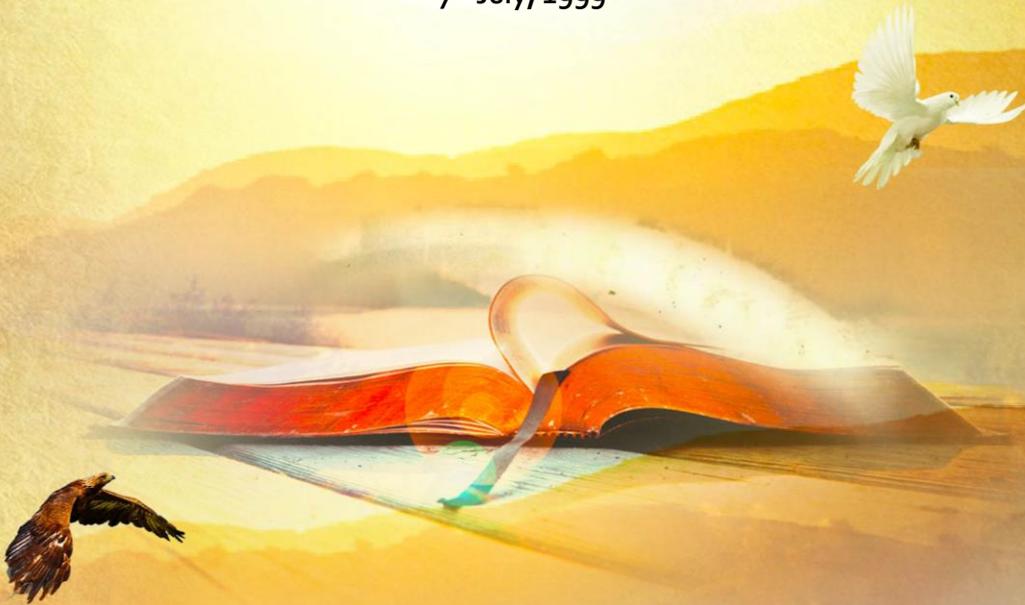

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Excerpt

May as Rebekah veiled her head, Father, showing she had no head of her own, she was coming to her head; You put it in the Bible, Lord, to reflect the Bride who was introduced to the Headstone by the Evening Messenger; the Bride, oh God, who recognizes the Bridegroom at Evening-time; the Bride, oh God, who was taken into the tent where the Bridegroom poured His fullness into Her. That's how we are believing, Father, that these same Things, this great Tent Vision, this great Oneness where You come down, where You manifest Your Name in its fullness, where You'd pour out Your Holy Spirit in its fullness, Lord, on the inside of the inside in that third court, Lord, behind the veil, Lord, where we would see this New Ministry come forth.

Almighty God, we humble ourselves tonight as a church, willing to walk, Father, in obedience, in humility, in submission to all that You require of us. We want to trust You. We want to take Your Word into a heart of faith and courage, and with joy and gladness embrace the opportunity, Lord, to fulfill Your revealed will. Not with complaining, not thinking that it is something hard and grievous, not oh God, as though we are so unfortunate to have this thing entrusted upon us, but, Lord, so joyful that we can be chosen that You could manifest this great thing, in and through us, to show, dear God, that there is a Woman that believes You. Where the first and second Eve failed, the third one, Father, this last-Day Bride will stand and obey all that You have spoken and show forth Your victory. Grant it tonight, Father. [Pages 65-66]

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[#85 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I'll love Thee in life,

I'll love Thee in death,

And praise Thee as long as Thou

Lendest me breath;

And say when the death dew lies

And say when the death dew lies

Cold on my brow,

If ever I loved Thee,

My Jesus, 'tis now

Hallelujah. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. Center our thoughts upon Him tonight, having a heart full of thanksgiving to be able to be in His house. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." It is always a joy to go up into the house of the Lord, the place where He has placed His Name; where His Presence was.

Father, we bow our hearts in Your great mighty Presence, thinking of the value of this great privilege that You've given unto us, to come up into Your house, Lord, to gather in Your Presence, singing the songs of praise, to lift up Your great mighty Name, knowing that way before the foundation of the world, Lord, when You conceived this great plan in Your Mind and You had determined how it would unfold, Lord, You made man to be in Your Presence to worship You, that You might come down, Lord, and have fellowship with them. Their

very lives were designed and set in order in the great economy of God to unfold the great Mystery of Christ and the Church, that, today, dear God, in this great Hour that we are living in, when the plan of God has unfolded right down to this very time, when the Marriage of the Lamb has come and His Wife has made Herself ready, this great Hour when this oneness is being re-established again, Lord, this great joy is being shed abroad in the hearts of Your children.

We gather in this evening, Lord, as part of this great ransomed Church that is elected and called in these last days, taken up, Lord, in the realization of these great Things, Father. How we thank You, this evening. We pray, dear God, that as we would gather here, Your Holy Spirit would move among us in a special way, Lord, in our hearts, Lord, as we are being enlightened, Lord, as to this great hope that You've called us unto. And seeing this hope being made a reality, and our hearts beating with great anticipation, determined to walk in Light and watch more unfold, we pray even tonight, Father, that we would be drawn even a little closer into Your great Presence to enter into deeper fellowship with You, Lord, into greater enlightenment, receiving greater strength to live with greater purpose, to see all that You desire and have ordained that would be achieved in us, these things would be living realities. It would be our very possession.

It would be the thing that would influence and govern our lives, Lord, as we live from day to day that by and through the members of Your Bride... Father, even as the Scripture says: Let your light so shine that other men could see your good works and glorify the Father which is in Heaven; to know that this is how You intended that You would be glorified by man in this Age, when Your Word that You've spoken is received in us and be made manifest and be displayed through us to show forth the Living Creator, that man would take note and, Lord, You would be glorified because every knee

shall bow and every tongue shall confess. This great City that You've built on a hill shall not be hid.

We so desire to live and walk and affect those who we come into contact with in this manner, Father, that Lord, Your Name could be praised. Make these Things, Lord, to be so deeply rooted within us that, Lord God, it would not just be some shallow thing, Lord, but it would be our life's purpose. For what greater things can we dedicate our lives unto in this Hour than to live for You, to honor You and to glorify You?

Have Your own blessed way in this service, this evening. Bless all that You've drawn by Your great mighty Presence. May You speak to us, Lord; our hearts are hungry. We desire to know more of You. We say, "Speak, Lord, Thy servants heareth." We commit this service into Your hands now. We await Your Divine leadership and direction in all that we undertake to say and do. For we pray and believe, asking these things in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name. Amen.

Amen. God richly bless you. I'd like to take a Scripture reading out of 1st Corinthians, Chapter 11. We are happy to be in His Presence once again. It's good to see some of the young people out as well. I mentioned that they should be here. It's good to see they have a desire in their hearts to be in God's Presence and to worship Him around the Word; to sit and learn of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

1st Corinthians 11, verse 3: [Scofield Bible -Ed.]

³ But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

So watch the order: God, Christ, the man, and the woman. Paul was unfolding it here for us.

⁴ Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

He just told us Who the man's Head is. The man's Head is Christ.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head:

And he also just told us who the woman's head is. It is her husband.

...for that is even all one as if she were shaved.

In other words, it means, literally: for it is just the same as if she was shaven. So every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her husband, for it is just the same as if she was shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, (or be unveiled), let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.

Now, it seems that it might appear to be difficult for what he's saying, but it is the angle that he's coming into it. And he's speaking of the man and his wife; that's what he's speaking about. He is speaking about the man and the woman, and headship, submission. And so, he's showing that the man, being the head, and even the head of the man, if he prays with his head covered, he dishonoureth his Head.

And the woman, if she prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonoureth her head, for it is just the same as if she was shaven.

For if the woman be not covered [or unveiled], or has cut hair is what he is really dealing with because that is what her covering is, which he's going to come to.

For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn...

Do you see? This is what he's dealing with. Being uncovered means that she's shorn, she has cut her hair. And he's opening up this to enlighten the women of

what their position is, what their role is and how God, in making them, made them distinct and separate, designing them in a unique way for the role that He intended them to perform.

Now, think of that, because God cannot ask you to perform a role that He didn't design you for. God designed the bird for the air, so He had to make the bird to be able to live in the air. God designed the fish for the water, so He made the fish so it can live in water. God designed the man for a certain role, so He had to make the man to fulfill that role which is to reflect Christ. God designed the woman for a particular role and told her, "Do not invade the man's domain." So He had to make her for the role that He made her for.

And sometimes, people can get confused and try to mix the roles – you get perverted. You get a man that becomes perverted; he wants to become a woman. You get a woman perverted; she loses sight of her own role and she wants to invade the domain of the man. So Paul was distinguishing this. Remember, this is not a new thing. Way back in the very beginning, all flesh was perverted. As it was in the days of Sodom, so it is going to come back here. All these things happened already; (see?) in the days of Noah, all those things. There is nothing new under the sun.

So, in making this plain here, he says now:

⁶ For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn...

See, he is not changing his subject, he's going deeper into his subject.

...let her be covered.

See? That's why he is bringing shorn and shaved. If he is talking about a piece of cloth on the head, there is no need to talk about shorn, there is no need to talk about shaved, but he is talking about a woman cutting her hair. That's what he is talking about. And he is trying to let her know the significance of what she does,

and how she is moving out of her position. She is losing sight of the reason she was designed and given the hair.

⁷ For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of the man.

⁸ For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man.

In other words, God made man, first. And God took part of the man and made the woman. The woman is of the man. Amen? So he is looking back at Genesis. He is giving his reasons. Now, watch when he is giving these reasons; to show you he is not just giving his opinion; if he quotes a Scripture and he goes back to the beginning, he's teaching you Doctrine.

A person can talk about something and they can give you their idea of what they feel. But if he's saying, "Now, look, in the beginning, the woman was made for the man, not the man for the woman." he's pointing you back and saying, "God had a purpose in bringing His creation into existence in the order and the manner in which He did." And he's trying to tell you, "Look at God's reason and purpose and fellowship with God's reason and purpose and then you will understand why this is wrong and why this is not acceptable before God." So he's giving you a place in the Scripture to bring you into. So I wanted you to get that.

For this cause...

See? For this cause, because the man is not of the woman, but the woman is of the man.

¹⁰ For this cause ought the woman to have authority [or power, which is really authority] on her head because of the angels.

Now, that sounds kind of hard to understand there because when it comes to the English, it sounds kind of difficult. But the angels are His messengers – ministers, and it is not angels with wings up in Heaven that he's

talking about. He's talking about the ministers in the Church, the messengers to the Age that God sent.

And she must have authority on her head. In other words, she must show that she is under submission. You say, "What do you mean?" Any man of God that is called of God, that is anointed of God to preach the Gospel, walks into God's Church, the first thing he looks at is the women. He knows the spiritual condition of the church by looking at the women.

And if he sees women, brother, who are not in subjection, if he sees women in a condition that reflects that there are spineless men there; it's women who have invaded the domain of the man and they are not under authority but they are usurping authority over the man, then she better be aware. Because no anointed angel is going to walk in there, knowing that the man and the woman is to reflect Christ and the Church, and if they make up the church and the woman is in control, then he's duty bound to bring that church back to the Word because he's not called to entertain. He is called to keep the Church in line, "Stay in line!" That was the Voice.

That's why God sent an angel in the pulpit to reflect Light from Heaven for the Church to walk in; he is teaching Doctrine. Corinthians is what? A Book of correction. I like to preach to people who could retain God in their knowledge. Corinthians is the Book of correction. And so, Paul was correcting all these things in the Corinthian church, not just men getting drunk but women cutting their hair, too. Men were letting the women just do what they wanted. See? When men were supposed to be mature, judging matters in the church and endowed with wisdom, and taking their position and role of leadership in the church, men were not acting like men, women were getting out of place, and the whole church was out of alignment with God.

And so, Paul now, in writing Corinthians, was bringing them back because men were more thinking of who was of Cephas, and who was of Paul and so on and

getting drunk at the Communion Table and all kinds of different things. See? And he was lining it up, so he was dealing with all those different things in the church. And that's why it is Doctrine. He was going back to Genesis because he had to prove these Things to these people because the Corinthians had an attitude problem. They said, "Who does Paul think he is? He wants to sit down in jail and tell us how to run the church?"

That's why he said, "I'm a wise master builder. I have laid the foundation that no other man can lay. And you might have a thousand instructors, but one father." He said, "I magnify my apostleship before you. If we're talking about Peter and all of them, I'm letting you know that I labor more than all of them in the Gospel." He had to deal with the Corinthian church like that.

So, he was establishing Doctrine so the families that made up the church, they can take their place. And the Corinthians, instead of being Corinthian babies—because he told them, "I want to feed you with meat but I can't feed you with meat, I have to give milk." 1st Corinthians 3.

So he was trying to raise them up to something a little higher. And what did he have to do? He had to get to the families. How could the Church get higher if the men and the women and the homes don't get established? And why are we doing these things in these meetings? For the very same purpose: for the church to get higher.

It says:

¹⁰ For this cause ought the woman to have authority on her head because of the angels.

So, do you understand that now? Do you understand that now? [Congregation answers, "Amen." -Ed.] Sure.

¹¹ Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

Because out of the woman come both man and woman, (amen) that even God subjected Himself to come through a woman. Amen. And then in Christ, there is neither male nor female; they all have the Holy Spirit. The evidence of the Holy Spirit is: you're going to line up with the Word. And if God laid out a role and an office and a function for you, as a man and as a woman, then the Holy Ghost in you will keep you to that Word. Amen.

Let's read a couple more verses.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it seemly that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

So he is saying, "Judge for yourselves now: is it seemly that a woman prays unto God uncovered?" Do you see how he is still on the subject? He goes to the creation when God made the man first, then God made the woman of the man; then he goes on the authority that the woman is supposed to display: that she has on her head (so, when the messenger comes) because they represent Christ and the Church. Ephesians 5 tells us that. And then he comes back now, to what? The question: "So is it unseemly that she should be uncovered, praying: she should be shorn, is it unseemly?" Do you see what he was talking about?

