the Spirit of God singing through His children... And it is songs written off of the inspiration of the Word that has been opened up amongst us, amen, and keeping us in remembrance. This was God’s great Intelligence to give us that hymnology down through these years.

From way back—the very first time there, in Fran Street under the house, *The Deed That Came* [#580 Songs That Live -Ed.] all the way to these most recent ones that we sing. And to think that that was from '76 to 2023. And we've been singing those songs and God keeps... As the Word opens and the inspiration goes forth and God delivers the message, then God puts that inspiration from that revealed Word, that Word being opened amongst us in the hearts of the singers, and they sang these things. And how God showed to us these things in the Scriptures; that every revival produces its own hymnology. That's right.

We see that first song in Exodus there, how Moses at the Red Sea, spontaneously, he began to sing. And because it had those who wrote it, and God brought it back to their remembrance and they wrote it, it's in the Book of Exodus: the song that they were singing when they saw the chariots of Pharaoh and all the soldiers floating in the Red Sea. The chariots sank; they were killed because they came against God's people. And Moses said, "You don't have to fight in this battle; God will fight for you today. These Egyptians, you will see them no more." Because Moses, first, himself was crying [inaudible -Ed.] spirit of the people. And God said, "Why are you crying unto Me? Speak and go forward! Didn't I tell you to bring them back on this mountain," where God had met him at Mount Sinai and commissioned him. "Bring them back here!" And he was on his road obeying God's instruction. God sent His Angel to bring him and the people back to that place.

And so, when we see these things, it's what? Written for our examples. You see, many times people read things and they say, "Oh, that's the Old Testament. Oh, that's a story with Moses in Moses' time." No. That which was, is now; and that which shall be, hath already been, and there is nothing new under the sun, and Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." See, these are the keys that when you see these

things, you realize, everything is now, because God is not 'I was' and God is not 'I will be'; He is the Eternal I AM – present tense.

When Moses asked Him, "What is Your Name?"

He said, "Go tell them I AM hath sent you."

So, what a great thing that we know our God. What did Daniel say? "And they that know their God will do great exploits." They that know their God. Not they that know about their God, not they that read about their God, no; they that know their God. This is a relationship now. This is God rich in mercy Who's come down and quickened us when we were dead in sins and trespasses, and raised us up into Heavenly Places, brought us to a Spiritual resurrection. The Inner Man (see?) who was quickened to a New Birth and raised up to walk in union, in harmony with the God Who came for his redemption because his name was in the Lamb's Book of Life. And the Kinsman Redeemer knew everyone; where they were in the earth.

And the Prophet someday was speaking, as I was speaking to you in the last service, he said, "These messages will fall in the hand—this Word will fall in the hands of the predestinated." You don't worry about that; that's God's business. You don't have to be frightened about that.

It came to me. I can testify. I heard the tape. He spoke that on the tape and that—it comes to me and I'm grateful for that. It gives you confidence to know that God doesn't lie. It's impossible for God to lie.

When God speaks something, His Word cannot return unto Him void because God's Words are creative; it must accomplish the purpose unto which it was sent. See? So, when God speaks a Word and it leaves... Because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. It's coming from God's heart; coming through God's mouth. Heaven and earth will pass away; that cannot pass away. God spoke that unto an expected end and God's people hold to His Word. That's His

unchanging hand. “Hold to God’s unchanging hand.” [#474 Hold To God’s Hand - Songs That Live -Ed.] Hold to His Word, friends; this infallible Word. The power of infallibility; it’s impossible for God to lie. Oh, my! Heaven and earth will pass away but His Word can never pass away.

What a consolation this evening, as we gather together in His Presence to talk about Him one more time and to continue to look into the Word of God. And this is a prophetic Hour. You know that. Once you are in the Book of Revelation, you are living in a prophetic time because that’s the Book of prophecy for this Day. And that was written for the Bride. You see?

So, this is a great thing. And this is the Book that denominations can’t preach from. You see, these things, when you are sensitive of these things and you can sit here down through these years and see God showed Leviticus 23, *The Key to the Book of Revelation*, 1979—1979 – that’s twenty-one and twenty-three. That’s forty-four years ago. And if you don’t have the tract it’s because you’re sluggish because that was distributed to all the people and they have that. And the value of that is, to know the Mystery of the Book of Revelation, how it’s laid out. You see?

So, these things are great. It’s God’s marvelous grace to us and we are so thankful to be here. I just like to come... I was telling Timmy a while ago, I said, “Boy, I’m feeling so tired.” But I don’t have to feel strong to preach. When you are tired, sometimes God has you tired so you’ll become more dependent on Him, you’ll become more yielded to Him. You see? Because it’s not by your might or by your power; it’s by His Spirit. And when He can get us surrendered, you know... Because He loves His children, their concerns are His. That’s why He said, “You cast your care upon Me,” He said, “I careth for you.” And that’s why we cast our care upon Him, because we know He cares for us. And the Prophet said, “He cares to do that for you. Do you care to believe Him? He cares; do you care?” And he puts it in a

rhetorical question. He puts it back to you. Do you care? If you don't care, well, you are not concerned. And if you are not concerned, you are not convinced. He said, "Convinced then concerned." See?

You see, there was an intelligence, there was a wisdom as Bro. Branham received the inspiration from God to bring the Word to the Church in this last Day; he would give certain titles to those messages. And sometimes a person thinks that's just a title. No, that's his inspiration; that's his concept. That's what he wants to bring to the church. That is what he's going to emphasize there. You see? Because those are dots that... It has twelve hundred dots and then you connect those twelve hundred dots and it becomes one Message. And that Message brings you through from *Faith Is The Substance* [1947-0412 -Ed.] to *Communion* [1965-1212 -Ed.]. It brings you to where you start and it brings you to the Communion, the Wedding Supper.

So, it's a great thing that when you can look and see and understand the Message, even the way it was preached, even the title of the sermons; everything. Because, why? We are dealing with the infinite God. That's why, even the Scriptures are put in an order. The Scriptures are not in an order as to who wrote what first, and who wrote what after, and who lived before whom, you know. No. God has His own Divine order. You understand? So, when you look and you see that order in the Scripture, it is put to reveal Christ.

See, that's the objective. It's not like a man just trying to make something for the human mind. That is revealing Christ. And it's like a pack shuffled up. So, what you think should come next and next, it doesn't come like that; it's over here, but every part is connected. It's a jigsaw puzzle.

When you cut a jigsaw puzzle and that's a big picture, let's say it's a picture of a farm and whatever it is, and it has all the trees and it has the animals and it has barn and it has the farmer and the hay, and they are

doing the work on the farm and these things, well, when that picture now, is put and cut in a certain way, and then you get the pieces scattered out like that, now you have to know how to get this picture back. You see? And each piece of that puzzle has one specific place. It doesn't have two; it has one. See? Even the corner pieces: you know, top right-hand corner; top left-hand corner; the corner at the bottom right; the corner at the bottom left, and you get your four corners. And that is the easy part of the picture. After that, to get every other piece to fit in, that's what it is.

And that's the wisdom of the Spirit illustrating to us how the Bible is laid out. You see? That's why He said, search the Scriptures. In them you think you have Eternal Life but they testify of Him. And the people in Barea searched the Scripture.

Why to search? God told Joshua to go and search the land. See? The inheritance is in there, in that land: the boundaries, all the things; the treasures, the wood to build the houses, the stone in the quarries, the places where they are going to fish and get the food. Everything that they had need of was within that land. And they had a former rain and a latter rain coming down in that land, and the wheat and the barley and everything, and the pomegranate and the fruits, and everything that they needed for the Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles, it grew in that land. And it was the wisdom of God.

And all of that is a type. Because, you see, that land and those experiences are what revealed to us these elected people who were born in bondage and delivered by a prophet that God sent to them, an exodus prophet, and then brought them through justification, the Red Sea; sanctification, the wilderness; Kadesh Barnea, the firstfruits; crossing Jordan into the Holy Ghost, Canaan; then be placed positionally. Then, these people, it's a Mystery of redemption. They were a fully

redeemed people and they came back to their original place, their inheritance that God gave to them. You see?

And God was His own interpreter. He told them the time and season: “In the fourth generation I will deliver them with a mighty hand. I will bring them back here again.” He was telling Abraham – Genesis 15. See?

So, when you look and see those things, you get to realize how these things are set up in the Word and you learn to love the Word, especially... You really love the Word when God starts to reveal to you the secret of how He did it and when He shows you and you see how hidden it is from the wise and the prudent. It’s the hidden wisdom of God that the spirit of man can’t search, because it takes the Spirit of God to search the deep Things of God. Spirit of man could only search the things of man. See? So, when you start to see it now, it’s like, oh my, God! It becomes marvelous. Then you start to realize that God put something in you to love the Word.

What is the great thing about the Word? Christ is revealed in His own Word. And you start to see the Mystery of Christ. And Jesus said, “Search the Scriptures, it testifies of Me.” And the Prophet said if you read the Scripture and you don’t see Jesus in the Scripture, go back, you are missing something. Then you scratch and say, “It has nothing there. What am I missing? How could he say I am missing something? It has nothing to see.” Now, you think so. That’s why He said, “Come buy of Me eyesalve. Pray that the wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ comes to you; that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened.” Then you begin to know the hope of His calling. You begin to know the exceeding greatness of His power. You begin to know the glory of His riches of the inheritance of saints in Christ – Ephesians.

Ephesians parallels Joshua. That is where the journey ends in Canaan under the Joshua commission.

See? It started with Moses anointed and commissioned at Mount Sinai.

Do you know how much is said there already? Just trying to tell you about the beauty of the Word and why we love the Word, and what the Word means to us, and how we look at the Word, and how we read the Word and these things. You see why it is good to be tired? Otherwise, I might have already preached down the place. When I stand here feeling a little tired, I just find myself becoming more yielded and dependent on Him, and then I'm just receiving an utterance to say something nice to you, to bless you, to remind you, to encourage you, to make you see the value of the promised Word for this Day.

And that's what Satan attacks, the Prophet said. *Satan's Eden* [1965-0829 -Ed.] you're going to find it there. He said, Satan robbed them from seeing the value of the promised Word. And that's why Eve got deceived. And when God said, "You shall surely die," she was told, "You shall not surely die." And she took that instead of what God said. See? One word added to it, 'not', changed the whole thing, and it became a lie. The original Word became perverted by putting 'not' inside of it. So, it became a perversion. It was no longer original. See? That's why the Bible says, if you add one word all the plagues shall be added; if you take away one word, your name shall be taken out. But when Satan added that one word and gave it to her, what happened? She died. Death struck. Why? Because we live by the Word of God. We don't live by the Word of God plus Satan's word. We live by the Word of God because Christ is revealed in His Own Word. And revelation is prevailing power. There is no prevailing power as the revelation of the Word. You get that? Divinely revealed by the Holy Spirit. Hidden from the wise and prudent but revealed to the Elect to whom it was sent.

Praise His wonderful Name.

God bless you this evening. I trust you had a good day and you are doing fine. We have our brother Peter Claxton not doing too well. I think he is getting kind of low. I am hoping to see him tomorrow because he is calling for me. He wants to talk with me. So just—I don't want to go and know he is gone before I arrive, so you just keep him in prayer. A precious brother; always a brother who loves the Word a lot. A brother... Many times when you saw him streaming, he had a whole group of them in the house with him, different ones, his friends and his brothers and sisters, he had them in the house. And so, we appreciate that.

You know, he had gone through some rough times too, just like what they did to me. They took him, they threw him in jail; they wanted to charge him with different things. And it's all, you know, the devil trying to come at those who are standing. And not just standing, but working to help others.

And these were some brothers, you don't have to tell them to help this one or help that one; they're behind the scenes and they know the value of each other. When you come to know the value of each member, and you know a chain is strong as its weakest link—because, right where the weak link is, is where Satan puts the pressure and gets in. See? So, that's why, when you have a brother or sister who is not really established in the faith, kind of in a weak, that's a door for the devil to get right in. He's going to push and push, and the next thing you see that person falls apart. So, that's why, when you have soldiers standing, people convinced, concerned, carrying part of the burden, not blowing a trumpet, not trying to tell everybody what they are doing, but just doing and trying to live by example and become a Godly influence to others...

So, we are trusting by God's grace that God's Will be done. You know, we had our beloved sister Alison Mohammed, her mother... You remember Alison and the mom, an elderly lady that used to come with her,

and Alison always had her right there on her arm, bringing her slowly; she passed. And you see saints like that coming, old and kind of feeble, but faithful; they want to be around the Presence. They want to hear the Word of God, you know. So, she went home a couple days ago also. And so, one by one as the golden bell rings for them, as their card is taken off the rack, then they complete their earthly journey and they are gone to their eternal destination.

