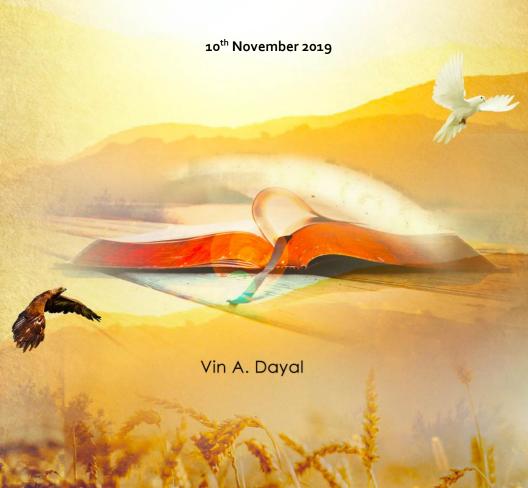
# Give An Account Of Thy Stewardship



Third Exodus Assembly —————

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#### Excerpt:

It comes to the place where we realize, we abide in the calling where we are called and we walk worthy of the vocation, the calling, which we are called. And that is the call according to God's purpose, where He equipped you to serve and be a blessing and cause His Kingdom to prosper in the area of your service; stewardship.

God brings the stewards to accountability for the opportunities, for the health, for the wealth, for all that he has given unto us; the personality; the favor with people and everything else. How did we use it? Did we have the Master's service, did we have the Lord's Name, did we have the Kingdom of God in mind with these things? Then were we really living for Christ? Is Christ the center of our lives? Is Christ our head? It comes down to this. When this church fails and passes away, the Word will still be there, you know. The only escape for the church is, it has to become the Word. If the church doesn't become the Word, it will pass away just like the world. [Page 56]

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## TRINIDAD SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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[#254 - Songs That Live -Ed.]
Oh, won't You touch me, Lord...
Won't You touch me, Lord
And quiet me.

Won't You touch me, Lord And quiet me.

Oh my. Let us just worship Him a little bit. You know He is close. It is always a great thing when we can sense His closeness, His faithfulness, where two or three are gathered together in His Name. Trust that you have a praise in your heart for Him this evening when we come to His Table in a little while. We know what the Table means to us. It brings us right back before He went to the Cross; the burden of the sins of the world upon Him. Upon Him was the iniquity of all of us laid. [Isaiah 53:6 -Ed.] He was the Sin-bearer. He was the One taking our place.

Down through Seven Church Ages, two thousand years, as He would call men and women, they would be pointed back to that Place. They all would have to identify themselves by going down in a watery grave to show their identification and their acceptance of what He did for them back there. Then He promised the Holy Spirit would come behind – the Seal of the Living God.

What a great thing, this evening, when we could worship Him. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me. Let's just sing that. I would bless the Lord with all my soul and all that is within me. Let's just bless Him this evening. He has blessed us. He is the One Who

foreordained us to be standing here, this evening, in the land of the living.

Even though some might be sick in their bodies, there is healing right here. Just by testimony that this Table speaks, not of a dead Christ, but of a Living Christ, a Resurrected Christ. Hallelujah. We didn't come here just to remember His death; we came here in the Presence of the Living, Resurrected Christ, Who said, "I have the Keys of hell and death, and behold, I am alive forevermore." [Revelation 1:18 -Ed.] And He unveils more and more to us what He achieved for us that we can live in the enjoyment and the benefit; we can live in the victory of what was achieved for us.

That's why we can sing this evening with our hands raised to Him: Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me. I will bless the Lord.

[#274 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Bless the Lord,

Oh my soul!

And all that is within me

Bless His Holy Name.

Lord, we come to You confessing: I will bless the Lord.

I will bless the Lord.

Oh, thank You, Jesus.

With all my soul,

And all that is within me

Bless His Holy Name.

Oh, let's hear the sons of God who have that Blood on their bosom, (amen,) confess that this evening.

I will bless the Lord,

With all my soul,

And all that is within me

Bless His Holy Name.

Oh, I will break the law of gravity too, and lift my hands, and I will sing: Bless the Lord. I will bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord,

Oh my soul!

And all that is within me Bless His Holy Name.

Come on, sisters: I will bless the Lord, with joyful lips, (amen,) with thanksgiving in my heart; with appreciation and gratitude unto Him. You are standing here delivered from sin. You are standing here well in your body. You are standing here knowing that He can give you an increase here, this evening. You are standing here with a desire in your heart to be ready for the Rapture, which only He can make you ready.

Bless His Holy Name.

"I was glad," David said, "when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." [Psalm 122:1-Ed.] I lift my hands at the time of the evening sacrifice. Amen. Hallelujah. Praise waiteth for thee in Zion, oh God, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. Blessed is he whom thou choosest and causest to approach unto Him. Hallelujah! A Royal Priesthood, a chosen generation.

Bless His Holy Name.

All together: I will bless the Lord.

I will bless the Lord,

With all my soul,

And all that is within me

Bless His Holy Name.

Oh, for He has done great things for me. Amen. That is what He has done. Amen. He washed me in His Blood, the only thing that could take away sin (amen) and break it up and send it back to the accuser – His very Own Blood. He has opened a door for us to come in and have fellowship with Him, to be in His Presence. Hallelujah! He opened His Word and showed me my name in the Lamb's Book of Life like John. Hallelujah! Hallelujah.

Oh, all together one more time: For He has done great things for me. Think of the great things. Don't just sing 'great things'; think of the great things He had done for you: raised you up from a sick bed, (amen, hallelujah,) took away all your fears and doubts and wonderings; set you upon a Rock, you shall not be moved. Hallelujah.

He has done great things.

Oh, I will bless His Holy Name.

Bless His Holy Name.

Oh, let us sing: You are my King, You are the Lamb, Lion of Judah, (amen) Seed of Abraham, the Holy One, God's only Son. Oh, let us just worship Him this evening. This Table is here and we are coming to this Table; it is people whom He has delivered. He was wounded for their transgressions and bruised for their iniquities. It is people to whom He has sent back the Holy Spirit, when the Blood cell was broken upon them to Seal them and quicken them and raise them in Heavenly Places. Hallelujah.

You are my King, You are the Lamb, Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham, the Holy One, God's only Son.

[#320 - Songs That Live –Ed.]

You are the King...

Sing it to Him. Not just sing, but sing it to Him. Make it personal to Him.

...the Seed of Abraham

The Holy One, God's only Son;

You are the King of Whose I am.

Oh, sing it again: You are my King.

You are my King...

Hallelujah. We have no other king but Him.

... You are the Lamb,

There is no other lamb but the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world. There is no one (amen, hallelujah) that could take that Throne but the Son of David, the Lion of Judah. And we will share that Throne with Him.

You are the King of Whose I am.

My days are filled with laughter,

Oh, my heart has known Your peace,

I've travelled far

Still there is more to go;

Oh, but in my heart, this evening, as I stand here in the sanctuary, I look upon Your face, Jesus. I see it in the Cloud. I see it, oh God, before me. Hallelujah. I see in the Word face-to-face.

You are my King...

Hallelujah. King Spirit, King Word, King Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords.

...The Seed of Abraham; The Holy One, God's only Son; You are the King of Whose I am.

Every road I've travelled down,

Some have been dark, some have been thorny, some have been very narrow; some have been dark and lonely. Oh, but Your Word is a Lamp to our feet and a Light unto our pathway. Your Divine Presence overshadows us; brightens the path. We could walk without fear, we could walk with expectation and confidence because the Angel of God encampeth round about us.

...at Your feet.

Oh my God, You are my King; not any man from this earth but You, Lord.

The Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham; The Holy One, God's only Son; You are the King of Whose I am.

Oh my. One more: I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand. We stand before this great Throne of grace. We see the King between the wings of the cherubim. Hallelujah. We hear the seraphims cry, "Holy, holy, holy." It is the Blood that made the way for us to come with boldness, with confidence, knowing we shall obtain mercy and find grace to help us in times of need. Hallelujah.

We came for fellowship because that is what this Table speaks of this evening – fellowship; a Table He has prepared for us in the presence of our enemies. He has anointed us with Oil. Oh my. Not this olive oil; that Golden Oil that comes from the Holy Ghost (hallelujah) when His Word is opened and It comes dripping out upon us. Hallelujah!

I stand, I stand. What a consciousness that we are standing in, in His Presence.

[#851 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I stand, I stand in awe of You.

Are you looking upon Him unveiled? Behold, He is in plain view, the Mighty Conqueror. He broke the Seals off of Himself and Christ is no longer a Mystery. Christ is the Mystery of God revealed now. God is being revealed to us. The Mighty God is being unveiled to us. Let the eyes of your faith see the unveiled Christ that you've come to worship this evening.

I stand...

Only the Elect could stand in this place – the ones that the Blood purchased. Hallelujah. Only they can see Him unveiled. The rest of the Age is a blind Age.

...Holy God to Whom all praise is due,

I stand this evening. At the time of the evening sacrifice, I stand in awe. Oh, lift your hands. Where I just came from, you didn't have to tell those people to lift their hands. Everywhere you looked, every hand was lifted in every place. You saw thousands and thousands of hands; some of the most beautiful sights I saw. People sat on the floor for three hours easily. Nobody moved, nobody went to the toilet. There is no toilet to go to. Every hand was raised all through the place. What was causing that? Culture? No, the Holy Ghost; expectation – coming in the Presence of God to meet with Him. Hallelujah! I stand, amen. Hallelujah.

I stand, I stand in awe of You

Yes, Lord, this evening we stand. Our faith sees You unveiled. That's why we could come through that new

and living way – because the veil has been rent to give us access into this grace where the Voice of the Blood speaks better things for us.

I stand in awe of You.

You could never ever be around the Presence of Jesus Christ and not be in awe. If the seraphims and cherubims, in awe, are crying, "Holy, holy," night and day, what about a mortal like you who was a sinner, who fell, who He redeemed and took up and brought you into His banqueting house, and put His banner of love over you? What about you? How much more you can stand.

The first thing you want to think is, "Why would He love me like this? I know what I was. I used to try to cover it up. I was like the leopard who used to try to lick off the spots and couldn't lick it off; only shining it more. But the Blood of Jesus Christ broke up every molecule, every stain of sin." Amen. No wonder it makes us... "I don't know why Jesus loves me and sacrificed Himself for me." That is what the redeemed thinks. Amen.

That is why the old colored man used to come back and look at the blood-stained garment of Abraham Lincoln – because he was an emancipator that took that slave belt off of that slave. The Prophet, who had a greater sin than that, trying to kill men in cold blood, trying to shoot the policeman, all these kinds of things, came with such an anger and a temper. And when the grace of God struck him (amen) and he saw that old man there, he wanted to know, "What is this man looking at?" When he realized the man was looking at the blood of Abraham Lincoln, the blood of a mortal man that came by sex, friends, oh my, it got the Prophet so excited to testify to the man, to tell him about a greater Blood of a greater Emancipator; of the God Who came from Glory. Amen.

O, victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming Blood. [#283 - Songs That

Live-Ed.] Oh, there is a Man that I love. Hallelujah! Oh my. Thank You, Lord. I know a Man like no other man, a Man Who can do that. He touched the leper and said, "Be thou clean. Go on, sin no more!" Raised the dead man, and said, "You are dead no more. Go and walk." Amen. Glory. Took the blind man who couldn't see anything, and said, "You can see now."

The man said, "I don't want to go by myself; I want to follow You. I want to become Your disciple because You have done something for me that no other person could do for me."

That's why it was put in the Bible – to be an example to you and me; to see how they loved Him for what He did for them, and how much greater, He put us in the greatest Age. He showed us, we are Bride. He showed us our names in the Book. He showed us, we will sit with Him in His Throne. Even James and John who were with Him there, their mother asked for that place. He said, "You all can't get it. It is for another people appointed for that, by the grace of God." Hallelujah!

Then you walk like if they are so celebrated and you are underprivileged. Oh my. Wake up, church. Amen. Wake up and realize what we are talking about. Oh, we did not just stumble in here this evening. We didn't come here because we had no other place to go. Oh no. We couldn't wait to come. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Hallelujah.

Do you know why? Because I remember what Jesus did for me. I remember it every day. Every day I get an opportunity to live for Him, I raise my hands and say, "Father, I thank You. You spared my life to live another day for You in this world, amen; to be an example, to be a testimony, to be of service to You and to Your people. Amen. Hallelujah.