Remember Peter says that if they are not in harmony, their prayers will be hindered. How could she go praying with uncut hair, having a husband—and her cut hair rather, having her husband, showing that she is not in submission to her husband. Who is she going to pray to? Do you understand what I'm saying?

Could the Church not be in subjection to the Word and call upon God to get something? Could the Church not want to obey Christ and then want to go and have a great Third Pull Ministry and these Things? It doesn't

happen. It can't happen. And this is what he was dealing with. And look at how he goes now.

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair,

Now, we are dealing with shorn and uncovered head. Right? And now, we are reading about long hair. So you see, it is one subject he is dealing with. He is not talking about cloth on your head, and hat, and covered head. He's talking about cut hair or uncut hair, shorn or shaven, having long hair or not having long hair, praying in that condition; forgetting that you're supposed to have authority on your head. Brother, when the angels, the earthly messengers come with the Word and they know better, how much more God? You're disrespecting even the angel in the pulpit by doing that because he's teaching you better than that.

No man could preach this Message and then have the women to live anyhow; they reflect the Church. The first thing that the man is going to know (who is called to be a preacher) is, the woman reflects the Church. From the beginning, Eve reflected the Bride; Sarah reflected the Bride, Rahab reflected the Bride, Rebekah reflected the Bride, Mary reflected the Bride, Esther reflected the Bride. Every woman in the Bible you come down with was a Mystery of the Church. Is that right? Exactly.

It says:

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given her for...?

[Congregation answers, "A covering." -Ed.]

If the hair is the covering, when she cuts the hair she becomes uncovered. Amen? This is what we are dealing with.

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Let him contend, but the Church doesn't contend against the Word. Because Eve was part of Adam and the Bride is part of Christ, and Christ is the Word. If you're part of the Word, you don't contend with the Word, you submit to the Word. Amen.

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

Let's turn to first 1st Timothy 2, verse 8.

8 I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

9 In like manner, also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel,...with shamefacedness and sobriety [which is self-control]; not with [plaited] hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

Like Peter said, "Not the outward adorning..."

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Like he said, "like the holy women of old who trusted also in God." We had those things. Now, we see Paul speaking the same things.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

Now, you see now, where it is not just an opinion he is giving now. He is teaching doctrine because he is going back to Genesis to the first man and to the first woman again, and showing you what God's original plan was, what God's original will was. See? He's taking you back to the beginning. He's letting you see, what God did the first time, He does every time. What

God did the first time is right. There is a reason and a purpose for the way He did it. See?

And so he is giving them Scriptural examples. He is basing his teaching on the Scripture. He is a prophet; he is a prophet-messenger. He is revealing the Mystery of God to them, to the Church because he had that Mystery.

¹³ For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being deceived was in the transgression.

¹⁵ Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in [the] faith...

She is already in the faith. She's a woman who is just continuing in the faith.

...and love and holiness with sobriety.

So, here he is telling the woman now, not to usurp authority. Don't get trying to be a teacher. I think you know, sometimes, when we look at it today, we could understand why it was back in that Day. Because when you look at it in this Day, you get women today feeling that they have this great potential and it is being clamped down; and that they are being denied the opportunity to operate on an equal level within the church, as the man. That's the organizational way of thinking. And so, they wanted to be liberated from being in a position where they couldn't preach.

And now you're seeing the Presbyterians, the Anglicans, everybody now, Lutherans, different ones are coming; they even have women priests. The Pentecostals, they have women pastors. They all have it there and they think it is a great thing. They think, "The church is going forward, glory to God! The power of God is going to move!" and they are going to do great works and God is going to use them mightily, and all these things.

Now, the last two services, speaking on submission: *True Faith Produces True Submission* [1999-0623 -Ed.], and

then last week, *Submission To Headship* [1999-0630 -Ed.] and taking with that, Sarah's daughters. And this week, I want to speak a little bit on "**SUBMISSION IS THE WOMAN'S VICTORY**" – SUBMISSION IS THE WOMAN'S VICTORY.

When you read these Scriptures, maybe, I guess—I can't say how a woman might feel. I'm not a woman in that sense; I'm a man, yet I'm in female designation to Christ. But, you know, sometimes, I think by the response and the look on sisters' faces when you preach those Scriptures, they tend to feel intimidated sometimes or it's like: "So what are we supposed to do?" Or, sometimes, it seems like, maybe you got too emphatic because you raised your voice concerning It, it can be misinterpreted to think that it's woman-bashing. But I think if you've been sitting here in the last two services, you'll realize that I'm trying to exalt the woman to her right place.

My purpose in making the emphasis that I'm making is because I know even in the Message circles, a lot of Arminians had come over from denomination and they flooded the Message. And then we have so many people today, their thinking still has not been filtered to the place where they have a true understanding of what grace is because Arminianism really operates through fear. It comes out of fear. It comes out of a person thinking that they have to do certain things to qualify them and if they don't do that, they'll fail.

And then there is the legalist side. And the legalist side, the law, has no salvation in it. The law was given so that man could get knowledge that he is a sinner. The law was never intended by God to save anybody. The law was given to man to prove to man that he is depraved, he's carnal, he's corrupt, and he cannot keep God's Word. The law was given to man to tell him: You're finished, you're judged, you're condemned, you're born wrong; you have need of a Saviour.

That was the purpose of the law because grace was before the law, grace was during the law, and grace is after the law. Joshua was there before Moses came on the scene to deliver the people, then Joshua was there all the way through the wilderness, and then Joshua took them over in the land.

When God called Abraham, four hundred and thirty years before the law was given, it was an unconditional covenant, a grace covenant by, election! Because Adam broke His covenant, Noah broke the covenant, and God proved to man that he cannot keep His covenant; he's corrupt, he's fallen. And so, God gave the unconditional covenant to prove that He's man's Saviour. And this is what was to unfold God's plan because the Lamb was slain in the Mind of God before the foundation of the world. Even before Adam came into existence, the Lamb was already slain.

That is why God did not put the woman in the original creation. That is why He made her a by-product so the fall could take place because God wanted to reveal Himself as a Saviour. And if He doesn't have a man that's lost and in need of salvation, He can't prove that He's a Saviour. If God doesn't have a man who is sick, He can't display He's a Healer.

Now, the Saviour, the Healer, the Provider, the Deliverer, all these attributes of God, He was that even before sin existed. Sin had a beginning! And anything that has a beginning must have an end. That is why there is going to be an annihilation of sin! But 'eternal' means it never had a beginning or an end! Do you understand that?

So, as we look at this and see how in God's Mind – here to Paul in Corinthians and then to Timothy; the Word, being given to the ministry. Timothy, a type of the five-fold ministry, he was one of them. And Paul wrote to Timothy and he wrote to Titus, just like he wrote to the churches he wrote to the ministers as well, delivering the full counsel of God to the Age; he, being

caught up into the Third Heaven, he saw Things not lawful to speak. His teaching separated law from grace and he established the foundation in the Church. He said, "I'm a wise master builder who has laid the foundation."

And so, the foundational Truth for us to build upon lays here for us in the Bible. And in the last two services, seeing just like how it was in the first Age: they came out of Judaism. And you had many people who came over into Judaism—out into the Message rather, but they never died out to Judaism. So they were trying to tell people, "You have to go back and get circumcised. You have to do this and you have to do that. And if you don't do that, you can't be saved." They were mixing up a lot of things because they could not divide their dispensations.

And we have the same thing today. And because of that, you see a lot of people, especially the women in the Message, they have been beaten down to a place where they are afraid to even have confidence. And then you have a lot of men, who instead of getting a revelation of what God means, they just jump up with a glee that God says that the man is head of the woman.

Well, to them, that means: "Well, I'm in charge, and you keep quiet! I'm the boss around here!" And they think that that means a license to live anyhow and do things anyhow, and if the wife only says something, then they use the law part of the Word to beat the person on the head. And the Prophet talked about this man beating the woman with this three-cornered stick, every time she tried to rise up and he had to rise up with faith and say, "Don't you do that!" See? Because that is what it does. And many times, in the same way, churches cannot come into faith. He said, "The Arminians keep the people so tore up." You find people keep their wives very tore up, too.

Well, you see, if the Word could do that to the Church, and the Church is not the walls and the roof

and galvanize and the wood, it is the people, well, then it would do that to a woman as well because the home and the church is the same principle. The family, the husband and the wife is, Christ and the Church.

And so, that is why when we were having the Men's Meeting, it was to try to bring this. And I'm trusting that my brothers too, are mature sitting down there, not thinking that I am destabilizing their authority in the home. Because sometimes, people, it is hard to apologize, sometimes. Sometimes, it is hard to say you're sorry. Sometimes, it is hard to say, "Girl, for the last five years, my revelation was a partial revelation. It's like I'm now getting my thoughts purified. I was afraid of this, I couldn't trust you. I couldn't do this and that."

Well, if that is the relationship; that can't produce power. If the Church is afraid of Christ, could She produce power? It takes perfect faith to live in a world of perfect faith and faith is fearless. And faith works by love and, *he that feareth is not made perfect in love.* [1st John 4:18 -Ed.]

Well, if that is that for Christ and the Church, it should be the same thing in the home. If God hides the power from the Church, and hides the power to cast out devils, and hides this and hides that, and hides that from the Church, and the Church is coming to look into what God is doing and God seals It up and shuts It up—the Word says, "Seal not up these Things, the time is at hand." This is the Hour that the Church has to live in all that God has.

It glorifies God to see that He can raise up His people, His Church, to use the fullness of His authority. "If *you* say, not if I say; if *you* say to this mountain be thou removed." God is raising up a Church to live there, that that Church would be in harmony with Him. That Church would be Him revealed.

Now, we like it and we get excited about it in the church realm with God, but when it comes down to the

other realm, we think: “No, no, no. My wife can’t be the church. She’s not too spiritual to handle these things.” Well, she may need some strength, and out of your faith, you give virtue. And if you’re really strong, then you have virtue. And what good is your virtue if you keep it penned up in you and you can’t strengthen those around you with it. And if you’re willing to trust God, and you are obeying God’s Word and walking in line with God’s Word, then why the fear?

Now, remember fear is a plague. Fear is a plague in the Church. He said, “The greatest plague I find in the Church, is fear.” Faith has no fear. Fear has torment. Satan works through fear. Fear brings insecurity. And having fear means there is a lack of love. And then it means to say that for us to grow in love, get deeper in love then it means to say more trust is coming, more confidence is coming.

Remember, in this, both a man and woman are not left to the discretion of the husband or the wife. God’s Word says what a woman should be and God’s Word says what a man should be. And God’s Word tells you that, whether your husband is an unbeliever: Your chaste conduct coupled with fear... God didn’t say, “Okay, he’s an unbeliever, give up. You can’t work with him.”

God tells you there is a sanctifying power in your revelation. God tells you your conduct in the home and your communication and your interaction with Him have sanctifying power inside of it to keep your home clean and your husband and your children clean in His sight. God tells you your stand with Him, your revelation with Him, the position that you recognize He has brought you into, that you’ve entered there, and you stand there and that covers your home just like the home was covered back there in Egypt because it is Christ’s Life in you covering them. And if Christ’s Life can’t cover, something is wrong.

God says, "It is not your own natural birth covering them, it's not your knowledge or your job covering them. It's not your education covering them." God says it's His Life in you that is covering them. Because if the Life in Jesus covers the world, and there's only one Life and part of that Life is in you, It covers those connected to you.

What difference does the Holy Ghost in you and in Jesus make? When the Holy Ghost came in another vessel in this Day, He did even greater things than when He was in Jesus. So you can't say It is going to be less because God proved It could do more. "More than these shall you do. Greater works than these shall you do. Ask what you will. Ask anything in My Name." [John 14:12-14 -Ed.] Is that the Bible?

So my motive in doing this, as I said, is to build the faith of my sisters; give you greater confidence in walking in the revealed plan of God for your life, to accept the challenge, to cast your fears down, cast your reasoning down and say, "God, I'm taking You at Your Word. I'm stepping out of the boat and I'm walking, Jesus. I hear a Voice calling me. I recognize it is Your Word coming to me and I want to walk into that Place and live there. I never walked on water yet. I never walked in this realm yet, Lord, but I am going to walk in this realm. I want to see that Power move. I want to see these Scriptures being interpreted in my life. I'm not afraid of it, Lord. I'm not afraid with any terror or amazement. I'm walking there. If that is what You have for me as a woman, I want to experience that."

Well, that's a great thing. And then, in preaching the Word here, I want the men to see it is a glory to Jesus Christ when the Church is living in the full potential that He has made it to be. That honors Him. That's why He raised it up from Luther to Wesley, and He wasn't satisfied. And He raised it up from Wesley to the Pentecostals, and He still wasn't satisfied. And He raised it up, and as She nears the Headstone in the last

days and She comes into His own image in order to be united with Him, She will become a Super Race, a Super Church. And when it comes to perfection, it will bring the resurrection. "The same way I called Lazarus from the grave, they will bring them, they will draw them from the grave." Isn't that wonderful?

So, He's not satisfied. He wants His Church to raise up and live in the fullness of what He made them to be. And if the Lord has lost sight of what the Church is... Now, we are seeing from that that He designed the Church to be one with Him. He gave the Church potentials... (Get the thought.) He gave the Church potentials to be all that He is: faith of His faith, virtue of His virtue, Life of His Life, Word of His Word, Spirit of His Spirit. We see that, from Him taking the same material that Adam was to make Eve, showing that the Bride will be part of the Bridegroom. Is that right? He did not take any other material. So, He is not going to stop.

If He lost sight, He could settle for a Lutheran church, He could settle for a Methodist church, He could settle for a Pentecostal church, but He knows, "No, no, no, She and I are going to be one. We are going to be one. I'm going to give Her Divinely revealed Mystery-Truths. I'm going to teach My Church so that My Church's heart will be literally turned back. I'm going to open up things and blow the flues out of Her mind. I'm going to break fears where superstition and speculations and all those things had Her in bondage. I'm going to expose organizational ways, like denominationalism that paralyzed Her spirit and broke the unity between Me and Her. I'm going to reveal all those Things that She will be loosed from organizational methods and learn to work with the Holy Ghost again." What is that? That's the Husband dealing with His Wife according to knowledge.