And we are still here running, fighting, striving lawfully for the mastery. Any man who is to achieve that must strive lawfully. There is no shortcut. There is no other thing you can do or try to get out of God's Will and out of God's way to get there faster. That doesn't work. "Trials here are sometimes many, and oft times your feet go wary. And sometimes you stumble and fall. Amen. But there is a tender Hand that lifts you up and keeps you moving on." [#560 After All - Songs That Live -Ed.] He is the Author and Finisher of your faith. He is the One Who planned your life. He is the One Who said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the Age."

That's why I was speaking earlier there, making a comment on not knowing about Him; knowing Him. Because when we see what He speaks to us, when we hold these things dear in our hearts, His promises, when we hear His Word and recognise that's the truth, we search the Scripture and see it is so and then we act upon it, we abide in the Word and let the Word abide in us, then you see that Word becoming Spirit and life in you. And the more that Word unfolds, and the more It becomes Spirit and life, it's the more your life keeps rising up. You're changing from glory unto glory, coming into the very image and likeness for the Rapture. And that's the condition for the Rapture. That's the man, that Stature of a Perfect Man, that's the man that's going in the Rapture.

That's why God didn't say, brother So-and-so is going in the Rapture; sister So-and-so is going in the Rapture. No. God put up the formed Image of Christ. He said, "That's the man." Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity; that's the man that's going in the Rapture. That's the woman that's going in the Rapture. So, you don't have to complain and argue. Somebody looks and they see a living, walking Pyramid. And God comes to cap the pyramid of your life, and you are linked to the Head, Christ, and the mind of Christ is in you. That's right. And you are walking in the Bloody footprints, and you are living an overcoming life. That's the man that's going in the Rapture. That's why he said Enoch had a testimony that he pleased God before he was translated; (see?) before he was translated. You can tell, "That man is going in the Rapture."

Not like how we used to have it long ago, and say, "If there are five people in the church who are going in the Rapture..." and they're calling five names of who, in their imagination, they think are going in the Rapture. Because they had their own little few pages of the Lamb's Book of Life that they kind of pull out, and somehow they kind of see those; then they can't say for themselves. Well, you know right away that's just a make-belief, because the first thing you should see is yourself so then you'll get convinced the Rapture is real, then you are convinced a revelation of seeing yourself in the Word is what brings you into perfect faith to recognise what part of the Word you are. Not somebody else's part; your part. When you are seeing other people's part and you aren't seeing your part something is wrong. You aren't seeing. That's blindness. Seeing is when you see yourself.

When that blind man was told to go and wash in the pool of Siloam, Jesus made spittle and clay and rubbed it on the man. He had no eyeballs. When he washed, the man saw—the first thing he saw was the reflection of

himself in the water – face-to-face. That’s right. Because Jesus chose the pool where he wanted that man to wash there, knowing he would see himself. And then, he was really seeing. Then he came back. See? I was blind, but now I see. See? “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was blind, but now I see. I once was lost, but now I’m found.” [#1 Amazing Grace - Songs That Live -Ed.] Once was dead, but now I am alive. See?

So, it’s so wonderful just to get to talk to you, get adjusted to you and kind of relax myself a little bit too. I don’t know how far we’re going to go, but maybe this is better for me and better for you so that I can sometimes not try to overload you. But the thing is like, it takes a lot of patience to preach, like, twenty parts of something to kind of bring it out, you know. That is a long, long, long road, you know. And you find, if you have to take it in pieces like this, some of these things take weeks and months, but you kind of want to give places so that somebody can connect the dots. And then, when a person can’t connect, then they are motivated to want to abide in the Word and read the Word because that is where the Holy Spirit will meet you – in the Word. See? And then, when you begin to get familiar with the Word, you’re becoming familiar with Christ. When you begin to see the Word open to you, you’re becoming familiar with Christ’s ways because you see how God did that there, how He did it differently here, how He did it differently for that person here, and you begin to see how God deals with His different children in different ways also. See?

That is why there are different characteristics in the Bible. You see God dealing with Jacob, you see God dealing with Moses, you see God dealing with Peter, you see God dealing with Paul; you see God dealing with Bro. Branham. You understand? You’re seeing God in different Ages, in different times, dealing with different people. Why? He didn’t put all of His children in one Age. He put some in different Ages, and He comes to the

ones that He predestinated to that time and to fulfill a portion of His Word in that Hour, because there is a Word allotted for every Age, a Word allotted for every time and season. See? And God has a people predestinated to meet that Word. Because in that Word, they are going to discover their identity; they're going to discover themselves. That is where faith really starts in your life – when you start to see you.

That's why, years ago, you know, when God made the things real to me, I preached it in a certain way. Because the thing is, they think just by saying what Bro. Branham said, which is repeating and not seeing themselves, and they're having faith that Bro. Branham is going to make it and Bro. Branham is the Prophet, and they don't have faith in who they are and what God made them. You can't go on Bro. Branham's experience neither could Bro. Branham go on your experience. He was a stone cut out for a certain place in the Body; you are a stone cut out for another part of the Body. You and him are not the same part in the Body, otherwise you would have to be a prophet too. And there is only one major Prophet in the last days for the Gentiles. You understand?

So then, you see, you know the understanding of how people stray and go different ways and they talk things without understanding; not enlightened. And that's why, you know, I'm talking to you like this. You see how I'm talking to you like this; just talking as the Spirit carries me this way or carries me this way, saying something to sensitize you.

And at this speed-rate, I'm sure you could hear every word. When the speed is faster than this and it's coming with more momentum, you find you're trying to figure this out and a next thing is said and you can't get the two at the same time, and then you realize you're missing things as the service is going along, you know. But when it goes this kind of way, then you know you

have to get the momentum somewhere. And, we just want to follow the Guide. Amen.

That's the next Message coming forth – Dove leading Eagle. That's what it was: Dove, the Holy Spirit, leading the Eagle Bride. Because the Eagle Prophet saw that and he spoke it: "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'." He knew that that was going to follow. "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify these things in the churches. And (conjunction) the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'." See? 'Things' are '*Mystery Truths*'. He brought the Mystery Truths and he spoke it out. And then, now, the Bride, the Spirit and the Bride; by and through the members of the Bride, God is finishing the work.

If all the work was done in the Prophet's time, then we're just hanging around, waiting to go. But the Bride is left to finish the Great Commission, to finish the Plan of Redemption and these things. See? God is finishing up His work through that many-membered Body. Why is that necessary? The restoration of the Bride Tree. That is the purpose of the coming of Elijah. "Elijah will come and restore all things." So when he brought the Things, the Mystery Truths, then those Truths are going to literally turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of their fathers. What are those Seven Thunders? These Divinely revealed Mystery Truths contained in the Seven Seals will literally turn the heart of the children. Why? In those Truths, it will show you who you are, it will show your election, it will show you your calling. Make your election and your calling sure. It will show you how you were chosen, it will show you God's foreknowledge; how you were predestinated. It'll show you how God called you; when He called you in your time and season and you started to see these things. And the more you see these things now, you're growing in grace and growing in knowledge of the Lord; you're growing in faith. See?

It's not so much about, you know, whether we gather or whether we don't gather, whether we're under a roof,

whether we're in the open, whether we're physically there so you could touch. No, no, no. It's the Word. If you only had to be physically touching somebody, then the Bible is no good for us, because you can't touch Moses, you can't touch Elijah, you can't touch Jeremiah, you can't touch Jesus. You understand? Because all of them are the characters in the Bible. But as I told you, That is not a dead Word; the Word is quick and sharp and powerful. That Word right there. That Word is a discerner of the thoughts and the intent of the heart. That Word is God in a printed form. That Word is Christ being revealed in His Own Word. That Word there, as It opens, unveils the Mighty God, that we know Who He is, What He is, His purpose and all these things. And we see that He is the Eternal I Am; the same yesterday, today and forever. See, the Word is not a book with some letters in it because It is the Mystery of Christ; the Mystery of Christ. Beautiful.

Aren't those things wonderful? I feel I could stop. I'm starting to get full here, in the pulpit already just talking to you casually. Whether I talk to you, whether I jump up and preach, whether I shout, you know, it makes... One doesn't have precedence over the other. It is the Spirit of Truth speaking the Word of Truth. And the Word of Truth, faith comes by hearing. See?

A lot of people want to have faith and then some people don't realize why they have any faith. That 'hearing' means '*understanding*'. Faith comes by understanding the Word of God. And as the Spirit of Truth, as you open to the Spirit of Truth, as you seek the Spirit of Truth—because you have a promise. When the Spirit of Truth is come, He'll bring back the things to your remembrance, He'll teach you all things, He'll show you things to come, He'll make His abode with you, He will lead you and guide you into all Truth. You mean to say, there is a believer in this Day and they're not holding on to that? Because that is what Jesus did

with the Church He called out in the First Coming. That is what He's doing and it's the same pattern.

That was a pattern for when He calls out a people in the last days, in His Second Coming. Do you understand? It's the same. That's why Alpha and Omega are the same. That's why the ministry of the Son of Man back then and the ministry of the Son of Man here were the same. This is the reincarnated ministry of the Son of Man in human flesh. That was the corporal body back there. See? But it was Christ in the corporal body; it is Christ in the human flesh. And the One in the body is the One who's doing the things; not the body. You see?

So, these things are really tremendous. It's wonderful. Sometimes you meditate on these things and the Spirit of Truth begins to put it together for you in your heart, and then you find your eyes get bright. Do you know what is happening there? Like Jonathan, you're dripping your staff in the honey. And when he tasted the honey in the rock, oh, when he tasted that honey of the Word, you know, the eyes got bright; the eyes of the understanding became enlightened. You begin to see, you can discern, you can understand. 'See' means '*to understand*' too, you know. See? Except a man sees the Kingdom of God... You see? See is to understand.

Okay. Let's just have a word of prayer.

Gracious loving Father, we are grateful, Lord, just standing here and speaking with Your people for a little contact and getting our hearts and minds aligned in one mind and one accord, knowing You, the Omniscient, the Omnipresent, the Omnipotent One said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst." And, dear God, we realize that the same way as Your Prophet was praying, Lord, under the picture, by the Hoffman Head, a little ottoman that they had there in the house, and kneeling there and was praying—and then You told him to stand to his feet and

asked what he wanted. And he said, “Before the doctor could touch my wife, that tumor would be removed.” And here, that was happening in Jeffersonville where he was, but the wife was two thousand miles away in Tucson, Arizona. And when he spoke that, it was just at the time when the doctor’s hand was coming down, holding the charts in one hand and trying to—couldn’t remember whether it was the right side or the left side that she had the tumor, as she was being prepared for the operation. And as the hand was coming down on her body, she just felt something warm between that doctor’s hand and her body where that cyst was. And when the hand came down, he couldn’t feel anything, so he asked, “Was it the right side or the left side?” And then she realized that she was healed.

And she got so excited, and she wanted to call the Prophet, but he was driving, going to—after he left there, going to Shreveport, Louisiana to preach. And then, when she called him and finally got him when he arrived, excited with the news, he told her the experience that had taken place. And the great marvelous thing was that two thousand miles from Jeffersonville to Tucson, Arizona, yet, in the blink of an eye, the Angel of God left him where he was praying, right there, speaking to him, and then was in Tucson, Arizona before the doctor’s hand could touch her; passed right between the hand where that cyst was.

It tells us that when You say, “Lo, I am with you always. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will be with you and in you, even to the end of the Age,” that, dear God, when we gather like this, we’re not far apart. We’re not even, maybe, some of us are not even twenty-five miles apart from each other, and that was two thousand miles away. And none of us here, in the region, would be two thousand miles away. So, Father, we realize, Lord, what a great, mighty God You are, that although we are in different places, and if You have to go beyond those distances, it’s just a blink of an eye and

You are there. You have changed dimensions. You're traveling at the speed of thought, faster than the speed of light. Oh God, how marvelous You are and the great works that You do.

So, Lord, as we offer this prayer from our hearts to You this evening, for leadership, for direction, to speak the Word not how You revealed It to me and gave to me; that was for me, Father, but now, I'm trying to impart some of It to Your people, and You know their measure of understanding, You know the way they are made up, You know if they have the background for some of these things; if they study the Scriptures and these things. But in whatever way, You can give each one something who are hearing, listening, desiring to know, oh God, and who are praying in their hearts for understanding by the Holy Spirit. Because, it's an attitude, it's an atmosphere, it's a sincerity when we ask for these things because this is more than our natural food, and clothes, and vehicles, and house, and land and all these things. This is what is bringing us into Your image and likeness. This is what is bringing us into a faith for Rapturing Grace, to change dimensions, to leave this world. And so, may we see the value. May we understand, oh, God, the meaning of these things, Father. Lord God, we ask these blessings upon each and every one.