Do you know why we do that? You already see what lies beyond the curtain for us. The person who sees nothing, who sees no curtain, and sees nothing beyond the curtain, and does not know there is something far

greater—no wonder He said, "Go back and press the battle; if only you knew what lies beyond there."

If I came back with anything, that is what I came back with – go back and keep pressing the battle. I walked into that place and never realized the influence of the ministry all through that country. I was shocked to see the reception of the people. I realize I didn't tell them, other people didn't tell them; somehow God directed those things, put it into their hearts, and when they looked at it, they didn't see it like critics; they saw it as something to embrace. They didn't see it as something to speculate.

I saw that I preached so hard in some places, challenged those Ministers, preached so hard against them, and to see they came on the platform afterwards and they started to break down the barriers between one another. They started to follow the meetings wherever it was going.

I came back with something. I saw. You don't tell me; I was there. I saw it. That was why I wanted to come and sing and worship the Lord. Coming back in the plane, way up in the sky, fourteen hours non-stop to New York. Do you think the Angel of God wouldn't talk to you in the plane up there? Oh, I tell you.

I want to preach a little something this evening just as an introduction to some things that I will preach afterwards in the days to come. God give me strength and help me. But the thing is, we are too close to be living unconscious of the Other Side.

You can't be saying all your life... You are journeying from, let us say Cedros to Mayaro or Maracas, and say, "We are going by the beach; we are going to Maracas." Then you've passed Las Cuevas, and you are coming in and you don't realize, you are so close to Maracas. You can't travel a distance so far going to a destination and you don't realize how close your destination is.

Even in the plane, they have the flight information and you see the map of the world, and you see where the journey starts, you see where it is coming, it tells you how many miles per hour, kilometers per hour, that they put the speed it is travelling at. It tells you how much time to your destination; how much time since your departure. It begins to tell you every... And you can watch and follow your whole journey watching the satellite image all the way.

If they have a people in a heavenly place raised up there, 37,000 feet, and you are watching this and you are seeing, and they are keeping you focused to your destination, what about a church in Heavenly Places this evening, far beyond that? It doesn't take... Seals broke to put that there, you know. Because you sit in one of those helicopters, in one of those D.A.S.H [Drone Anti-Submarine Helicopter -Ed.], going to Tobago, you aren't seeing that, you know. But when you are making those intercontinental flights and these things, they are showing you that information, and you know, there is so much time before you get ready.

So you know everything: where you are at, what you can do, what you need, your decisions you need to make; you want to get to the restroom quickly before the whole crowd comes; you want everything. You can work because there is constant information being updated. The information is not staying stagnant for hours, you know. Every time you see it, it is updated; it is advanced; you are moving on. And it is letting you know, you are coming into it; you are coming into your place.

Even if you didn't know Geography, you are learning Geography up there. You are learning the countries that you are flying over before you get to your place. If you didn't know what was in-between, you just know where you live and the destination you are going and you don't know anything in-between, it is showing you what is in-between. It is a great thing to travel in this way. It is a great thing to travel like this, by the grace of God.

Let us just bow our hearts for a word of prayer.

Gracious Father, we are gathered here in Your Presence this evening. Lord, coming back from this long, grueling, hazardous trip, still trying to recuperate and recover, but praying, dear God, that Your Holy Spirit this evening, Lord, will give sufficient grace. You said Your grace is sufficient. Lord, there is no reason to question that, Father. Truly it is. We can confess and say, "Yea and amen," because we know what You say is yea and amen.

Father, we pray that You would now sanctify us, knowing, dear God, from here on, we'll go straight, Lord, through Your Word and create an atmosphere, and move our souls up into a place where we can really come to Your Table with meaning, knowing it's not a tradition for us as believers. Every time we come, Lord, we look for something a little deeper. We look for something, oh God, that will make us more conscious. Because we realize 2000 years have passed, but what had been achieved, what had been done, Lord, that encompasses the whole Bible – from the Lamb slain in the Mind of God before the foundation of the world, to the Lamb being the Light of the City, a Pyramid City having the Glory of God in a New Heaven and a New Earth.

So, dear God, as we think of these things, Lord, we pray this evening, Father, that when we will come to the Table, it will be a greater unfolding. We look for it, Father, because it was not given to us as a tradition. It was given to us with instruction that we might grow in the knowledge, in the grace, in the understanding; to see the power, to see the heights and depth and length and breadth of the Love of God that passeth all knowledge; to know the peace that passeth all understanding that becomes the stability in shaking times like we are living in, when everything that could be shaken is being shaken off, that Lord, we can find the anchor that holds, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's Love.

May this evening, dear God, as we gather around Your Person and Your Presence, not just this wooden table, but around You Who is the Corn of Wheat, Who is the Vine, You, the great Melchisedec Who came down with the symbols to reveal that You were going to take a people from the dust, terrestrial, and bring them to the celestial, to the stars – Redemption, Lord; Your redeeming grace. The first time we saw this Communion, Lord, exhibited to us in the Bible, it came down from a Heavenly City where we have a mansion There.

Oh God, may we not understand these things with a carnal mind but with spiritual revelation that, Lord, we can have fellowship. As You have said, "With great desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you." God, may we enter into this desire of Yours, this Eternal desire.

Oh Father, may dear God, this evening, Your Presence, Your Love be shed abroad in every heart by the Holy Spirit. Move in this place today. Move in our hearts. Move deep in our innermost beings, dear God, that Lord, we can be so quickened by the Spirit, overshadowed, Lord, where we can feel the stream of grace batheing down into our souls. May You grant it, Lord.

All throughout the regions and the extended regions where the redeemed are gathered in this evening, bless them in every place. Bless the church here. Bless Your people, Lord, all in the places where we have been, Lord, knowing these things are part of our journey in life. This is part of our earthly journey when You planned it, Lord, that what we can draw, what we can receive, what we can further equip ourselves with and cause us to be more firmly established, oh God, to become better representatives, better servants of Yours by the things we draw in the course of our lives and the interaction with the redeemed, oh God, how we pray, Father, that these things will become so real.

We know if You planned this so thoughtfully, so Divinely, Lord, measured our lives, Lord, by a breath, dear God, every time we breathe, oh God, we can live in the conscious awareness of Your never-failing Presence. You said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Lo, I'm with you always"; that even this will not just be Scriptures we memorized, but it will become realities that influence us, because we become conscious of the One Who said it, He cannot lie, and so it is, and that we can live in that nearness, in that fellowship; in that connection with You.

Just like that bulb, Lord, that is connected to that unseen power, that electricity, oh God, and just a single touch of that switch, it turns on. And that bulb feels that current moving in it, it cannot help but manifest that unseen power, oh God, and no matter what darkness is around, it drives it back. So, dear God, how we pray we will live in this realization, Father, live in this consciousness, this awareness, that the unseen world is with us all the time.

Take full and complete control. Lead and direct us into everything that we would say and may it have meaning; may it have benefits. May it bring strength to the inner man. Because You said, "Blessed is the faithful and wise servant, whom when the Lord comes, finds him giving out the Meat in due season."

Lord, You have given us the Meat. You have opened up those Seven Seals. You brought out the hidden Secrets of Redemption. You put, oh God, Father, that Word, that spiritual Food in due season to us. Not ravens bringing it, but Angels. Not the little birds or the little doves; Angels, that Third Pull – the coming of the Angels.

Oh God, it is not a picture; it is a reality in our hearts when we can live and walk under the power and influence of the Divine revelation. Truly, dear God, it is a mystic thing to those who do not know it, or only know it by a photograph and a historical event. But to those

who live and walk in union with You, there is a different knowing, Father.

Just like it was with Ruth, she had known Boaz. She was introduced to him. He was talking to her about things. But there was a knowing after union, oh God, a knowing that he could not know her that way before union. But when he came into union, he knew her in a different way, a deeper way. Lord God, it changed her body. She brought forth the man-child. Hallelujah!

So, dear God, we know You in this way, in this experience; in this realization. May it be so to each one that hungers and thirsts after this, after this reality – something more than church, something more than a church life; something where they live and they are empowered. They walk with a consciousness. They are influenced from Another World right here – a parallel universe; a dimension faster than this one. Oh God, make these things so real in our hearts, Father, in this late Hour.

Bless all Your children. You know our needs, even where we do not know how to define and present what we really have needs of because Lord, sometimes we are looking in the wrong places. Sometimes it takes the working of Your Spirit in our lives to point out to us where we are, what we have come through, how we should have acted, what we could have done, what we need to do; what decision we need to make. When this begins to operate in us, then, dear God, we can enter into a deeper knowing; we can enter into a place where we can walk and live more consciously. It is this that we are desiring, Father, and it is only You Who can furnish this; only You, dear God, by Your Holy Spirit. This is the work of the Spirit of Truth - to bring back the things to our remembrance, teach us all things and show us things to come.

So now, lead and direct us, dear God, as You unveil Yourself and continue to reveal Your will and make it clearer and clearer to us that we can know how to walk, Father, with confidence; not double-minded, not indecisive, but Your Word, a Lamp. Every place we put our feet, we can put it with confidence, with assurance, oh God, that we are under the Divine leadership of the Holy Ghost. Because this is what You said: "The Bride will have the Mind of Christ." That is to know what You want done with the Word in every given situation.

Lord, we realize that is a closeness, that is an intimacy; that is, Lord, a deepness of relationship. We can't bluff that, Lord. How we pray that that will be operating inside of us and making us conscious of how You are doing Your work within us. May You grant it. We thank You. We bless Your wonderful Name.

Take into consideration all the strangers, visitors, everyone within our gates, dear God. In the few moments, Lord, may You allot what You will allot for this, Lord, that we can catch it and have it sown deep into our hearts. Will You do it, Father? May You grant it, we pray. We ask these mercies with thanksgiving in the Almighty and precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Praise our God. Amen. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Genesis, Chapter 15 and also Chapter 24. I'm speaking a little bit and talking about, "GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP". I'm speaking on stewardship. GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP. It's something I preached some years ago, way back, I think around 1994 [September 1995 -Ed.], somewhere around there. But that was a long time ago. That is actually about twenty-five years ago.

But more and more as the time draws near, we become conscious, our lives... Let me say it this way: our earthly journey is coming to an end. Not in death; for the Bride, the ones who are alive – in the Rapture. It is coming to an end on earth. We'll make that leap like Enoch, leap over a wall, jump over a troop – the wall between natural and Supernatural; the troop of death, and go into that place. But while this is coming to us,

we are conscious, we are not going to leave here without knowing, we have fulfilled the plan of God for our lives.

Sometimes people live the Christian life and they do not see these things. But these are deep, deep teachings in the Word of God concerning people who are called and given responsibility. That doesn't just mean holding an office in the church; that means to become part of the Bride. Because once you are a part of the Bride, you are part of the Mystical Body. That means the Body is fitly joined and compacted together by the measure that every joint supplieth. So that means you are dealt a measure for service to the Body and in the Body and through the Body to what the Body is designed to accomplish.

So, it means to say, if you have been given something for that, which is the Holy Spirit, then there will be the evidence in your life and the testimony and the experiences that you obeyed the leading of the Spirit, the calling of the Spirit, you surrendered to the will and plan of God for your life and you didn't get taken up with what plans you want to make for yourself. Do you understand that?

I know these are definitive things, very definitive and very exact. But you know, that is how the ministry is. It doesn't leave much space. It brings you to see yourself, to examine yourself. Because if that is not present in this Hour, you will not know if you are overcoming or if you are fulfilling His will.

You will know you are coming to church. You will know, "I know God is doing something." That is not the Bride language. That is the language of unconscious people who are still yet to get a revelation of the purpose God called them for. But if you are *the* called according to His purpose, and if you fellowshipped and you desired and you sought Him to unfold His will to show you your purpose, where you fit, where you serve; what to do... If you didn't, there was a complacency and you misunderstood what being in the Bride means.

To some people, oh, the Bride is the one who is going in the Rapture. The foolish virgins will go through the Tribulation. That is not revelation, you know. If you are in the Bride, you are part of a Body. If you are part of a Body, you are under His Headship. It means to say, you can't be—if you are under His Headship, He gives you direction, He leads, He guides; He instructs. All you have to do is read the Book of Acts and see, nobody was doing anything on their own. It is not that kind of body. That is not an organization. This is an organism.

I know you know this, but knowing it and knowing it as you ought to know it, and to know it to the measure where it becomes operative, it is another thing. It is a different kind of 'knowing'. That 'knowing', you get taken up with what God is doing. That becomes your focus, that becomes your life; that becomes everything. When you get there, you become a mystic to other people. He said, "You become a mystic." Because you are living in a world of Perfect Faith and you find people think you are a fanatic. Everything is God, God, God, God, God, God.

