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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

What is coming out of my mouth? Corn, Oil and Wine, trying to find a place in you, because the Father seeketh such that will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. They will have Oil and Wine and Corn! They will be a living, walking tabernacle of the Living God, and the great High Priest will be in the mercy seat of their hearts, in the holy of holies, in the third court – a house for His Name! Yes! "Know you not you are the temple of the Living God?" That's right. And the Lord is looking for some worship, some thanksgiving, some testimony, some fruit coming out of your earth; out of your life. He sent a Prophet to sow the Evening Time promises. He sent a fivefold ministry to water the Seed that was planted, and God gives the increase. [Page 18]

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Amen. Holy Spirit, rain down. [#850 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Holy Spirit, rain down... Hallelujah! ...rain down; Oh Comforter and Friend, How we need Your touch again. ... Your touch again. Holy Spirit, rain down... Hallelujah! ...rain down; Let Your Power fall, Oh, let Your Voice be heard, Come and change our hearts, tonight. As we stand on Your Word; Holy Spirit, rain down.

Our eyes have seen, Our ears have heard, Oh, yes we have known What God has in store; So open up Heaven, Lord, Open It wide Over Your Church And over our lives.

Holy Spirit, rain down...

Oh, that's His promise – "I'll pour out My Spirit in the last days. I'll send down the Former and the Latter Rain in the same season."

...Comforter and Friend, How we need Your touch again. ...Your touch again. Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down; Let Your Power fall, Let Your Voice be heard, Come and change our hearts As we stand on Your Word; Holy Spirit, rain down.

Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Glory be to God. Thank You, Jesus. We believe Your promise, Father. Oh God, we know You are a covenant-keeping God. You're a God Who keeps Your promises. Your promises are yea and amen. It is impossible for You to lie, dear God.

You have worked everything for these six thousand years right up to this very promise, dear God, that the dynamics shall be a refilling of the Holy Ghost, a great surge of the current of the Holy Spirit to come into the Church in the last days. You said, "I'll pour out the Former Rain and the Latter Rain in the same season," oh God, that will lift us up so high, far above this world, dear God.

Father, we thank You tonight, to come into Your house, dear God, to have this blessed privilege to draw near unto You with a true heart in full assurance of faith, oh God, knowing that by a new and living way, we can come into the most holy place. We can come with boldness, oh God, knowing that a way has been made because of the shedding of Your precious Blood.

Not only that, dear God, but we can come, Father, in the merits of that sacrifice, in the merits of that Blood that speaketh better things for us tonight, oh God, that the very Life of the Holy Spirit that was in that Blood can be released into the hearts of Your children tonight. May You grant it, oh God.

We thank You, dear God. Blessed be Your wonderful Name tonight. How great is our God; how greatly to be praised. Hallelujah. Glory be to God. Oh thank You, Lord.

How we pray that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, will just move on the scene tonight, oh God. You will take ahold of us, dear God, and Father, lift us up into that place, dear God, where all things can be brought, Lord God, into full surrender to You, Father, where there's no reservation in our hearts, no reservation in our lives, oh God, that which You desire in Your Church – to have the preeminence, to have the oversight, to have the leading, oh God; to fill Your Church that You might come in and dwell, oh God.

Kenos – God could en morphe; God could empty Himself out. Oh God, You could change Your mask, (hallelujah,) knowing all that God was, He poured in Christ; all that Christ was, He's pouring into the Church tonight, oh God, that we could tabernacle Deity, (hallelujah,) that God and man can stand in oneness again. May You grant it, Lord.

Oh Father, we believe, dear God, You Who are the very Author and the Finisher of our faith, dear God, You will bring Your Word to pass, Father. Oh, we pray that Your Spirit, dear God, will speak so expressly tonight. You will break the Bread of Life in such a way that You will make Yourself known in the breaking of the Bread that we can see no man save Jesus only. This is what we've come into Your house expecting tonight, oh God, in this late Hour when that door is fixing to be shut, (hallelujah!) when he that is filthy will be filthy still; when he that is righteous will be righteous still. Oh God, we know it is nearer than when we first believed.

We see the darkness upon the earth. We see this generation, oh God, becoming hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Gross darkness on the earth and upon the people; devils pressing their way into flesh. Hell being created on the earth. But a people being transformed (hallelujah!) from glory unto glory, coming back into Your very Own image, into Your very Own likeness; a masterpiece (hallelujah!) that will show forth Your victory and the reason of Your death.

May You bless all Your children that are gathered in here this evening; even them, Lord God, throughout the islands and in Guyana and different parts of the earth where they are in attendance by way of the Internet, dear God. May Your Holy Spirit, bring us all into one mind, into one accord, in one channel where we could hear the Voice of the Spirit speaking expressly in these latter times. May You grant it, Lord.

Take full and complete control of this service, and may everything that is to be said and done, be to Your honor and to Your glory and for the assistance and the preparation of Your people. For it is written in the Bible: "And they that were ready, went in with the Bridegroom and the door was shut." Oh God, Lord, we know that time is promised.

Lord God, we are just praying tonight that the riches of Your grace can still be extended quickly, oh God, for those that are yet to be brought in, yet to be quickened to recognize their Day and their Message; to be ripened, to come to that spot where every name in the Book will Your sealed awav: Name written in their be foreheads. Every name that is in the Book will be delivered. Grant it, Lord. Have Your blessed way. We give You all honor and glory. We commit the remaining part of the service into Your mighty hands, for we ask it in Jesus' Name, amen.

Praise His mighty Name. Why don't you turn around and greet your brother and sister? Tell them God bless them. Praise His mighty Name. Amen. Hallelujah. Glory be to God. Amen. You may have your seats.