And help me, Your servant depending upon You, looking unto You, Lord, knowing that I didn't sleep until maybe—trying to fall asleep at 8 o'clock this morning, and then trying to get back some sleep but still had to get ready for service, and I'm here at the desk, Father. But I'm grateful because I know that Your Presence is here. I'm not even thinking, and You are putting that Word and it is just coming out from the inside of the inside. And I pray, dear God, that it would have meaning and value. The real blessing would be that each one would get the thing that they have need of, to help them in the places where they have that need.

And remember our beloved Bro. Claxton, Lord, Peter – Peter Claxton. Lord, may You strengthen him, Lord. May You help him. May Your Divine Presence, may You stand between him. He seems to feel that he is not going to last much longer, but, oh God, You are the One that knows these things. Feelings and these things can come to our minds. If it's not a Divine revelation from You, Lord, then it is just the way we feel. Maybe it's getting more difficult sometimes because we're going up a steep hill. We were on the flat for a while but now we have to climb a steep hill. It's different when you are walking on the flat. It takes more out of you, and sometimes you feel that you just can't seem to make it because you weren't expecting it. And when it comes unexpectedly, it seems difficult to relate to things like that.

But, dear God, may Your sons and Your daughters be reminded that You love them with an unconditional love and that You care for them and, dear God, it is You—their lives are in Your hands because true sons and daughters are people who commit their lives back into Your hands; that You can order their steps in this life because they know that it is not within man to lead and guide himself, but as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons and daughters of God. So, I pray that it will be so, dear God. I pray that it will be a blessing like that to each and everyone.

And so, may for the remaining portion of time that I would stand, Lord, at this sacred desk to speak a few words, may You take full and complete control and lead and guide; not just so much what I studied and would want to say, but, Lord God, what You know is profitable for this evening, Father.

You know all of Your children, Lord, and You know their needs. So, Lord, we surrender all of our wills to You, Father, and say, be it unto us according to Thy Word. Grant it, we ask with thanksgiving in the Almighty, in the precious Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I want to read, beginning from Revelation 8:1 and then go to Mark 13. Revelation 8:1. And I'm still on my subject, **"BEHOLD I COME AS A THIEF"**; this is Part 3. I have a little subject with that title: **"The Kings Of The East, The Drying Up Of The River Euphrates And The Fall Of Mystery Babylon."** Because those three things are in the Scriptures, which is Revelation 16:12 to 16; it is where we see the kings of the East, the drying up of the river Euphrates, and the fall of Babylon. And we also find in there: "Behold, I come as a thief!" In the midst of those things, the Lord spoke directly in the first person saying, "Behold, I come as a thief." Because He had already, in Matthew, in Mark, in different places, spoken of Himself as the thief. See?

And in the last service I was showing to you also, in the Book of 1st Thessalonians 5, the Day of the Lord would come as a thief, also – the secret Coming, the sudden catching away of the Bride; the secret Coming of the Bridegroom to take His Bride and leave. *"Steal away, steal away to Jesus."* Oh, my!

We used to sing that song as a little chorus long ago. The brothers from Woodbrook, we learnt it from them, and they used to like to sing that song, Bro. Carl and the believers down there. And we started to have those joint meetings and these things. *Steal Away*, (Negro spiritual). *Steal Away*. That's the thief when He comes to take His Bride and go, like when Romeo came to take Juliet and go.

Revelation 8:1,

¹ And when he had opened the seventh seal,

Because from Revelation 6 we saw the Lamb breaking the First Seal all the way down, and now He's at the Seventh here, in Revelation 8:1.

¹ And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

And, Mark 13, and we'll read from verses 32.

32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

See? "... but the Father." That's the only One who knows. Now remember, the Son, when it speaks of Son like this, Son is really that body that God conceived in the womb of Mary. God provided the sperm and the egg. That was a Spoken Word created Son in the womb. Joseph had nothing to do with that. It was not Mary's egg; it was not Joseph's seed. Mary was just the incubator that God used to create this body for His incarnation. He was Elohim; He became Melchizedek. He was condescending. See? Then He became Jesus. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. He had to become man. He had to be made flesh for the purpose of Redemption. To come as the Kinsman Redeemer, He had to come through the human race.

So, that was the New Creation. See? Adam was part of the old creation. When Jesus came there, now we had the Second Adam, the Last Adam, and He's coming forth there as the New Creation, and that New Creation was for the incarnation of God; that deity and humanity could be in a union. So God came down to become man and God provided that body for Himself, and through that body, God did the work of Redemption.

I trust that that is clear to you. That is not any new thing. That is how we've always believed that all these years.

32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

So I told you that there because when the Father... Now, Jesus wasn't just a body. Remember, He wasn't just a body, you know, because He stood there at the Jordan and didn't have the fullness yet, because the Spirit of God came down in the form of a Dove and

indwelt Him, and God said, “This is My beloved Son in whom I’m well pleased.” Do you understand that?

So, the thing is, the Spirit of God in Him reveals to Him as He had need, because He also had to be tested and tried and proven, and suffered and lived out all these things. It was not like some magic was going on. In other words, God submitted Himself to hunger, God submitted Himself to thirst, God submitted Himself to weakness in the body. Upon Him was laid the iniquity of us all. God submitted Himself to every testing and trial and temptation that a human being will go through so that He could be an intercessor. He has to understand our needs. An intercessor has to be part God and part man. He must know the claims of God’s justice and he must know the needs of man.

So that’s why Job said, “Isn’t there one, a daysman,” which is an intercessor, “that can hold a Holy God in one hand and a sinful man in another hand?” See? Job wanted a mediator, he wanted an intercessor and he wanted a daysman. Do you understand? He wanted someone to stand in the gap for him. So we see how that is.

³² But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

³³ Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

You are going, it is a promise to you, but you know not when the time is. God kept that to reveal in His season that He sees fit. If He gives you that out of season and you go talking that and this, and then Satan comes and begins to know what God is saying because you cannot keep a secret, you’re probably just justified or sanctified. But when God gives you the New Birth and you’re in the Body of Christ, then you can get greater things because Satan cannot get you when you are sealed up in Christ, because any man in Christ is a New Creation.

And Satan, he is not eternal. He doesn't have Eternal Life. But if you receive the Holy Spirit and become a New Creation, that meant that you had Eternal life to begin with. Do you understand? That is why God quickened you who were dead in sins and trespasses and raised you up into Heavenly Places. See?

'You that then was', 'you that is now' and 'you that are to be'. 'You that are to be' is a glorified person in a Glorified Body. 'You that was', was when you were born through your mother's womb and you are on the earth. But then, it has a 'you' here when the Holy Spirit comes to you and quickens you and brings you now, into a relationship, into union with Him. That's three stages of you. 'The world that then was', 'the world that is now' and 'the world that is to come'. That's three stages of the world too. See? Christ's Redemption was for man and the earth. Do you get that?

Wasn't the earth baptized with water in the days of Noah? When Jesus died, didn't He die between Heaven and earth and His Blood spilt upon the earth? And that Blood is the Redemption Price? That's right. Then, isn't the earth to get a baptism of the Holy Fire of God; that consuming Fire that will burn up all sin, burn up all demons and everything, to bring a new Heaven and a new Earth? Of course. My!

³² But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

³³ Take ye heed, [take you heed,] watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

You will know when He reveals it to you. You will not know it until that revelation comes to you.

³⁴ For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

See? Watch. Watch and pray. You know not the time, you know not the Hour, so be watching, be praying. See?

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh,

Watch how Jesus is telling this and keeps emphasizing this. Watch, watch, watch. Watch and pray. Watch, because you do not know when the Master of the house cometh.

That is the attitude they should be in in the Hour of His Coming. They should be under expectation. They have signs of the time identifying to them that that time is at hand. So, watch.

35 Watch therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, (which is evening) or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Four divisions here: evening, midnight, cockcrowing; in the morning. This is from sunset to sunrise; from 6pm in the evening to six in the morning, and it is divided into four divisions.

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

Sleeping is an unconscious state of mind. That is neglecting your duty. You are unprepared for His Coming. The man who is unprepared is not watching; he is sleeping. You understand? You want to make sure Satan doesn't put you to sleep. In other words, you want to make sure he doesn't desensitize you. You want to be sensitive, you want to be discerning, you want to be awakened, you want to be focused in this Hour. If that is not your life, find the things you need to drop off and drop it off and get yourself aligned, because in that condition where you are unaligned and unfocused, you are not going to be able to be in readiness to go.

When Sodom was about to be burnt, Lot was desensitized. Lot was even conscious that those angels were coming there for the destruction of the city.

³⁶ *Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.*

³⁷ *And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

Oh, my. How powerful are these two Scriptures I read for you. It's the Seventh Seal; there was silence, because that Seventh Seal is what? That is what holds the Mystery of His Coming, that Seventh Seal; that's the Mystery of His Coming. And then He gave this parable here about the Master of the House, the Coming of the Master of the House and the four stages. What watch is He going to come? Would He come at evening? Would He come at midnight? Would He come at cockcrowing? Will He come in the morning? They had four watches of the day from 6P.M. to 6A.M. The night was divided into these four parts.

The Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seats.

So, Jesus in this, what He was telling them, showing that His Coming would be a sudden Coming. Watch, "You know not..." You know, we sing the song about *A New Consecration* [#1255 - Songs That Live -Ed.] and trying to find all the things that were lost. Remember that? Because, why? The husband was coming. And if he comes and finds her missing those coins and these things, it means that she had been unfaithful or something. And so, she was kind of scared that he would have that opinion of her so she got the broom and the candle and began to sweep the house, because she knew she had it and then it got misplaced. It was lost and she was not sensitive that it was lost until the time was drawing near, then she came to the recognition that her coin was missing. And she got desperate quickly, sweeping the house with the broom and the candle. And that is a parable Jesus told. And Bro. Branham preached a message from there called *The Second Coming Of Christ* [1957-0417 - The Second Coming Of The Lord -Ed.], to show to us the preparation, the expectation for the

Coming and the condition that you are supposed to be in for when He arrives.

That is why, when He told the parable with the ten virgins, they all slumbered and slept, and when they heard a voice announcing the coming of the bridegroom, "Behold the bridegroom cometh,"... They were not seeing the bridegroom; they were hearing a voice announcing the coming. The one who was announcing the coming knew that was the time and he could see where the bridegroom was descending, coming. So they were hearing the voice, the midnight cry, at midnight, and they knew that that was the voice of the herald getting them ready now, "You virgins, have your lamps trimmed and everything, because this is for the procession to go when the bridegroom comes on the scene."

And then you realize, five didn't have any oil; they slumbered, they slept, and they got up and then they realized they were not prepared, they were not ready, they didn't have the oil. And you know the story. They couldn't go in, and they were put into outer darkness. In other words, they went through the tribulation period though they were virgins. There were ten virgins, but five had the oil and five didn't. And the oil represents the Holy Spirit.

Now, Jesus was telling these parables pertaining to His Coming. And it's right there it tells you, "And the door was shut." That's the closing of the doors of mercy like it was in the days of Noah. When God brought Noah and his family in, God shut the door and the Lord shut him in, and he couldn't come out and nobody outside could come in. It means, as far as God was concerned, only those were considered in the salvation that was prepared for them, because the ark was this Mystery of Christ that God told Noah. Because from Adam to Noah, nobody ever took a people out of the world and took them to another world. Enoch went up but He didn't take anyone with him. You understand? But here, Noah

was taking a people out, taking them above judgment and they were coming back to live in the new world. You get that?

So, this here now... Now, you know foolish virgins and they are going to be in the Second Resurrection, right? They don't have any part in the First Resurrection because they don't have the Holy Ghost; they were not part of the Bride. But here we see, Noah took them above the judgment and they came back in the cleansed earth.

Now, the cleansed earth is when we, for the Millennium, the earth now, is going to come where the lion will lay down with the lamb, the bear would be gentle and the wolf would be tame, and for a thousand years, the Bride and Christ and the 144,000 will be there, (you understand?) and Bro. Branham also said, and someone who never heard the Gospel. So, whatever God had in His mind to get There that is God's business and God will interpret His own Word.

But then, we know that the ones who heard the Message, were part of the Message but were not in the condition to go with the Bridegroom—and it's because they really were not predestinated unto it too, to begin with so they had to give up their lives in martyrdom, because when that dragon started to spurt water out of his mouth to make war with the remnant of the woman's seed, they that kept the commandments and they that were believers of Christ—because it is going to be Jews and Gentiles there. See?