Don't you find you had too many years just being man and woman? Don't you want to be something more than a man and a woman? Because the whole world is man and woman. He called you to be more than just a man and a woman. You are conscious you are a man and you are a woman even before He called you. When He calls you, it is 'plan'; 'service'. He wants to fellowship. What would Jesus like to talk to you about? Do you have an idea? Okay, what about you? What would you like to talk to Jesus about?

With me, you have to think, you know. I don't have a lazy mind. With me, you have no power unless you know what you are doing. And what you are doing to have power, it has to be revealed to you that that is from the Word. And what you are doing, the Word authorizes you, anoints you, empowers you to do that thing. This is not your secular job, you know.

This is what makes a Christian different to a normal person. Because without the Holy Ghost, they live a normal life. If you have the Holy Ghost, you cannot live the life they live. You wouldn't have the desires they have. Because to them, there is no other world. That is a big question mark in their mind if there is that because their influence is coming from this dimension and the fifth. But you, who have heard from your theophany, (can't you hear your theophany calling you?) you get conscious of a connection between you and another part of you.

If that knowledge is not growing within you, you have to find out what is choking that knowledge from growing; that you could be walking with God twenty-five years and you are still on the quotation: "Well, I bypassed the theophany. I came from thought to flesh; one day I'll become Word." All you are, is locked in, in that quotation and there is no experience, no knowledge, no deeper fellowship; no further unfolding to know about yourself.

This must be there. Do you agree with me? Do you agree with me? This is not saying you are not in the Message; I'm saying, if you are called... Bro. Branham said, "If you are called on a job, you'll ask the boss, 'What do you have for me to do?" He can't call you and you are idling around all day, and then you are looking for things to do outside what the farm is about. Do you understand?

No! You have to get real, you know. As I said, where we are at now, you cannot be unconscious of certain things. I explained to you about coming from Cedros to Maracas just now. You have to challenge yourself. That happens because you do not challenge yourself.

I have had to challenge myself to preach those thirtytwo services; sleeping about three hours a day, David and I. Sometimes at 4 o'clock every morning, the Lord was waking me up. He was staying with me so he was a companion to me in prayer every morning. He saw me get off the bed and I'm going to pray at 4a.m. in the morning; he was right there with me.

He saw me as sick as sick can be, but he saw me not saying I'm sick. He saw me not saying, "But boy, I should have, would have and could have." He saw me getting ready for the service. He saw what it was taking out of me. He was seeing a close-up view. He never stayed with me before all the years I traveled and he is with me. This time, he told me, "Staying with you, I realize what kind of man you are."

He is not a boy now; he's a father with three children. He believes me, but he saw me close-up here handling circumstances, putting it under my feet and to be about my Father's business. He saw me eating so much and sleeping about two or three hours a day for the thirty-five days we left and came back.

In the night, he was folding up paper to put in each ear because my ears are leaking fluid. Right now, I'm talking to you, my head is in a drum. I came back from the Philippines with that, it got better, and before I left now to go—when I landed in there, I was right back there. Up till now, if you talk close to me here, I wouldn't hear you. It is a good thing too. [Congregation laughs -Ed.] Do you understand?

Let us try to get the little portion quickly. I have the little family there with me in Argentina. They want to have the Lord's Supper this evening, so they are there to have it. They have their things set up already so I don't want to be long in the service. It is already 4:28p.m. here on this clock, so I want to just get through a little bit here, by the grace of God. Amen?

So just let me read for you here now. I wanted to read out of Genesis that I called, Genesis 15.

#### <sup>1</sup> After these things...

You know what 'these things' are, right? Genesis 14: Melchisedec, a Man came down, a King, King of righteousness, King of Peace, Priest of the Most High God; a Man without beginning of days and ending of life.

A Man appeared from Another World to Abraham. Adam had known that Man. Enoch had known that Man. That Man taught Adam about every tree, every bird, every fish; everything. That Man taught Enoch about the Pyramid and the City there. That Man is Who opened the Mystery to Noah, how to prepare the ark – a Mystery of Christ.

Now, that Man is with Abraham here. He came with bread and wine, as we are coming with here this evening. That was a great Mystery.

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision...

See? The Word of the Lord... Abraham was a prophet, and the Word was coming to him in the form of a vision. He was not in the humanistic realm; he was a man living and walking in the realm of revelation and vision. It was something being revealed to him. He had that revelation when Melchisedec came—a visitation, theophany visitation, celestial visitation; now he was getting it in vision. Understand.

...saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Why was He telling him that? Why did He address that as being his Shield and his exceeding great Reward? Abraham had just fought kings and armies. He was not living in a walled city; he was living in tents. So a cavalry, any unit, they could just ride in and mash down that whole tent and destroy Abraham. All his servants had gone back to their place. But he now was there and was having these thoughts in his mind. So God said, "Fear not, I am right here."

Isn't that wonderful; you are worrying about something, but He comes to you? Because you are walking close with Him, He comes to you. When He came to him, He said, "I am thy Shield." In other words, I am your Defense. Anything that has to come to you has to come through Me. I am between you and it.

Could you imagine the assurance that gave Abraham? This is the same One Who called him out, you know. This is the same One Who baptized him, crossing the river Euphrates. This is the same One that he came to sanctification later on and they got the new birth and the new name. This is the same One. And we walk in the same steps of our father Abraham. Do you understand?

Read the Bible that is opened. Don't read 'closed' Bible. Read the Bible that is opened.

<sup>2</sup> And Abram said, Lord GoD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless...

He had this on his heart. What do you have on your heart this evening? What do you have on your heart? Do you have something on your heart? Look at him. He was not ashamed to tell God, "I am concerned about this." The Bible says, "Cast your cares upon Him; He careth for you." [1st Peter 5:7 -Ed.] Do it. This is written for your example. You are a son and daughter of Abraham. That's right.

...what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

He said, "I have a man; he's a faithful man." Because it requires a man, who is a steward, to be faithful. This is the first time we see the word 'steward' in the Bible. This is the root of this Truth. That is why I read Genesis. Every time you see 'steward' in the Bible, it is going to unfold that original Truth.

...the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Genesis 24. Now Abraham was eighty-five years old in Genesis 15. Genesis 12:4 tells you, he was seventy-five years old when God called him out. Genesis 16:16 tells you, he was eighty-six years old when he went with Hagar, and Ishmael—It says when Ishmael was born, he was eighty-six. It took nine months for the baby

inside the womb; she gave birth to him. So now, he was eighty-six years old.

So in the 85<sup>th</sup> year there is where he had this experience – Genesis 15. There was no visitation after Genesis 16 for thirteen years. Because the next time we see him in Genesis 17, It says, "And Abraham was ninety and nine years old – ninety-nine. So eighty-six and thirteen is ninety-nine. So there was nothing happening between Genesis 16 and 17. Thirteen years passed. Ishmael was now a thirteen-year-old boy. See? So, in these dates, there are a lot of hidden Mysteries sealed up.

So now, here in Genesis 24, Abraham was one hundred years old. In Genesis 15, he was eighty-five years old, because this is before he went with Hagar to have Ishmael. So here, when he was about eighty-five years old, Eliezer was the steward of his house.

Now Genesis 24, this was where Isaac was going and get married. Isaac got married at forty years old. Twenty years of barrenness, and then when he was sixty years old, then he had Esau and Jacob through Rebekah. You know that. We went through these things in the past.

So he was one hundred and forty years here – Abraham. He was one hundred years old when Isaac was born. So now, Isaac was going to marry at forty, he was one hundred and forty years. So that is fifty-five years after Genesis 15:2 where It says, "Eliezer of Damascus is his steward."

Now we are reading Genesis 24, verse 1:

<sup>1</sup> And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age...

He was one hundred and forty.

...and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

<sup>2</sup> And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had...

It doesn't tell us that Eliezer ruled over all that he had in Genesis 15. But fifty-five years after, he was still the steward. That means to get a promotion, until all that bride. choose had. even to а that trustworthiness to the highest. Because it wasn't just to choose a wife, you know. Abraham was the covenant son of God. He was the head of the race. He was the living descendant of Adam and Noah. Adam was the head of the old world, Noah was the head of the new world; both of them expired. Now Abraham was the covenant son.

Now his son, Isaac, the one whom God said, "Will My covenant be, not with Ishmael but with Isaac," this one now, was going to marry to continue the promise of the Messiah, the lineage, coming.

So to go to choose a wife here, if he couldn't go himself, he wanted himself in the form of the man he was sending. That was why he said, "Put your hand and swear that you aren't doing this, and you aren't taking from here, and you aren't doing this." Then he said, "Swear! Put your hand and swear." Because this land, and the seed, and the covenant in Genesis 15, when God came and walked through the pieces of the sacrifice, that was the confirmation of the covenant. Then God had come in Genesis 17 and said, "I will make you fruitful," and he had Isaac, and now the covenant was with Isaac, and Abraham was conscious of this.

Just like from the Prophet to Bride. Real Bride is conscious that it can't go back to Pentecostal or Baptist, you know; it is a people called out under Her Messenger who has become the Final Voice. This is not a quotation now; this is people who have that experience and know we are part. Peter and they knew they were that by virtue of the indwelling Spirit; that the God Who was with them, veiled in Jesus, was now the God in them. There is no other way to explain that outside of personal experience.

This is not now, trying to say we are in the Message. This is understanding in the Message' means, 'the Spirit in you'. Because the Message is about the plan and program of God for this Hour to bring a people into immortality. The Message is not just to gather people; it is to show a people how to prepare for great Translation Faith. The Message is to give people faith to be changed, not congregate people. Do you understand this?

This is why you are here. You want to be sitting in a church in this Hour knowing that that mystery and that secret is opened and your faith is growing and you are watching the Spirit of God producing Christ in you. Otherwise, that church isn't good for you at all. If you aren't conscious of what is happening in the present tense, that church is not up to date. That church has denominated or became stagnated somewhere. Because Enoch walked with God and was not. Those people are a people moving into Rapturing Grace.

Am I making myself clear to you? It is a little, short thing. I don't want it to get too big. But like it wants to get big, so I have to suppress it a little bit and hold it down. I don't want it to get too big because this is supposed to be a short something to focus your faith in a certain place and to get you updated if you aren't updated. You don't want to be stagnated, you know; you want to be updated

<sup>2</sup> And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had,

I'm telling you here now, that means this... It is fifty-five years, because eighty-five and fifty-five is one hundred and forty. It doesn't tell us what Eliezer's age was there. But we are talking about stewardship. He was a steward in Abraham's house. Now, the same steward was being spoken of, It says, "He had rule over all that Abraham had."

Bro. Branham was a steward when the Angel met him, but He said, "If you be more faithful and sincere, you will have a Second Pull. If you be more sincere, it will get greater." It came to the Spoken Word. Things were not just being thrown on him, you know. He was being tested and tried and proven. When that King's Sword came down, this was something real. That wasn't just like magic, and he was the Prophet, so it came. It didn't have that. Because this is sonship. That was why God took the wife; God took the daughter. He was learning, through the things he suffered, obedience. A son is required to be obedient. A steward is required to be faithful and wise.

These are things God requires of you and me in our lives. This is not Bro. Branham's Message or it is a kind of, "Oh, yeah, Bro. Branham's Message." No. This is, He called you and this is something about you and the condition you need to be in to be in God's service; to be effective in your calling. This separates 'church life' from 'Word life'.

That is why you see 'church life' people always misunderstand 'Word life' people, because faith makes you a mystic to others. Because you are living for something in the unseen realm, not in the physical realm. You are enduring because you are seeing Him, Who is invisible. People are falling apart because they are not seeing the invisible, so they are opinion-shopping from a lot of visible people: "What do you think? What do you think? What do you think? What do you think? They want to put their human minds and their human thoughts together. But if it is the Spirit of Truth, it is coming from the Unseen World. If it is the Angel of God revealing that, it is coming from the Unseen World. He will never leave the Bible; that is how you know where it is coming from.

<sup>2</sup> And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee...

Do you see how Abraham is cutting this thing close? He didn't say, "Well, I don't want to put you through that, Eliezer. It is not that I don't trust you, you know, Eliezer. I'm not saying that you will go and do your own thing, you know, Eliezer." No. He said, "Between you and me, and God is a witness here, put your hand here and swear. If you can't do that, let me find somebody else willing to do that or I will have to get up myself and make that long journey at one hundred and forty years old." He said, "But the thing is, if you are my steward and you are under headship and I am asking this of you, I want to know that you are up to this." Because two can't walk together except they first be agreed.