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We have some very dear and special friends of ours tonight in the service, all the way from the Scandinavian countries where it's very, very cold right now, but it's nice to see them in the sunshine, amen? Our Bro. Jan and his beloved wife Sis. Karina [Hansen -Ed.] and their two boys, and we are very glad to have them in the service tonight. [Congregation applauds in welcome of the saints -Ed.] Amen. Praise His mighty Name. Amen. Hallelujah.

They are from the church where Bro. Peer Johansen is the Pastor, a servant of God that is very close to us. And Bro. Jan is his son-in-law; his wife, Sis. Karina, is Bro. Peer's daughter. And Bro. Jan is also the associate Pastor in the church. Amen. I wonder if it's not laying hands on him suddenly, to ask him to come and greet you. Amen. Do you want to come and say a word of greeting? Come. Amen.

[Bro. Jan] Well, it's certainly a privilege for us to be here in your nice country of Trinidad. It's a long way from Norway down here, but we can feel the Spirit when we entered into the church, that we are the same family. We are part of the same Body because we have the same Spirit, so we give God the glory. In one way we feel that we are close to you because we have had the privilege of having your beloved Pastor visit us several times. He came to minister the Word when we have had family camps and special meetings, and we have really learnt to appreciate the ministry that God has given him. So you are a blessed people, having a servant of God among you, the way he has done it for many years. So we are thankful to know him.

And we felt the pull to come down here and see how you are doing, how you are, and to also know some of you. So it's a special time for us to be here and to see you and to be together with you and to have fellowship on the Word of the Lord.

So you know you are a privileged people. You are serving the Eternal Father, the God of hosts, and He has

chosen you and put His Word in your soul. He needed some ground that the soul could grow through. If the seed is just laying there, it doesn't bring anything; it just stays there. It has to be put in some ground. And you are some ground from Trinidad carrying this Seed; bringing forth the Seed to ripen. So we are from different parts of the world but we are carrying the same Seed. So we're just enjoying to be together with you and we look forward to being in the service tonight. Thank you.

[Bro. Vin] Amen. So, Jan, it's nice to see you. Amen. Praise His mighty Name. Our little brother there, are you happy to be in Trinidad? Trust you have a great time over here, by God's grace. I hope it's not too hot for you, Sis. Karina. Amen.

Shall we all stand? I'd like to invite your attention over to the Book of Joel. And I want to take these next few Wednesday nights to do a little Bible study in the Book of Joel, and we'll leave the Sundays for **STARS' WARS**. But this is also in STARS' WARS, so it will carry the same title, and with the subject of, *The Book Of Joel*, so this will be like **Part 1**.

And I thought to do that because in the last couple of services when I tried to bring in the plague of locusts out of the bottomless pit, I realized it becomes too much, and it's kind of complicated for the little ones. So in this way, in taking the Book of Joel, I can teach it a little bit, and catch the places where we can really polish it up a little bit, and make it easy for almost everyone, by God's grace.

I'm going to read the first 7 verses, and then I'll have you to sit and then we'll continue to read. And the Book of Joel is placed between Hosea and Amos, so I'm taking this as a little subtitle this evening, to open up something here of, **Joel Between Hosea And Amos**.

Joel chapter 1, verse 1:

The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

² Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

³ Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

⁴ That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten.

⁵ Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

⁶ For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

⁷ He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seats. We'll continue to read.

⁸ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

• The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

Now, watch this reading closely because it's a description of a locust invasion upon the land. That's why in verse 4 It says:

⁴ That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten. And Joel was telling them, he said, "*Hath this been in your days, or even the days of your fathers?*" What they were witnessing, it was so devastating that they could not look back at any time in history and see something to compare with the present situation that was taking place on the land.

When you look across the face of the earth today and you see the kind of murders, you see the condition of the people, you see the condition of the youths, you see the condition of the churches, can you look back at some day that was as bad as this? Can you look back and see when hell opened her mouth and was emptied out and incarnated in a generation?

These locusts were all over the land, millions and millions of them, and they just swarmed the land; darkened the land. The sun was darkened, the moon was darkened and it covered the entire land. And the Word came to Joel and Joel began to speak to the people, and began to point out to them, what was taking place. And he began to name the different stages of this locust because the palmerworm, the cankerworm, the caterpillar and the locust are four stages of the same insect. And in every stage, it destroys. In the locust stage, it eats the leaves. In the palmerworm stage, it eats the fruits. In the cankerworm stage, it eats the bark off the tree, and in the caterpillar stage, it goes after the life.

And so, he was describing the systematic destruction that they were witnessing in the land. One day they saw the leaves going and they hoped, maybe they'll fly away, but a few days after, the fruits were gone; a few days after, the bark was gone. In each stage, it was devouring and he drew this to the attention of the people because God was giving a message out of this. And he called to the people, he said:

⁵ Awake, ye drunkards...

And he started with the drunkards in the land: wine, women and song. There was no wine because it had eaten down the vine. And so, they were looking for a drink. They wanted a little stimulation, a little joy and there was none. Amen. They were looking for fruit; there's none in the land.

He said:

...howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

⁶ For a nation is come up upon my land...

God called them a nation, like in Proverbs 30:25, he said, "*The ants are a people.*" And so, these locusts, God was calling them a nation. Because the Spirit on the prophet was not just dealing with the present destruction of the agriculture, because God knows, in the last days, the real plague of locusts, Joel's Message, the Message of the Prophet, (amen, hallelujah,) that there is going to be a plague that will come, not for agriculture, but upon men. Amen. In Revelation 9, we see that. So, he was describing this.