And so, you get to realize, when we look and see Christ like Boaz; Ruth, the Gentile Bride; Naomi, the 144,000, they were together with Boaz in Elimelech's redeemed inheritance. Boaz did the redemptive work for both of them. See? So all of this is God's Mystery under your Seventh Seal; under your Seventh Trumpet. And you know, we have had that years and years ago with the Book of Ruth. We have about, close to one hundred messages on the Book of Ruth, preached over the years.

So, when we keep and retain some of this, you realize how it makes everything clear to you. It makes everything clear to you because we know where we are at. We know our time and season. We know what is prophesied for this time. We know what our expectations should be. We know what is considered prepared and what is considered unprepared. We know what is the identification of ‘prepared to go’, because the Message came for preparation. And the Message is justification, sanctification, the New Birth, and the Holy Ghost Himself in the perfection. “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.” And greater is He that is in you. This is the realization. You will see face-to-face. You’ve come from a partial realization to a perfect realization. You understand? Because, why? You’ve become life of Christ’s Life, Spirit of Christ’s Spirit, Word of Christ’s Word, bone of Christ’s bone, and flesh of Christ’s flesh.

Because Eve was part of Adam. Whatever made up Adam is what made up Eve. She was part of him unexpressed and then had to be taken out and brought into the bride form for the marriage. But everything he was, she was; that’s why, when Adam looked at her he said, “This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. She was taken from me. She shall be called woman.” Womb, which is ‘wombed man’ – a man with a womb. Because the man was a wordman standing there in a created body; a body that didn’t come by sex. And the woman now, was part of that, but she would have a womb. The man doesn’t have any womb. She has a womb; that’s why she brought forth twins when she was deceived.

So, it’s really a place, you know, sometimes when you look, you realize that there are so much of these things, how it weaves together, how it makes us pull the scroll back and makes us look into the Word and see that Word from Genesis where God started when He created the man, the first Adam, and married them, all the way to Revelation when the Second Adam, the Last Adam,

Christ Himself, is going to marry His Bride who is part of Him. Because each one is part of the eternal attribute of God that makes up this Bride, this Bride Body. Christ is the Head and the Bride is the members of the Body, and this is the union of the Head and the Body. See?

And that's the story from Genesis all the way to Revelation. That's why, what is in Genesis, in the beginning, in the seed, is in Revelation, in the Harvest Time. We see the same seed comes back.

You see, this is what revelation is. Revelation is not you picking two things from the middle of the Bible and trying to make a thing. No. It comes line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little, Word upon Word. It comes in the unchanging God in the unchanging continuity of His Word; then you'll know it is not guessing, it's not trying to make up and patch up something. You're talking about what the Scripture called the opening of the Word. "Shut up the Words, Daniel." But in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel, that Book will be an opened Book. And the Lamb Himself is who broke the Seals and gave that opened Book (see?) to the Bride. You eat that. See?

And always remember, the Prophet is part of the Bride. He's the firstborn in the Bride in the last days. He's the first mature one that is waved over us. He is the Messenger and he is also that first mature one. You see? So, it's really tremendous.

Let's see where I want to go from here. Matthew 24, verse 36.

Now, watch these Scriptures, okay. Because, you know, in my mind everything lines up. And I'm even reading my Scriptures in a sequence, so as I go from one Scripture to the next, you can see how I took Revelation 8:1; I took Mark 13. Right? And you can see now, I'm coming to Matthew 24. I'm going to verse 36, just like how I was in Mark 13.

³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

⁴⁰ Then...

Now, this is verse 40.

⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

See? The predestinated one goes. The foreknown one goes. The one who has the Holy Ghost and is in the Body of Christ, that one goes. The other doesn't have that. That's why the five foolish virgins couldn't go. See? It is the same here; the same thought. It's just expressed in different ways but it's the same revelation. And God does that in different ways so we can see the revelation with clarity and know how to apply the Word correctly.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one (see?) shall be taken, and the other...

It's always '*the one*', the predestinated one, a specific one He has in mind. If it has two there, there is a specific one. But they are together. Weren't the five foolish virgins and five wise together? Sure, they were together. But when God took, He took that five and the others didn't go. It has two women here; it has two men here. And it always has '*the one*' and the other stays. You get that? Watch.

All these Scriptures are doing what? Pertaining to the secret coming of Christ. This is the Seventh Seal. Revelation 8:1, we have silence in Heaven, the Seventh Seal. Then, when we go there, Mark 13, "Of the day and the hour knoweth no man." He's talking about the coming: what day and hour; when is He coming, how is He coming. See? That's why the Prophet said, He has shown it in every shadow and type in the Bible. He said, and this has been spoken since Genesis. The Bible opens with the Seventh Seal. Understand this.

So, when we think of the Seventh Seal, you know, in the human mind, if you don't understand, the Seventh Seal is revealed first. The Seventh Seal is what sealed

up the Book. When you're reading Revelation Chapter 6, First Seal, white horse; Second Seal, red horse; Third Seal, black horse; Fourth Seal, pale horse; Fifth Seal, souls under the altar; Sixth Seal, lo, there's a great earthquake; Seventh Seal, silence. To interpret those Things down through the Ages, they couldn't, because that is an encrypted Word. The first sixth Seals, that's encrypted word. And you can't place it until you know the history of the Church Ages, because out of the Ages comes the Seals. Watch the principle. Otherwise, if that was already known, he wouldn't have been trying to say, the early church is the white horse; souls under the altar crying, "How long, Lord." See? Seventh-day Adventists, all of them, long before he came, everybody was trying to understand it but it's sealed. It will be opened in the time at the end of the Seventh Age, and it is going to be given to the Seventh Angel Messenger. And the Seventh Angel Messenger is a Prophet with the spirit of Elijah, who is to bring the restoration of the lost Truths, the lost Things that the four Roman bugs, four stages of one bug... You understand?

The locust ate the leaves, the palmerworm ate the fruit, the cankerworm ate the bark and the caterpillar sucked down the life, and the Truth was lost in the Dark Age. But, "I will restore," saith the Lord, in the Book of Joel. And so, a stalk started to come back up, a tassel started to come back up, a husk started to come back up, a grain started to come back up. And that was those four Ages.

And when you come to that Age, here was the one who is the grain. He is the Messenger of the Seventh Seal, because now, Alpha, that first prophet in the first Age, Paul, who laid the foundation, brought the full revelation. He had to go beyond the curtain of time. God carried him into the Third Heaven and showed him things that's not even lawful to speak and these things took him into Eternity.

Then, when it came to the Seventh Angel, God now, had to take him there to see and understand the things that Paul saw and spoke and put in the Bible, because Paul talked about terrestrial bodies, celestial bodies; talked about, at the last Trump the dead shall rise incorruptible, this mortal shall put on immortality. He's talking about all of these things. He said, we bear the image of the earthly, we must also bear the image of the Heavenly, and if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, you have another one. [2nd Corinthians 5:1 - Ed.].

He wrote this because he went there, beyond the curtain and saw these things. And he put it there, even his first Epistle: "The Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the Voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God." [1st Thessalonians 4:16 -Ed.]. How was he writing the three-fold Mystery of the Coming and we have not gotten out of the first Age yet? You understand? See, the Book is not for somebody's human understanding and their intellectual mind trying to figure it out. The Book is written in Mystery. The Book is not the book of man; it's the Book of God, and God wrote it like that so that no man could understand it without God Himself as the Spirit of Truth. The Holy Spirit is the only Divine Revealer of the Word. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal this Word; nobody else. That's why we have a thousand denominations, and that's why we have so many Buddhists and so many Hindus and so many Baha'is and so many Arabs and Jews and all kinds of different things. Even though it is a Jewish Bible, they crucified Jesus Christ. You understand?

They said, "No more. Moses is our prophet."

He said, "Moses is your prophet? If you know Moses you would know Me."

Because He's the One Moses talked about. He's the one greater than Moses. Moses was a shadow of Him. Because Moses said, "The Lord thy God will raise a

Prophet like unto me.” He said, when He comes... See? That is God Himself coming as that Prophet. You understand?

So, watch. We don’t want to get ahead of ourselves here, but with the Word like this and how it is opening, it is something gracious in simplicity. This is God in simplicity. This is God being revealed in humility, so simple, but yet, so clear.

So, watch. So, when Bro. Branham came now, he was... The Seventh Angel Messenger of the Seventh Church Age is *the* Messenger of *the* Seventh Seal. It is in his sounding, all the Mysteries that were sealed in the Book would be made known. We’d know our time, we’d know our season, we’d know our promise, we’d know the Mystery of the Coming, we’d know about dimensions and we’d have to change dimensions, we’d know about the terrestrial body, the celestial body, the glorified body. We’d know all these things. We’ll know about the Shout, what the Shout means, what the Voice is and what the Trump is. All these things would be made known in his sounding. It’s written in the Bible, it wasn’t explained, but in his sounding, he’s going to bring all that Word together and unfold it to us because that is when the Book is going to be opened. Until that time, you had from the first Age to the last Age, they had a sealed Book. That’s right! One man who was taken over there. And that is why Peter said, “That man, the wisdom’s given to him.”

They said, “All of us had the Holy Ghost. We even got it before he did!”

He said, “But he speaks things that are hard to understand, and the unstable wrestle with it.”

“But, because we have the Holy Ghost and we couldn’t even see, we weren’t shown those things that way.”

He said, “That was God’s sovereignty that God gave there, because he is the Messenger of the first Age.”

See? Because it's a Gentile Age. The Jews rejected Christ and God turned to the Gentiles, and Paul was the first Messenger to the Gentiles. See? He's the light to the Gentiles. Peter was to the uncircumcised – those elected Jews who were out in the diaspora, who were not in Palestine when Jesus' Ministry was at hand. So, Jesus sent them into these places.

When you read 1st Peter 1 and James 1, watch and see how they start. They're written to the Jews scattered abroad. They are written to the 12 tribes scattered abroad; that's in the diaspora. Because, remember, Jesus told, "Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans; go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel first," because He knew they had to be called before It could go to the Gentiles. And that's why, in Acts 13 we see where Paul shook his raiment and dusted his feet. He said, "Lo, now we turn to the Gentiles." Because all that time, for about 20 years after Jesus died and rose, they were preaching to the Jews. That's why the Church Age starts at AD53. Jesus died AD30, 4th April. And in AD53 we have the Church Age when the Spirit came down in Antioch and said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them unto." And you know he went out there as Saul but when he came back his name was Paul. And from there, everything is Paul and Barnabas; not Barnabas and Saul.

When you miss this, you miss how God sees; you miss how God works with Ministry in His Church. That's why the Book of Acts is a pattern. Everything in the Book of Acts is teaching you how that first church was set up because the last-day church will be the same thing. That's why the Bride, the first Bride came back a second time. It wasn't a different Bride. The first Bride came back a second time. That's why, when the Seed that it had went into the ground, it came back to that very same Seed. And that's why the Seed-people in the last days, the true genes of God, they who—because the seed is the entirety of the life, and it takes the entirety

of the life to bring it back into the original image of the grain. That is why you can't put somebody in the Rapture and I can't put somebody in the Rapture. That is for whom God foreordained. And their journey is planned for them to live out certain things and have the characteristic to identify that they were considered in Redemption, because their names were written before the foundation of the world, in the Lamb's Book of Life.

See, sometimes emotions come down here, and human feelings and these things, and then, when we get that way now, we start to lose sight of doctrine. We start to lose sight of the continuity of the Word. We sort of lose sight of the fact that Scripture must dove-tail with Scripture, and then we end up now, with the emotion talking something. And emotion is not revelation. Revelation is faith. You understand? Faith is revelation.

And so, emotion, that is one of the senses of the human spirit. See? Reason, conscience, memory, affection (emotion), imagination – five senses. See? Emotion and affection and these things, that's that same thing. People get emotional and are not thinking about the Word. But, you see, the Word is God. The Word is unchanging. Emotions change. You feel happy today, you feel sad tomorrow; you feel gloomy the next day, then you feel a different way; hurt, somebody mashes your corn [offends you -Ed.]. Emotions change all the time. Emotion is unstable, but faith only has one resting place, and that is the Word of God. Faith will not tie to emotion, faith will not tie to reason; faith will not tie to imagination. Faith will not tie to any of these things. Faith only rests on the Word of God, and that's the faith of the Son of God.