See, relationships have laws that govern relationships. Now, this is where a lot of people don't want to walk because when they view their lives: "No, I'm not subject to anybody. I don't have to account to anybody. I'm anointed. God deals with me differently. God leads me, God shows me," and different things, and when you bring it under questioning, you find it is empty. It is a mask they are trying to wear.

It is not that we are talking about, you know. We are talking about real people and real Word and real events, and real Rapturing Faith moving among these real people.

<sup>3</sup> And I will make thee swear...

He said, "You put your hand under my thigh,"

<sup>3</sup> And I will make thee swear by the LORD,
the God of heaven, and the God of the
earth...

Why was he swearing by God? Because God was the One Who gave the promise and the promise was going to continue to unfold through Isaac now. When it got to Jacob, it was then the nation was going to come, you know. Because Isaac only had Esau and Jacob, but Jacob had twelve sons, and out of that came the twelve tribes to fulfill "I will make of you a great nation. In Isaac shall thy seed be called." Understand.

This is God unfolding a promise; taking His time and bringing it. Just like when God started, in 1909, a baby

was born, and God was seeing this church and God was seeing us here tonight, you know, and seeing the rest of His Bride wherever they are tonight. Fifty-four years after the Messenger left, God's plan hasn't stopped, you know. It is not people doing their own thing, you know.

That same God Who came through Luther with the stalk, came through Wesley with the tassel, came through Pentecost with the shuck, came and waved the firstfruits and then maturing and ripening the rest of the Harvest, that same God is bringing this. He is the Author and the Finisher.

That is why you don't get away from the plan. The plan has nothing to do with this building, you know. The plan has nothing to do with this compound, you know. The plan has to do with people and their obedience to the Word. That is what the plan is. Because we could sit here and don't understand, you are part of the plan, and don't understand that you are part of the Word, and it is a place you have to take by faith, by revelation, and obey and submit there.

...the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife...

He said: You swear to me,

...that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

He said, "Let us settle this right now. Not from here!"

<sup>4</sup> But thou shalt go unto my country, and
to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son
Isaac.

So, what I read that there to show you is, this trusted servant, this steward in his house had served so faithfully that when the time came, the greatest thing was to choose the Bride here. Because the boy is not married and the seed is going... "In Isaac shall thy seed be called," so the wife was important to the fulfilling of the will and plan of God, that the seed could not come

from anywhere to pollute the bloodline and hybridize the seed.

Do you catch that? Because later on, under Jacob, under the prophecy, "And the scepter will not depart from Judah," [Genesis 49:10 -Ed.] from there now, from the nation, God chose the tribe. From the tribe, God said, "David, after the order of Melchisedec, you'll have a son coming," and then it came down to one man. From Adam, "The woman shall receive a Seed," it came from Adam to Noah, to Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, to Judah, to David, and then Mary and Joseph were of the lineage of David to bring Jesus coming down there; not by sex but by the prophecy, keeping the lineage and coming, so He would have scriptural identification when He came.

Do you realize now, if it had to be that for the prophecy back there for the Bridegroom, what do you think it will be for the Bride? Do you think the Bride will have a loose thing; you just jump in: "I'm in the Message; I am so and so"? No, no, no. Elected, called, anointed; placed. That is why he said, "You are born here, and it brings faith. Then you add to your faith, virtue and knowledge and temperance. You grow up into the image." You come to the top. He said, "And now, a Cloud comes to overshadow you: "This is My beloved son. I gave him power to speak into existence."

There is a way, there is a direct way to these things. It is not a church thing; it is a Word thing.

One more I want to read here, Matthew 24, so if I don't get to go further than that, that would be fine. I think just in the few comments being made, it should open something to you about where you are, what is the emphasis in the Word at present, what direction we are moving in, what we should be focused upon if you are a person looking for the Rapture. Because the Rapture is changing dimensions, and to change dimensions, your body has to be changed. That means you have to move from mortal to immortality. It takes a certain Word to

bring a certain kind of faith to bring that change. That is not baby faith. That is not a kind of intellectual faith. That is the faith of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 24, verse 44. Now everybody knows Matthew 24 is, what? The Seven Seals; the opening of the Seals. Matthew 24:36, right down to Matthew 25, He was dealing with the Seventh Seal. All the parables are about the Coming. So this is a Mystery of the Coming of the Lord, the Seventh Seal, given in a parable by the Son of Man Himself. Jesus was telling this.

Verse 44:

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

He had told them back in verse 36, "No man knows the day or the hour." He said, "He didn't even know it at that time."

<sup>45</sup> Who then is a faithful and wise servant...

The word there is 'steward'. If you look in Luke Chapter 12, verse 42, the same parable being told in Luke, He calls it 'steward'.

...whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

<sup>45</sup> Who then is a faithful and wise [steward]...

A steward has to be faithful and wise. This is what Eliezer was. The first steward we see in the Bible, is typed straight to the Messenger. He is typed straight to Revelation 10:7, the one who went out at Evening Time for the Bride.

Here now, we are seeing under the Seventh Seal, the Mystery of the Seventh Seal... Because remember, Eliezer, Revelation 10:7, bringing Rebekah, Revelation 10:8-11, introduced her to Isaac, Revelation 10:1. That was the Mystery of the Seventh Seal in Genesis. This

Seventh Seal started in Genesis and went all the way through the Bible. We know these things.

So then that means, here, what is coming, we are finding under the Seventh Seal now, in parable, (that was in shadow) this is directly connected to that, you know. Because any time that word 'steward' comes up, it is linked to the first time the word was mentioned. That is a law.

<sup>45</sup> Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

The lord made this steward a ruler over his house and he was over all the man's possessions. He didn't just usurp that authority; he was given that by his master because of the trustworthiness, like Abraham with Eliezer

<sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh...

He was talking about the Coming of the Lord.

...when he cometh shall find so doing.

Blessed is that servant! When the Lord comes, he isn't hiding, involved in something else, you know; he is doing exactly, carrying out his vocation. He is walking worthy of the vocation unto which he was called. He is exercising his authority in the office where he is placed positionally by his lord, and he is serving the cause of the master who put him in that position.

This is very good. I will show you, all of us are stewards. Every one of us is a steward.

<sup>47</sup> Verily I say unto you...

That is, if He comes and finds him—when He cometh, He finds him so doing. We are in that Hour. Isn't this the Coming? Hasn't He appeared in these last days? Hasn't the Seventh Seal, Revelation 10:1, come down to Revelation 10:7? That's right.

... That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

He was a steward in verse 45, who was made ruler over his household, but now he is ruler over all his goods. Eliezer was a steward in the house, but then, Genesis 24, he is ruler over all that Abraham had.

Bro. Branham had a little sign in the hand, but the time came, he could speak into existence. Do you get what I'm saying? It didn't stay in one place. Through faithfulness, his serving; his responsibility... Remember when he tried to run away? He ordered him back to his place. He was dealt with, with a firm hand, with a strong hand by God, yet in love: "If ever you doubt, come back here." God was dealing with him to give him a place to anchor his soul, and a place he could come back to and know, "God met me here."

Remember my message I preached at one time for you, *The Place Where All Things Are Settled?* That's right. He said, "I went back to my cave where all things are settled." In other words, you have places in your life. You have places... You have your 'hurricane mountain' where you are going around chasing cougars and bears – unfruitful. You have places where you are lost and you have to cry out to God and God in mercy comes to you only because you are elected. He can't abandon the work He started with you. He is helping you along, giving you places—teaching you obedience. You have places in your life.

This is not coming to church. This is not a 'coming to church' and 'go home' life, you know. This is being taught, trained, established, rooted and grounded, directed, led by the Spirit, the Word operating in you and through you. You are taking your place and you are growing daily.

I'm getting kind of passionate with this because I'm a steward, you see. I'm not preaching a topic, you know. I preached on this years ago, but it came back to me – stewardship.

<sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

You want Him to find you doing. Remember in Luke 19, tells a parable too: "Occupy till I come"? The other part goes on with the evil servant, but I stopped there because I'm dealing with the faithful and wise servant, the one who is obedient in his Master's service; the one who is in submission to his Master, where his Master has the preeminence, the oversight and the leading in his life.

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

So when we think on this... And I'm speaking this because it is something that I feel that the Spirit has brought back in a way to me. I should go to Luke 16 now, as we've laid some background for this stewardship, taking Eliezer. Eliezer was Abraham's steward, who had rule over all his master's goods, who was sent to call the Bride at evening time, is the root of the Truth of stewardship in the Old Testament. Isn't that something, that the first time you see 'steward', it is tied straight to the Seventh Seal?

I just read for you out of Matthew 24, the Seventh Seal. I brought it straight here, to this Day, with the Prophet, the Messenger of *the* Seventh Seal. It comes straight to Revelation 10, the Mighty Angel, when He's come down, Christ, the Seventh Angel will be on the earth at that same time, like John was on the earth when Jesus came.

You know the quotation in *The Breach* [1963-0317E -Ed.], because John had to introduce Him. Bro. Branham had to introduce Christ: a Greater than Solomon is here. Who do you say This is? See? There is a Man here that can turn on the Light. The Mighty God is unveiled before us. He was unveiling, he was revealing, he was introducing this One in this Age, showing us that the great Shepherd of the sheep has appeared in these last days. See?

So here, in Luke 16, we are seeing now... Now catch this before I read Luke 16.

In Genesis 15, it is the first time we see—and Genesis 24. Genesis 15 is after Melchizedek appeared. If you remember my message, *The Three Woes In The Days When The Son Of Man Is Revealed* [2018-0429-Ed.] and after World War II, a Man came down from Glory. He was hearing a Voice in a Whirlwind, he was seeing a Light in the form of a cross in the woodshed, he saw a Light on the river and heard a Voice, but in the cave after World War II, the Man stepped out.

Now the reason a Man stepped out, this Man is the Mystery of the Bible. This is the Man Who created the heavens and the earth. This was the Messenger who was to unveil this God. And so, He was slowly, gradually revealing Himself to this person. When he was born, the stars were in the constellation. When he grew up and became a man, and he was at the end of his Ministry, the mountain range was waiting there since creation, for him to pass by and see how his life had been lived out.

By this you understand my Gospel, you know. By this you will understand my Gospel. In other words, my view—I have a view of the Message that I preach for all these years. I have a view of the Message. Do you hear how I started there and brought Genesis 15 and 24 straight to the Messenger? First place in the Old Testament. The first place in the New Testament – Matthew 20 – steward. That is the Lord of the vineyard, He is coming to His steward to tell him to give the penny and start with the eleventh-hour workers. That's Revelation 10:1 coming to Revelation 10:7, and coming to Revelation 10:8-11. They are the first two: first one in the Old Testament; first one in Matthew, in the New Testament – steward.

Look how those two are tied to the Ministry of the Prophet and both are tied to the Seventh Seal. Look how when we see a person who was serving in the house as a steward, became ruler over all his goods because he was faithful and wise, and when the Lord came, He found him doing what He instructed him to do, not something else. He was not trying to do God a service outside it being God's will; he was doing God the exact, precise service he was called and trained and anointed and set in order to do. Can you see that?

Watch this Scripture. Watch all those Scriptures, it comes back to the Message; it comes back to the Evening Time. Eliezer went out at Evening Time. The Bible says, "And when even was come, the lord of the vineyard called the steward." [Matthew 20:8 -Ed.] This is being done at Evening Time. Evening Time is when the Son is being set in the west. It is the time of the Evening Light when the Gospel has come from east to west coming through Seven Church Ages, coming through geographically, historically, chronologically and scripturally from east to west. So this can't be made up. This is Scripture, lined up.

It is strange the things He shows you in the Bible. It is strange how He still takes things and waves it back to prove and confirm and to show that the Message of the Messenger got home, and how that Spirit never leaves the Bible and the Message but it magnifies the Message. It brings out the Message in high definition to see we are not following some cunningly devised fable, but where we are walking in a faith. That's how we can have faith.

Now when you see this, you must have faith. Because you see it, you can step into it, because there is something to step into when you see it. It is something substance. It is not something imaginary, it is something substance; you could step into it without fear.