...a nation is come upon my land, strong, and without number...

Locusts travel in the billions. And they don't just fly all about, they fly like an army. They move in rank and file. And when they pass through a land, it could be as fruitful and flourishing before them, but when you look behind them, it is like a wilderness. And the God Who said, "Man is like a tree, planted," is giving a shadow here, because when those locusts came out of the pit, they were commanded, "Don't hurt any tree; only those men (amen) that have not the Seal of God." Hallelujah. My!

So, they are:

...strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

And God said:

⁷ *He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree:*

"My vine and My fig tree." In Isaiah 5, God calls Israel His 'vine'. Israel is also mentioned as His 'fig tree', because the very 'fig tree' was eaten down. "And when you see the 'fig tree' put forth its buds again..." In the last days, you saw Israel come back in their homeland, God's 'fig tree' that the Roman power from the bottomless pit had destroyed. And that same Roman power had eaten down the Bride 'tree' too. Hallelujah. And that Bride 'tree' was to be restored in the last days also. Amen.

And so, watch the prophet under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of prophecy on the prophet. And in the vision, he was speaking with the language of God. And he was saying, "These insects have teeth like a lion." Amen. Because in the Book of Daniel, that Roman power has iron teeth. Amen. That Babylonian power was like a lion going forth. Then all those beasts came together to form one Beast in the last days. It had feet like a bear, it had a head like a lion; it had a body like a leopard. Is that right? How many know the Bible concerning these things? Okay. Revelation 13 was describing the Beast that came out of the water.

> ⁷ He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

This is pictorial language because this is what the locust does to the tree. And then he began to call upon the people who were under this form of chastisement, because this was chastisement upon the nation. We'll get to it just now.

Because that was one of the judgments of God. When Babylon came upon Judah to destroy the nation and take them into captivity, that was God's chastisement. When the Roman power killed sixtyeight million, that was God's chastisement on the Church. Because it was a sin-free Church that ended up in Jezebel's religion because they drifted off the Word. Just like Eve, the second Eve fell because she left the Word. She was deceived by the Nicolaitanes.

And from Nicolaitanism, it changed to Balaamism, it changed to the doctrine of Jezebel, and the Church that was at Pentecost, went to the depths of Satan in the Thyatirean Age, (amen) that same spirit, that white horse rider, that antichrist spirit that went forth conquering and to conquer, and was crowned. And you don't crown a spirit; the doctrine was in a man. From sayings, it became a form of teaching; a false doctrine coming from the mouth of a false prophet. And so, it came from antichrist to prophet.

And this falling away in the last days must come first before false prophet becomes Beast, to complete the trinity from antichrist, to false prophet, to Beast. Amen. And who is the Beast? Lucifer, who said, "I will be like God." And when he becomes the Beast, the man of sin sits in the temple and is worshipped as God. And who said, "I will be like God," and "I will sit above the congregation; I'll be worshipped like God"? Lucifer. Amen. And when does he come into that place? In this Hour. Amen.

So, what we are seeing here in the Book of Joel, the opening of this Book, it is something that finds its fulfillment, its true fulfillment, in the Book of Revelation in the last days. There comes an hour, and it has come, when this gross darkness, these millions upon millions of locusts, are eating down those 'trees'; are getting into those 'houses' that are not Sealed.

In the same way, there's a Former Rain and a Latter Rain bringing a full restoration. And in this Hour, there's a final quickening unto the Rapture, because the Book of Joel has two main themes, amen, and its focus is on the Day of the Lord. Joel was speaking about the Lord's Day. And the two themes in the Book are the invasion of locusts and the outpouring of the Spirit as two Rains, a Former Rain and a Latter Rain, which brings a full restoration. Amen.

And on Sunday I was showing you Revelation 9:1 and Revelation 10:1, side by side. One star fell from Heaven – the king of the locust army. Hallelujah. And the other One with lightning and Thunders and voices and a Rainbow, because He is coming unto us as the Rain, a Former Rain and Latter Rain, a teaching Rain; the mechanics and the dynamics in the Hour of restoration, in the Day of the Lord, at Harvest Time. Hallelujah!

So, these things in Joel—that's why I want to teach this little Book of Joel for you, so it could give you the background to understand how the locust invasion affects the economy of God, and how the destruction is felt on the earth. Amen.

So, he was crying out to the drunkards and the drinkers of wine. He was telling them, "*It is cut off from your mouth.*" Why? Because, "*A nation is come upon my land, strong.*" Anything that brings forth wine, it is going to eat it down. Whatever produces grain, it is going to eat it down. Whatever produces oil, it is going to eat it down.

Your corn is the Word, the wine is the revelation; the oil is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. And this was the occupation of the people. This was why God gave them rains – to bring this harvest; and this is why God gave them feasts – seven feasts, and they would come three times a year in the Presence of God. They would come at Passover. You couldn't keep the Passover if you didn't have barley and if you didn't have wine. You could not keep Pentecost if you did not have wheat, because you had to make two wheat loaves with leaven and burn them. And you could not keep the Tabernacles if you didn't have the grapes, and the olives, and the pomegranates and these things.

These are three harvests. First you had your barley harvest in March to April. Then from May to June, you had your wheat harvest, and in July and August, you had your fruit harvest. Amen. Hallelujah. And then your agricultural year came to an end and then they had to break up the ground again. They put their fruit in the barn – seed for the sower and bread for the eater. They stored up their food to eat and they kept some to sow and replant the land. That was the cycle of life. Amen. Are you understanding so far?