Paul said, "The life I live now, I live by the faith of the Son of God." Not some human faith; not some intellectual faith. See, there are two kinds of faith. He said, there is one that's intellectual faith. You know, you say, "Yeah I believe," until the trials start and then you

start to fall apart. “Yes, I stand on the Word,” but when the pain comes now and you get a certain way now, now they back off of their stand. You understand? Because sometimes you have to go the next step, showing you trust God regardless; you aren’t just a so-far Christian, until you want to give up because you start to realize you didn’t have what you thought you had in the measure that you were claiming before. That is somebody seeing themselves more highly than they ought to see themselves.

A person has to live in reality; not imagination. When you are living in reality, you know, “I have so much. I don’t have that.” When you want to impress, “Well, I have that; plus.” No, when the test comes now, it shows; then it becomes an embarrassment and it becomes a stumbling block of who you were convincing with that. And that is why you only see people in the test. You see a real person in the test. But, you see, in the test you have to trust God. That is not somebody else’s test; that’s your test. When you don’t have a test, do you know how much advice you can give people who are having their test. And when you get your test, you know, you don’t want to take the same advice you were giving people in their test. It doesn’t work like that.

The thing is, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. Lo, I am with you always. I don’t give you more than you can bear.”

You say, “Well, I can’t bear any more.”

Yes, you can. The devil has you in a place, in the realm of emotion. Come out of emotion and come into faith and you will find that you can do it. But you are staying in emotion and you are staying in reasoning. Move up into faith.

You see, that’s why, when the trial comes, you have to go into overdrive. The car isn’t just built for smooth roads; it is built for rough terrain too. So, you have four wheel drive. When you get in the rough terrain, you switch to the four wheel and you can go through that.

God didn't design you just for smooth times and nice times. God designed you... You are a man of all seasons; you are a woman of all seasons. Oh, my! Jesus, help me!

So, Matthew 24:36 now; we were there.

³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴² Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Now, what we are reading here is Jesus speaking these words. These are words that Jesus Himself was speaking. The Son of Man Himself was speaking these to His apostles and them, His believers. And that same Son of Man came back, but this time in human flesh, not the corporal body, and spoke through us, because a prophet is the mouthpiece of God. That's why the Prophet will say THUS SAITH THE LORD. When he doesn't say THUS SAITH THE LORD, this is Bro. Branham talking, but when he says THUS SAITH THE LORD, this is God's Word coming forth. That can't fail. You understand? Now, people get the two mixed up. When he was saying THUS SAITH THE LORD, that is what the Lord was saying. Then it has what William Branham was saying, so that is another thing. So, watch.

He was telling him,

... ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

⁴³ But know this, [but know this,] that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come,

What I just read for you in Mark 13, there are four watches. The night was divided into four watches. Remember how it says, “And he came in the fourth watch, walking on the water,” and they thought it was a ghost?

And He said, “No, it is I. Be not afraid.” And He said, “Come.”

And Peter was going and the rest now, “Peter that is a ghost! That is a ghost!”

But he knew, “I know the Voice, and something’s telling me that is the Lord. I know He is testing us.” It was in the fourth watch. You see?

So, Jesus now... That is why I’m reading this together with Mark, because Mark showed us the four watches. Right? Mark showed us the first watch; it begins from 6 to 9. It starts at 6pm in the evening and at 9pm that first watch was done. Then the second watch ended at 12 – from 9 to 12. Then the third watch ended at 3 in the morning and the fourth watch ended at 6, with the rising of the sun. So, from the setting of the sun to the rising of the sun, that was the day, and so—the night rather, how it is divided into four watches. And then, it talked about at even, at midnight, the cockcrowing and in the morning. And He said, “Lest coming suddenly He finds you sleeping.” We had that in Mark 13. I just went back to Mark 13 to bring it back to verse 43 in Matthew 24 here.

⁴³ But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come,

What watch is the Lord coming? We know we’re in the Seventh Age, right? He didn’t come in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth. In the Seventh Age we see His appearing. Okay? The Lord descended from Heaven with a Shout, a Message going forth. Right? A Messenger on earth reflecting Light from the Throne, (see?) bringing it to the Church.

Then, what do we see? We see the wigged One. We know the Son of Man—all judgment is committed to the Son of Man – St. John 5:22 and 24. All judgment is committed to Him. And so, He was wigged as a judge, and He was looking at His right where He was pardoning the thief, and the other one was condemned. And there, at sunset, the Light was in the sky even though the sun set on February 28. Okay.

So we want to think in these different Scriptures, how Jesus... First, we know silence in Heaven, then we know the four watches in Mark 13, then we come here in Matthew 24, and again, Jesus is speaking here in verse 42.

⁴² Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Now, if you do not know what Hour your Lord doth come, that is the knowledge the faithful and wise servant should be seeking. That is why the Prophet said, “I’m giving you messages.” *Flashing Red Light Of The Sign Of His Coming* [1963-0623 -Ed.], *End-Time Sign Seed* [1962-0319 -Ed.]. He was giving us things, the last sign before the change of body and these things; the discernment, like it was in Genesis 18. He was giving us... God’s describing time by sign, so they could recognize their time and their season. 1st Thessalonians 5, I read it for you in the last service: See, the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night and they that are drunken, you know, they’ll be asleep. But we are not of the night, we are of the day. We are children of Light. See? They’re walking, they’re looking, because they know the times and the seasons, because 1st Thessalonians 5 follows 1st Thessalonians 4.

Now remember, in the Bible when Paul was writing, it didn’t have any Chapter 1, Chapter 4, Chapter 5 and these things, you know. So, when he started, “The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven,” he was going on all there to the end in Chapter 5, and telling you the time will come when they’d say peace and safety but

sudden destruction is coming. You see? And he was showing to us that that Day, you have to know, and showing to us the importance of our observation of watching. And not just looking, but when we're seeing the signs, we're watching the sign because the sign has a voice. Every sign has a voice to it. You understand? There's a voice of the sign, because that sign... Like you see that traffic light, a red light, that is a light but that light is saying, 'stop'. Right? You get orange, it's saying, 'caution' – proceed with caution." You see? You get green, that is 'go'.

Now, there is a voice of the sign. The sign is a voice in symbol form. It's in the form of a sign. So, this is what Jesus taught them. He told the Pharisees, "You could say, 'Well, the clouds are coming, we're going to have rain, so and so is happening.'" He said, "You could discern the weather and these things, but can you discern the signs of the time?" Because they were living in the time, in the Day of the Messiah on earth and they didn't have a clue that it was that Day. They were watching the Messiah and calling Him Beelzebub, yet they thought they were such great, learned scholars. The Presence of God was unrecognized. The true Sign was overlooked. God was being misunderstood. You understand? And so, it showed they were blind – a blind Age. He said, "Well did Isaiah speak of you, having eyes but you can't see and ears but you can't hear?"

Then we're in this Age now, and Laodicea is, what? A blind Age; blind, wretched, naked. He said, "Come and get eye-salve so that your eyes will be anointed and you will see." The eyes of your understanding will be enlightened. He said, "Recognize your Day. Recognize your Message." What was he doing? Trying [to get] the Church to see the Hour and the time that they are living in. What happened? The Pentecostals came and rejected the Message, the Prophet and these things, and they went right back into the ecumenical move, back to mama in Rome with the trinity doctrine.

So, when you look and see now, look at the Age and the condition. It says, Satan will deceive the whole world in the last days; only the Elect, a little group of the true Seed... And that Message that has come to the Bride, what does It do? It reveals to us the Mystery behind our lives. It shows us the Mystery of our name in the Book. It shows us our shadows, from Eve being taken—chosen in Adam, blessed in Adam, then taken out from Adam in a certain season, then formed as a bride for a marriage; then the bride and the bridegroom had the same name. In the day when they were created, their name was Adam, and they went forth and had dominion over everything on the earth, in God's paradise, in the Faith Civilization.

In the last days, it's the same thing. God built another masterpiece for Christ. And the marriage of the Lamb and His Wife is taking place here, on earth. We go to the Marriage Supper in Heaven, but the two become one here. They are no longer twain; they are one. "In that Day, you will know it is I in you and you in Me." You understand? Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. He said, not just justification and sanctification, (see?) not the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but the Holy Ghost itself in perfection, because the Spirit falls on the just and the unjust. But if that is a genuine New Birth there, Christ is going to come forth. Out of that faith will come virtue, out of that virtue will come knowledge, out of that knowledge will come temperance, out of that temperance will come patience, out of that patience will come brotherly kindness and then that will be capped off by God Himself – adoption; being placed positionally.

This is in the Hour here. These are things that cannot be left out of your picture; that's why I'm in it. Knowing your time... Jesus Himself is saying, "You don't know when I'm coming, but I'll reveal when I'm coming and how I'm coming because it is already in shadow and type down through the Bible. I give you a rapture with

Enoch. I give you a rapture with Elijah. I showed you the conditions. I showed Elijah raptured in..." Elijah was the restoration prophet who turned the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers at Evening Time, at the going down of the sun, at the time of the evening sacrifice. Are you catching that?

Then, Enoch was the seventh from the first Adam. Are you seeing? We are in the Seventh from the Second Adam, Christ. We are at the end of the Seventh Age, the Age that takes the Rapture. And how can we go in the Rapture without the Book being opened? No. It couldn't have a reformer there. Luther, Wesley, and Pentecost are three reformers – the Age of Reformation. But at the end of the Pentecostal Age, we have a Prophet. "Elijah truly shall come and restore all things" – Matthew 17:11. Jesus spoke of it.

Malachi 4:5, the second part... The first part of Malachi 4:5 is he'll turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. That is what Gabriel took, that first part of the Scripture and applied it to John, who was the third coming of the spirit of Elijah. John brought the fathers to the children, because those old patriarchs in the Old Testament, now the Messiah was on the earth. The Messiah came in the Day, not when those old fathers were there. The Messiah came in the Day when the sons, these people's sons, Peter, James and John and all of them, Andrew and they were there. It was they who were catching that revelation. They who were listening to John and recognizing John was no wild man; that is the forerunner.

And then Jesus now, referring to Malachi, how He shows there—He said, "What went ye out to see? A reed shaken in the wind?" He said, "Elijah has come."

Because they were looking for Elijah. They said, "Elijah must come first."

He said, "Elijah has come and you all missed him." They missed their Elijah, which was John. He said, "But Elijah truly shall come and restore all things."

John didn't restore anything. Because the cankerworm, the palmerworm and the locust and these things ate down the doctrine that Jesus and Paul brought to the Church. But in the last days... And they went through all those Ages, but when we come to the last Age... Because the Church was apostolic until the Thyatira Age. In the Thyatira Age, Jezebel burned the Bibles. She took away the things. She turned the whole thing like when she came into Israel: killed out the prophets and all these things so she could set up her religion. You understand? That's why the Thyatira Age is called 'that woman Jezebel', to connect her in the Day when Elijah came back in the Old Testament. The evening Message is going to bring restoration.

So, when this one came at the end of the reformers, Luther, Wesley and Pentecost, reformers, Age of Reformation, he wasn't coming to reform; he was coming to restore. So, he started now, with interpreting the writing on the rock. He said the rock represented the Bible in Junior Jackson's dream. And he was interpreting that: all the Truths. This Messenger will start at the Serpent seed and go all the way to the Messenger in the Latter Rain – Revelation 10:7, when this One is coming in a Cloud with lightning and thunder. You understand?

When you see clouds, you see lightning, you see thunder. That is rain coming. And he had the Ministry with the Former Rain. See? The Pentecoastals thought they were the restoration. How could it be, because the Seventh Angel had not yet come to sow the Former Rain. You can't get the Latter Rain without the Former Rain. The Former Rain comes first. That is putting your seed in the ground. And he is planting back now, the original apostolic doctrine. But they were not seeing him as a teacher because his teaching was showing them they were not apostolic like the first Church. They have their own man-made theories and their man-made doctrines. Do you get that?

So, that's why the Prophet went to Scriptural war against organization. *Why I'm Against Organized Religion?* [1962-1111E-Ed.] *Why Are We Not A Denomination?* [1958-0927 -Ed.] *Christianity Versus Idolatry* [1961-1217 -Ed.], *The Contest* [1962-1231 -Ed.], *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* [1962-0311 -Ed.]. This is a general here, on the battlefield coming against organized religion. "Come out of her, my people! Be not partakers of her sins. Her sins have come up to Heaven." See? And he's showing the end of Jezebel in the Old Testament when she killed the prophets of God. She was coming against Elijah and Elijah had to run for his life. Of course.

So, when you look and see, he knew. He said, "That church, they want to kill me." Because he knew that was just what Jezebel wanted to do to Elijah.

Oh, my. The Word, when you get into the Word and you can see it. So, look. Verse 43.