Look at the Prophet. He said, "Jack, what does Jesus with the white wig mean?"

He said, "Oh, Bro. Branham," he said, "that's Jesus in His glorified condition."

He said, "Now, that sounds good for a theologian, but it doesn't ring a bell." The Wife wants to know something, ask your Husband, not Jack. He said, "Lord, I can't understand that and You told me to go and preach this because John Kennedy was elected and that was my vision thirty years ago now being fulfilled. What is it?" (*Bam!*) The Husband broke a vision; showed the ancient Jewish judges. He said, "Oh, now I understand. Thank You." And he went and he set it in order: He is Judge between Priest and King in the Lord's Day.

Why? If you want to know something, ask your Husband. He went to take what Scofield said, and said, "Well, I'll just use what Scofield said."

"No, no," the Husband said, "what's the matter with you?" Amen! "I don't want you to take some other man's word, take My Word!" Down came the Holy Spirit and began to reveal It to him. Is that right?

Now, if the Husband is teaching the Wife... Because remember he preached what? *Invisible Union* [The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 1965-1125 -Ed.], *Uniting Time And Sign* [1963-0818 -Ed.], *Oneness* [1962-0211 -Ed.]. He, as the Wife in this Day, as the feminine spirit, the Omega Bride, the firstfruit in the Bride Age, he revealed the Mystery of the two becoming One. He displayed it. And look at what he was. Look at how it was God Who taught him and bore with him. He said, "Had it not been for the grace of God, I would have been a quitter." The Wife wanted to kill Herself and commit suicide; he said, "Lord, I can't take this thing! I'll kill myself!"

He said, "Honey, you're talking nonsense." The Husband started to give the Wife experience to strengthen Her faith; stabilize Her, calm Her. Do you get what I'm saying? He said, "Honey, you have a ministry. You can't talk about quitting. You can't talk about you're frustrated, you're going to have a nervous

breakdown.” And God was patient with him. Is that right? And God helped him. And he had fears, and he thought he was going to die. God said, “No, you’re not going to die. Fear not, this is only the Third Pull. This is the Ministry you were looking for all along. That explosion doesn’t mean that you’re dead. Look, Joseph was in the vision. Relax, don’t be nervous. This is the crowning time. I’m going to display the fullness of My authority in you.” Oh, my!

Husbands, love your wives as? [Congregation says, “Christ loves the Church.” -Ed.] Do you see what we are talking about?

Look at how He dealt with him. The man couldn’t read, the man couldn’t write, the man couldn’t even face his mother-in-law. He said, “Honey, you’ll stand in the presence of kings, potentates; monarchs.” Amen!

Dr. Davis looked at him and said, “Ah, you can’t be that.”

“My Husband says I’m going to be that and more.” Hallelujah! And God proved it to him. God proved to him that He’s interested, that this Bride and Christ are going to be One, and He identified what the Oneness is: in fellowship, in nature, in works, in everything. All that He is, She is. He proved it.

So, when we look and we see, we know that that’s God pattern, that’s God plan, that’s God’s program. And the same way God did it by example through him and for him, the same God wants to do it for us also. And the same way God dealt with him, he could deal with his wife. Brother, look at how he turned around and said, “Lord, she didn’t mean that.” He said, “Lord, she is going through menopause. She’s is nervous because of the time of life and, she always stood by me and stood behind me.” And he stood in the gap for her. Why? Because, “As I have loved you, so love one another.” [John 13:34 -Ed.]

The way he came into God’s Love was in his weakness and his failure. Brother, the way he made his mistakes,

many times he acted out of order, like the time when he told God, "God, You owe me an answer for that!" He said, "God left me right there for three months; God doesn't owe me a thing." when the woman drowned and he wanted to know why she died afterwards, when she was drowning and she got saved, and she died the next week and he thought that God owed him an answer. See?

So, God dealt with him even when he made his mistakes and he disobeyed God and yet, God was merciful to him. He turned around now and he could live that out towards his wife because he knew what forgiveness was. He knew what longsuffering was. Amen. And, friends, if that was the Messenger for the Age, if he laid the footprints in the sands of time, if he wasn't a super-duper; if he came into things through trial and error, if he learned the hard way, then how much us also with our mate.

So, I trust that you, my sisters, it would give you faith to walk where God's Word says to walk. And do you know something? When you have to face doing certain things, you're going to find a complex. Something is going to come up in your mind and you'll say, "Well, I don't want to put on anything. I'll wait until." It is not put on, it is doing what you're supposed to do. If you get up and something tells you, "Don't brush your teeth for a week," will you do it? Will you wait for inspiration? You get up and you don't want to bathe for a week and say, "Well, I'm not getting inspired to bathe. I'm waiting for the Lord to lead me to bathe. I'm not getting the nudge, yet." You don't have to hide behind things.

There are certain things that you're going to find that, when you see where you have to walk, you're going to realize how you denominate in your mind in many places, living in a partial revelation. And when you have to walk a little further, there are always birth pains to be birthed into that new realm to come up a little higher,

to get a little sweeter, to get a little more loving, a little more concerned; a little more caring.

You're going to find that it is not going to come easy. Do you know why? You're going to realize that it was the devil standing between you there, and saying, "That is it! You stay right there!" And yet, God wants to show you: "No, you don't have to stay there. I'll show you, you possess much more than what you think you are living out. I'm going to show you, you have things that you haven't started to dig into yet. I'm going to show you the fullness of your potential." Are you getting me?

If you keep living in a realm where you think, well, that's all you could go, and God is saying, "No, you could go more than that." He is saying, "You haven't even started to discover the fullness of your potential yet."

If I have a subject; that is my subject: "**Discovering The Power That Lays In Your Submissive Potential**". My point is, God does not ask you to submit to that extent if God didn't put it inside of you to submit. God is asking us to live in perfect faith and trust Him regardless, whether we can't see, taste, smell, touch or anything! As men, we have to walk there with God, to be a son of God in this Hour. Sure. And if God talks about perfect faith and no fear, we have the potential to be that. We have to start to see ourselves the way God sees us.

It's lack of you looking at yourself as a Trinidadian with your human memory, saying, "He did that to me the last time; not me and he. I got burned once and I'm not going to get burned twice, no. Not me, no. God has to change me, yes." So, Who do you think is talking to you to change you? The Word has transforming power. You take It into your heart, It will change you! It will wash those things away; break up those molecules of sin because that is sin! It is sin in your life that's keeping you from walking there. What do you think? Is

it your thoughts? It is sin, sinful thoughts; unbelieving thoughts.

You say, "You know the Word, yes; you are only trying to put me under pressure. I don't think I'm ready for that yet." Then you're not ready for the Rapture, yet. This is a letting go and let God. Let go and let God have His own wonderful way.

Discovering The Power That Lays In Your Submissive Potential. How much could we submit? You say, "Well, I could only go so far."

I say, no. If you're a Bride, I say you could go exactly where Jesus went because there's only one form of Eternal Life. And all that He did, if you are part of Him as the Bride is part of the Bridegroom, you can do that too. Exactly right. That's what it is.

So, we have been saying that, if I can get the women in the church here to rise there, then things like: 'women received their dead back to life' and 'holy women of old' then that whole species will be here.

You know in the Prophet's time, back in the sixties, they found a whole bag of wheat that they proved was from the time of Joseph, thousands of years ago when they had the famine and Joseph stored up the wheat in Egypt. And do you know something, they took it and they threw it into a field and it bore wheat. He said, "Well if those seeds were laying there with botany life in them for thousands of years – and you take it and you plant it and it brings it to life, how much more the Word of God? This is a Seed, too."

And he began to take handfuls of what Paul had laying there, and began to plant them again! He said, "They'll bring forth a Church; their hearts will be turned back to the faith of the fathers. It will bring the Alpha and Omega to be the same again." Exactly right. So, if we are taking these Things and we are planting Them, and It falls into good faith, It is going to do that same thing because we are reading that out of the Bible.

And, because of what the past Age was—and I say, many Arminians came into the Message and Arminians could be very mean at times. Not just because they call them Arminians, but it's legalism. And when you can't control by love, you control by fear; it's the opposite. And so, sometimes, people don't realize or have not walked close with God enough to discover the power that lies in love, so they use fear.

That's why sometimes, parents would dig a child's eye out so it would see no evil. They feel safer to save the child like that. That is fear. What you need to do is to put the Word inside the child; plant the Word; let that Word fall in. How is God making us live in power, by doing what? By putting His Word in us; pouring His Word in us that we can begin to think like Him, act like Him; walk like Him. Why? Because a seed brings forth of its kind. If God wants His Life in us, the only way God could get His Life in us is, He has to sow His Seed in us. And the Word is a Seed that a sower sowed. Is that right?

So, sometimes, people work in a negative way because they have fear. They are not liberated, themselves and so they live in a handicapped, retarded kind of life, a defensive kind of life, a fearful kind of life.

That's why morality is not Christianity. You could be morally upright and be a wicked, malicious sinner. That's what Jesus taught those Pharisees. When He taught the prodigal son, when He taught the Good Samaritan, He was showing them the condition of their hearts. He said, "Who is your neighbor?" He said, "I'll tell you who your neighbor is." Because they were full of prejudice and bigoted in their minds. See? And because of looking down on people and different things, holier-than-thou attitude, He was showing them, He said, "You're whitened sepulchres, full of dead men's bones." He called them the most horrible names. You don't find Him calling sinners those things, but you find

Him blasting the church and shaking them, calling them those things (sure) because it is a horrible thing.

Now, look. And that's why when we see what came over—and many people never knew that. Years ago, I preached a series on *Calvinism and Arminianism*, showing how there are two schools in Christianity. The nine hundred and something denominations, they're broken down into Calvinism and Arminianism. And out of there comes this Message because this Message is "Come out of her, My people" and a mixed multitude went out in the Exodus.

And that's why we have that kind of concept in the Message, too because the Message is made up of Calvinism and Arminianism. And until they *come into* the Ephesians, they've only *come out of*. To *come into*, you have to cross Jordan and die to all of that to come into the Holy Ghost, to come into a true revelation of what the grace of God is.

That's why when Paul began to teach the grace of God in Romans, he said, "What? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" Because some people, they're so fearful that if you preach grace the people will get a license to sin. He said, "You don't understand what grace is yet."

Any man who sees grace, he's finished. Brother, he'll start to talk, "I wish I had a thousand lives to give all to God." Because love is more powerful than hate; light is more powerful than darkness; faith is more powerful than unbelief; grace is more powerful than law. And if the law could make you live a good life, what you call a good life, he said, "That's like the moon. If a man can walk so far in moonlight, how much more he could walk in sunlight?" Do you get what I'm saying?

And so, that's why if the Word is finding you in submission and you're afraid, remember that that submission is not coming out of love. That submission, you're trying to submit through reasoning and fear. You hear the Word says that, so, "I'll try it because I feel

condemned. If I don't do it, I'll feel like I'm disobeying God. And at least, I could tell God I tried." So you kind of psyche up yourself psychologically in your mind to get into a certain attitude. "From next week, I'll submit to my husband. I'll submit to him because the Word says that. I was in service the other night and the Word said that."

No, no, no, it's not that. We are talking a million miles from that. I'm not talking about trying to get it out of your mind; I'm trying to get it to the place in your heart. When it becomes difficult for you... Get this. When it becomes difficult for you, you are seeing where you have not walked with God far enough. Nobody has to tell you. You don't have to wonder: "How would I know? I wonder if I'm really close to God. I wonder because I kind of felt charged in the service the other day." No, no, no. Watch and see how far you could walk in the Word (do you understand what I'm saying?) without feeling your security being threatened because remember, Life comes by the Word. Remember that I'm saying submission is the woman's victory.

You say, "Could that be true?" If this Bride doesn't submit to give God the preeminence, we have become a denomination and didn't even know it. Do you get what I'm saying? If this Bride doesn't walk into the Third Pull and these Things, She has not submitted to God; She lives in a false concept thinking She has submitted to God. Because that's the evidence of preeminences; that's the evidence of becoming a prisoner bound in the chains of the Word.

I told you, the woman (as we are going to go into it) has been designed to get anything out of God. God set up His plan to show that His Church is designed to touch the heartstrings of God, the deepest depths of God. That's why God said, "Could I forget Jerusalem? Could I forget Israel? Could you measure the heights of the heavens; could you measure the depths of the

ocean?" [Isaiah 40:12 -Ed.] Do you get what I'm saying? God designed it that way.

That's why the Prophet said, "If you had the literal drops of the Blood of Jesus Christ in a charger, you would have tried to walk with it so carefully because this is the holy, creative Blood of God that could ransom the whole world." He said, "When you have the Church, you have more than that because that is what He gave to get the Church."

The Church meant more to Him. He gave up that Blood so He could get the Church. "I gave My Life as a ransom for many. You are not your own; you are bought with a price." We are redeemed not with corruptible things like gold and silver, but the precious Blood. [1st Peter 1:18 -Ed.] Now, the reason He did it like that is for what? So the Church can see, "Oh God, Lord, look at the extent that You love me."

That's why Paul went on and said – first, he started off, "I'm the least of the apostles." As the revelation unfolded and got greater, he said, "I'm least of all saints." As the revelation unfolded and got greater, he said, "I'm the chiefest of sinners." He wasn't becoming more sinful, his revelation of God's grace was growing greater; the greater it unfolded, the more submissive he became. He grew in it. He began to see it and began to yield and surrender to the place.