That's why to go in all these countries and these places, you are going with faith in a commission. A Man met me in Santa Cruz. People could say what they want. I don't have to debate with anybody with that. What they want to think, let them think. Let them listen to the

things preached down through the years and find out if that isn't secret knowledge that it takes an extraterrestrial One from a different civilization to reveal that knowledge, because it is knowledge that the One Who gave it to the Prophet, is coming back to show that it came from Him. Now this Bride must say the same thing. She can't say something else. But that saying doesn't mean just repeating like a parrot; that saying means opening the thing because She is the next fold.

That's why with me, I have earplugs and blinders. I don't listen to who is saying what and who is doing what. When He shows me something, I want to go and do it. I'm not called to be scrutinized. Who wants to scrutinize... If they are wasting their time and their lives trying to scrutinize me, and waiting for... First, they started off waiting for me to backslide, then they started waiting for this to prove it is wrong. Then they started waiting to prove, "How could you talk about Seven Trumpets and 'Unknown Language' came back in a cycle and all kinds of different things?"

Listen to me here this evening right here. I am not trying to become important. This is not about... The thing is, I'm trying to be faithful and obedient. Because when you hear things like that, you have to realize, but I read the same Bible.

Now watch. Luke 16 now. Jesus now is teaching here. So notice, I showed you how... Now, we are coming to steward again. Now to show you the whole Bible is Christ, we take stewardship under the Seventh Seal in Genesis, the seed Book of the Bible, we brought it down into the New Testament – Matthew. I didn't read it, but I quoted it for you. You can go and read it or just go home and listen back to my messages on *The Eleventh-Hour Gentile Workers*, (see?) how the war stopped the eleventh hour, the eleventh day, the eleventh month and all these things.

Those are things from... Go back on the tract, 1979. That was on the tract in 1979; still saying the same

thing but that same thing just keeps—five more rockets, five more rockets to show the Source it comes from, it doesn't stop.

Now, sometimes people put aside a thing because they don't understand it. When you don't understand things like these, you pray and ask God for understanding, "Because there is something there that I'm not getting and I need to get it," and you realize it takes the Holy Spirit.

So sometimes that shows you, "I need more of the Holy Ghost in my life." You don't just watch yourself need the Holy Ghost because you nearly 'fall' or you end up lusting or somebody was deceiving you and carrying you away, and you say, "I really need the Holy Ghost." No. When you find you can't keep up with God, and you don't have the faith and courage many times to step into the things God called you for, and you want to go in a crowd, you want a multitude of counsel, then you realize, no, you need something to give you assurance in your heart. Okay.

Now God gives these things. God is not stingy with this, you know, God is free with this, but God has to get your attention. Sometimes God is trying to get your attention but because God is not on social media and God is not on WhatsApp and all of these different things, then you find well, you know, God is out of tune with you. If God wants to get you, He has to get you here. But God says, "No, you get Me over here. You leave that... Moses, leave what you are doing and draw to this Fire here." God pulled him where God wanted to talk to him. God deals with you in certain places under certain conditions. Watch it in the Bible. Nothing in the Bible is put there by chance.

It is time people wake up and realize what kind of Book the Bible is. You hear me say it over and over and over. The Book is not what we used to think; the Book is God Himself in a printed form. The Book can't fail. Anything God does, God qualifies Himself by His Word. That was why the Prophet said, "Why I believe the Angel, (not because He's an Angel and some terrestrial Being talking to me, no,) He quotes the Bible. He talks the Bible when He is talking to me because He knows faith comes by this Word and this Word is what you try every spirit by, so He has to come in accordance with the Word."

Now when you see people now, they hold on to this feeling, they hold on to that, they hold on to this dream, they hold on to this explanation, they hold on to this, they hold on to this vision, they hold on to this, and you want to run with things. Go to the Word with it! Go to the Word with it. Don't be afraid of the Word. Because you don't want to be found holding on to things, making it bigger than it is, making it smaller than it is; making it a different context to what it is. You want to have the Word to guide you. You want to have the Word, the Plumbline that approves and shows that you can stand against all Hell. Upon this Rock, this revelation of His Word, He will build His Church and the gates of Hell cannot prevail against it.

Well, if there is such a place that the gates of Hell can't prevail, you want to be abiding there. You want that to be the foundation of your house. The wise man digs deep and finds the rock and builds on the rock; not like the foolish man with the sand. He had a foundation. You want to be on a foundation, something—a timetested thing where all doubts and things are dissolved and settled.

Do you realize how people like to go along with little whims and fancies and ideas and explanations and make it more than it is and nothing they could stand on? And you can't give... Could you give somebody that, and say, "Stand on this and overcome the Devil"? No. You have to have something you can stand on, that when Satan comes to you, you could test him on the Word. That's right.

So, Jesus now is teaching here again. He said:

<sup>1</sup> And he said also unto his disciples...

"And he said also." It is showing that it was something He said before that He is saying, "And he said also." Well, Luke 15, He spoke three parables: about the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son, and then He continued into this, a fourth parable. Isn't that something? He's coming to this fourth parable here now. Now remember, 'parable' is 'mystery', okay? He was speaking Truth in a mystery. "Unto them it's mysteries, but to you, it is given to know what it is." Do you understand?

<sup>1</sup> And he said also unto his disciples...

Because He was speaking there to the Pharisees. If you look back there, it was the Pharisees and they He was talking about, who when they were saying, "What kind of Man is this, eating and drinking with sinners and was just saying that He's the Messiah?"

He started to show the Love of God. He started to show where man fell in the Garden and went away from God, but how man was to be reconciled and come right back to his origin. He showed the sheep came back, the coin came back and the lost son came back to the place they were before they went away – origin and destiny. He was opening things there. Now He came here, into something very deep.

Now Jesus—remember when Jesus came, He was living in two worlds, so He couldn't help but teach them about these two worlds. That's why He said, "Don't rejoice the Devil is subject to you." He said, "You need to know demonology, otherwise you'll bump your head all the time; the Devil is playing tricks on you. You need to know demonology." He said, "When an unclean spirit comes out of somebody, it walks in dry places."

He started to open up the unseen world concerning demonology. He started to open up the unseen world in this same Luke 16, from 19 to 31, with the rich man and Lazarus, and showed their destinations after they left this life, where they went. You see? The same way He showed what happens in the realm of demons, He was showing here now, dimensions; when your earthly journey ends, you go to a destination.

So Jesus was this kind of Preacher. He wasn't a Sadducee or a Pharisee preaching about, "Keep the Law and the Sabbath," or do's and don'ts, or "Wash the pot," or the long prayers. No, no. He was trying to bring the people into a relationship with this God. He was making this God, Who dwelt in Him, known to the people. He was trying to show them, "Abraham saw this Day, Moses saw this Day; they spoke of it. Recognize your Day and your Message," and the people couldn't. They couldn't understand His preaching. His Own disciples said, "Lord, why don't You speak to us plainly? You are only speaking in proverbs. See? It was difficult for them too because for years nobody came preaching how He preached.

Go and see, for five hundred years before the Prophet came, listen how Luther preached, listen how Wesley and they preached. When this man came, he was talking about the Bible in a whole other world because he's an Eagle. He was in a different Age. It's a different anointing. The way he was dealing with Scriptures was different to how the church world dealt with It and what they called Christianity back there under a reformer system and the anointing of 'Man'.

So, they didn't know it was a different Age, and he had to teach them about the four anointings and what Age they were in, and your promise for the Age, and God has an Elect in every Age, and there is a Word allotted for that Age, and that Word is to be fulfilled in the lives of the Elect of that Age.

Now we start to realize, it was a plan all along. God is the One Who put people in their Ages. God is the One Who put a certain anointing in an Age. God is the One Who allotted a Word for a certain Age because God is unfolding His Mystery of His Church. Look at the stage we are in here fifty-four years after the going of the Prophet. We are not back in Luther's time or Wesley's time. That was horse and buggy and motorcar. We here are the astronaut Age. We are not even like the Pentecostal; we are the astronaut Age. So that is why you don't get lost there; you watch the line of things.

He said, "If I don't bring you..." You see, I can't drop down to keep, let us say, bringing a Pentecostal understanding to fix somebody's concept because they find this is complicated. The thing is, the right type of water... He said, "If I bring a Baptist message, it will take no effect. I have to bring you the Message for the Bride time." Because that is the Word, that is the Water the Seed needs to come to life in this Hour. Because this Word is to birth you into here, to operate certain promises that God put for this Hour, (to operate these promises,) because nobody hasn't manifested this portion yet.

Bro. Branham was the one who came, it was identified in him; it was waved to us. And it is like, "How did he do that? How did he do that?" Then we found he always knew and was showing us, "No, that is promised for now." And he was going back in the Old Testament: "Watch in the first Exodus. Watch the beginning of the Gentile dispensation with Daniel; watch and see we are at the end of the Gentile dispensation. Watch we are in the Third Exodus. Watch the faith of the fathers – Paul and they after Elijah and the Son of Man in the first Age; watch we come back to Elijah and the Son of Man here at the end of the Age." He was showing us patterns so we could get a view and stay in the channel of how God is working and what God is doing in this present time.

When you miss that, you miss everything. You are going to church, we are talking about church, but when you are in this here, you are operating the Word. You have to test your faith. You have to step out. You have

to anoint that. You have to have faith that that is you and create the atmosphere. You can't be doubting; you can't be wondering. Because the situation comes in a way where you have to have the faith to step out there. It is not coming to a place where somebody has to push you and push you and push you. Who is going to push you when they are afraid to go behind you? You are for the Age; you have to step out there and walk in it. Tell me if I am wrong.

Who? Billy Graham? Oral Roberts? Was he trying to follow them? He was understanding the Age he was in. It was he who came up with 'shuck Age' and 'Grain Age' and 'Harvest Time' and 'Seed is not heir with the shuck'. It was he who came up with 'hawk on the telephone post who got soft, lost his identification' and 'Eagle hunting the Food'. Where was all this language coming from? It was to describe a change of the beat from Son of God back to Son of Man – prophetic.

When you miss these things, you miss the real Message, you know. That's why when that is waved over you as a church, your soul follows hard after that. Like when Elijah waved that mantle over Elisha, he said, "My heart is fixed and my soul follows hard." It is not you sitting and saying, "How could you say that? How could you say that?" You are questioning. Don't question. Do like the people in Berea – search the Scripture and see if it is so in the Bible. Because this doesn't come to you complicated, this comes to you... If it is complicated, your mind is complicated. Because this comes to you and shows you Bible; shows you Scripture.

Do you see how I started showing you stewardship? I started in Genesis, I went to the New Testament, now I'm here in a parable, where it is taking the stewardship to another level to bring out now, how a person has to give account for their stewardship. You don't just have it and say, "I'm getting blessed and God is dealing with me." In the end, you have to give account to the One

Who gave you the stewardship. That is a part of your Christian life.

A lot of people have a Christian life, but it isn't personal with God. They don't see that they have to give an account to God for anything. They don't see that God is going to require certain things of you; that He gives you opportunity, He gives you health, He gives you strength, He provides wealth for you; all these things. Do you think God gives it to you because He wants to bless you? Do you think He gives it to you for you to hoard it and say, "I have this. All of this is mine. God loves me. God loves me more than you. If God had loved you, you would have gotten too." It is not so.

What God gives you, is that you can help others. It is that through your experience of God dealing with you, you can help somebody. Because in the end, you are going to die and leave it and then your work was never accomplished because you were self-centered, you were self-opinionated; you were selfish. You couldn't see God had a plan in this. You didn't study God's ways enough. You didn't go into the place and see God made a choice. He didn't have to make that choice with you. Because when God made that choice with you, what could you have done to deserve that choice? Do you think God gives you things... When you find out all... Wasn't it fixed before the foundation of the world?

This is where life... You always hear me say, earth is the school. Here is the school. Earth is about a place, you have to leave as an overcomer. Life is not here. This is the place of temporal life. The people who have Eternal Life, here they discovered they have Eternal Life and that Eternal Life is defined in them as a place in a Body, as a member in a Body, they are operating, so they are being trained that when they leave here, that life is to be expressed in a civilization, in a Kingdom where they will continue the same life that they discovered here, in the Other World. These are the things I will go to later on, (see?) – that life. But you are

discovering this life here now. You are discovering this life here. Quickly.

[Luke 16 -Ed.]