Because what they brought to God, was the fruit of their labor. What was the barley and the wheat? That was the Mystery of Christ. What was the grape? "I am the Vine." What was the oil? The Holy Spirit. Amen. It was all speaking of Christ. And this was their lives – to grow these things.

And then at harvest time, they put in the sickle. They reaped the cereals: the corn; the grains. They took it to the threshing floor and they had to thresh it, and they put the threshed grain in the garner. But their oil and their grapes were not yet ready for harvest, so they hadn't completed their labors as yet. Then the time came and they began to reap the grapes. They took some and they made raisins with it. That's what a raisin is; it's a dried grape. Amen. Then they brought the clusters of grapes to the winepress and the people trampled the grapes in the winepress, and the juice of the grape flowed into the wine vats; two receptacles.

That's why Isaiah 63: "Who is he that cometh from Edom with dyed garments?" Because when they were trampling the grapes, all the juice of the grapes, the 'blood', was coming upon their garments. That's why when they saw Him: "And his vesture was dipped in 'blood," it's the mystery of the harvest and the vintage. Because with every one of their sacrifices, the morning sacrifice and the evening sacrifice, you had to have the drink offering and you had to have wine for the drink offering. Hallelujah.

Could you come and worship God, and you're bringing 'dungs'? [Tropical fruit -Ed.] Are you not having any corn, any bread? "I am the Corn of Wheat. Except the Corn of Wheat falls into the ground and dies, It abideth alone. I am the Bread of Life." The wheat ground into powder and baked in a heated oven becomes the bread. And He was Bread without leaven (hallelujah!) because leaven is a type of sin. "I am the Vine." Could you have stimulation without Him? Can you only bring Corn and you don't bring any Oil? The letter killeth. Can you just bring the dry, dead Word?

How did they make the bread? After they ground the wheat, (many grains were ground into powder,) the oil fused it together and held it together and it was put in the fire. And Paul said: We are the Bread. We become one loaf – many grains of wheat because the Wheat is the children of the Kingdom. Hallelujah. Glory. So that's a great thing. And so, the Word is now anointed with Oil; with the Spirit. Can we keep the Lord's Supper just with bread and no wine? Can you just have the Word and no stimulation of revelation? Hallelujah. Glory.

This was what the locust invasion began to break down. That's why you go through the field; you cross the field of the world, amen, and you see the field and you don't see the Bread. Why? Because the locusts have eaten down everything. You don't see the stimulation of the revelation; you don't see the anointing of the Spirit. What causes it?

You see the Catholic Church: no Bread, (amen,) no Oil; no Wine. You see the Protestant churches: all kinds of moldy 'bread'; they didn't burn the 'bread' of the past Age. They bring that old, moldy 'bread' with leaven, amen, and they're trying to bring down the Spirit of God, trying to worship God with that in a Day when we're supposed to have the man from Baalshalisha with the resurrection Bread – Melchisidec at Evening Time with Bread and Wine. Hallelujah!

He has the Corn and the Oil and the Wine, ministering it to His victorious son just before the Wedding Supper, who went in the battle in the evangelistic service, to deliver his lost, fallen brethren (hallelujah!) and he came back marching the victor's march. Yes, sir! And Melchisedec dropped down (because those locusts couldn't cut it off) and Melchisidec said, "Don't hurt the Oil and the Wine here." And He was giving it to his victorious son. Hallelujah! Oh, thank You, Lord. Glory!

So Joel, seeing in the house of God that there was no bread, there was no wine in the cellar, there was no oil, he said, verse 8:

⁸ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

⁹ The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

Oh my! They had the responsibility to have those wave loaves. Hallelujah. They had to bring out that wine and the oil, and they looked in the cellar and there was nothing because the locusts took everything. Amen. And they began to mourn; they couldn't keep the feast. Amen. When you cannot keep your feast, it means your fellowship with God is cut off.

Because at Passover time, the priest used to wave the first mature grain. Thank God in this Day, there was one that came to maturity. All the locusts couldn't get that one. Hallelujah! God had that one to wave. Hallelujah. He who said, "Lay in the Presence of the Son that more corn of wheat could be ripened, and what you have, will be baked into reality until you become 'bread' on His table. So, it's not a man you're feeding on." "I am the Bread of Life that has come down from Heaven; if a man eats of Me, he will never die." Hallelujah. Revelation 10:1, He came down with the Bread, an open Book. He said, "Take It and eat It"; the same Melchisidec coming back at Evening Time for Abraham's Royal Seed.

When there was famine in all those denominations, He was bringing Bread that we can eat. He is giving revelation that we can worship tonight. We are stimulated. We can rejoice because it's real to us! Hallelujah! Glory! Oh, thank You, Lord. Why? Because we have a teaching Rain; priests who kept the Seed, who kept the Seed to plant. As our brother was saying, you are the ground and He put the Seed in. And that Former Rain, a little Water, started the growth, but a Latter Rain is to fall on planted Word. A Harvest Rain, a Rapturing Faith, is to come to the Church in this Hour. Oh, hallelujah! My.

We could keep the Meal offering when there is a famine in the land because the Heaven was shut up, because they held on to Jezebel's religion and their hearts weren't turned back when Elijah came at Evening Time and repaired the altar. Hallelujah. But to keep the Word alive, a Woman had some Meal, and She had some Oil (hallelujah!) to make a Meal offering; to bring the Meal offering.

The meal offering was sacrifice not а with blood. Amen. You had to have oil, you had to have the wheat, you had to have salt, and you had to have wine (hallelujah! Glory!) to make the meal offering. You had have frankincense. to Hallelujah. And the frankincense, its sweetness only comes out when it's subjected to the action of fire. It's in the fiery trials, you don't blow up and carry on; your sweetness comes out. Your sweetness comes out when you're being tested to the final point. When you have to take your Meal and the Oil and put it on Two Sticks, hallelujah, for the Voice of the Archangel, that's the time. Glory.