That's why when the Prophet came to a place now, he said, "I wish I had a million lives, I would give everyone to Jesus Christ. Oh God, I'm so sorry I only have one. And then he sees, to have one and every man's time is allotted, he said, "Billy, you better rise up and do something for Jesus. You haven't done enough yet." Two million souls there already, he said, "You haven't done enough yet." He said, "Shake yourself, you've crossed fifty already, what's the matter with you, boy?" He was so obsessed with Jesus Christ, to please Him, to honor Him; to live for Him. Do you know why? He had come to see what God's grace was.

Now, if that is not how you're becoming in deeper humility to God, in deeper submission to God, in greater reverence for God, then you're coming into that the wrong way. In other words, you can't come into it. You will end up a wreck alongside the road. He said, "Have you seen the scrap heaps of Christians? Have you seen the scrap heaps of ministers? They come into these things the wrong way. They try to come in the wrong way. There is only one way provided by God for everything."

Fear, Arminianism; where we become judgmental. You see, when the law dominates... the revelation of the law, when a person tries to work with the law, it dominates the mind. All they can see is somebody's faults. They become critical of the person. They always get upset with the person. They didn't see that the person tried their best, you know.

You see, you might see, let's think about it as even a child trying to do something and the child's heart is to do that service. And the child would think, "This would make mummy and daddy happy." and the child's desire is to make the parents feel proud of him. And so, the child makes a little sacrifice or something to maybe make a little Father's Day card or a Mother's Day card or something, or something for a wedding anniversary for them, and draws it up nicely and writes up the words. It's all kind of crapaud-foot [local term for bad handwriting -Ed.] because the child doesn't have a good handwriting. It is an old piece of bristol board, it's not cut straight and the four corners are not nice. He didn't have enough markers, so he couldn't make it too pretty. And he is not too skillful in art, so he doesn't blend the things right. But the child's heart is, "I love my mummy and my daddy and I want to show my appreciation."

When the child brings the card, the parent says, "Is that what you did?" and like he's disappointed. He says, "Have you ever seen what a real postcard is?" And he goes and gets a Hallmark card that they printed with a

big, printing press and says, "Look at what a postcard is, you idiot!"

Brother, it just shows where that person's mind is. Do you understand what I'm saying? Because they judged the card by the work on the card, and how neat it is, and how scribbled the writing was and how pretty it looked. They didn't look at the heart of the person who was looking for a vent to express that love and appreciation to honor the parents because they are so glad to be a part of the family, and realizing that daddy and mummy deserve some honor, and the child wants to give honor to them. But they criticized the work and not seeing that the work was an expression of love that came from the heart.

Well, so many times, people criticize people and are not seeing the motive and the objective, not seeing what motivated the person to do what they did, even though they failed. You see, but that is what God sees: God sees the heart, God doesn't watch the failure. Brother, that kind of failure, as far as God is concerned, is in the past. That's why Jesus told the woman, He said, "Simon, she did more than you, Simon! You're watching the woman's condition," He said, "but you didn't even shed a tear for Me and you sit down there criticizing the woman!" He was trying to show them what genuine love is.

And when people with that kind of concept of God, they look at their wife sometimes, they look at their children, they look at their husband, they look at their parents and they relate to them like that. They relate to them like that because they fail to see the real desire, the real interest because they are selfish and they just want themselves to be pleased in a certain way. And you see, there, many times it breaks up and retards the development in a true relationship. And that's why people, what you exercise, is what you develop in.

And that is why, in studying today, it was coming to me how it was the wisdom of God in giving us the

messages on inherited sicknesses and weaknesses by birth and hereditary... that series there; coming into this first because sometimes people have weaknesses. They lack the ability to do certain things even though in their heart they want to do it. And, sometimes when you only see a person by what is manifested and it doesn't seem to meet your expectation, sometimes you need to look a little deeper and see the motive and the effort that the person made. They gave their best but their best wasn't enough.

That's what God says, "When you give your best, and you go to the limit that you can't go any further, then Sovereign grace comes down and takes over." See? And He told the parable of the man who canceled the debt for five thousand denarii and the next man owing fifty, and he was carrying that man to jail for that fifty. Why? Because some people, they don't live in the consciousness; they fail to even realize that God passed them a certain way and delivered them and revealed Himself to them, so that when He gives them a mate or companion, or something, or they have to deal with somebody else and, brother, that person comes short, then they'll know how to deal with that person. Do you get what I'm saying?

That is why He said, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another. The extent I bore with you, as I long-suffered with you, and as patient as I was with you, and as much grace that I have to overlook your faults and your mistakes, so you should do with another person." But sometimes, that concept when it is not too clear... You see, it takes a legalism concept. That's what you started with, as I was saying last week. Ruth was coming into her second phase of redemption. Ruth, serving in the field; that was her days of legalism, working, trying to do it by her own ability, working away, working out her salvation. But watch something; that evolves until it becomes a revelation of grace. It evolves until it becomes a revelation of grace.

And so, this is what... When you begin to grow up and come into maturity, then you can begin to relate to each other with a difference and so, there would be a change, there would be a difference. Isn't that right? So then, if you see that you have to walk in places and you feel intimidated, and you feel like it is new territory to walk in and you feel that you almost have to restructure certain things and you feel embarrassed; nothing is wrong with that, just keep walking.

Your water came from your ankle to your knees, it went up to your thighs and as you keep walking, you're going to get in deeper waters. Because remember, if you're growing, that means that you're getting more humble because the way up is down. You can't be growing up and getting matured and then you're not humble. It's not a mental business; the way up is down.

So it is not somebody waiting for you to... "I'm waiting for you to tell me you are sorry, you know." You see, it doesn't have that. Do you think it is a one-sided thing? Who didn't happen to say that they were sorry; one born from the womb mature? Both are growing up: one is discovering their own, maybe the other one has not discovered their own yet. Maybe one is thinking of themselves more highly than they ought to think. But as you keep going... Like the Prophet told his wife, he said, "Honey, as you get older, my eyes get dimmer; I see less and less faults. I see less and less things. You don't have to worry and get oversensitive. The more we mature, it's the less we see because we are growing more in the knowledge of God's grace." Amen.

And I think that that should give a strength and a power, a liberty that you don't have to fear. The Word tells you, as a sister, let God place... You see, God has a reason and a purpose for making a man and a woman in the way that He did and joining them in a marriage covenant. This is how He started it. That is why when Paul now was opening the Mystery, he kept going back:

Adam was first formed. That is why he said don't try to teach. Because why? Eve was the first woman to teach.

That is why every time you hear in the Bible: "Woman, be in submission to your *own* husband." Always to your *own* husband. Do you know why? The first woman got submissive to something that was not her husband. She came under the headship of another that was not her husband. And that is why you see the Scripture is so accurate with these things.

He said, "Look. When God made the man and the woman, He gave the woman long hair. That was for her glory." Now catch this. You know many times people say, "Well, Jesus had long hair, so how come...?"

In *Questions and Answers, Book 3* [1964-0830M - Q-351 - Para. 214 -Ed.], he said: *And the man's head is Christ; therefore, a man should cut his hair because of Christ, 'cause in him [which is Christ] is both man, woman, and all. He's both father, mother, sister, brother, all. But in a man it's masculine alone. Therefore, he must cut that off because of Christ; but in the woman is feminish alone,*

In the man is masculine alone; in the woman is feminish alone.

Therefore, he must cut that off because of Christ; but in the woman is feminish alone, so she could have her covering; because her husband is over her. He is her lord, her ruler; so therefore, she must have long hair.

Her long hair is her covenant sign that she is in submission to her husband. Now, in this last generation... That fifth vision was what? The moral problem of the Age: women began to cut their hair and in doing that, they came out from under the headship of their husbands. Then they were permitted to vote and then from there, they began to invade the domain of the man. And, today, women are out in the public, taking up all these public jobs and a lot of men are on the breadline, unemployed; when the man was supposed to be the one who by the sweat of his brow,

toil and earn a living and bring it for his family. He is responsible to provide for them.

But, do you know something? Satan knows that the institution was ordained by God to reflect the Mystery of Christ in the Church, so what does he do? He attacks the institution; he misrepresents what the home should be. And once he does that, then he has the woman preaching in the church too. He misrepresents what the church should be also. And once he breaks womanhood, he destroys the whole thing and the society is gone, the church is gone, the home is gone. Why? He got the woman out of her place; because the whole world went when he got the woman out of her place.

And where did Satan make his attack? On the woman! And that is why God is raising up a Church. That is why it is to God's honor, and it's God's victory to have a Church that would be loyal to Him, to have a Church that will not be shaken out of Her place. She will not fall. To fall is to move out of your place. She will stay and hold that position. She will live in that perfect faith. She will overcome in that faith. She will bruise Satan's head under Her feet.

That's God's victory. That's why His Church is His victory. That's why He comes back in union with His Church, in marriage to His Church and having the pre-eminence because His Church reveals His hidden Secrets of Redemption. He shows His Love, His elective Love, how He chose Her in Christ; predestinated Her to that place. She is predestinated to take that stand, way before the foundation of the world, unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ. See?

And God, in doing that, He brings a Church in the last days to stand there and live these Things. And since the church and the homes are the same... Remember, Adam and Eve were the church, Adam and Eve were the world; Adam and Eve were the kingdom.

Adam and Eve were the church, it is the same thing because the church is just made up of families.

And that's why we are having these services, to do what? Strengthen the family circle, and in strengthening the family circle we strengthen the church. Because the very Mystery of what the Church is; Christ and the Church is, it's not just something that we have collectively; we have it individually on every family level. And so, the same thing that we enjoy in the home is designed and intended for us to have in the community.

And that is why you cannot have an overcoming church with broken homes or weak homes. The homes are weak, the church is weak because all we do is just change the building. We come from the building of our homes to the building where we gather. That is just geography. We didn't even come here by translation, we came here by gasoline power; automobile power we came here by. We didn't come here by Holy Ghost power. Do you get what I am saying? So, we are still the same as what we are in our homes because the Token is to the home first.

And if people in your neighborhood know you are a Christian, if your children know you are Christians, if your wife knows you are a Christian and you know your wife is a Christian, then what is going to happen: you're going to have something there that when you come here, there is something that can be contributed – the body fitly joined and compacted together in the measure that every joint supplieth, for the more effectual working of the body.

Because those very mysteries of responsibility, those very mysteries of harmony and unity, those very mysteries of sacrifice, what you discover even through your own life of order and authority and submission, is what you come here with a knowledge of, by experience in your own home in your daily life. Amen? Exactly. And that is what contributes to a powerful church. So,

for a woman to think, "I wonder if I'm going to make it," and then be afraid, in terror or amazement something has to be drastically wrong.

Let's just read a Scripture quickly before we bring it to a close. Genesis 16. Peter was speaking about Sarah, and I wanted to pick it up last week; because Sarah was the standard of the woman, in the Old Testament.

Now, remember this Age that we are living in... Genesis 16:

¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

² And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

³ And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar, her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

⁴ And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

Now, watch this. Let us just ponder on that a little bit. Think on that. Here was Hagar; she was a slave. She was a slave that Abraham and Sarah got when Abraham backslid in Genesis 12 and went down into Egypt in the time of famine. And he picked up that slave with other goods: horses and cattle and different things, the Bible tells you, and he came out of Egypt.

After Sarah's life was in jeopardy down there; Abraham, unable to stand with confidence, and he kind of put a little pressure on his wife, Sarah and said, "You have to stand by me now, you know. I need you to support me because we are going down inside of there, they will kill me for sure, these Egyptians. And I heard

this man killed some people last week; two men who had two nice wives, some tourists who came and he has them in his harem. And there is famine already; this is the only place we could really come to get a little help. The first thing I know, if they see you, I'm in trouble, so say you are my sister."

Well, she didn't say, "Man, you weak, spineless, miserable wretch, you're trying to compromise my life and put me in danger to save your skin? What is the matter with you at all?" No, she loved her husband. She knew that it had to be something that he was really afraid of and threatened his security, and he didn't normally make those kinds of demands. But in this situation, she could see his weakness and she decided to support him. She said, "Okay." went down there.

"Who are you all?"

"That's my sister."

"Is that your sister?"

She said, "Yes, that's my brother." Normal.

They went through Customs, Immigration, went on in Egypt; got a one-entry, whatever it was – how many days they got to stay. They stamped their visas. They were moving around shopping and different things.

Pharaoh was making a tour. He saw this woman, stopped the chariot and sent over his men. "The king desires to have a cup of tea with you," he said, "and you better don't refuse him because it is a great disrespect. It is something of a privilege and an honor."

She looked at Abraham and Abraham looked at her. He kind of shuddered a little bit. She tried to be kind of brave about it.

They checked their passports: strangers and different things. He took her and went to the palace. Abraham couldn't see her, she's inside locked up. The day passed, Abraham wanted to leave; they couldn't leave. How to get her out now? See?

Next thing, Pharaoh is thinking about a wife, Pharaoh is thinking about relations; Pharaoh is thinking

different things and Abraham realized, "Look at what I put my wife into." God—it took Divine intervention.

Now, let me show you something. Little things cause big, big issues between husbands and wives, and pressure; and they hold that against them, and they get blue in the face, and they bring it up every time a little quarrel comes and there's a tension and a pressure. And then, "I feel I have to get back my thing from you." and, "You can't ask me for anything again." and, "You don't know how you humiliated me and what I went through, and I didn't grow up like that. My father and mother treated me differently and I thought you were some kind of man to protect me. And I realize that when it comes to things (you said, 'Until death do us part,') that you're willing to sacrifice me as quickly as you could."

Now, the thing is, she could see, "He's not that kind of man." She could recognize, "This is a man of integrity but he has weaknesses." Do you get what I'm saying?

Now, let us get realistic here. When you don't have a revelation that you are a son and a daughter of God, you are going to judge them every day. You have your glasses and your binoculars are focused; every day it's like you're living on the edge, you're living with a close examination, "Today, they might show up and I'm going to realize that it's a Serpent's seed really." Or, "Today, I'm going to realize, he doesn't love me, really." if you're not settled, if you don't have peace. Do you understand what I am saying?