<sup>1</sup> And he said also unto his disciples, [verse 1] There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

This man, he gave this man a stewardship. He gave him an area of responsibility and service, and he entrusted this man with a big portion of his wealth and his riches so that this man could advance the work of his master, who had shown confidence in him and kindness towards him, and bestowed honor upon him by putting him into a certain office to serve and operate, and afterwards, the man started to think he owned the business. He started to think now, he wasn't subject to anybody. He was thinking, "God has me here. No man put me here; it is God Who has me here." No! Somebody had favor over you to put you there. You were not like the only person, and there were no other persons to compete or be approved in the position. It was a selection made that favored you. That was grace towards you.

Grace is what God does for us. Works are what we do in appreciation for God's grace. But instead of appreciation coming out now, you get self-exaltation. You get authoritative and a display of self being in the position, and you start to waste the goods that were given to you to advance the service and the welfare of the One Whose thought, Whose economy is set up in this way that He gave you such an exalted, trusted position because He required of stewards to be faithful.

This is a very deep thing, you know. I'm in the superficial part of it right now. I wouldn't have time this evening. Because when he said—Paul talked about 'a dispensation'; the word there is 'a stewardship' given

unto him. The Mysteries—he said, "We are stewards of the Mysteries of God."

Stewardship, you will see here... Jesus, as I said, was teaching this but He was conscious of two worlds. He was conscious about the Other World. Like in John 14, He said, "In My Father's house there are many mansions." There is another World besides this world. He said, "And I'm going to prepare a place for you. I made a way for you to get a New Birth by Me being born and I'm going on the Cross to die. And through My dying, a way is being prepared for you to get the Holy Ghost, give you a New Birth, to bring you back to your angel."

This was Jesus' mission. His mission was not just to die and people got salvation. There was a thing called 'Redemption'. There were people who were in the thinking, who were in the thoughts, whose names were in the Book; it is bringing them back to an Eden, a place that they were designed for, to live in two worlds. But right now, they are trapped in this one world. But Jesus knew the only way to get you out of this world and get you back into a realm where you can be led by angels, directed, where you can operate office gifts and spiritual gifts in carrying out and advancing the Master's service, He said, "It will take a New Birth that brings the Holy Spirit into you. So I can't—there is no Holy Spirit coming to anybody if I don't go to the Cross, because I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life. The plan is in Me and I'm making this available by My death, burial and resurrection that the Life in Me will come in you all, and vou will be the continuation of what I am."

Now that is the Message. That is what Bro. Branham was the first one of. He was just the first one of this in this Day. Peter and they were the first ones in that Day. Because before them, nobody had any New Birth, because it was John, Elijah, who introduced the Lamb. The coming of Elijah, a man with the Spirit of Elijah, he introduced the real Lamb, and the Lamb now, was the

real Atonement. That real Atonement, He was going to pay the price and take the judgment that was due us and make a way to bring Redemption for us – something that no other human being could do. It took a New Creation to do that. Every man was born by sex. In Adam, we all die.

So this man, it was told to him that your steward, he is wasting your goods. Your steward is just going along and saying, "I'm the steward. I am this. I am that. He is wasting your goods." He said, "He doesn't understand what the stewardship is. He lost the vision of the purpose why you made a selection to give him that role. Look at the area now, it is undeveloped, it is going down, but through the office, he is making a lot of friends. He is making a lot of friends, instead of advancing the business." So he was using it for self-advancement, not to fulfill the will and plan of the giver.

This is a deep thing, you know. We don't want to go down that road with this, this evening; that will cause too much preaching and teaching. But I'm just scattering some Light. Okay. Because stewardship is an office of trust and confidence. We see that in Eliezer. That's why I went to Eliezer. That is why I went to show you how Eliezer got promoted to the place where he had rule over all the goods.

Bro. Branham started off with a sign in his hand. He ended up operating five office gifts, nine spiritual gifts, even to the Spoken Word, creation, you know. He had rule over all the Master's goods, you know.

This Eliezer had all the gifts pertaining to dressing the bride. He had all the things needed for the power to get her to the unseen bridegroom. Everything she needed, the jewels and these things, he had access to all of that. When he went, he was carrying raiment, he was carrying jewels; he was carrying beasts. Why? Because he had access to all the master's goods. He understood what it was going to take to get this girl from Babylon, all the way to oneness with the bridegroom.

He had a vision. This didn't just come with his human mind. Abraham said, "The Angel of God will go with you." When he prayed, it showed you the consciousness. When he talked with the family, it showed you how clear he was. He never talked about himself. Watch the steward. Watch the steward. He said, "My master, Abraham. God has blessed my master. My master, my master, my master."

He and John are the two in the Bible who are called 'model servants' because they were talking about... John said, "There is One coming, mightier than I, Whose shoes I'm not worthy to loose." He said, "I baptize you in water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire." He said, "When this One comes, it is going to be a different thing." See? "I am only the friend of the Bridegroom; I am not the Bridegroom. He has the Bride." He said, "I rejoiceth that I could be around to hear the Bridegroom talk to the Bride." He said, "Oh my! What a thing it is for me to be so close to hear."

Could you imagine Eliezer listening? Could you imagine the Chief Reaper standing and listening to the conversation between Boaz and Ruth when he took the parched corn and the vinegar, and these things and they were talking there? When you read that, you are reading John. It is the same picture. It is the same ministry. It is tied back to this same Hour. Oh my. My.

I'm hearing some of these things and it has me baffled. I can't hear you because of this big echoing inside my ears. I don't even know if I'm talking too loudly or if I'm talking too softly or something, but the thing is, it is stimulating me because in standing in the Word here and speaking this out in this awareness that is upon me, it is marvelous.

So watch the boss now. Watch the master whose economy this steward had been given favor and put in a certain position until he was not even updating the master on anything. He was not interested if the Master knows or what. He was just having fun. He was just

doing—he's the boss. He had rights of ownership over both because it was his steward and it was his goods.

It says:

...a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

So it was his goods and it was his steward. But the steward thought it was his goods and he was the steward. The steward was not seeing, "No! The goods and I belong to the master."

This is where it is a dangerous thing. You are living in your own bubble and you are seeing things how you are seeing and you are not watching the Word from the right angle, so that is why you miss the things that bring conviction, the things that make you lay aside, the things that make you get closer, the things that make you want to surrender more to God, you miss that, because you get taken up with privilege. But you are not seeing, responsibility goes with privilege.

So look. Listen. He gave His goods into the care of the steward (see?) with the intent that he would advance the business, but the steward used the Master's goods for his own self-interest; to fulfil his own personal ambition and desire.

<sup>2</sup> And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship...

You know that is not spoken in soft words. He said:

... How is it that I hear this of thee?...

Because of the source he was getting it from, he knew it was not gossip; it was not slander. Do you understand that? It was coming from an authoritative source. Because you don't have that kind of business and then you are operating without any system.

The very protection of God's work is set up upon Scripture. There is Scripture for everything. To be a deacon, there are requirements. To be a Minister, there are requirements. To operate in a certain place, you have to abide in your calling where you were called. Your anointing, there is something – in the mouth of two or three witnesses that must be proven. There isn't anything where anybody goes loose. There are always checks and balances. Because God thought it up. God knows man. God knows fallen man, and God knows that man without the Spirit, what he is liable to do. He becomes an agent for God's enemy.

We are not in the baby stage here, you know, we are in a stage here where we are coming to a sin-free Church; where we are coming to a Church with Rapturing Faith. We are going forward, not backward.

<sup>2</sup> And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

His bubble burst. His bubble burst. All the big life, all the authority, all the self, all the air and atmosphere, all of that was gone.

Many times we are living our lives as if God can't pull your plug and you are in a coffin the next day. You are telling yourself, "I am not ready to die yet. God is not going to let me die so young. I'm young and nice." Young and nice? There is nothing like 'young and nice'. Have you ever seen flowers in a bouquet? Do you think all are big, old flowers? There are little buds. There are a few of them inside to make the bouquet have some variety inside of it. It isn't a bunch of petals that are falling off and they have that as a bouquet.

I hope this is not coming over like... I hope this is coming over right, you know. This is coming over in a way of stewardship, accountability; responsibility. "Lord, I never realized... I used to say I'm blessed. Look what God blessed me with." You are talking like a Pentecostal: "Look what I got blessed with. Look what I got blessed with." Yeah, but look what you are using it for. Look what you are using that for.

Why don't you use it in a better way where God could get some glory; in a way to advance the Kingdom of God? Why did you do it for self-advancement? Because your thoughts are not God's thoughts. Your thoughts are selfish, your thoughts are self-centered; your thoughts are not seeing. You are looking for that, and after a while, that becomes your security. So money is your security now. "I have enough money in case something goes wrong." Do you have enough money if something goes wrong? Does it have such a thing? The thing that is going wrong is that somebody else is inheriting that. [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.]

This... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ...when they drop out of the Word and they start to live in the humanistic realm, and they start now to make their man-made plans without consulting God, without saying the Lord's will, because tomorrow doesn't belong to anybody. You know, Jesus taught that.

The man said, "Well, now my barns are full and I have this and I have this here and my plans are this." He said, "Thou fool, thy soul is required of you

He said, "Thou fool, thy soul is required of you tonight."

Why do you think all of that is put in the Bible? For people who are in that category, who think along those lines and operate that way and fail to understand that they are diagonally opposed to God's program by going down that road. They lost the purpose of why they are on earth and their lives as a steward. Stewardship is not in their book; is not in their minds. It is like, "God bless me," or "This one left that for me," or "I have this." No. The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." It says, "Time and chance is given to every man." [Ecclesiastes 9:11 -Ed.] Given.

John said, "What you have, you receive." And if you receive, there is a Giver Who gave you, so you could receive. And the Giver had a purpose and a plan in the giving. You have to know the ways of the Giver and see in the Bible, where and how He gives, and why He gives,

and to whom He gives, and how He requires from those whom He gives. When you fail to see that, your life ends up to be a church life, a religious life, a life without consciousness and you are just going along.

Then when the time comes, he said, "Though you made it to Heaven, you are going to be poor on that side because you didn't lay up anything; any treasures for Heaven. You didn't labor here. You didn't have that Kingdom in view while you were living your life here. You were storing up here where thieves break through and steal and you were not storing up in Heaven. You weren't thinking about those who could have been assisted, and where God could have been glorified and these things because you had a shallow view.

You are like the man who hid the talent and when the lord came, you end up there now, and say, "Well, you are a hard man, you know."

He didn't say he was the hard man; he said the master was the hard man.

Watch the response he got: "Thou slothful and wicked servant. Take what he has and give it to the other one who has five already."

Jesus is teaching the disappointment with people who received from God, but misunderstood why God gave. Because they are not seeing a Christian life as a... A Christian life is: "I don't smoke. I don't drink. I don't do this. We are better than the Pentecostals. We are better than the Jehovah's Witnesses. We are the Bride." That is foolishness. That is foolishness. God didn't send anybody on the earth for that.

If they are in darkness, God made you the light. You become a living epistle read of all men that somebody seeing you could realize that God is alive; He isn't dead. But when you walk around with your proud, self-centered, egotistic personality, and you are looking down at people and judging everybody down there and you exempt yourself, you take out the reins from God's hand and now you are controlling the thing and this is

the position you ordain for yourself. No. God's plan is not that way at all.

God's plan is for Christ to be expressed in you and through you. And Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. The life that was in Jesus, where we saw the extent where He went to bring Redemption to others, we have to: (and we've come tonight to the Table,) "As I have loved you, so you should love one another. As I laid down my life for you, as patient as I was with you; as determined; I had to go down to the lowest city where the shortest man could look down upon Me, and go through there to bring Redemption, you have to do the same. Because I have to show I am the same yesterday, today and forever. Not by Me just being in an angelic form doing miracles up here. No. I'm living out My life through My people showing, Me in My people are the same. Look what I was in Alpha, look what I am in Omega," which is He Himself in Bride form; He Himself in a many-membered Body. Amen?

I trust that it is a motivation for you this evening. I trust it is a motivation for you to say, "Oh God, I had been living and walking in a shallow place. I realize, the light that I'm seeing this evening, I want to come up hither. I want to come..." This year started with: "Come up hither, John." This year we started there with 'come up hither': *The Things Which Must Shortly Come To Pass*. We started there this year. Here we are in November, the 11<sup>th</sup> month, and tomorrow is the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

So watch. So He said:

<sup>3</sup> Then the steward said [unto] himself, Watch the steward now, okay?

What shall I do? for my Lord taketh away from me my stewardship: I cannot dig...

Oh, my God! I don't know anything about planting a garden. Look at my hands. I am an office man. How am I going to go down there and plow up land and all these kinds of different things now? He was ashamed.