God has a Woman, a Gentile Woman, (hallelujah. Oh, thank You, Lord) that can keep the Word alive in this Hour; can bring forth the Meal offering. That is what is called the 'Meat' offering, which is really the Meal offering. Amen. It is not 'meat' as in flesh; it's Bread, it's Meat; spiritual Meat in due season, the true Word. • The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

You listen to many Ministers sometimes and their sound is mournful, because there is no Meat offering; there is no drink offering. Amen. The famine is severe. What is causing the famine? The locust invasion. The locust invasion is the agency that is responsible for there being no Wheat, no Oil, no Wine in the house of God. Amen.

You'd better make sure in the house of God, hallelujah – not the physical house here – the House that is made up of His Genes; because 'house' is 'family'. In that family they always have Meat, they always have Oil, they always have Wine, because He is the Bread, He is the Vine; He is the Anointed One. He is the Anointing that teaches us all things. Hallelujah. He is the Father, He is the Son, He is the Holy Ghost. He is Lord, He is Jesus; He is Christ. Hallelujah! My!

He was crying out to them: "Lament like a virgin..." Amen. Verse 10:

¹⁰ The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted [is destroyed]: the new wine is dried up...

Corn is the Word, Wine is the revelation; Oil is the Anointing, the Holy Spirit.

...the oil languisheth.

¹¹ Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley...

We're scratching around, scratching around, and we can't keep the feast of the Lord. We come in the house of God languishing and mourning. No, no, no. Everything's dried up: the service is dry; your life is dry! No grape is coming forth; no Oil is coming forth; no Word, no Corn is coming forth from your earth because the locust has come on your land? Locusts in your head; locusts in your heart. That's right. All the places where the locusts are giving you trouble – a legion of locusts: locusts in your foot, locusts in your eye, locusts in your head, locusts in your belly, locusts in your loins; locusts everywhere, and no Oil, no Wine, (that's right); no Bread.

"How are you doing, brother?"

"Well, I'm trusting. Well, I don't know; I hope I make it."

"How are you doing, sister?"

"Pressure!"

No, no, no, no, no. Locusts are eating down everything! They've come out of the pit and they are swarming the earth and they're getting on different pieces of land that should have been planted with Corn; should have been planted with Vine!

Shouldn't the Word be coming forth out of your life? Shouldn't the stimulation be coming forth in your worship? Isn't the Word a Seed? Wasn't the Seed, a Corn of Wheat that the Good Sower sowed? Isn't the Wheat the Full Mystery of Christ? Isn't the Spoken Word the original Seed? Are not your hearts different kinds of soils? "When faith finds its bedding ground; when the Seed of promise finds a place to grow."

What is coming out of my mouth? Corn, Oil and Wine, trying to find a place in you, because the Father seeketh such that will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. They will have Oil and Wine and Corn! They will be a living, walking tabernacle of the Living God, and the great High Priest will be in the mercy seat of their hearts, in the holy of holies, in the third court – a house for His Name! Yes! "Know you not you are the temple of the Living God?" That's right. And the Lord is looking for some worship, some thanksgiving, some testimony, some fruit coming out of your earth; out of your life. He sent a Prophet to sow the Evening Time promises. He sent a fivefold ministry to water the Seed that was planted, and God gives the increase. But the people got away from God, and the locusts came, when they should have had a harvest, and the Lord comes to eat His Own pleasant fruits in His garden: "I am come into My garden," the place He planted.

He didn't plant in the Catholic Church; He doesn't go in to whores. He didn't plant in the Protestant church. Amen. He said, "Their plagues are come up into Heaven and strong is the Lord Who judgeth them. They will be fed to the fowls of the air and the beasts of the earth." But where the Seed found good ground, He comes for fellowship: "I will come and sup with you. Bring your Bread and your Wine on the table; I've come to sup with you." Hallelujah.

He told Zacchaeus, "I'm coming home to sup with you." He called him out by his name, (hallelujah,) just before the last part of the ministry and He wanted to sup with him. He'd better have something to bring out on that table. Oh, thank You, Lord.

¹⁰ The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

Because they got your leaves. Somebody comes under the real heat of the day, trials and testings, and they remember you're in the Message for many years. When they come, they see you standing there and they say, "Brother, how are you doing?

"Oh, I'm going through a rough time; persecution on the job."

The heat and the trials; the testings of life. And after a while they find that under your tree, they can't get any leaves, any shade. You're only arguing, you're talking down *this* one; you're complaining about your job. You're arguing with your wife; you're beating your children. No neighbors could get along with you.

The fellow says, "Anyhow, I've got to move."

They realize, "There's nothing under that tree": no bark, no leaves; no fruit. They look on that tree, they see fungus. They see an owl in that branch; they see two bats eating that fruit. They say, "I don't get anything when I go around that brother. I don't get anything when I go around that sister. She doesn't even have a song; she can't even hum." Oh, but on the outside, she's sure looking well-dressed. Oh my, she's got a brooch marked 'I Love Jesus' and she has a little ceramic dove that somebody made and they're selling in a store. Whoo!

You see that brother with an 'I Love Jesus' T-shirt, and a 'Malachi 4' bumper sticker. But if you want to know who's going to win the football Cup, the European Cup, or what is the latest rankings in the ICC [International Cricket Council –Ed.], talk to him. He is a walking book of statistics. If you want to fellowship on cricket and football, go under that tree.