And then when something happens, it's how you interpret it. It's on what wavelength you pick it up. Now, Abraham will die for her but the thing is, this is his weakness. This is his moment of weakness because it happened later on with Abimelech, in Chapter 20, also. Now, watch something. That was one of Abraham's weaknesses. His next weakness was: you could see he was a kind of quiet man. He wasn't a big

rowdy man. Whatever his personality was—because when Miss Hagar now, Sarah...

Get this. Sarah, who was the married wife, her name was Princess. As I was saying last week, she was named such a dignified name; they called her Princess because maybe she came up in a wealthy family. The way she lived from small [a child -Ed.], the way she carried about herself, her father must have been some big, powerful man or something. She came from children who grew up with a certain atmosphere, cared for a certain way.

So, she came and she married Abraham; a dignified woman, kings used to like her. You never saw anything about farmers liked her, and this one liked her; it was kings: Abimelech, Pharaoh, men in whose kingdom were thousands of women that they could have, brother, at their beck and call. This woman had such dignity. A king doesn't look for just any old thing, you know.

King Ahasuerus said, "Take them away, take them away! Go on, go on! Esther, you come." Do you understand what I mean? To attract a king, brother, you are talking about a whole kingdom! He is looking for a dignified person. He's looking for a person with character and integrity. You have to know how to eat. You are eating greedily; no modesty, no poise, no grace; you're carrying about yourself like some woman on the street or something, you laugh, "Ha!! Ha!! Ha!!" [Bro. Vin imitates scandalous laughter -Ed.], you'll embarrass the man. Kings don't want that in their company because when they are entertaining kings and ambassadors and are at big governor balls and different things, they are moving with a certain amount of honor and pump and glory. Do you understand what I am saying?

This woman used to attract kings, in the Bible. She knew how to carry herself. Her husband was a pilgrim, a farmer, a shepherd, but this woman didn't have to be living in a palace to behave like a queen. This woman grew up in a family where she understood the virtues of

womanhood. She could put on a piece of calico or sassafras (the Prophet talked about those cotton dresses) or some old thing, and brother, when she walked in it, you could think that was some imported thing from some great place, the way she carried herself, dignified, ladylike. Yet, this woman humbled herself for her husband's sake.

This woman was so taken up with her husband. This woman was so living to please her husband because she had a revelation of her position as a wife. This woman didn't feel terrified with her husband. She was barren but the husband had given her such a security; he was not looking at any other woman. He was not complaining and dropping things off: "Look at me, a great man like me; look at what I have to come down to; I can't even have an heir. My wife is barren." He was not throwing words.

Brother, this man made this woman feel, brother, like she had a million children! Her trouble was that she knew that this promise, the man got obsessed with it. She heard him crying out, "Lord, shall I go childless and this Eliezer be my heir?" He was not saying that in front of her; in prayer he was crying that out.

And she realized, "I've tried for all these years to give this man a child, I can't give him a child. I tried every aphrodisiac I know, nothing is working." See? "I went to every doctor, every specialist; nothing is happening." She said, "You know something," she said, "hear this, Abraham. I think it isn't wrong and maybe I'm too possessive, maybe I'm so self-centered I feel the child has to come by me. And I've started to realize, maybe that could be my fear." She said, "Go with Hagar. Take the maid."

Now, catch this here. This woman who was like a queen was humbled herself to take the slave girl and give the slave girl to her husband. Do you know the kind of humility that was? Do you know the place she had to step down from? But the point I want to bring

to you... Remember polygamy was lawful in those days. The point I want to bring to you is this: watch the woman's humility, watch the woman taken up with her husband, to serve and please her husband to make her husband fulfill the promise of God.

The woman realized, "If I am the problem, I'm even willing to humble myself if I have to be reproached even further for my barrenness, by having another woman bear the child. And for the last ten years even though that threatened me (in my mind, I may have to go there and I didn't want to go there) finally, to prove how far I want to go to please my husband, I'm willing to walk there."

I am dealing with submission. I'm dealing with a wife's submission. I'm trying to show where her thoughts went. In other words, though that was not the way, God let that happen to reveal how much this woman loved her husband. I'm trying to show you what she submitted to when she went down into Egypt, trying to help him. Even though she didn't have a revelation of how the promise was coming, when the promise was coming, whom the promise was coming through, she didn't doubt the promise. What she doubted was that she was going to bring the promise. She didn't doubt that God told Abraham that. She didn't doubt that that was God's Word. She was willing to even step aside.

Like the Prophet said, "You want to get married to somebody," he said, "when you know God showed you..." He said, "Did God show you that? Brother, the way you really know is if you feel that somebody else could make that person happier than you, you'll step aside." He said, "Otherwise, you don't love the person enough yet."

Now, people can't take that. People don't like to go there, yet. For those things, they want to make the Prophet look like he didn't know what he was talking about. Do you get what I'm saying? But he was trying to show you what kind of love is supposed to be there.

That is why half of the times, it is two people living under a roof; it is not a marriage. Two people living at the same address is what it is. Do you understand what I'm saying?

But this is a challenge to overcome and there are some people in this Age who have to overcome that. And God sent the Message to open it up, to give them the power to discover the potential that lays in them to step out there and live those things. Because remember, every time, in the Bible...

Remember my messages—I had a series on *Deceived by Childbearing and Saved by Childbearing* and showed you, God only deals with a woman with her children. Everything in the Bible that God mentioned a woman, is with children but women like to teach. Peter says that they want to save their husbands by preaching. He says, "But win them by chaste conduct coupled with fear." He's showing you the greater power that you have. Because if you're really understanding the Mystery as a woman; it's the same way the Church is designed and made up to touch the deepest chords in Christ's heart that He can't withhold anything.

Like the king said, "Ask, Esther, even to half the kingdom; whatever you say." It's the same way that a woman is designed to get anything from her husband. But many times, being foolish, she plucks down her house instead of building it up. Many times, instead of submitting, she gets contentious and is like the continual dropping of the rain. The man is better to be in a little garret up in the attic, in a little place, than to be in a big bungalow with a woman who is nagging all day. Proverbs says that.

What it is: Satan, because he got the first woman to get away from her position, he thinks that he can get every other woman to do the same. But God says, "No, there is going to be a Woman, Satan, She will bruise your head under Her feet. I'm going to bring them out in the last days, and they are going to live this Word,

and they are going to discover these Things, and they are going to walk in these places. And I'll have a Church that will display these Things and you will see that there is a Bride that will live what the first one was intended to and failed."

So all I'm saying is, my brothers and sisters, all I'm saying is that: sisters, your victory is the same victory the Bride has. Because when you submit to your husband, you are really obeying Christ, you are really submitting to Christ because it is Christ's Word that says that. And Christ's Word defines that even though...

Now, there is a limitation with some of those things in certain places. We will get to it, maybe not tonight, but 1st Corinthians 7 tells you, a brother or sister is not under bondage if the unbelieving departs. But then, you see, it is not your fault because It says: Seek not to be loosed if you're bound to a husband, (see?) ...*seek not to be loosed*. The only way you're loosed is by death because you stood there knowing your position. So, if they depart, then don't let it be that you nagged them out of the house. See? The responsibility is not going to be yours afterwards if you stood there with a virtuous life, doing everything you could do.

God has given you a power, a great power, but many people fail to discover how they have been built and what they have been equipped with. And I want to close with that. Because when Hagar got into that position, to show that she had no character she never suffered with Abraham.

Sarah had to leave where she was living. She had to leave father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, everything, to go with Abraham. She had to go out into a place where she didn't even know. Abraham didn't even know where it was either, going from place to place and she had to suffer and endure all those things. She had to put up with him in his own weakness and his own pressures, and it jeopardized her own life many times.

Hagar never had to put up with that. Sarah was the married wife whom Abraham didn't tell her, "Let me go." It was that she, so taken up with the interest of her husband, wanted to see her husband happy and to see God's Word fulfilled (the things that he was believing God for) trying to help him; to be a real helpmeet unto him.

And from the time Hagar went in, had one act, got conceived, she started to despise the real mistress and behaved like she was the mistress. Do you see how the woman had no character? She didn't even say, "But you know, this woman who is so great, this woman who suffered because of her husband's weakness down in Egypt; they picked me up as a slave down there, as property together with their horse and their cow and their donkey."

They got some slaves from there too. And she came in there, got conceived, one act, didn't suffer with him or anything. She didn't even take into consideration what this woman went through and started to behave like she was the mistress. (I don't want to get too carnal.) From the time she got the first sign that she conceived, she got uppity about it. See? "Abe."

Sarah said, "What? Abe? Sitting down in the mistress' chair?"

[Hagar -Ed.] "Come and let's have our picture taken. How about going for some pizza tonight?"

Brother, Sarah said, "What is going on here?" See? And the next thing when Sarah wanted to talk with Abraham, she says, "Abraham—Abraham!!" She has to call twice now. Brother!

The next thing, she starts to get upset. She starts to get upset as if Sarah is intruding and coming between something, and is supposed to knock first and say, "Excuse me, please." It's like Sarah became the deputy [concubine -Ed.] and she became the real thing. The next thing she says, "You only have the ring, but I have the man."

Brother, all that Egyptian thing started to come out: no submission, no humility, didn't suffer one day, didn't have to put up with Abraham for all those years; didn't go through anything. She didn't know when he came out with his father and God got vex and God even had to kill the man's father to get him to go on because he was disobeying God and compromising, and bringing out Lot too and creating problems, making it hard for them. And she would have just remained a slave in Egypt and she started to behave as if she was the mistress, despising the real mistress.

Watch something. Let's finish reading it up, quickly. Verse 5:

⁵ And Sarai said unto Abram, [The wrong that was done me] be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

⁶ But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee.

See? Look at Abraham with some understanding here. Abraham knew that to move any different was to diminish Sarah's position. Abraham wasn't the kind of man knowing, this sister likes him so he can't face up to his wife because the sister is standing up here. No, no, no, he was not in that kind of business. He didn't have that kind of thing inside of him.

Some people only want to play they're holding their wife's hand and they're paying compliments to their wife when nobody is around (see?), but when people are around, they're passing their wife as if she is a traffic light standing up there with green. But Abraham knew that Sarah was hurting now. He knew she was hurting. He knew that she was seeing like her position was being diminished, and he had to re-enforce her faith. "Honey, you, as far as I know, you are the mistress. Whether

she conceives or doesn't conceive, it doesn't diminish your position at all." He said, "She is thy maid; she is in your hand. You do as you please because you did as you pleased and brought the maid here, though I kind of ran quickly and didn't say, 'Sarah, no, no, no.'"

Abraham harkened to her voice right away. That was another one of his weaknesses too. Do you get that? That was one of his weaknesses too. It was almost like, "Sarah, I thought you would have never brought it up." It was like, "I thought you were overlooking that and you were going to keep overlooking that for the rest of your life. That other proposition existed!" See? "I didn't want to say it. I didn't want to prompt you into doing it but girl, I'm glad that you made that stand." See?

No, no. Right away, he knew when she talked to him, she felt like her position was being threatened. And she brought it to him and it was he, who had to declare whether that position was still in the length and breadth and depth and height of what it originally was. He said, "It is your maid, darling. Do as it pleases thee."

⁶ And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

When she saw Sarah dealt kind of hard—because you see some of her anger coming out. Maybe you could say, righteous indignation, but she dealt so hard that she was willing to lose a valuable slave. And after all, it was her own plan that backfired upon her. It was her own well-worked out explanation of how she was going to do this thing that was to come to pass.

What I'm trying to show is, watch the elect and watch the kind of domestic problems that come up. And Abraham and Sarah, a couple who was called out, journeying under the Word of God, who eventually was changed and went into the resurrection and received the promised son, they didn't just walk into that just praying and fasting and singing songs and with big hymn books and tape and Walkman in their ears every day. They had domestic problems. They had pressures.

They had to put up with each other's weaknesses. They had jealousies. They had envies. They had little strifes. They had Abraham's compromising. All of that they had to deal with and work out, on the way to coming into the change and the new body. Amen!

In other words, they had to learn submission to each other. He submitted to her in the office and the position that she was placed in. By right, by virtue, she was the married wife. 'Husbands submit yourselves to your wives; wives submit yourselves to your husbands. Submit yourselves to one another in the fear of God.' And when she said that, he submitted, "Because you are the married wife, honey. I'm not getting in-between that. You take your maid, and you treat your maid as you see fit." See? He submitted to her.

Now, watch something. Sarah would not have gotten upset if she had conducted herself properly. But she now automatically wants to come out of her position, as bondwoman and wants to behave like she's a free woman like if she is the real mother of the promise. And she had no revelation that God said that. She was using the conception conveniently to push the real woman out; whom God said was the real woman. She was trying to compete for something that, she had no clear revelation from God, was hers. Do you understand what I mean?

She was an opportunist. The first opportunity that rose up, that looked like she could push the real woman who suffered with that man, who came through all those years with that man, who helped to bring that man to where he was today, (she was a predator) she just wanted to get rid of the real woman and take the place, and then take all and get her son who is the bastard, the illegitimate child, to inherit everything. Why? That was the lineage she came from. That was the character and nature that she had. And she was only looking to jockey for a position; she was not thinking about serving, and submission, and humility,

and sacrificing and, “Where Abraham goes, I go, and where you suffer I suffer, and however hard it is for you, I’ll bear it together with you.” She didn’t have that. She was an opportunist trying to come in and get a high life real quick, a shortcut.

No real woman wants to do that because a woman who is married to a man, they marry for love. They marry for love. I’m trying to show you Sarah between Hagar and Lot’s wife. Look at the kind of woman Hagar was, and look at the kind of woman Lot’s wife was too. And watch Sarah, the kind of woman she was.

He said, “You are Sarah’s daughters, who trusted God.” But that trust doesn’t just come like that. Through those weaknesses, through those fears, through those doubts, it is out of there God—out of the death and corruption of a seed is where the life comes. Do you get that?