⁴³ But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come,

Do you hear how Jesus said that? "If he had known in what watch..." This is the knowledge we should be seeking: when is He coming, how is He coming. You understand? That first fold, he said, "As certain as I stand on this platform, I saw that Seventh Seal opened." He said, "One fold unfolded today; was those Seven Thunders banging themselves out." What is that? Seven Thunders are to gather the Bride together – "Come out of her, My people." God's Word calls for a total separation from all unbelief. God is separating the real Bride from the system. God is exposing the system. God is showing it's not apostolic; it's denominational. God is showing God never started a denomination. There is no salvation in those things. They don't have the original doctrine Paul laid down. Paul said, "I've laid the foundation that no other man can lay." And when this one came, he said, "I looked at Paul," because he knew that was the Messenger to the Gentiles. And it was a

Gentile Bride being called. He will call a people out of the Gentiles for His Name's sake. And when the Gentiles' days are numbered with horrors encumbered. See? Israel's awakening (see?) and the Gentiles' days are closing out. My. We are in a time here. And this Bride... He promised, "I will ride this trail once more." The Spirit and the Bride. She will be the final voice to the final Age under Her Messenger.

There had to be that revelation that brought the Prophet to know his part in the Word, his Ministry in the Word; who he was, what he was. Because if he didn't know he was that person, that Eliezer... Eliezer is the one to get the Bride, to call her out, separate Her from Babylyon and bring Her to the Bridegroom. If he didn't know he was the Elijah in the time of Ahab and Jezebel coming to turn the hearts of the children, take them out of Baal worship, take them out of all these different false idolatry and all these different things and separate the Church from all of that filth and bring the Church and wash Her with the washing of the Word so that She can be a glorious Church without spot and without wrinkle. And that's why he preached in such a way that he can wash us from all the denominational filth our parents and grandparents grew up in: Anglican and Catholic, and Pilgrim Holiness and all kinds of man-made business, you know. No doctrine; only routine and ritual. It's just the Catholic church in another form, which was really... Catholic is Jezebel, then the other one is Athaliah, her daughter, Protestant. Protestant is Athaliah. And look at the daughters. They go back to their mother in this last Age here. All of those denominations with the trinity doctrine go right back to their mother because they came out from Catholicism with that trinity doctrine.

Now, I might not even get to it here tonight because a lot of time has gone by already, but I'm in the foundational part, laying this for you. We're talking about the Rapture. Because, *Behold I Come As A Thief*,

that is between the Sixth... It's shown between the Sixth and Seventh Vials. Why is that put there? Now, that's a big, big thing you have to understand. Why is that... Here we're seeing, if the goodman had known what watch the thief would come, because He's telling them He's coming as a thief. He left the goodman in charge of His house. And if the house is broken up into, then what is going on? See?

He said:

... he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Verse 44:

... be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not...

You see, He keeps telling us, "Watch." He started off with the one shall be taken, the other remains. The one shall be taken, the other remains. It will have people left behind. He says that the one who is taken and went with the Bridegroom is the one who was watching, who was praying and who came to understand in what watch He is coming. So when they heard the announcement, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh', they were up. They trimmed their lamps and they had their oil filled. No smokey lampshade; no empty vessel without oil. No. They had that there. They were attentive. They were waiting and watching. They knew there was going to be a cry to announce the coming.

When the foolish virgins rose up, they were running helter-skelter, "Oh God, we have no oil. We don't have enough oil." They said, "Give us some of your oil. Give us some of your oil!" He can give them light but he can't give them oil. A person can't give you the Holy Ghost. There is One Who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and Fire. That's why John said, "I baptize with water." He said, "He baptizes with the Holy Ghost and Fire." That

is the One Who puts you into the Body of Christ. Do you understand? So, this is the thing.

So, He is showing now, the readiness of mind, the readiness of knowing your time and season. See, they didn't know their time and their season. Then He brought it down to the day and the hour: "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels in Heaven, but my Father only." In Matthew 13, He said, "The Son also doesn't know it there, at that time."

So, watch and see. It's written so because God reveals His Word in its season to you. Because, you see, if God has to give you algebra, you have to get your ABC's right first, before you can go to algebra. In other words, the higher learning, the higher revelation is a step where you start coming up. You don't jump over and go straight into that. No. This is the preparation that is bringing you step-by-step. You come from a baby to a child, to a man. When I was a babe, I desired the sincere milk of the Word. When I was a child, I was under tutors and governors. When I became a man, I put away childish things; now I'm seeing face-to-face in the mirror. I and my Father are one. You understand?

You don't join the Message and then read two Message books and say, "We Are the Bride." This is just excitement. This is where Satan messes up churches and this is where people go wild and then influence one another into error. Because once you do not know doctrine, you can't tell a person, "No..." The first step is water baptism."

Now, though Cornelius and they got the Holy Ghost... But you see, they were really... Watch Cornelius. Why did the Angel come to Cornelius? The man was a dedicated, sanctified member. The man was a Roman...a Roman general, on duty for the Roman power in Palestine, because Palestine was under Roman dominion. Yet all those big priests in Palestine called Jesus the devil and they crucified Him. And here's this Roman, the Ethiopian eunuch and those who were not

from there were getting the revelation from the Scripture, getting the revelation from a servant of God. Not even Jesus, the Prophet that God sent, but one that Jesus commissioned. Because while Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost came down. Why? Because the people's faith was to receive that.

When the Angel told Cornelius to go to Joppa, go to the house of Simon the tanner, there is a man in there named Simon Peter, what was the Angel doing? Directing them to the man with the keys of the Kingdom. He had opened the door to the Jews. He had opened the door to the Gentiles. He opened the door to Samaritans. That's why when Philip went down to preach in Samaria, Peter and John had to come down for them to get the Holy Ghost. You understand?

God keeps His order. Watch it in the Bible. That's the unchanging God. That is Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. That's why I told you, if you're not seeing an apostolic Church... If I'm trying to preach to an apostolic Church and then today people have an idea that we had a little thing in Cocoyea in the Scriptures, or we had a little thing in Longdenville, and then somebody has another idea and finds, "What is Bro. Vin doing," and different things; everybody has their thoughts and ideas, and this one finds it should be so, and that one finds it should be so, and that one finds that it should be so, you don't find that in the Bible. You don't find any layman in the Bible. You have to show me one place in the Bible, especially in the New Testament with the New Testament Church because the Old Testament was a shadow with a tabernacle in the wilderness and all these kinds of different things. But when they came over in the New Testament with the coming of the Messiah, and except a man be born of water and Spirit he can't see the Kingdom, he can't enter the Kingdom, there is nothing like that in the Old Testament. See? The Old Testament has a prophecy of, "I will give you a new heart, I will give you a new spirit.

I'll put My Spirit in your spirit. I will cause you to walk in My words." You understand? God showing the New Birth there through Ezekiel prophesying what God will do in the restoration hour for His people Israel.

So when we look at these things, it's marvelous, it's wonderful.

Now, I'm going to close up early because I don't want to kill this. Because while I'm speaking here, I find the Spirit is giving grace to bring clarity and then keeping the places.

Watch! If the goodman had known... See, the goodman didn't have knowledge when the thief was coming. Watch! See? What watch the thief would come. If the goodman had known what watch the thief would come.

Then, He's saying in verse 44:

⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not...

He's saying, don't try to reason this with your mind. This wouldn't come by reasoning. This will have to be divinely revealed by the Holy Spirit to you and you have to be in the condition to receive that revelation, because that isn't coming to you about you and other people; that is coming to you, the one.

This is the Age of personal life. To him that overcometh. He that hath an ear – the individual, not a group. This is not a group revelation here, that's why the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch how specific it is. And this is where you in your walk, in your experience, in your life, and you are at this junction, you want to keep that inner fellowship with you and the Lord. "Lord, we followed You down through these years. We believe you. We hear Your Word. We take time and give priority to reading Your Word and staying prayerful, staying sensitized. The moment we see we are getting a little desensitized, no, we want to tighten the belt because we're conscious of the time and the season we're living in."

The signs are all around us but are we seeing, are we observing? The modern events are being made clear by vindicated prophecy to tell us that's happening already; that's not happening in the future, look it's happening all here and going on already around you. See? By these four things under that Fourth Seal.

The Rapture goes in the Fourth Seal. The Seventh Seal holds the Mystery of it but the Rapture goes in the Fourth Seal. See? Because the Fourth Seal is all those powers united together. And that is a quotation too – the Rapture goes in the Fourth Seal. I'm not making that up. Because that's the Eagle Age. That is the Eagle anointing. That's the Messenger coming against, when? When white, red and black; religion, politics and economics are united by demon power. That means the world has changed. When those powers are uniting, the world has changed, because that uniting time is coming at a certain time. And that is why he preached *The Uniting Time and Sign* [1963-0818 -Ed.]. He said, "Now, all men can look with the eye and see that uniting is taking place."

You know what is going on today? People are looking with the eye and they can't see that uniting is taking place in the world. The tares are being bundled. Seven Thunders, a Message went to do, what? Gather the Bride. A people left organization to recognize their Day, to recognize not a Bible school teacher; a Prophet on the scene; God-called man, God-trained man, God-appointed man; prophecy – I'll send Elijah; Elijah will come and bring the restoration. See the Word open up, see Elijah open up the Bible, starting from Serpent seed all the way to the Messenger in the Latter Rain, until all Truth is restored. He didn't do that with a closed Book; the Book is opened. And the part that remained sealed, when he came to the Seventh Seal, he said, "I have on my notes marked 'stop'. I can't go any further. This will be sent to you."

To ‘the ones’, the Seventh Seal, it will be sent to you. That means you have to be in alignment with Christ, He has to be personal to you, you’re in a relationship with Him, He is your Head, you are led by Him, you do nothing without Him, you’re keeping Him in your life, you’re in submission and obedience to Him. Because the thing that the devil wants to get a hold of, God is revealing to you because you have the Holy Spirit. He said, “Otherwise, if you don’t have the Holy Spirit and God showed you that, do you know what is going on? Satan walks right in your life and takes it out. You don’t even know when it’s gone.”

Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I will not sin. That is a place where you’re living. The Word is mighty that I have hid in my heart. It’s mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. That means you’re living a victorious life, because you know greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. That means, overcoming: you are recognizing the tricks of the devil. He has three: lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life; three things. Jesus had to overcome those temptations, those three temptations where Eve fell. And every person now, today, has to overcome those three temptations. Because it comes in degrees. It comes in degrees, because God doesn’t give you more than you can bear. At that stage, God is making you watch certain things in your life. Keep that out, keep that out. When you go down the road—five years down the road, you’re not here anymore; you’re advanced. So, that same test comes back now on a higher level.

You’re doing mathematics in primary school, you’re doing mathematics in junior secondary and you’re doing mathematics in senior secondary. Then you start to do the real high math and the algebra at University level, at another level. But you started off here, from small coming along, from stage to stage to stage. If God didn’t give you that there when you were a child, you wouldn’t understand anything about that. But this was

preparation for that. That's why those testing times, God brings it to you. He reveals things to you, tries you on it and then brings the test. And the test, either you fail your test or you overcome your test. When you pass your test, great, praise the Lord. That's a blessing for you. You passed your test. See? Because you cannot go without being tested, because that will prove whether you're an overcomer or not an overcomer. And then you had to be schooled and earth is the school, your earthly journey. This is the school of life. When I was a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things. See? Because now, you understand responsibility. Now, you understand loyalty. Now, you understand dedication. Now, you understand the mystical Body. Now, you understand why, when you were without the Holy Ghost, you couldn't do certain things, and then when you received the Holy Spirit, now there was Something greater in you than was there before. See? Though you were always part of God, yet you need more. In your First Pull, if you obey, you'll have this. God said, "Okay, you have to be more sincere to get this next one – the Second Pull; to know the secrets of the heart." See? Then there still is a part beyond that: the Third Pull. And this is how the journey comes in your life. Then what happens? Adoption. You're set now, positionally.

Like Joshua said, "Come, put your foot on the necks of these kings." Because those men went in obedience. They submitted to the circumcision. Those people took the instructions and carried it out exactly. See? They stayed unified, not like Achan, because they got rid of that thing already. And then when they overcame, and these kings here—these five kings, he said, "Now, come and put your foot on them." These people who were slaves in Egypt, being whipped and beaten, now were standing there in their inheritance as sons of Abraham and their feet were on the necks of kings under them who had kingdoms, principalities and powers, spiritual

wickedness in high places, and rulers of the darkness of this world. They were under these men's feet. Ephesians parallels Joshua.

Ephesians is the Church, positionally placed. Joshua, they placed—Israel was placed positionally in the holy land. Ephesians is the Church placed positionally in the Holy Ghost. My. My.