...I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

<sup>4</sup> I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

He now is trying to come up with a plan to work out a way to bypass his present situation or use his present situation to give him some future security. He was only concerned with his present temporal state. Now he began to think of his future. While he was sitting down inside there as a steward, he wasn't thinking about any future, you know; he was only thinking about the present. But now that he was out of the stewardship, he started to think about the future, and he realized that his stewardship had come to an end and he must give an account of his stewardship.

This was a man whose chain was jerked. This was a man getting a wake-up call from God. This was a man like Hezekiah: "Set thine house in order; you are ready to die." When he realized that, he said, "Oh my God, I don't have anything fixed." The man got desperate. He started to cry and beg God. Before Isaiah could leave the palace, God turned him around and sent him back. He said, "You have fifteen years." The Prophet said, "It was better that he should have gone on."

During that time, he failed to get things in order. He had Manasseh and Manasseh did so much evil; brought idolatry all inside the Holy of Holies. It had so much blood in the city and these things. Because Manasseh was born in the fifteen years extra that he got. That caused the people now—the king of Babylon to come with their army and carry all of them into captivity.

When he got healed, you know what happened. He published the news, "Oh, the king is healed; wonderful healing God did and He turned the dial, the sundial." And, you know... How much was it, ten degrees or fifteen degrees? Then the king of Babylon, they came, and they said, "We heard about this marvelous miracle that God had performed for you." Then he came, he had

a nice banquet for them, a nice state dinner and then he carried them and showed them all the treasuries.

Isaiah was passing through and seeing, "But wait a minute, that is the king of Babylon, that is this one here, and they are coming out from these places." He pulled Hezekiah aside, he said, "What went on here? What were they doing inside of here? What did you show to them?"

He said, "Everything." He said, "Now they are coming to take you and your sons, and all of this gold is going to Babylon. Because you got lifted up in pride, you got taken up in the moment of prestige, and international things and the next thing you know here, look at the danger you put the whole country in with your lack of vision." [2nd Kings 20] -Ed.]

Sometimes people are in a place where they aren't seeing the thing through God's eyes; they are just living in their little bubble walking around. That's why... Too many people see this work that way. Too many people go about with the kind of mentality: "Third Exodus. Third Exodus."

That doesn't have any weight with God at all. Let me tell you the honest truth, that doesn't have any weight with God. Every individual has to give an account for their own soul, where they are walking. It is not a group revelation. We are Gentiles. It is not a group thing. Nobody is going around in any group. This is the Age of personal life. "In that Day you will know I in you and you in Me and greater is He that is in you."

When you find another one of the same caliber, then if two shall agree as upon touching anything, it shall be done. Because they are all walking in a place where their life is in agreement with the Word and they are in agreement with one another and with God, so God can work through them. See? It is not a group thing. This is a good place tonight for this, as I bring it to a close.

So, he called every one of the lord's debtors... See? He hadn't made any preparation for his future. This is a man who realized now, "Hey, this luxury I'm in here is not forever. This opportunity I had, I just used it for self-advancement." He got a wake-up call and when he woke up, he realized, 'Hey, how am I going to tell people now that I got fired?'

Now his mind already started to go down making an alibi, you know, and coming up with a story to avoid shame and embarrassment. He wasn't watching to see, "I did foolishness. Look at the position I had; look how I used it. Look how selfish I was. Look how I could have advanced the kingdom. Look, I didn't advance the Kingdom of God. Look, the Master is not pleased. Look, God isn't pleased with me. But because I'm relating to more people than I'm relating to God, I don't know if God is vexed with what I'm doing or if God is pleased with what I'm doing. I haven't got a clue how God is seeing what's going on because I'm not really thinking about what God is thinking. I'm thinking more about what this brother thinks and what this sister thinks and what this one thinks. And say, 'Bro. Vin, nobody has the Word like you. You have the Word."

Do you think I pay attention to that foolishness? I know my sins. I know my weaknesses as a man in flesh. It's not that I'm living in sin, but I know what a man is capable of doing if God just decides to stand up here and say, "Go on your own from here to that door."

That was why when God told David, He said, "Choose one: famine, pestilence or sword," he said, "I am not choosing any." He said, "Let me fall in Your hands. You choose for me. What You give me, it will be righteous. I don't want to find that I'm choosing something to get out of the situation without facing up to the responsibility that I'm supposed to face up to. I don't want to find myself in that way. I'm not looking for an escape route. I want to know, if I've done wrong, then

Lord, I've done wrong. Lord, I don't want to do that anymore."

People have to come to the place where they want to own up with God. But when you get into that Church life, you lose sight of all this, you know. It is where we are seeing our life and walking.

Now we are in the Scripture here. We all are stewards and we are seeing a parable on stewardship. We see Eliezer was a steward that came to such a high place. We see Bro. Branham, who was a steward, look where he came to. Look how Bro. Branham now left us with twelve hundred tapes. He didn't leave us with spiritual Food in due season, you know. He didn't leave us with a denominational message. He didn't leave us with some kind of... No! He tied all the loose ends together. He set the Food in order. Then he opened up the part that Light never shone on and laid out all the Food. Then he stored up Food for the famine that was coming. He had rule over the Master's goods. Understand!

He was conscious. Why? Because he was bright? No. Because he lived close to God, and very quickly, through the things he suffered, he learnt not to have confidence in his own flesh. He learnt reliance and dependence upon God. He learnt submission to God.

Now, a lot of people get more advanced in church and church politics and church ambition, and church this, and they are not trying to get closer to God. So, when you meet them ten years after, they are still in the same place where they were, talking the same thing; still living... And if they get some money in between that, well, now, you see them, they are kind of more going around because they have money!

That doesn't work. That is paper! That isn't worth a thing in God's sight. This civilization, the whole thing will pass away with all the banks, with all the money, with all Fort Knox, with all the gold. Everything is going back into the earth where they pulled it out from. What

do you think? We can't be shallow-thinking people in a time like this.

Seven Seals opened; that was to bring the Mind of Christ in. That was not to say, "Boy, the Seals opened," and, "Brother, the Seals," and, "You believe the Seals; you all believe in the Third Pull, the opening of the Seals," and they are going on a religious channel. No. That was given to bring the Mind of Christ in.

Now the missing parts of the puzzle are coming into place and we know, "We are responsible for this. We have to do that this way. God does not change His Mind about His Word. There must be five musts to do God a true service." It is not ambition. It is not zeal. It is not two or three people who come together and decide you can do this and you can do this. No! It doesn't have that in God's economy.

It comes to the place where we realize, we abide in the calling where we are called and we walk worthy of the vocation, the calling, which we are called. And that is the call according to God's purpose, where He equipped you to serve and be a blessing and cause His Kingdom to prosper in the area of your service; stewardship.

God brings the stewards to accountability for the opportunities, for the health, for the wealth, for all that he has given unto us; the personality; the favor with people and everything else. How did we use it? Did we have the Master's service, did we have the Lord's Name, did we have the Kingdom of God in mind with these things? Then were we really living for Christ? Is Christ the center of our lives? Is Christ our head? It comes down to this. When this church fails and passes away, the Word will still be there, you know. The only escape for the church is, it has to become the Word. If the church doesn't become the Word, it will pass away just like the world.

This is the time and season you want soberness, you want clarity of thought, you want your motives and your objectives, you want transparency; you want honesty

and sincerity. This is the season. This is not trying to impress one another. We have too much of trying to impress one another. We have too much cosmetic paint that we are painting up each other with, because it is convenient to us and our advancement by painting up somebody else; buttering them up and polishing them up. No. Because in the end, we still have to give account as an individual and that is what the teaching is here. But we are seeing a steward being put out here, yet we see Eliezer.

Do you know Joseph had a steward over his house? Do you know Joseph talked to his steward and said, "Go and check them and put the cup in that one's bag and so and so." [Genesis 44:2-Ed.] Do you know Joseph's steward was a Gentile, before Joseph made himself known to his brothers? Look, I'm back in the Bible again. Everything comes back There. It comes back There.

You say, "Well, Bro. Branham never preached himself in that." No, he left me to do it. Because you tell me that it is not him in the Bible, because it was a Gentile steward. I don't say that in a boastful way. I say it because it is coming out and it is true, because I'm giving you a Scripture for it. If it is not the Bible, then I'm giving you my own thoughts.

Will you tell me that Eliezer wasn't a type of the Messenger? Will you tell me the eleventh-hour Gentile workers who are getting the penny, that steward who the Lord gave the charge... Who had the Message of the Holy Ghost in this Hour, Pentecostals? If you get a Pentecostal Holy Ghost, you will be saying, "Speaking in tongues is the evidence." When you get the Holy Ghost here, you know you have to recognize what part of the Word you are, not somebody else's part.

Do you see the exactness of the Word? I trust you can appreciate the Light; Light on the Word. Do you know what that does? That lifts us up to think on a higher level where we can see better, because the higher you go, the better you see; the clearer you see. These things

are giving us clarity of vision in certain places about responsibility, about why we are given what we were given; how we are to use what has been given unto us and whether it is advancing the Kingdom, whether it is bringing glory and honor to God, or whether it is just for our own self-satisfaction. Then we'll know where our influence is coming from and what we are reflecting.

Are our lives glorifying God? Are people getting closer drawn to God by our lives? Because when they look at our lives, they are seeing, it is not you that live, it is Christ that lives in you, and the life you live now, you live by the faith of the Son of God. They are seeing faith coming out of you. They are seeing Bible faith. They are not seeing reasoning, carnal reasoning and imagination, and emotion, and all kinds of things; they are seeing faith. Why? Because it is always the Bible. Faith will never leave the Word. Faith only has one resting ground – that is the Word of God.

Now, look where we are getting here now.

- <sup>5</sup> So he called every one of his lord's debtors [this is the man] unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?
- <sup>6</sup> And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

It was not his goods, but look at what he was doing with the master's goods. He was trying to make provision for himself, for his future state because he got a wake-up call, his stewardship was over. He had no preparation for his future state, so now he was trying to do something.

<sup>7</sup> Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. [Eighty.]

What was he a steward over? Oil and wheat. 'Oil' is the Holy Spirit. 'Wheat' is the Word. This is what advances the Master's Kingdom. The Master's Kingdom is run by the Spirit and the Word. Without the Spirit and the Word, it is the world. The difference with God, God's Kingdom operates by God's Word and God's Spirit is in the inhabitants who live in that world to show that that's God's economy. Because the people in there, in that only provided place, have the very Life and the Spirit of God, and live by the Word of God. That is very deep. I don't have time this evening. I have to close now; it is 6p.m.

When I get with Paul: "We are stewards of the mysteries of God, and the thing that was hidden from past Ages is now revealed to the apostles and prophets." A dispensation. [Colossians 25:25-26-Ed.] The word there in the revised, when they revised it, they realized they put the wrong word, dispensation. It is not a dispensation; it is an economy; it is a stewardship. Paul was a steward of the Mystery and mysteries were committed to him.

These Divinely revealed Mystery Truths were committed to the Bride, otherwise She cannot finish the great commission. This is true and fact. Invisible Union. To whom is the Seven-sealed Mysteries given? To the denomination? No. It is given to the undenominational Bride because She is the one who has to finish the commission.

Then, if we are part in finishing the commission, and to know how the commission first began to be fulfilled, we have to go and see when the mighty Angel descended, Matthew 28, and the Word was raised up out of history, and then the resurrected Word opened the Scriptures and opened the understanding, and then He began to commission them: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel and tell them about the Spirit coming back." They had now, the Word, and the Spirit was going to come upon that Word, planted Word, and then they went forth each one in their designated place. The Book of Acts is the pattern showing you how the

Church operated as a living organism with nine spiritual gifts and five office gifts.

And where the commission came to a place, where it went until Nicaea, Rome, (we have the history of the Church Ages so we know that,) and then we realize that this Gospel was lost, but through the Reformers, it began to come back little by little, and Elijah truly shall come and restore all things. "All that the palmerworm, the cankerworm, the caterpillar and the locust has eaten, I will restore, saith the Lord." [Joel 2:25 -Ed.]

The Former Rain and Latter Rain will come together in the same season, under the ministry of Elijah, like in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18, who repaired the altar, took them out of Jezebel religion, turned the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers at the Evening Time. Then the Cloud appeared and there was the sound of the abundance of Rain. Then what happened? It brought a quickening to Elijah and then eventually he was translated and went.

So, we are seeing, from Elijah coming at evening time, repairing the altar, turning the heart of the children back, all these things, all the way until the translation, that part of the program of God is being fulfilled by and through the members of the Bride in this Hour. What a thing!