But if you're looking for something in your life in this dry and thirsty land where no Water is in the heat of the Day; if you're looking for some strength, if you're looking for a fresh piece of Bread, some Unleavened Bread, you're looking for a cool drink of Water; you're looking for a nice Fruit... Amen. Do you understand?

When this came to me, how to try to do this, I thought I'd take like two Wednesdays, teach a little part of it, because it would be tying in with every Sunday service. And then also, in the third, we'll have some questions and answers on what we're teaching on, in the Book of Joel, to make sure you get it. Because in Here, we're going to find the Stars' Wars. Because this Book begins with the locust invasion and It ends with Armageddon, and then the Millennium. That's right. And so the three chapters are your Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Trumpets.

And while the locusts invade the land, destroy the harvest, God gives some Former and Latter Rain and "My sons and My daughters will have hidden communication: visions, dreams; prophecy." Hallelujah. Hidden communication: dreams, visions, dimensions; prophecy, that God will be communicating through that Branch that comes out in the last days – they who are going into that Final Quickening unto the Rapture. Because it's Michael, that Angel Who came down with the open Book, with the Rainbow, with the Thunder, with the lightning, (hallelujah, hallelujah!) He has the Word; the Seed.

Hosea said, "He has come unto us as the rain." And notice, one of the things we found when we studied Hosea... How many remember when we were studying Hosea? How the wife, he had to redeem his wife: take her out of the slave shop; reinstate her back to her rightful position. And I preached God's Great Mystery Of Love Expressed [1999-0221 -Ed.], and showed you how the husband sanctified the wife; (amen. Hallelujah.) showing the Mystery of God. How the Bride got seduced under Nicolaitanism; amen; how She went so far until She went into the slave market, but how 'Hosea', which means 'salvation', went down for Her and bought Her back, (hallelujah!) and betrothed Her all over again. Glory.

See, I was shocked when I couldn't see a hand go up just now. It shows where the locusts have gone; a message like that, you couldn't remember in this church. And Amos, how many remember when we taught on the Book of Amos? Okay, there are about four hands up. The roaring lion before the great earthquake. [2008-0727 - *The Lion Roars Again Before The Great Earthquake* –Ed.] Hallelujah.

And between the Woman, the Bride, being redeemed, restored and reinstated with all Her rights and privileges back to Her original position, and the Lord roaring out of Zion before the great earthquake, inbetween there is the plague of locusts, (hallelujah!) and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in two Rains: a Former Rain and a Latter Rain. Glory.

Where do these things come from? That tells you there are no locusts here to stop this. That tells you,

Melchisedec has come down with Bread and Wine. These three Books, this is not a new thing tonight. This is about the third time I'm going through Joel. But you see, I realize you get excited: "Stars' Wars, Stars' Wars," and a lot of the fallen angels are right here, those who have become fallen from their first estate.

After Sunday (whew!) I started to get 'bushed' [tired out -Ed.] with calls. Do you know why? Many who were looking like they were in their estate, didn't keep their estate; they've become fallen. But they are going around acting the part. And then you realize that's pretense; they are not honest in their heart. Amen. Oh, it's sad, it's embarrassing; it's shameful. In a day like this? In an Hour like we have come to? But many don't understand, that's why they cannot keep in the victory, because they are not going deep enough. They are not allowing the Word to wash them out, to cut them and cement them in. Oh, it's sad.

But watch this, tonight. What a way to look at the locust plague. Oh, some were glad when they heard that they were in the World Council of Churches. But when they looked and saw what was planted in their earth, that something was supposed to be coming forth for God Who planted that...

Why did He give you Oil? Why did He give you Wine? He wants to fellowship with you. Why did He give you Corn? He doesn't want you talking about cricket when He comes to you. He doesn't want you talking about something in the world. He wants you to talk about what He's doing for you. He wants to fellowship with you on the promise.

When He came to Abraham, what was He talking to Abraham about? "Shall I hide these things from Abraham?" What was He talking about? When He came to Daniel: "I've come to give you skill and understanding," what was He talking about? When He came to Job and He said, "Stop your complaining; gird up your loins like a man," and said, "who could bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades and Orion and Arcturus and his sons?" what was He talking to him about?

When He came to Malachi 4, what was He talking to him about? When He saw the election and John Kennedy was elected, He said, "Son, go into the Book of Revelation; I'll meet you there (hallelujah!) because the Church needs that message in this Hour."

This invasion of the locusts and the outpouring of Rain at Harvest Time – a Mystery between the Trumpets—under the Trumpets. "*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer!*" – he opened the pit. Revelation 10, Michael came down; opened the Word. Amen! In the pit, Satan loosed demons. He opened the Book and loosed the Holy Ghost. Amen! And both are on the battleground. And while that group is riding, there's another group riding.

Because Michael shall stand and deliver the names from out of the locust invasion; from out of the locust invasion! Nobody will eat down your life. "When I come for Fruits, you must have joy, you must have peace, you must have longsuffering, you must have meekness; you must have temperance. When I come for Wine, you must tell me about Revelation 10:8-11, the Mystery between the Gentile Prophet; recognizing what part of the Word you are, not somebody else's part!" Yes! Glory! Oh my! Isn't that the Word? My!

Do you think God sent a Prophet that we didn't see for two thousand years, Seven Angels came, Seven Seals opened up, things created by the Spoken Word and challenged every religion, showed the Messiahic sign, do you think God did all of that and then God doesn't have a Church in the last days; God can't find Wheat in His field? He said, "I am the Vine and you are the branches; if they can't eat Me down, they can't eat you down! Not this Vine, because you are in Me; you were in the Root!" Oh my. Yes! Hallelujah.