So, He's calling for readiness. See? So from this we can catch the importance of seeking to know, to enquire of the Lord, to understand the Mystery of His Coming, how He'll come, when He'll come. You could imagine we're preaching these things down through the years. He said, "I saw that first fold, Seven Thunders banging themselves out. One fold unfolded yesterday and another fold passed in an unknown language."

Why does that concern me so much? Why do I know there is something in there? And then watch God open that. Watch how the Prophet, everytime he preached, he closed the service, "And we're expecting a Messenger in the last days - Malachi 4:5, Revelation 10:7, Luke 17:30." And he was always closing the meetings like that, because the people had to recognize the time and the season, the Message and the Messenger and they couldn't because it's a blind Age, and they rejected It.

But then he knew there is an Elected people that the Message also got. The big church system rejected it, just like all the Sadducees, Pharisees and they rejected Jesus. But there was a fisherman, there was a tax collector, there was a Mary Magdalene, there was a woman at the well, there were different ones. He got them. That's why he said, "It needs be He must go through Samaria. It needs be He must go through Jericho and find this one." He said, "You also are a son of Abraham," He told Zacchaeus. And He was finding them to make up the Elect. Because why? He said, "I have sheep. My sheep know My voice and I will not lose not one of them."

You see, the mystery of Redemption is locked up in shepherd and sheep. If God raises up a shepherd, a true ministry, God has predestinated people to hear that, not everybody who comes around. No, no, no. The ones who are ordained. The same way we recognized Bro. Branham. Now, what do you recognize him as? He discerned your heart? You can say, yes, and try to be technical. You shook his hand? Do you know him? You sat with him? You went to his house? You sat and ate or something? He told you something personal about your life? You have the books and the tapes. But if you don't have an office gift, you will read a certain amount of it and that's it. You may have a belief for what you believe, but not everything in that Message you could understand.

Look at what I'm reading here out of what Jesus is saying pertaining to His Coming. And His Coming is a threefold Mystery: a Shout, a Voice and a Trump. The Shout went through the Prophet – first fold, a Bride was gathered; not everybody. No. You'll call everybody who was around the tabernacle 'Bride' because they were in the tabernacle? Come on, man. He said, "That's why I like to go to Africa. I don't like America so much; they're too intellectual." He said, "In Africa, they saw the sign once," he said, "twenty-five thousand got healed." He said, "In America, I told them their name, I told them where they live, I told them what they're coming for, they're watching me, they're trying to figure out, 'How did he know that, boy? Somebody told him?'" They're wondering about this." And they don't know what they're standing [in front of].

He was presenting the Ministry from the Scripture as a promise for this Day and their minds were so full of denominational things. No. They just came for healing. They just came for bread and fish or something and they were gone. When he started to bring the doctrine, they said, "No. We can't take that," and they started to back off, because they really were not understanding.

Let me tell you, a lot of the real Bride was called, because the Bride comes from all nations. The Bride comes from all nations. And God in His wisdom put ministers, that fivefold ministry in different parts of the world and God gave them measures. The same way He had a Philip, an evangelist; He had a Peter, an apostle; He had Paul, an apostle, a prophet and a teacher. He had a lot of those things. He had an Agabus. He wasn't just around Jerusalem. You understand? The same way. Watch the unchanging God. Watch Him in Alpha and watch Him in Omega.

He had a Timothy and a Titus. These two young fellows have Books named after them. And those seventy men who were ordained by Jesus, anointed and went out, we don't know the name of one of them, and all of them walked away in the end.

Remember, that which is now and that which shall be hath already been, and Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. These are laws and principles. This is not repetition, you know. This is keeping you focused when you're thinking about the Word. What does that connect with? What does this connect with? What does that connect with? He just can't take a random Scripture and say something. It has to be brought out as a revelation to show to us its application. And when you see the application, you start to understand the power of the revelation when you start to apply it.

Oh, my. I'll give you a couple quotations with this and close; short quotations. This one is from *Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy* [1965-1206 -Ed.].

Therefore [he says] we're living in the day when the manifestation of the Word of God has to come to a different age than the Pentecostal age.

Watch the Prophet. He's trying to sensitize his people. He says,

... we're living in [a different] day when the manifestation of the Word of God has to come to a different age than the Pentecostal age.

We're not living in a Pentecostal age, we're living in another age. See, we're not living in the Methodist age, we're living in another age. We're living on up here to the Bride age, the calling out of the Church and getting It together for the Rapture. That's the age that we're now living. To my honest opinion that's exactly the Truth.

This is 1965. This is 35 and 23, that is 58 years ago. Which Age are you living in? He said, "We are not in a Pentecostal Age, we are living up here in the Bride Age." In other words, the Bride revelation has come. We understand now denomination is not Bride; they are harlot. The great whore, Revelation 17, the Catholic Church, and her protestant daughters are harlots, because she is the mother of harlots. Jezebel had children, and the children have the same doctrine that the mother had and they worshiped the same false thing that their mother worshiped.

So, this Messenger separated a people by the revelations that he brought, showing the original thing God started with on the Day of Pentecost, and showing the false, deformed, dead denominationalism trying to obey a past hour and cannot recognize their Day and their Message, and are blind, wretched, naked, miserable and don't know it. And Eliezer was looking for character, not members; character. He was sweating it out to find that character to be the Wife for Isaac, the beloved son of the father, the appointed heir of all things. And the evening Messenger went out to find that. He was sent by a commission and he went with the raiment, he went with the gifts, and he went with the jewels, and he went with the beast, the power. And here is the girl now, dressed in the raiment, adorned with the jewels, the gifts, and here she is, riding on the power, the beast. And that is taking her to the bridegroom. And then she saw him and asked him,

“Who is this man?” There was something about the man’s movement. There was something about the man’s style. And the man was looking directly... She said, “He’s looking at us. Who is this man?”

He said, “That’s your lord.”

Oh my. She took the veil and put it over her head. In other words... The Prophet said, “Why do they put a veil over their head? To show they have no head.” She’s coming to her head.

Isn’t that something? And then she went in the tent of the Alpha. He carried her in his mother’s tent (glory!) where this one was born. The bridegroom was born in that tent.

These are pictures. These are Mysteries concerning this Hour. She saw the Coming of the Bridegroom coming towards Her. And when He raised up and He looked like that... He was the One Who laid down His life in obedience to the will of the Father, and said, “Father, what must I say? Save me from this Hour? For this cause came I unto this Hour. Father, let Thy will be done.” In complete submission to the will of his father in death; an obedience even unto death. He heard the father say, “The lad and I will go up and come again.”

Oh, Jesus. Watch those pictures there in the Bible. Oh, we have gone through that so many times, but how beautiful when you think of it.

I’m talking about the Rapture again. He said, “What is this? The calling out of the Church, getting together for the Rapture.” That’s what we are talking about. The Rapture is, what? The catching away of the Bride. The Bride can’t be caught away if Jesus didn’t come. The coming of Jesus. He is coming for the Bride. He is taking His Bride away with Him.

Seven Church Ages, Sardisean Church Age.

Jesus said, “Bind the tares, and then gather the wheat.” [See? That is what the ecumenical move is all about.] The ecumenical move will bind the tare churches together,

Tare churches? Yeah. Tare is the evil seed Lucifer sowed. That is the Serpent's seed.

The ecumenical move will bind the tare churches together, for the tares must be bound FIRST, and though their end is burning, they are not burned at their binding but are reserved to a later date, which is at the end of [a] thousand years, or the second resurrection. But once the tares are bound the rapture can take place and does so...

“Once the tares are bound...” What's binding the tares? The ecumenical move.

Look a couple years ago when I showed you even the videos and different things there, how Pope Francis and they had all these people in the Vatican: Rabbi, Imam, Pentecostal man too, everybody, coming together.

Since that time it has gotten so advanced they have a new phase of the same thing, that they are calling it now, ‘the Abraham group’, because out of Abraham came Ishmael, Islam; that is the firstborn; then Isaac, Jew, and then the Gentiles who receive Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ. Ishmael, Isaac and Jesus. So that is these three groups of people showing they are all tied, we are all tied to Abraham. We are all Abraham's children. Because through Jesus—you believe in Jesus? We are Abraham's children. You believe in Ishmael? Are you an Islam? He came from Abraham. You are Jew? We can all live together. We are family.

And now, they have this uniting together even on another level. “All is Abraham's seed, so we're going to kind of maybe divide up Jerusalem.” But it's all seducing spirits. It's all to take control at the right time of everybody. But the important thing is to get everybody to sign the things and agree and work together and do this. And then the people now who are not part of that are the real true Bride, because She has been taught by the Holy Spirit through the Prophet and She knows this Age, what it is.

She knows who is false vine. She knows who is true vine. She knows who is Wheat and who are tares. She

knows the tares are bundled for the burning but the Wheat goes in the Garner. She knows the Wheat Seed is the one going in the Rapture. Out of a little group of the true Seed, God will present to Christ a Bride. And by and through the members of the Bride, God will finish the work. And they know it is God in them finishing His Own work He left for this time. They know it is God in them (He that is in you; in that day you will know I in you) finishing His Own work He left for this time.

It's not you and me working, it's the Spirit of God in us working in and through us to fulfill His will, making us co-workers with Him, giving us a revelation of His Plan, of His program. Open the rock beneath the rock that we might see Jesus and see His program. And then, whatever part of the world we are, God fixed us positionally in the earth that His influence through His many-membered mystical Body-Bride can reach... Because life always connects with life. Sin connects with sin. And whether it's a person hungering and thirsting, there is somebody that God can lead to you or lead you to. That's right. We see that in the Book of Acts. That's the same, friends.

So, I will give you the last one here and close with this. *The Rapture*. [1965-1204 -Ed.] This is from *The Rapture*. He says, [para. 28 -Ed.]

Now, we believe that there will be a Rapture. All Christians believe that, that's Bible readers, believes that [there will] be a Rapture.

[Para. 30 -Ed.]

Now, today,

Now, remember the Bible doesn't say 'Rapture' (that word), okay? It says we will be caught up. And that catching away, being taken up, is what is referred to as the Rapture. It's a catching away from this dimension to another dimension. We are changing dimensions. It's not just a catch up to say you are floating around in the air above here. No. Changing dimensions. It's a

transition from these three dimensions to that seventh Dimension. We are going to the Marriage Supper.

Now, today, speaking on this subject, and now some of you may differ, the—the avenues that I take. But how many in here believes that the Bible teaches there will be a Rapture of the Church? Yes, sir. That's [exactly right], a catching away of the Church. Whether you're a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or whoever you are, Pentecostal, there will be a catching away.

[Para. 65 -Ed.]

But, to the Church, the Bride, the Rapture is a revelation to Her.

The Rapture is a revelation. You see how the Prophet is bringing this? Think of the Scriptures I brought you through – if they know when He will come. He said it's revealed in every shadow and type, of how He will come. So in other words, She has the capacity to receive revelation, because when you say 'Bride', you are talking about a Spirit-filled group of people in whom the Holy Spirit indwells, not somebody who is saying, "I'm in the Message"; somebody who is a new creation in Christ, somebody who is an Eternal Attribute. Because to have the Holy Ghost—understand this.

If you don't have the Holy Ghost, you have no theophany. If you don't have the Holy Ghost, you have no New Birth. So, that means you are not considered in Redemption. Redemption means you were back there; God is bringing you back to your origin. Origin and destiny. Predestination reveals your destiny before you come to it. Those whom He foreknew, He did predestinate. Those He predestinate, is them He called. Those He called, He justified. Those He justified, He also glorified. It's stages.

It started in the mind of God. You were Eternal thoughts in the mind of God. God knew you back there, your name was in the Book, but God had time and season for you to be expressed. And then the time comes when you come and these things are reality,

because you are now on earth, you are expressed, and God has met you in your earthly journey, and God has opened the Scripture to you and opened your understanding that you might understand the Scriptures. And God then begins to show you now why you are Bride.

God is identified by His Own characteristics. Because 'Bride' means you have the same characteristics in you like Jesus, the Bridegroom, because the Bride is part of the Bridegroom. So, if you are Bride, you are part of Jesus. And if you are part of Jesus, like Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit, Word of His Word, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh, like Eve and Adam were, then it means to say you have the characteristics of God identifying that you are a new creation. You are a person who—any man in Christ... You are separated from the first Adam. In Adam we all die. That is the old creation. You are taken out of Adam and you are brought into Christ. And in Christ, you can't die anymore because death is conquered. Any man in Christ is a new creation.