God doesn’t just drop down faith and a person becomes powerful. Brother, it is through hardships and testings and sufferings, God builds and molds and shapes and develops that faith, to make it a conquering faith – things that you’re going to pass through to come into that faith. And that is why when people are faced with these things, many times they want to backslide and fall apart, but that’s the way. That is only discovering your own weaknesses.

Abraham and Sarah (watch), they had those things, but look at how beneath all those things, they were really knitted together. Even those things let them see, it was God that brought them together. Are you getting that?

People want to get bent out of shape, and they can’t get along, and they’re fussing, and they’re stewing. And the devil exploits that and busts up the homes many times; when through those very things is where they should discover it’s God Who brought them together and see how God is bringing out of them and molding them that they can become one.

Quickly. Verse 6:

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? And whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

Watch this.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

Do you get that? You see, He knew what her problem was. What was her problem? She wanted to elevate her own self, but the way up is down. She wanted a shortcut to come in, to become heir. That's why Sarah, in the end, said (in Chapter 21), "Her son will not be heir with my son."

To this woman, the Angel said, "I know you; you got a little hardship, you got chastised. You got corrected because you started to exalt yourself so quickly, and you couldn't take the chastisement, you couldn't take the correction so you took off. Your skin is thin, you can't take a whipping."

That's why God told the Prophet because he was telling those Pentecostals: oh, they are the best, they're sweet, and they're nice. They are the best church; they're full of the gifts. Oh, and they were all happy. See? Then He said, "Tell them their baptism is false. Tell them what kind of spirit they have." Oh boy! They got rebellious, they took off now. See? He said, "You're passing your hand, 'Kitty, kitty, kitty,'" He said, "Pass it back the other way, I'll show you what kind of spirit is inside of them."

Brother, I see God do that with people over and over and over. People like to be buttered up nice, nice. They get out of line and you have to come down with the Word on them, all of a sudden it's like you have a big sign marked: "17 METERS, KEEP OFF; AIR BRAKES". They want to keep their distance far from you now. See? All it shows is that they can't take correction. They lack humility. See?

So, she took off – a little correction. Sarah saw the attitude. The Bible says she despised her mistress. You're not going to run from the problem. God said, "Are you going to run from it?" The Angel found her, the Angel knew where she was. The Angel went and searched her out, and found her. The Angel didn't say, "Sarah is bad. Girl, I tell you, these old people, they don't understand young people today." The Angel didn't say, "The woman should be glad. You didn't ask for the husband." The Angel didn't give that advice, you know. Some other woman would have talked that kind of foolishness.

The Angel said, "You return and you submit; you learn submission. See that exalted spirit you have there, one little thing and you start to play mistress and despise the woman, and you didn't suffer anything with the man. And you don't know what that woman gave up, and how she humbled herself, and how she considered you. You're too selfish. You're too self-opinionated. Your head is too big. You're too full of pride. Return and submit!" He turned her around, she had to go back there.

Sarah was washing and here she was coming. I could imagine how she was kind of coming there like this: "God talked to me! It's because God talked to me I've come back." trying to make it spiritual now like if she got this big experience from God. Sarah whipped you, and God whipped you even greater because God confirmed what your place was and what your conduct ought to be.

Brother, Sarah had to learn submission; Abraham had to learn submission. For thirteen years God didn't appear to Abraham. When God called him, He said, "Walk before Me and be thou perfect." Sure. When He said, "Why did Sarah laugh?" Brother, you watch God here in the Bible. Every one of them, whether it was Abraham, whether it was Hagar, whether it was Sarah, all of them had to learn submission. "Servants," He said, "submit yourselves to your masters." He said, "Go and submit to your mistress!" See?

Brother, Abraham had to submit to God's Word. Then Sarah had to come now and submit to her husband, and submit to God's Word to get that promise to come to pass. And before that promised son could come, brother, they all had to learn submission. It was by coming into real submission, they were getting ready for the promise.

Look at Isaac. When Abraham had to offer up Isaac, and God said, "Go and offer up your only begotten son." Brother, Abraham was so submissive to the revealed will of God; no retaliation, no reaction, brother, no fear. Hebrews 11 said that when Abraham was called to offer up Isaac, by faith he knew he received him from the dead, and he was going to receive him back because he had gotten him as from a figure. Out of his dead body when he couldn't bear anything, the son came by a supernatural Power. He knew: "If I kill him, and '*in Isaac shall thy seed be called*' he had to come back up because God can't break His Word."

Think of it, friends. God had to teach them all submission; (Let us close here, quickly.) it's a great Thing, it is a Mystery, there's a power that lies in it. Sarah couldn't really submit to the revealed will of God. She couldn't submit to the place, she was still too active in her mind. She was trying to help God. She was getting in the place to start to advise Abraham without any direct influence from God. And Abraham, himself, not fully subjected to the will of God, trusted in the

energy of his flesh and brought forth a perverted promise, something that had to be cast out in the earth.

This revelation 'to submit' is a great thing. When you look in the Bible and you see how it works in the Church; you watch in the first Exodus, Moses bringing the people out and in that, there were many who refused to be submissive to Moses' authority. You know the pastor and the congregation is a type of the husband and the wife as well; a type of Christ in the Church. Korah raised up; he said, "They're taking too much upon themselves," he said, "all of us are holy." And brother, the problems he caused himself, the problems he caused other people; other people who felt they could be submissive to Korah and not to Moses. See? Brother, they ended up where Korah ended up, too. Sure.

Look in the days of Jesus, seventy came out and they could not be subjected when He began to come down with the Word. They said, "That's a hard saying. Who could bear that?" That was the time to show submission. That was the time the apostles said, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life." Think of it.

Look in Paul's time, the Corinthian church, they said, "We don't have to listen to that."

Paul said, "What? You don't you have to listen?" See? Brother, Hymenaeus and Philetus, men whose word eat as gangrene and different things, they felt that they didn't have to be in submission. Eve felt that she didn't have to be in submission. The Alpha Bride felt that they didn't have to be in submission; brother, they submitted to the wrong headship. He said, "They came preaching another Jesus, another gospel," and they got under the influence of a wrong word. But before they could get under the influence of a wrong word from a wrong channel, they had to leave the right Channel and the right Word. Because you can't do wrong until you

reject what is right. That's exactly what Eve did. That's why He said, "Obey your own husbands."

In the last Age, Demos Shakarian, David Du Plessis, Gordon Lindsay, all the great big Pentecostal leaders, Jack Moore, they felt they didn't have to be submissive to the Prophet. Do you get what I'm saying? But brother, he said, "Bro. Branham, in the vision God took you westward. You were talking like you didn't fully understand; they couldn't make out clearly what you were saying. And the Pillar of Fire took you westward, brought you back and put you at the head of the table. Bro. Branham, we saw you on a horse and you were dressed like a chief Texas Ranger; a chief authority – an Indian Chief." He said, "The next thing, they put you at the head of the table, you stood there; you spoke and you commanded; all men understood."

He said, "Now watch all that chief authority, watch there. Watch the place where they put me, at the head of the table and so on, the Lord's Communion table." When that Head came, that Cloud came in the form of the head of Christ because there is a Body on the earth that the Head came for. The Son of Man had found a place to lay His Head where the Intelligence, the Headstone came down, where those Seven Mysteries began to thunder forth.

And what did the church world do? They put that on the outside, "We don't have to listen to that!" And they refused to submit because they had gotten into that Jezebel condition. It says, "Don't usurp authority over the man." Any way to get authority over the man is a usurped authority. There is no other legitimate authority over the man than a usurped authority. Do you get that? And to get a usurped authority is to leave your position. To leave your position is to leave your power because your power lays in your submission. What are the things that influence a woman to want to usurp authority? I'm not saying that you sisters are usurping authority, but dealing with the Scripture

there, what influences a woman to want to usurp authority?

Sometimes, a woman might come out of a wealthy family and she has a superiority complex because they were rich, had money, they bought what they wanted. She got what she wanted, she had her own way and everything. She never suffered. She doesn't know what humility is. So she comes and she's married and she's educated; the family has a great name, influence, business, power, money, position; name. On the other side, maybe the husband's side doesn't have all that. Right away she could get the feeling: "We are a better class than them."

Right away it comes automatically for her to start to give advice because the family was in a position where they only gave advice; they never received. They grew that way; have this aggression, have this ruler-ship self because maybe the father or the mother were people of authority and influence. And so they were born... are a product of their experience, but the marriage relationship is requiring submission. Maybe she can cook nice, entertain, buy the nicest of furniture, decorate the house nice; keep it nice. Because why? All of that is inherited from the family background, but when a situation comes where there has to be humility, that becomes hard.

And God leads and passes the couples in places in order to fulfill His Word and reveal His will because their lives are ordained to reflect a Mystery. And sometimes, they are so blinded from what their real calling is, they live so much in the realm of the natural heredity and the influence of those things. And sometimes they think of their family's name, and the family's pride, and this and that. Realize that, that is not the issue here.

The issue here is that: This is your husband; this is the head God gave you. That is the issue and you ought to submit here. And if you see something going wrong, then you have a channel. You don't stay there and get

beaten up; you go to God. And God stands for you because God put him under Headship too. And if he refuses to stay under Headship and tries to dominate you, God picks up the matter because God is not in woman bashing. God orders man to their place! Exactly right.

God said, "Abraham, you hearken to Sarah." God is not a delinquent. See? So, a woman doesn't have to fear. You don't have to fear anything. You don't have to know terror; you have confidence.

Let us stand to our feet. Aren't you glad tonight, that God knowing that Abraham and Sarah had the real covenant, (Adam broke his, Noah broke his) and the unconditional covenant was the original covenant that God had in the back part of His Mind.

God gave Adam: "The day you eat," He gave him a commandment, "you shall surely die." In the time of Noah, God came and gave them a covenant also, and they broke that also. He put them under human government because man had come from innocence to knowledge. And then when Noah failed as well, God came down in grace and made a covenant with Himself, an unconditional covenant. "It is not what you can do; it is what I have done." That was the true one that God had in the back part of His Mind.

That was the one that God was going to work with. The first two only laid the foundation for the third covenant, the real covenant. And that's the covenant we are in because we have come back to an Abrahamic Age. We have come back to the Abrahamic covenant. We have come back into the Age of grace again. We have come back into the Age where the power of God's Love is to be on display in His Church. And God took the couple who is the example: And the footsteps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord. It is not within man to direct his own steps. God ordered their lives that way to bring them into the understanding of what they should be.

And that's why when Abraham came into perfect submission, Sarah came into perfect submission; Isaac, perfect submission, the promise came: The Seed shall possess the gate of the enemy, and in that Seed shall all the families on the earth be blessed. What was the trial? Submission – the final testing – he had trials and harder trials and the final testing before the promised gate, before Jehovah Jireh came on the scene, was to submit to God's will. "Now I know, Abraham, that you fear Me."

Look at Jesus: "I do those things always that please My Father. My meat is to do His will and to finish His work. I must be about My Father's business." And the Father could come back and say, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in." That depth of submission, friends, it is the way that we have to pass. It is the Hour that we have come to, the final testings before the promised gate, before the Third Pull, before these Things.

Look at his wife before that Third Pull. What happened? She couldn't submit. She reacted: "If you have to put up with him...!" and she slammed the door. The tumor started...the tumor started. It grew and grew and grew. She saw her wrong. Because you watch in the Bible, you watch those women in the Bible, you'll see how they had prejudice. God had to take it away from them; how they had a temper and God had to take it away from them.

Miriam with all her gifts: hearing from God, prophesying, dancing in the Spirit, was full of prejudice. It took Moses' Ethiopian wife to discover her prejudice. It started to surface and come out; it even got her in trouble. Is that right?

Rachel's envy started to come out when she was barren and Leah was having children. Jacob said, "What is the matter with you? Am I God? I can't give you a child!" She started to use mandrakes, everything; every scheme she tried to use to compete with her sister.

Look at Rebekah's deceitfulness: chosen, called out by the messenger at evening time, found by the well, elected bride for Isaac; covered herself with the veil, came to her headship but yet inside of there, there was still some deceit that she had to overcome.

Zipporah had a temper that had to come out too. On and on and on it goes, throughout the Bible.

Like Mary, "Just be it unto me according to Thy Word." in full submission to the Word. Proverbs tells you about every kind of woman. Do you remember the message *When The Woman Is Good To Marry?* [1997-1112 -Ed.] It tells you about every different kind of woman; it ends up with a virtuous woman. That's what the Church has to be in this Hour. That's what the Bride will be in this Hour. That's what every woman has to be in this Hour.

When we come to that place, we come to the place where we will see a ministry of the Third Pull, we will see a Spoken Word ministry. We will see the fullness of God when we can display the authority to the Angel, just like you display the authority on your head to the Angel that the Church displays the authority of the Word, Her Head, to the Angel of the covenant, then we will see a ministry.

Brother, when that Angel comes by here and He sees a church that is not in submission to the Word, He sees a family that is not in submission, He sees a woman that is not in submission...

Uncut hair like Samson – Samson's hair was not the power; it was a sign of a covenant. The power was the Angel. When the hair was cut, when he refused to be in submission to the Word, he lost his power, he lost his protection. A woman's hair, that's a Nazarite sign, her uncut hair. That's why the Church today is totally separated from all unbelief. In full separation from the world shows that she is displaying the authority on her head; shows that that Church is in submission to Christ.

Let us recognize that's where they failed in the beginning; that's where the victory is going to come in the end. To be in submission, that's where your power is. God passed Abraham and Sarah in places to discover the potential that laid in their submission. Look at what it brought them into. The same way He is passing you and me to bring up everything that rebels against God that we can lay that on the altar, we can put it to be consumed by the Fire of God to burn it out that God could find no resistance, no retaliation. When God searches us, what He finds there is something in total agreement to Him: the same harmony that existed between the Father and the Son.

Jesus was in full submission to the Father. "Not My will; Thy will be done." He had no ambition of His own. "Lo, I come in the volume of the Book to do *Thy* will." He was taken up with the will of the Father. That is the Mystery, friends. That's why there was such a union. That's why there was such a power manifested. And the same harmony must be here. The Father loved the Son. "This is My beloved Son." The Son loved the Father, like Abraham and Isaac. It is displayed right there; he humbled himself. But look at how the boy was born out of submission of father and mother, and he grew to become submissive.