David, he said, "My cup runneth over." The Prophet used to sing: *This is like Heaven to me; I've crossed over* Jordan to Canaan's fair Land. [#271 - Songs That Live –Ed.] He said, "Like Joshua and Caleb, we're slobbering on those big grapes, (hallelujah!) evidence that no locusts had eaten down the vine. There is a Land of Divine Love and the Power of God – the Ephesians at the end of the Age. My. Is that right?

I just remembered... Where is Isaac? I got tied up with this watch; I'm preaching in Peru time. I looked at my watch just now and said, "My goodness! All of that preaching and it's only 8 o'clock." It just struck me: "You have Peru time." Oh, let the musicians come for me. Amen. Hallelujah. While they're coming, let's read a couple of verses here quickly. Verse 11.

Now notice, he calls the 'virgin' – 'the betrothed bride' because It says, "the husband of her youth." She is a virgin because she has a husband of her youth. He doesn't know her as wife yet; they are just betrothed. Amen. He said, "Let her lament girded with sackcloth," – verse 8. Then he called for the priests, the Lord's Ministers.

Then verse 11, he said:

¹¹ Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers...

How many remember the message, *Joseph, A Fruitful Bough By The Well*? [2004-0908, Pt. 1 & 2004-0912, Pt. 2 – Ed.] Oh, you remember that one. Because that Vine, Christ is the Vine; the Branches bear the Fruit. Remember, I showed you how they have to twist that vine; the vinedresser will not let it run anyhow.

In verse 11, It says:

¹¹ Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

There was no harvest; there was no vintage. Anointing oil ran out, stimulation ran out; Word ran out.

¹² The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also...

Not the one Deborah was sitting under. The Word was coming to her under that palm tree. Remember, we went through over three hundred and something uses they say that they have for that date palm tree. The 'palm' speaks of '*victory*'. They were holding their palms in their hands. When they were keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, they had to get the palms to help build up their new tabernacle.

Could you build up into that new body without victory? You had to have the olive. Could you build that new tabernacle without Anointing? They couldn't keep the Feast. The locusts so destroyed them, they couldn't keep the Feast. They were going to the house of the Lord, and they were going back home; they weren't missing a day. But God had told them, "Don't come empty." God said, "Don't come empty." Because God said, "If you obey, I will give you Rain; if you don't obey, I will send the locusts; I'll send the locusts."

How many know God uses sickness many times as a whip to get His children back to Him? How many know the doctors call it all kinds of scientific names, but it's really demons? Is that right? How many know those demons were fallen angels, that were cast down with Lucifer into the sides of the pit? And how many know when they came back out of that pit...

How many know those locusts were in the tree of the woman at the well? In her body she was looking nice, but down in the spirit, down in the soul, oh, she had some bats inside of there. How many know Mary Magdalene had seven of them; looking nice on the outside? But Jesus, the Son of Man, the Word for the Age, the Leadership of Eternal Life came walking, found them and caused them to recognize their Day and their Message. How many know the Word manifested was the Light, and the Light shone into their hearts and drove the darkness out? Hallelujah!

Locust invasion – I'm sure you understand it a little better here tonight. You are understanding the Stars' Wars on a personal level now, between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpets. And you're in contact with Michael Who has the Bread and the Oil and the Wine and Who has come as the Rain. Hallelujah! He came with the Cloud and the Bow. He came with the opened Book. He came with the stimulation. Yes, sir. Are you playing that you are in the Message? You are proving that the Message is in you. You are proving that the Message is in you!

He said:

¹¹Be ye ashamed...

This is the prophet speaking, Joel prophesying, a voice prophesying between Hosea and Amos; a voice, a man who caught a vision of the pit opened, and the locusts that came out and where they went, and what they were devouring (amen!) and seeing the devastation that they left in their path when they moved through that land like a fire.

¹² The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy [joy] is withered away from the sons of men. ¹³ Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests:

howl, ye ministers of the altar...

Walking around like priests and Ministers; with no Bread, no Oil, no Wine; no Fruit.

...come, lie all night in sackcloth...

That voice was tearing down man who was walking around with an image and behaving like if everything was okay, while the locust plague was eating everything. He said:

...come, lie all night in sackcloth...

Are you a royal priesthood? Was there a priesthood that followed the Exodus prophet in the first Exodus? Did Peter say that we are a royal priesthood in the second Exodus? Is there to be a priesthood after the order of Melchisedec in the Third Exodus? How many priests are ready to lie all night in sackcloth?

... ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

And from verses 14 to 20, I'll leave that little piece for Friday night's Prayer Meeting. He said:

> ¹⁴ Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry [cry out; cry out] unto the LORD,

> ¹⁵ Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand...

Has He appeared in that Cloud? Did we see that Supreme Judge? Did He tell the Prophet, "Turn that Cloud to the right side"? What did John see when he said, "*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day*"? Did he see One like the Son of David, or One like the Son of Man? He saw One like the Son of Man; Son of Man between Son of God and Son of David with the white wig in the Lord's Day. Amen.

Is that the Day we're living in? Is that the Day of the locust plague? Is that at Harvest Time? Is that between the Hour when the Bride is to be reinstated, after being redeemed and restored, that She will have the Spoken Word; She will have the dominion? Is that right? Were Eve and Adam co-equal? Did God say, "Let *them* have dominion"? Is the Bride of the Second Adam, is She promised the Spoken Word? You see? Oh my.

They couldn't have any fellowship with God if they couldn't bring out the corn, if they couldn't wave the loaf; if they couldn't burn it with fire. They couldn't keep Passover; they couldn't keep Pentecost. You could join the church, but to be identified with Christ at Calvary, to have a Passover experience, to be under the Blood, (is that right?) to have a Pentecost experience and a Tabernacles experience, only those who have a Passover and Pentecost, will come to Tabernacles. That's right.