This is you discovering the real you, the Gene of God on the inside; that your life in you is a predestinated life from God; you are part of God. That's why you love Him. That's why you can hear. You have the ear to hear what the Spirit is saying. That's why the Word makes sense to you when you see the jig-saw puzzle coming together. That is why it excites you and inspires your faith. That's why you are not wondering, and don't know, and today and you do not know, you have fear and you have a spirit of bondage. No. You have a Spirit of Love and power and a sound mind. You have the same mind of Christ. You have confidence. You have assurance, because you know you didn't choose Him, it's Him Who chose you. It is His Love for you. He first chose you. And then He comes to you whom He had chosen and starts to make Himself known to you. And He called you. And when He called you and separated you like Abraham, "Get thee out of your kindred and your family and all of

these things, and come, I will bring you into a land that you don't know of," and these things. How He called Israel out of Egypt and brought them to Canaan and placed them positionally.

This is God, because Redemption has two parts: out of and into. He takes you out of something that you were born into by a carnal sex birth, you were born a sinner, and He takes you out of that and He brings you into a place where you are no longer a sinner; you have the same righteousness like Jesus Christ because He imputes His righteousness to you. You get that? The righteousness of God is by faith. And He gives you His very Own faith. Paul said, "The life I live now, I live by the faith of the Son of God." Not some human faith. No. Faith is revelation. I recognize I am part of the Family of God. The Family in Heaven and on earth is named after the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your father and mother produced a body but they couldn't produce a soul. The soul is you in that body and that is the part of God that you can recognize and understand the things of God, because you came from Him. This body is dust of the earth; it comes through the father's sperm and the mother's egg, and that's why this goes back to dust. But if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, you have another one, a house made without hands, Eternal in the heavens. You have another one. And you live and you walk there, and you have been growing up in that faith, in that Perfect Faith.

And here now, the Hour is come and you are seeing the modern events making clear... and you understand your journey. You see where God has brought you. Look where He took you from, look where He brought you to. Look how God gave you a new Name. The Family in Heaven and earth is named after the Lord Jesus Christ. He sealed that Name in your forehead. Your forehead is your revelation. You have a revelation that you are part of God's chosen Seed, certified Seed, elected Seed, royal Seed. See? He is the King of kings. You are royalty. *Oh*

yes, oh yes, I'm a child of the King. His royal Blood now flows through my veins. [#80 Songs That Live – I'm A Child Of The King -Ed.] See?

He says, *But to the Church, the Bride, the Rapture is a revelation to Her. It's revealed to Her. That, the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the Rapture.*

[Para. 81 -Ed.]

Now, the Rapture is only...This Rapture that we're talking about, is only for the Bride. [This Rapture we are talking about, is only for the Bride.] *Remember, the Bible said, "And the rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years."* [See?] *This great Rapture! If there's not a Rapture, friends, where are we at? What are we going to do? What age are we living in? What promise do we have? [If there is not a Rapture. Think of it.] There is going to be a Rapture. The Bible says there will be. And it'll be only for the Elected, the Elected Lady, the Bride in this day, that's pulled out, the Church.*

The very word, church, means "called out of." ... and that's the one ... the Bride, rather, is the one that's going to be in the Rapture; that, alone, nothing but the Bride,

Nothing but the Bride, the Elect; not even the foolish virgins.

... nothing but the Bride, the elected ones foreknown by God from the beginning, the Father's spiritual genes.

I'll stop there this evening. God bless you for your patience. This was the smaller part of the Word, but it's good to make it in progression so we'll pick up those and bring understanding, because the next part has more with the modern events.

I want to talk to you sometime about the drying up of the water to make way for the kings of the east. I came across something – 'Kings of the east' is only spoken once in the Bible and that's Revelation 16:12. You find 'kings of the earth' in many places. And every time you find 'kings of the earth', they commit fornication with

the whore, the great harlot. But 'kings of the east' is to bring destruction. See?

Then Armageddon – only one time in the Bible: Revelation 16, and that is connected with the kings of the east and the drying up of the water. And Seven Thunders – only one place in the Bible: Revelation 10.

So, when you look in the Scripture, these are things which only appear once, in one place in the Bible – Revelation 10:3 and 4, Seven Thunders; Armageddon, Revelation 16. It makes you look and think deeply. Kings of the east, Armageddon, Seven Thunders – one time.

Seven Thunders is what gathers the Bride. It is something only for the Bride. It shows us how to prepare for Translation Faith. It is dealing with the people who have that predestinated life, that's why they can be changed into the Word image to go to the Word body. That's the man that's going in the Rapture. It's not feelings, it's not emotion. It is your discovery through the revelation that God gives you, you belong to Him. And no man could take that from you. When God reveals that to you, you will have the characteristic. The tree will be known by the fruit. And if that is that, then Enoch had a testimony that he pleased God before the translation. You will be walking here, an overcoming life, especially if you are in the Message for some years.

The apostles and they walked with Jesus for three and a half years. Some of you are ten, some are fifteen, some are twenty, some are thirty, walking with Him since He called you. You laid in the Presence of the Son all those years? You have to have a ripened faith. You are not a pushover. You are not a person living in fear, indecisive, uncertain, confused. No. Your mind is clear, because you know whatever you are going through, has gone through and will go through is already written in the Bible. And when God shows you and reveals to you your picture in this Family Album and you see all the Bride types of you, then you will see, look how they

overcome that, look how they overcome this, look how they overcome that, and it will be the same for you, because they were in the Old Testament where there was one birth; you are in the New Testament where you come by a New Birth. So, how much greater it is for you, by the grace of God.

Let us pray. And I want that little song first, *New Consecration*. [#1255 Songs That Live -Ed.]

Gracious Father, we thank You tonight, Lord, the way the service unfolded and the atmosphere, and the Word of Truth, Lord, becoming so crystallized, and applying It in a personal way to each one, just like we have read, ‘the one’ shall be taken. Lord, we all want to be in that category of ‘the one’ shall be taken, the other shall remain. Because the Bridegroom is coming to take His Bride, like the ranch boss son had a place already prepared.

He had given her the unfailing words of promise; she held it in her heart. And she made herself ready knowing that he was going to return. And she got herself in condition and she was fit for the transition from her world to the world of the ranch boss’ son, her bridegroom. Though she was laughed at and mocked and ridiculed when she came out that day, Lord, thinking that she was just maybe deceived or got excited or misunderstood, but down in her heart she knew what passed between her and that one who had come looking for his missing rib, looking for his bride.

And when he spoke to her about the character he saw in her, she knew it was not flattery because his eyes had discerned the kind of person she was. That’s why she wasn’t pushy and out in the front, but quietly in the back. And that’s why there was something in him that knew that it couldn’t be those he had seen making all these gymnastics and these things. He didn’t come for them. He decided to take a walk. And so divinely inspired, he came across her there, ragged dressed, out in the dark there, washing the dishes and these things;

given all the menial service to do. But that's where he found her and he could see the character, he could see the humility, he could see the sincerity. He could see how gentle she was.

She even blushed when she saw him. She even realized he's such a great person. But then as they spoke, she became so calm and felt so relaxed, and felt what a joy it was to be in the company, in the presence of such a one.

We remember, dear God, when You came to us, tossed to and fro in the world, going from one thing to the next like a rolling stone, just can't seem to find our way, and get into all kinds of things. But then, Lord, when You came in Santa Cruz, after hearing the voice of Your Prophet on *Looking At The Unseen*, and something was happening and I knew something was happening; then You began to show me back my life from a little boy to that very present time, weeping day and night. Oh God, knowing that many would've had experiences just like that because that's the way You make up Your elected children. There is a deep in them calling. They were searching for life and didn't understand what exactly they were searching for. They couldn't seem to be satisfied with religion and these things. They wanted a reality but it was like, how to get a hold of it. But then one day, You had it planned into our earthly journey, You had it fixed at a certain junction of time in that journey, Father, that our paths were going to cross with You. You were going to come to us like You came to Jacob at Peniel that night. Oh God, his life was changed forever more. You left him with a new walk and all the schemes and everything were gone. You gave him a new name, from 'Jacob', '*a deceiver*', to 'Israel', '*a prince with power before God*'.

We think of Ruth, dear God, how she came to that junction. After Orpah cried and got emotional and went back to serve those other gods, Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee. Where thou goest, will I go; your

people shall be my people, your God shall be my God; where you die will I die and where you bury will I be buried.” She had come in contact with a genuine soul, a real believer, one who had lost husband, had lost sons, had lost home; one who was coming into poverty and hardship, Lord, for the mistakes they made in their decisions to leave their homeland and go down to Moab and suffer all these consequences. And going back and saying, “Don’t call me ‘Naomi’ meaning ‘pleasant’, but call me ‘Mara’, means ‘bitter’, for the Lord hath dealt bitterly with me.”

Oh God, and Ruth, seeing this old lady in pain, in suffering, in grief, Lord God, no husband, no anything, but yet she knew her connection with Naomi. She knew the life that she had come to know and her observation, and the kind of woman and the virtue that this woman whose name meant ‘pleasant’ had, oh God; how she was God-fearing, so gentle, so kind, so loving, that she was ready, and she did, leave land and family and so many things to follow this woman. She came into full redemption. She came into the ancestral lineage of Jesus Christ. She came into such a place, oh God, with joy unspeakable and full of glory; brought forth ‘Obed’ meaning ‘worship’. Oh God, Lord, what a thing. Married to him who was born in Bethlehem, whose name means ‘he is strong’, ‘a man of wealth’, ‘a mighty man’ – Boaz, oh God, one of the tribe of Judah, a perfect type of Christ. And she, being a type of that Gentile Bride came in and came into union with Boaz.

So we came into union with You, Lord. Oh God, You are the great, mighty One, the strong One. You are the One Who could pay the price to take us out of all the debts that we were in, and all the poverty, and all the oppression and everything else, and change our lives, oh God, and bring us right into the ancestral lineage, oh God, of the Kinsman Redeemer, the Greater Boaz.

How we thank You for these things, Father. As Your Prophet said, “The scholars question why that Book

should be in the Bible. It is just about some young girl, a Gentile girl and a Jewish farmer, old Jewish farmer.” But, oh God, it was something far more than that. They couldn’t see what his name meant. They couldn’t see he was born in Bethlehem. They couldn’t see He was of the tribe of Judah. They couldn’t see that he was the kinsman redeemer. It was You, a picture of Yourself, but hidden in such simplicity, Lord.

Lord God, may these realities, unfailing realities of the living God be shed abroad in the hearts of Your children this evening. And may, dear God, as it moves them to meditate and to pray and to get into deeper fellowship with You, as Your Spirit would bring back the things to their remembrance down through the years and teach them further on those things, and cause them to be rooted and grounded and established and settled in this holy faith, and bring them into the preparation and the condition for the catching away, Father, in this Hour.

Oh God, keep us close to You. Keep us under Your Divine influence. May You bless each and every one tonight. We give You praise and thanks and honor and glory, thanking You once again, Father, for Your Presence, Your leadership, the grace that You’ve poured out amongst us this evening, in the precious, lovely Name of Jesus Christ.

May You give each one an extra handful, Father. May Your Spirit visit them in the days to come, Father. Pass through the neighborhood and get into the home and spend a little time with them, dear God, that they could be more sensitized to the Hour, the lateness of the Hour, the realities.

So much we couldn’t get to tonight that we had come in the pulpit expecting that we would get to it. But we know, Lord, You know how to do everything in time and season. But as we continue in these things, may You continue to make it real; that You can even give to Your children that which we have not taken time to look at,

oh God, this great Seventh Seal, this Silence, this Secret thing that is happening on the earth, Lord, in a special people who is predestinated to be part; a foreknown, predestinated group of people to go with You in the Rapture, Lord – we who are alive and remain unto the Coming of the Lord. We shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in a twinkle of an eye. We shall be caught up together to meet You in the air and so be forever with You. This means so much to us tonight, Father. We thank You for Your precious promises.

If that little cousin could've held to the words of that ranch boss son, what about us, Lord and You, the greater Ranch Boss Son, the One Who has gone to prepare a place for us in Your Father's house are many mansions? You said, "I go to prepare a place for you and I will come and receive you unto Myself. If it were not so, I would have told you." Oh God, we thank You, Father.

We thank You, dear God, that all these things are becoming more real as it comes from negative to positive, as it's being made manifest in measure after measure after measure in our lives, lifting us up in Heavenly Places in Christ, bringing the joys unspeakable and full of glory, bringing the great expectation we have to be with You, Father. As the songwriter says, "Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His Face, there to sing forever of His saving grace; on the streets of Glory let me lift my voice; cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice."

"There is coming a day when no heartache shall come. There will be no clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eyes; all will be peace forevermore on that happy golden shore. What a day, glorious day that will be." May we ever live for You, Lord, in these last few and closing days of time, in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

Make sure you get the broom and candle if you are missing certain things