If we are born by this Word that we could truly submit, that this life which is the product of the union between the husband and the wife—the husband is the soul, the wife is the spirit; the children are the product of the union, the flesh. If Isaac was the product, (which was submission) of the union of Abraham and Sarah; that which didn't come by in-submission like Ishmael came, who persecuted and was of the flesh and was the wrong life; but that which came by the operation of the Spirit, fulfilling God's promise when they became submissive to God's Word; that life that came forth – Isaac, represented what? The New Birth. He represented the Spirit Life.

Sarah, the contentious wife for a while, had to learn submission. That spirit had to come in submission to faith; to the soul. That spirit was still reasoning and saying, "Maybe this might be the way; that might be the way the promise is going to come to pass." And Abraham came out of the Spirit many times and got under that influence but the time came, God brought them into harmony.

When that spirit comes in subjection to that soul, you, the individual now... Bring it down to the individual. That's why you can't have preeminence, God can't have preeminence; that spirit is not in subjection yet. That spirit still wants to go here, and reasons this, and imagines this, and gets full of emotion, and runs and does this, and gets full of zeal, and does that without knowledge, (see?) goes by impression, goes by some dream, goes by the influence of somebody. That human spirit that gets worked up, gets manipulated and exploited always produces the wrong thing.

But watch when that spirit comes subjected to the Word, the New Husband, Christ; when Christ, the Soul controls the spirit, and the spirit controls the body, you line up with God. Man sees the Word manifested. Your life outwardly shows that there is a real invisible union with you and Christ in the inside; that Christ is in the control tower controlling that life. Do you want Him to have control, tonight?

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.
 [#112 - Songs That Live -Ed.] I trust tonight, in my little broken up way, it serves to help you and give you encouragement. Submission is the woman's victory: no more terror, no more amazement.

Take my life...

...my life and let it be,

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Let's consecrate tonight, for a more Spirit-filled life, for a closer union; a more intimate relationship.

...take my moments...
...and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
[I'm going to trust You tonight, Lord.]

Take my hands and let them move, [hallelujah!]
Take my hands and let them move,
At the impulse of Thy love.
... the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and they will be,
... my feet and they will be,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
... and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
You want to be a woman who can cheer up your home.
You don't have to let all the singing come from a tape.
You have a melody in your heart. You sing in your
home. Your husband loves to hear you sing.

Always only for my King.
Your lips give instructions to your children. Hallelujah!
Take my lips and let them be...
You don't nag and complain. You have a word of
wisdom that God gave you.
... filled with messages from Thee.
You don't just criticize, you can compliment; you can
encourage your husband, you can encourage your
children.
... from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
You don't eat the bread of idleness. The Bible says that
that woman saved her money; she could buy a piece of
land. Her children are clothed with scarlet. She put
new draperies in the windows of her house.

Not a mite...
The Bible says that those women ministered to Jesus
with their substance. Oh my, they knew how to work.

Take my intellect and use,
...intellect and use,
Every power as Thou shall choose.
Every power as Thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.

Tonight, I want to submit. I am convinced. I see God's Word made so plain. I am going to trust You, Lord. I'm going to step out and walk where You require of me.

Take my heart, it is Thine own, [I want to be like Sarah.]

It shall be Thy royal throne.

I'm being convinced, Lord, that You designed Your Bride to get the best out of You.

Take my love my Lord I pour,
At Thy feet its treasure store.

Break that spirit of fear, Lord; take it away from me, tonight.

Take myself and I will be,

Let me be a virtuous woman, Lord. Let me be a queen in my house. Let me have that dignified way as a real lady.

Ever, only, all for Thee. [Teach me, Lord.]
...all for Thee.

As we bow our heads and close our eyes. This has been the fourteenth service tonight, in these Couples' Meetings. Not one time have I done what I wanted to do, tonight. I believe that God is speaking. The Spirit is speaking expressly. We all have been testifying. We all have been seeing God moving; stirring us. God has been shining Light in places to unveil to us the depth of this great responsibility, the way to come into this; this position where we can see the fullness of the Power of Jesus Christ begin to be made manifest, where we can ask what we will, where we can ask anything, where we can say to this mountain: "Be thou removed."

The way up is down. And as God showed to us the depths of down, of humility, humbling ourselves, submitting ourselves, coming in holy subjection, He is bringing us into such a power where He can work in and through us. We see why God desires that because the first woman typed His Church, His Bride.

The first woman was the expression of someone coming forth to satisfy the loneliness in God's heart, that no cherubim, no seraphim, no angel, no kingdom, no power, no other creation could satisfy. It was a Bride. And that Bride meant so much to God He would shed His Blood. He would come down so low and humble Himself and be spat upon to redeem Her back to Himself; to raise Her up to this great position of oneness, that when She comes to that place of submitting in love, voluntarily, not by the obedience of a commandment but by love for Him, seeing the Love that He had loved Her with, that He could have the preeminence; She would give it to Him freely. She would give Him that right place. And that's the Mystery that is to be lived out by this last-Day Bride, to whom He has unveiled the fullness of His Love.

What a challenge that is to us, tonight. What a challenge that is to every woman. What a challenge that is to His Church. What a challenge that is to every believer in this Hour, but that is His victory.

I wonder if you, my sisters, tonight, you see a place tonight, as the Word shines Light to where you can walk a little closer, a place where you can enter in and come to get a greater grip on God than what you have had before; a place where God can manifest Himself in the fullness, in your life as a daughter of God.

It was a woman (Hattie Wright) the first time the promise, *ask what you will*, since Jesus spoke it in St. John 15:7, for two thousand years it was not manifested; spoken to a woman, *ask what you will*, a woman, a little widow woman who would humble herself to believe the Word of God, endeavoring to walk

in every ordinance of God, giving that little offering, sacrificing so much because of her faith that that was the work of God, not knowing what it was going to bring for her children, who were not in submission. Her submission was going to bring God to move on her behalf to bring her children in submission. Think of it.

The Prophet's wife who would come out of her place and was chastened, remedial chastisement, but his submission to God brought God on the scene to remove the curse that had struck her. How great is our God, tonight?

I wonder how many of God's daughters, daughters of Sarah are willing to walk in those places tonight, to exercise in the power that one touch of an anointed wife in her position, brother, can take the weariness and tiredness off of her husband when he comes through that door at evening time. When she stands and ministers to him in the confines of his home, he will not ever think of going to look for love outside of his castle, where he hastens from his job everyday, knowing that his queen, his lovely bride waits for him there – a wife that ministers to the husband.

The Bible says: Thousands upon thousands ministered to Him, in Daniel [7:10 -Ed]. The Prophet said that's the bride ministering to the husband in the home: the Church ministering to Christ in the Kingdom. Do you want to raise that hand tonight and say, "Bro. Vin, I believe that; I know that's God's Word. I want to walk in that. I want to see that in my house," tonight? God bless you, sisters. God respects you tonight because you respect His Word.

The angel in the pulpit sees the authority upon your head, and you represent the spiritual condition of the Church. Then the Angel of the Lord sees a church here in Longdenville, in Trinidad, in the Caribbean, in the Western Hemisphere, upon the face of the earth in this Age; a little group that has been called out, that wants to walk in obedience to all of God's revealed will. May

the Almighty God tonight, Who is looking down in this audience move in our hearts, move in our homes, move in our midst and raise us up to be part of this great, last-Day move to finish up this great commission; a church that has Christ as the Head, not in word only but in, deed and truth.

Almighty God, what an encouragement tonight, Father. It reflects that the faith that lies in Your children, Your daughters, is being anointed and being brought to life and that, Lord, when they are called to launch out into the deep, when they are called to rise up on higher ground, they are willing to press on the upward way, new heights they are gaining every day.

Oh God, no obstacle, no hindrance tonight, they would let deter them but, Lord, they are willing to climb. Though their pathway might be rugged, though it is going to take so much out of them, dear God, but, Lord, You said, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by Your Word." And there is a faith that lies in them, Lord, because in Hebrews 11 it is written: "By faith Sarah; by faith Rahab." We thank You, dear God, that Lord, faith lies in them, Father. The same faith that was in Abraham and Moses and Joshua and Enoch and Abel, those women are recorded in the same category.

We thank You for that tonight that we have daughters of Sarah here tonight, who are willing to trust You, Lord, who are not fearful of what Your Word requires of them, for unto this end were they born, and for this cause, they came into this world. To live outside of that is to live outside of a victorious life, is to live outside of the fullness of their potential. To live outside of that is trying to take the easy route, taking a ship to Tarshish, but Lord, tonight, we see them receiving courage, willing to face up to their responsibilities, Lord; taking the harder way, which is Your way. And, because they have chosen the harder way, a huge portion of Heaven awaits them, which will make and bring to pass the tremendous victory in the Love Divine. Because they

have made this momentous decision tonight (hallelujah!), it shows they are willing to come down to Jordan, Father, because they want something deeper than just cooking food and ironing clothes. Oh God, they want to cross over into that Land, Father, where all things could be under their feet.

Almighty God, may You bless them tonight. May Your Holy Spirit move, Father, deep down in their hearts that widows will be widows indeed; that wives, Father, with their chaste conduct, coupled with fear, Lord, will see the great Mighty God perform great exploits, working in harmony with them, Lord! Whether it is an unsaved husband, whether it is a rebellious husband, whether it is an inconsiderate husband, whether it is a heady and high-minded husband, a self-willed husband, they will see a power come on the scene, Father. Whether it is rebellious children, disobedient children, they can see what it is to stand in the gap, to live in their position; oh God, You having the preeminence in their lives that You truly can be on display, Father.

May as Rebekah veiled her head, Father, showing she had no head of her own, she was coming to her head; You put it in the Bible, Lord, to reflect the Bride who was introduced to the Headstone by the Evening Messenger; the Bride, oh God, who recognizes the Bridegroom at Evening-time; the Bride, oh God, who was taken into the tent where the Bridegroom poured His fullness into Her. That's how we are believing, Father, that these same Things, this great Tent Vision, this great Oneness where You come down, where You manifest Your Name in its fullness, where You'd pour out Your Holy Spirit in its fullness, Lord, on the inside of the inside in that third court, Lord, behind the veil, Lord, where we would see this New Ministry come forth.

Almighty God, we humble ourselves tonight as a church, willing to walk, Father, in obedience, in humility, in submission to all that You require of us.

We want to trust You. We want to take Your Word into a heart of faith and courage, and with joy and gladness embrace the opportunity, Lord, to fulfill Your revealed will. Not with complaining, not thinking that it is something hard and grievous, not oh God, as though we are so unfortunate to have this thing entrusted upon us, but, Lord, so joyful that we can be chosen that You could manifest this great thing, in and through us, to show, dear God, that there is a Woman that believes You. Where the first and second Eve failed, the third one, Father, this last-Day Bride will stand and obey all that You have spoken and show forth Your victory. Grant it tonight, Father.

Send down Your Holy Spirit in a greater way tonight upon Your handmaidens. You said, "I'll pour out My Spirit upon My handmaidens." Father, here they are tonight, Lord, humbling themselves, submitting themselves to You. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon that submissive life, Lord, and may You be seen in them and through them. And may great acts of the Spirit follow them, Lord, and may great victories be wrought as they serve You in their ministry, in the home.

Grant it, Lord, as You inspire and influence many to turn away from the evil, from being a Jezebel. The bitterest thing, more bitter than death is a dominant female, a woman that usurps authority; a woman, oh God, who refuses to live in her God-given position, a woman that will not trust You, Father; a woman that would get out of her own position and invade the domain of the man, even to the extent where she would rob the man of his rightful position and authority, but, Lord, we thank You tonight for daughters of Sarah. We thank You for these who refuse to cut their hair, who display the covenant sign and not just display it outwardly, but in holy submission, in humility, displaying that virtuous character. We thank You for it, Father.

May the men that have this in their homes, may, oh God, they recognize what an honor it is, and may they treat the wife, oh God, Father, with such consideration; make them feel so secure that they would never be afraid of anything, knowing, oh God, that is their glory, Father. It's not their motorcar, it's not their house, it's not their big job, it's not their fat salary, it's not their popularity, it's not what men could say about them, Lord; it is that woman behind them, Father, that honors them, that bears their children, that keeps the home, Lord, in order, that guides the home; stands behind them, that serves them, Lord, and honors them, reflecting this great Mystery, that's the glory that You have glorified them with, Father. May they recognize that Lord, and may they see what a great value it is.

And may You make every home a happier home here. And may You make this church a happy church, a strong church, Lord, a unified church. Grant it, Lord.

As we leave this place, tonight, may we meditate upon these things as we go? May as we drive our cars going to our homes, as we lay in our beds, as we wake up in the morning, as we go through the course of the day, Lord, thinking on these Things—You said, “If anything there is of virtue and honest and of good report, think on these Things.” And as we meditate upon It, as You would bring It back to our remembrance, may Your Spirit teach us further. And may It bathe down in our hearts and tender up in the spirit and become so alive within us, that Your power can just move and flow out through us, Father, that, Lord, in our interaction with each other and our fellowship with each other, Lord, it would just spread and become contagious, it will spread all through the assembly. Even in the neighborhood, out in the job, it would affect others, Lord that we come in contact with. You said that we are the salt of the earth; we are the Light of the world. Grant it, Jesus.

We pray and we ask it, tonight, as we commit everyone into Your mighty hands. Bring us back on Friday should You tarry and allow us life. Continue, Lord, to bless us and have Your way among us. We ask all these things in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

Why don't you turn around and greet your brother and sister? Tell them you love them and you appreciate them. Amen. *I love the family of God, so closely knitted into one.* [#453 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Let there be no terror in the homes. Let us dedicate ourselves to making our home a happier home, making our family a happier family that the church could be a happier church, that the church could be full of joy.