Can you catch the reality of this? Can you catch the seriousness of this? Does this make you examine yourself in the Light of the Word? Do you see if you and that dovetail together? Not, you like the thoughts; not, you find it inspiring. Where are you standing in the Light of that? Between the Bride being reinstated and the roaring lion before the great earthquake, between that time, is the locust invasion.

Look how those three Books: Hosea and Amos, and in-between, there's a Mystery between Hosea and Amos like there's a mystery between Nehemiah and Job. There's a mystery between Hosea and Amos – Joel, two main themes: the locust invasion, Revelation 9, and the two Rains, Revelation 10, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

What a great time! What a great time, friends. Oh, let's lift our hands and praise Him.

Father, we thank You for Your great grace tonight and the blessings of Your Holy Spirit, You coming close to us; the grace of God taking the Word as a mirror, causing us to look deep into the Mirror of Your Word and look at ourselves in the time and season, in this very Hour where we are walking to examine ourselves in the Light of the Word: see what we are reflecting, see if our lives are measuring up, see if we can say 'Amen' to all the Word; see if that Word identifies us as being approved of God.

And where we find ourselves wanting, search us, oh God; know our hearts. Root up from us, Lord, what is not of You, Father. Break every grip of the enemy around our lives, we pray. Lead us into deeper fellowship; lead us into deeper experiences. We see the lateness of the Hour; we see the demonic invasion; supernatural devils destroying men and women, trees in Your garden, eating them down, Lord. But, oh God, You reserved a portion for Yourself. You have a people, Lord. You are a wall around them. Lord God, they will bring forth those things to prove that there is a restored fellowship, there is a true worship, there is a real union, there is a oneness between You and Your people.

There's a joy. Their trees are full of Fruits; they are full of leaves. The leaves clap their hands. Hallelujah! You could sit under the shade; You could eat the pleasant Fruits. It's like a watered garden. How beautiful it is, Lord. You reserved a people unto Yourself. We thank You, tonight.

Lord God, may every son and daughter take courage tonight, and rise up. May everyone who see themselves failing, may it move them into desperation that they'll cry out unto You, oh God, that they'll lay aside every weight, every sin, oh God, and they'll humble themselves in deepness of sincerity; they'll hold to the horns of the altar.

May the priests weep between the porch and the altar, may the bridegroom and the bride come out of the bridechamber, may the elders find themselves in the house of God, crying out unto You, Lord, oh God, that we will be a people that You can say, "This is My people" and we can say, You are our God. And You said, "I will dwell in you and walk in you. I will be your God and you shall be My people." The two will become one: "In that day you will know, I in you and you in Me, and greater is He that is in you than every locust that has come out of that pit." Oh God, we thank You tonight, Father, for this great grace.

May Your Holy Spirit be with us, Lord. As we worship You, as we give You thanks, may we feel the Rain pouring in, Father, showers of blessings. Holy Spirit, rain down; rain down in us, Lord. Hallelujah! Let us feel the Water coming from the ankles, coming up to the knees and the thighs, Water to swim in, oh God, (hallelujah!) that there will be a real blessing in the house of God. Hallelujah.

Should You tarry and allow us life, bring us back on Friday to pray; to do what we've read in this Book. As You rip the seals off of this Book and bring us face to face with these realities, bringing us in the rhythm of this Message that was sealed up in this Book, that we will be a people where the young men will see visions, the old men will dream dreams; the daughters will prophesy. Hallelujah! You will pour out Your Spirit, Lord, the vats will overflow, and the floor will be filled with Your Corn, and Your Oil, and Your Wine. May You grant it, Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

When we have to leave, may You go with us and watch between us, and keep us in this meditation; in this fellowship. And may we see real, true restoration in our lives as we see the promises being identified, being made manifest, being personalized in us, Lord.

Did You not say the Word interpreted is the manifestation of the Name of God? That we will see these things as a living manifestation; not some theory, not some memory, not some imagination, but an unfailing reality. Hallelujah! May You grant it, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we thank You and we praise You.

[#869 - Songs That Live –Ed.] Father of Life, draw me closer... Father of Life, draw me closer, [Bro. Vin speaks to someone –Ed.] O Holy Spirit, saturate my soul And let the Life of God fill me now, Let Your healing power revive and make me whole, And let the peace of God, let it reign.

O Holy Spirit, You're my comfort,

Strengthen me, hold my hand up high; Oh, as I stand upon Your Truth Singing glory... Oh, and let the peace of God, let it reign. Oh, come on, sisters: Father of Lifedraw me closer, Don't you want to come closer tonight? Hallelujah! Lord, my heart... Set your heart on Him. Let Him be the focus of your faith. Oh. let me run the race... Run for the Prize. As Your Life... And let the peace of God... Oh, the God of peace could give you the peace of God, tonight. Oh, everyone singing: O Lord, I hunger... ... for more of You, Oh, and rise up within me Let me know Your Truth, O Holy Spirit, saturate my soul And let the Life of God... Oh, fill me now, Lord. Send down those Rains. Let Your healing... Oh, healing for body and soul tonight. And let the peace of God, let it reign. Come on, brothers: O Holy Spirit... O Holy Spirit, You're my comfort, Oh, strengthen me, Lord. Strengthen me, hold my hand up high, As I stand... Singing glory... Oh, and let the peace of God, let it reign. Amen. O Lord, I hunger... O Lord, I hunger for more of You, Oh, let's try to come out on Friday. Amen.



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