When you come into the church, and you find the church is full of tension, and pressure, and strain, and people are afraid that they would go to hell, and people want to make it, and people don't know if they are going to make it, and people are wondering... But when you come to the church and there is a security and there is peace, and there's joy, and there is togetherness, and there is love, and there is fellowship, and there is unity, and there are blessings in the Family of God in the home church, it will only be a reflection that the same thing exists out in the home. But when you come in the church and there is tension, and pressure and the family is quarreling and children are rebellious, and husband and wife are falling apart constantly, and it is threats and intimidation, then the church will always be full of tension and pressures.

May we devote ourselves and say, "I'm not going to keep my wife under nervous strain. I'm not going to keep my children under pressure."

The Bible says: Parents, do not provoke your children. Husbands, deal with your wife according to knowledge. How could you do that and you don't contribute to the happiness and the contentment of your family? And how could we have that in the house of God and the house of God isn't a happy place; that

people can't enjoy themselves in service and they don't want to come to church, and if they miss service it means nothing to them? It shows something would be wrong.

If we do these things, as Jesus said, "If you do these things, happy are you if you do them. If you wash one another's feet..." In other words, if you submit yourselves to one another, to serve one another because you're feeding on the Bread and the Wine, happy are you if you do it. That service will bring joy, will bring peace, will bring fellowship; will bring unity. Then if we are feeding upon the Bread and the Wine, if we are submitting to one another, if we are serving one another, will it be the same thing in the house of God? Do you believe that?

You may have your seats. God bless you as we go.

I love the family of God,

So closely knitted into one,

They have taken me into their hearts,

And I'm so glad to be a part...

Did you enjoy the service, tonight? Do you love Him? Do you appreciate Him? Are you willing to rise up with greater faith, greater determination? Amen? Do you know what that's a sign of? That's a sign that the wall is being built up and all the worldly pressures and tensions that were overrunning the city are now being shut out. And all the administration and the order and everything that is to be done in the city, is being put into place and being regulated correctly and the atmosphere inside is changing. Amen? And all the oppression is being shut out on the outside; something nice is happening to us. And the Desire of all nations is coming down closer and closer and closer and Jerusalem, the Lamb's Wife, the two are becoming one because the Lamb Himself is the Light in the City. He is in the midst of Her. Amen. And all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, brother, it's joy, and gladness, and harmony, and peace, and fellowship because in there,

He wipes away all sorrow, all pain. There is no more pain, there is no more death, there is no more sorrow; there are none of these things. He is wiping it away. He is leading them to what? Fountains of Living Water. Is that right? Glory be to God in the Highest.

That's your hope, friends. You are the lamb in your city, and your wife is that Jerusalem and your children are the inhabitants in that city. And your wall is the Word that shuts you in there and the Presence of God is among you. It's the same thing in your home, by the grace of God.

God bless you. Let's come out.

And when you get sweeter to your husband naturally, and you get sweeter to your wife naturally, do you know what is going to happen when you come and kneel down in God's Presence? It will just spill over. It'll just spill over. Do you know why? That's the channel for the Bride and Christ, so then you get close to the Lord. And the same way you call your husband all kinds of sweet names, 'Honey' and he says 'Lovey', you walk in a family and you hear them calling one another sweet names, something sweet is going on. They feel something sweet about each other. See?

When you hear they can't call each other that and they can't touch each other: "Don't touch me! I feel funny when you touch me! I don't want you to touch me!" See? When he could play with her hair and stroke her hair, you know, and she touches him on the face and pinches him, and makes him feel nice. And she cuddles him, and she leans up on him and everything else, he feels like a king. Brother, he says, "You know, I want to buy something for the children. I was thinking about something." He's dipping that hand deep down into that pocket. He's not hiding anything. Amen. Do you know why? All of that is designed to bring it out.

And when we get there before the Lord, we say, "Lord, we love You, Jesus. Lord, we want to serve You so much." And the next day, the Lord watches you and

sees that you really mean it, and you're trying to serve Him, and you get up early in the morning, and you lift your hands and begin to praise Him, and you come early in the house of God, and the Lord knows that you're doing that for Him, don't you think He's going to come down, heal the sick, raise the dead, break the powers of darkness around the children's lives, set the captives free, give you a revival, put some spring in your step, give you some joy (amen), send the Holy Ghost down; give you a refreshing? Amen! The joy bells begin to ring again in the house of God.

Do you know why? Because when you come, the song leader says, "Lift your hands and praise God." You don't stand up and say... And everybody looks like: "I don't have to do that. I don't know why he's telling me to do that, and he's watching over in my direction and saying that."

No. Brother, you come in there, you come through the gates with praise, you come to His courts with thanksgiving. Hallelujah! You begin to love the Lord. You begin to hug Him up: "Oh Lord, we love You so much!" Brother, you hear a person comes out and begins to pray. They say, "Lord, we love You tonight! Lord, this church loves You here! Lord God, You bring us from so far; we come this far by faith! Lord, we are not going to turn back, we stand for You tonight!"

Brother, the Lord, hearing that, it makes Him feel good. It makes Him feel: "Look how My Woman is talking about Me."

I like it in Germany. You know in Germany, the women say, 'my man'. She says, "That's my man." You know, in Trinidad we say 'my husband', they say 'my man'. And I like how they say, 'my man'. Amen. It sounds a kind of possessive way. It sounds kind of possessive, you know. She kind of lets down her hair a little bit. Do you know what I mean?

The other one sounds like a thing that you learn and like you're trying to say the right word. But she's saying

from the heart, "That's my man. I take care of him. I have to nurse him. Right now he's sick (it is fish broth), I'm nursing him back to strength. I don't want to see my man in any sick bed. I want to see my man walking about the house. I want to see my man healthy and strong. I want to see my man taking his place at the head of the table. If I'm carrying dinner in the bed, it's not because my man is sick; it's because I'm treating him nice. I'm giving him breakfast in bed. I'm going to say, 'You've worked hard; you lie down and take your meal there. You rest a little bit. You had a hard week. (Amen.) We are going to take care of things around here.'" See? Brother, she's nursing him back to strength; she wants to treat him nice.

Always saying, you know, "This is my husband here." You hear a woman say, "This is my husband here. This is my husband." Sure. You know if a woman can't say that, and she's trying to be articulate in her speech and talk all around it, something is wrong. Amen. "Honey!" And he just hears the voice, brother, he turns around in a crowd.

A lot of people standing up there want to know who Honey is because they don't know who the husband is. But when they see he turns around like that: "I'm coming."

They say, "Wait a minute," they caught that, "she didn't call any name, she said 'Honey', he heard that voice, he turned around and there are about twenty men there." They say, "That's a connection." See? Brother, they know what that does.

So, you try it. You try it out. You exercise in it, and then you start to get up in the realm of the Spirit with the Lord now. And you read Songs of Solomon, too and he starts to talk about the apple of my eye, and the fairest one, and my dove, and I'm coming to your watered garden and eat the pomegranates, oh brother; he starts to talk sweet talk, love talk, intimate talk.

Amen. Hallelujah! Why? It's the Church and Christ getting closer together.

Bro. Branham said, "Honey, you come close up to me here." He said, "Get out of that washroom there. You're spending more time with the washing machine than me; I'm jealous of that. You come over here and hug me up." Amen. "Your hand is down inside the washing machine day and night." Amen. See?

She loved the appliance. It was like she was getting more attached to the appliance than the one who gave the appliance. She was talking only about my washing machine, and my fridge, and my dining set, and my this and my tea set, and my dinner set.

Hey, start to talk about my husband (amen) and my love, and the one who makes me feel secure, and the one who is the joy of my life. Let me tell you, if that is hard for you to do, somehow society or something, or culture, or some wrong upbringing has put a case around your life, and encased you and shut you in where you can't even express some emotion, the kind you need to express to make your husband feel nice. Every wife should know how to make her husband feel nice. And remember, you grow up in this Message, this Message doesn't make you... [unclear -Ed.]; this Message teaches you how to love. This Message gets down to the depths of your heart and brings out the love that denomination couldn't get out of you. This Message didn't get you cold, this Message puts you on Fire and gets you hot. Amen!

God says, "I don't want any lukewarm church; they could hardly even praise Me, and they can't even hug Me up. I want a Church (amen!) that could hug Me up and play with My hair. Tickle Me on My back, and you know, kiss Me in public and everything else. They could say, "Jesus, I love You, in the bus, in the maxi (amen!), in public!" Amen!

The people say, "Wow, I tell you, boy; they hold on to Christ. I tell you, they are not ashamed of Him." The

Lord talked about that. Is that right? He said, "If you are ashamed to confess before men..." Isn't that right? He likes public confessions. Read it in the Bible, Genesis 26: Abimelech looked and saw Isaac caressing Rebekah in the open. I didn't tell you to go and try to be vulgar. I'm talking about don't be ashamed to embrace your wife and hold her close to you in public. Amen.

A lot of people used to only see the picture with the Prophet—I'm sorry that I'm keeping you back, but I have to say this. They only saw the picture with the Pillar of Fire. I remember when we came in the Message, many times, they thought I was radical, they thought I had my own way. And then many times, they resisted you too because you came from the world and they thought, they grew up in church so they knew better.

I remember the first time some people saw the home movies of the Prophet, it shocked them out of their shoes. It shocked them out their shoes because the Bro. Branham they knew, was him on those tapes crying out against Jezebel religion, blasting preachers. He was not talking about your wife and your children. And when they saw the Prophet, brother, ran down his wife out in the yard, neighbors, everybody were seeing (no wall, no gate); hugged her up, lifting her up and everything else! They saw him out in the woods playing, rolling in the grass with the alligator and these things. It shocked them because they saw a holy man who walked with the Fire, and the Angel of God all around him. And they couldn't understand the man could behave like that. See? And then they realized how much religion was upon them and how far they were from the real thing; and their concept of God, how far it was.

And that is why sometimes, you watch brothers and sisters, you always want to know if they are really close. You see them after church, at home, it's like well-behaved citizens on a parade. I think if husbands and

wives and their children are around and people look at you, they ought to see some kind of affection or emotion whenever you all are having any form of interaction with each other. There is a magnetism that draws you to each other because that's a family. That's a family in Eden, under the Seventh Seal, with the Title Deed. That's a family who is the Mystery of Christ in the Church, who came into Agape Love. Amen.

When you see it's almost like the tie is choking the brother till his eyes are bulging out, and the sister, trying to put on the church face, prim and proper, you know. Let's sweep that out of Third Exodus Assembly. Amen. Let's get rid of that. Put that in the garbage and down to the dump. And if God sent me to teach you, then I know better. Don't exalt your knowledge above your head. Sit down and be taught by your head. Amen! Let me tell you what is acceptable to God. Amen.

I see too much starchiness with husbands and wives in this church, too much of starchiness. And that is put on because, in the bedroom, they behave differently. Exactly right! And then if a husband shows some emotion to his wife, and the wife shows emotion to her husband in public, are you trying to make that sinful? Then God can't do anything.

When God came down and healed the blind man in Bombay, what do you think God was doing? When God came down in South Africa before the hundreds of thousands in Durban, what do you think God was doing? In public, God was coming down, (amen! Sure.) close, close, close, amen. Yes, sir.

That's the way, friends. Show a little more affection. It's a liberating thing. It is going to give the wife a healthier attitude. It is going to bring a greater security. Don't live in pretense and put on.

You know me, you see me, I'll hug up my wife anywhere, I don't care. I don't come out to please anybody. I want to please God. I want my wife to feel good. I want her to know in public, in front of everybody

that she's my wife. And I do it purposely sometimes when religious people are around me. Sure. Amen. Because I'm trying to tell them: look at the right way.

When I see brothers could fellowship with sisters long, long, long, long, long, nice and excited, and they're getting enthused, and I never see them talk to their wives like that on the compound. Maybe they do it at home, I don't know. Maybe that anointing only falls at home, that anointing doesn't fall outside. That anointing only falls at home, maybe. It's like God only moves in church. Do you know that kind of way?

He said, "So, do you see visions out here?"

He said, "Sure. In the woods, on the platform, driving the car; wherever you are, God is there."

Get that religious thing off of you. Shave it off. Treat your wife like a lady. Make her feel like a queen. Amen. Make your husband feel like a king. Let him know that he's your man, there is no other man. And if you're getting a fight with another man or with another woman, that's the time to exercise it a lot; overdo it then with your husband and your wife so you'll shut that other thing out. You get each other to stick on thick, thick, so there's room for nothing else. Half the time when fights come in, it's because you all are not close enough; other things want to come in and invade.

As God blesses you, and when God strengthens you, He strengthens the church because you're part of the church. And when the church gets strengthened and unified, then you get a powerful church. And the same way when your wife treats you nice and you treat your wife nice, nothing is hard, it comes so easy; it is the same way with God. Then it is not any long, long, long drawn-out thing, and you're wondering if you're going to get it afterwards. No, no, no. You just say, "Jesus," call Him on the scene and watch Him go into action. Do you believe that?

I love the family of God, so closely knitted into one.

[#453 - Songs That Live -Ed.] I stayed back just to say those

things, but I think it was worth it. Do you agree with me? Is it right? Amen. By the grace of God. Hallelujah! I'm saying if we are so close to the Honeymoon and the Marriage Supper, it is time we get a little mushy. Amen! Hallelujah!

I don't think a husband and wife only get mushy on their honeymoon night? Are you waiting until the Millennium to get lovey-dovey with Jesus? Brother, He already chose you out and then put the Wedding Band on your finger. Amen. The Marriage Certificate, all those things are already happening. Glory! You're pregnated with the Word! Hallelujah!

So, you give glory and honor to Him. And you resist anything that wants to get too close.

I love the family of God, [#453 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...love the family of God,
So closely knitted into one,
They have taken me...
...into their hearts,
And I'm so glad to be a part of
this great family.*

Oh, let's sing it again. I love this family...

Just shake your brother's and sister's hand, again. Amen. Tell them that you love them (amen), you love them.

So closely knitted into one. God bless you.



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