So Jesus now, was teaching by a law of contrast. Now, Jesus was telling this parable, but He was teaching by a law of contrast.

<sup>8</sup> And the lord commended the unjust steward...

Did you hear what they were calling him? The unjust steward. 'Just', means 'righteous'. Spirits of 'just' men made perfect. [Hebrews 12:23-Ed.] See? The 'just' shall live by His faith. 'Unjust', means 'unrighteous'. Here was the 'unrighteous' steward.

...because he had done wisely: for the children of this world...

See, he was one of the world. See, that is why you have the Rain on the just and the unjust in the kingdom. Many people have gifts and anointing but they have no Birth, so you are going to see 'self' manifested, not the Life and Mystery of Christ being reproduced. Watch.

...children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

You see, because they spot opportunities fast, you know, and they capitalize on that opportunity very quickly.

<sup>9</sup> And I say unto you, Make...

Now Jesus was showing what the unjust steward did and showing there was some worldly wisdom there. Then He makes the comparison, He said, "Do you see how that man moved smart and wise?" He was not saying that the man was justified by what he did, because He said, "The unjust steward." See. Read it with understanding. But He was making the application now, He said:

<sup>9</sup> And I say unto you...

His disciples, because It tells us in verse 1, He was speaking this to His disciples. He said:

<sup>9</sup> And I say unto you, Make to yourselves

<sup>9</sup> And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail...

The word there means, 'when you die'.

...they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Now, Jesus had already spoken about everlasting habitations and Paul had spoken about everlasting habitations. Did you catch that? Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many..." In other words, there is Another World. There is Another World. This man, he realized, "I'm going out of the stewardship."

So Jesus was showing your stewardship is like your responsibility, your calling that God called you, and the purpose He called you for in life. Then the time comes

now, every man's stewardship will come to an end in this life. Even those who go in the Rapture, even before they go, God will bring them to give account for what He gave them. Because the thing is, you can't be living unjust or unconscious and then say you have Rapturing Faith. Faith is not like that.

Faith is something that comes from the Holy Spirit. That's why it takes the New Birth, the Holy Spirit, and a man with the Holy Spirit doesn't live unconsciously, and selfishly and self-centered, and then has faith. Impossible! Because the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin, reproves you of righteousness and these things; brings back things into your remembrance, shows you your condition, shows you your mistake; talks to you about your sins. The Holy Spirit does this.

That's why many people claim they have the Holy Spirit and live anyhow, and make some bad things, and ill-treat people in anger and bitterness and strife and walk over people, and claim they have the Holy Ghost. Impossible! They might have it in their flesh, they might feel anointed, they might operate a gift, but the nature is not there. Because that Life is the Life of Christ in you. The Life in you doesn't change the Life. The Life in you will change you. You will not change the Life.

So Jesus was showing by a law of contrast, He was painting a picture here, of a steward who took care to provide for his future state, especially when he realized his stewardship was about to be terminated. This was what Jesus was teaching us. He was showing us, our stewardship will come to a place, it will be terminated.

Every man is given so much space, so much time allotted on earth, so much opportunity, so much health, so many things that God gave a man. Anything God gave you, it is not just for you. It is God, as a steward, put things into your hands. But God is giving things to us with His Kingdom in mind, His Name, His honor, His glory, that it should be something complementary to the Giver Who has given to us, so people can see Christ and

know that He is alive; He is in His people. We see God in nature, we see God in the Word, we see God in His Son; now we are seeing God in His people. In other words, we have to keep seeing God.

Man was made to be the temple of God's rest. If you are the temple of God, then God builds you as a temple, so He will dwell in you, and the world will have a witness that Jesus died to share His Life, and it started in the church and the record is there. When they are seeing more people of the same kind and they take note that these have been with Jesus, and they realize it is Jesus' very Life, the works that He did, they are doing, because I live you shall live also, that if that first One bore oranges, this one will be bearing oranges too, because this and That are the same. The tree is known by the Fruit.

But if they are seeing something contrary come out of your life, and you are claiming you are Bride, you are claiming this, and the Fruit is not there on the tree to identify it, it proves that is a branch grafted in, living off of the Life but bringing forth a false testimony of what the Life is; claiming the Message, but bringing forth your own things.

Give me a little assistance, somebody. Thanks. [Bro. Vin addresses the musicians –Ed.]

So this parable was to make us aware of the need for preparation of our future state after our stewardship in this temporal world is ended, because this world is temporal and must end. The lives of the people are temporal and must end. The people who discover Eternal Life in them here, leave this world, when the temporal world and the temporal people pass away, to go on to an Eternal World. They leave this science civilization to go to a faith civilization. You don't go to a faith civilization without faith. That faith has come to you here, and the trials and testings are ordained in your life to prove that that Word has become Spirit and

Life in you, and you are leaving this world as an overcomer. Can we see this? Can we see this tonight?

This parable was designed to teach the Elect of God to have their faith fixed on the Faith Civilization, the World to come. Jesus talked about the World to come. Paul talked about the World to come. The Prophet told us about the World to come. In the Scriptures: "Enter into the joys of the Lord. Well done, My good and faithful servant." After this life and this civilization is over, we'll go to the Other World; the New Heaven, the New Earth and these things; the Millennium first, to fulfil that Day.

That is why people who are here will be in that Millennium in a glorified body. They are leaving here in a glorified body. That is why here, you discovered you are the Gene of God and you have three bodies, and you understand His condescension and you are coming up now in your ascension, ascending into a higher order. The New Birth linked you to a part of you to keep you conscious – your angel that beholds the Father's face. You look back at life here and realize, it was a stewardship given to you.

You realize Moses got rewarded after; Elijah, all of them. Every overcomer in the Seven Church Ages, there is a reward for every overcomer in every Age. It is not just there cosmetically; it is there scripturally and truthfully to show to us how the economy of God, how the Kingdom of God is set up, that we might be influenced in this life while we live here through the revelation, the opening of the Word, to understand what God's eternal purpose was, that He had in His Mind: why God brought man by sex into this world, allotted a time for him, and that he can know, man born of a woman, is few days and full of trouble, and don't think it strange concerning the fiery trials; all the troubles he will go through. But know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and to know that in his walk, he is ordained to be conformed into the image of Jesus Christ, in this walk.

All these things have been laid out in the Word, so it is not like, "Oh God, I'm going to die. I feel like I am going to die. Oh God, I don't know. But like I am really sick. Like I might not make it." That's why you realize a lot of people don't even understand life and death. They are still living outside of the Seventh Seal. Once the Seventh Seal opened to you, you know, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive, and have the keys of hell and death." [Revelation 1:18 -Ed.]

Nobody dies except He turns that key. Nobody goes to the grave, nobody comes out of the grave except according to His will. You hear all kinds of foolish talk, all the misunderstanding, all the different things, not knowing the Lamb was slain before there was an atom or a molecule and the names were put in the Book, and under no circumstances, not one of those names could be removed from there.

He said, "Watch Samson, watch the kind of man he was. Watch Moses – a murderer; killed a man. Watch Jonah – a coward running there. Watch the different ones." He said, "Watch the kind God called. Consider your calling. Not the wise, not the great, not the noble, but God took the weak. Why? So that no flesh would glory in His Presence.

When you miss God's thought about things, you miss life. You are living in your own self-made world. You have to see, as I always say, you had no choice whether you wanted to be male or female. You had no choice which race you wanted to be. You had no choice which time and Age you were going to live in. You had no choice which gift you were going to be equipped with. You had no choice when you were going to be born and when you are going to die. You had no choice in any of these things.

All of this was pre-planned. The reason you had no choice, is because God has a purpose. God did it that way in His sovereignty. He is the Potter. He formed the clay. You can't say, "Why did You make me this? You

should have made me a jug. You made me a little teacup. You made me a saucer. What kind of thing is this? Look that one is this. Why did You make me this?" Nobody had any choice.

Before the children were born, neither having known good nor evil, He said, "Jacob have I loved; Esau have I hated, that the purpose of God, the purpose of God, according to," what? "Election." He chose, not you choose. "You have not chosen Me; I have chosen you."

This is a thinking man's filter. A thinking man in the Mind Age is the man who God, the Mind of Christ, comes in. He finds his place in the Body. He finds his purpose. He sees his equipment. He sees where he is called to serve. He knows how he is anointed. He knows where he fits in the plan. He submits himself to God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He becomes surrendered to God's will, because he knows a man fully surrendered is omnipotent.

It's not fasting to get power, or praying for power, or lusting for power. "And when you see the power comes, and when you see the power comes." Because power is manifesting, "I have power to lay down my life right now." But nobody sees power in that, yet most people can't lay down that life. It takes the power of the Holy Ghost to mortify your own members; (that's right!) to lay aside every weight. To bring self-examination and self-inventory in your own life, it takes honesty to do that because no man likes to see himself judged. That's right!

But this is where God could say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant – My son; My daughter." Why? Because it takes faith. You live by faith. You didn't live life by reasoning, you didn't try to dodge; you didn't try to put the blame on other people. No. Sometimes you take wrong, even though you are right. Because in doing that, you checkmate the Devil that he has no place to go, because you know in the end, God will validate and vindicate what is right and wrong. It doesn't end up...

When you do that, it shows your thoughts were so much higher than the situation, that, even to bring peace and these things, you take wrong, which is pleasing unto God, because you know your life is in God's hand and ordered by God. That's right!

You don't go and fight and 'thing' [fuss-Ed.] and there is bitterness and strife and envy and, "I'm not taking that" and "I'm not doing that." It shows the Holy Ghost is not there. It shows the Holy Ghost is not there! Because people don't understand what a Christian life is yet. They still have a denominational view of Christianity. When you come to see what you are, you see one Person – Christ and your aim is to please Him. What He says to do, you do; where He sends, you will go. There is no other way but to trust and obey.

For me to live is Christ, for me to die is gain. And you live your life, and that way, it is a life worthy of the Gospel. Because the Gospel is the Good News, to show, Christ is not dead; He is risen. That shows that you have been raised up in your thinking; you have been raised up to another realm, out of reasoning: "So what about that? So why do I have to take that? What about this? So what are people going to think?"

You are not living for people. You are watching God. You are pleasing God. People are not correcting your book; it is God correcting your book. People are not approving you; it is God Who approves you and disapproves you. It wasn't some other man who was sent to tell the man that his stewardship was over; it was the boss himself. He said, "Your stewardship is over; finished."

All of us are stewards of the good things that God gave us, whether it is natural things, temporal things, spiritual things; eternal things. All that we have received in this life on earth, we receive it from the Giver of every good and perfect gift. We receive the chastening rod from Him, which is a great thing. We receive the fiery trials from Him, which is one of the best tests and best things to prove that we are Christians.

That's why when we come to a Table like this tonight, this is about Jesus Who suffered and died. They accused Him. They challenged Him: "Call for legions of angels right now," but He refused. He was not watching them or trying to respond to them. When they hit Him and said, "Prophesy who hit You," He took it, because He was watching what Isaiah said, "They will smite Me." He was watching what Isaiah said, that He would be wounded for our transgressions and bruised. He was watching that He had to take that and He had to be reviled and ridiculed and humiliated, and His victory was to stay on the Cross and not be provoked by them to react to them.

Even though all the disciples and they got confused and walked away thinking, "Well, why didn't He show the Power? Maybe He didn't really have the Power after all. Maybe the Father took back the Power. Maybe He thought that the Father was in Him, but the Father really wasn't in Him." All kinds of things people could have thought afterwards. He didn't try to live in people's head, or try to let people's views come in His head to confuse Him. "My meat [desire -Ed.] is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." I did not come to do My Own will; I came to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His work."

This is not an easy life. You just don't waltz into this life. This life cannot be lived without the Holy Ghost, but this life proves whether you have the Holy Ghost or not. When you have the genuine Holy Ghost, you are going to live this life. The more you live this life, the more you will see the Scriptures jump up to you, confirming: Look, you are living out that there. Look, you lived out that there. Look, the Word said this here. Look, you lived out that unconsciously there. Look, you didn't even know this Scripture, and look this Scripture proves that you had to pass here.

You start to realize, "Look, how He passes me through places, and then comes around and shows me, where He passed me, why He passed me, out of the very same Word"; that everything is in the Word, though at the time, it is not for Him to show it to you, because He is watching you and your reaction to testing: your trust in Him, to believe Him; that you know what your motive and objective was. You don't have to go telling everybody, "You know, I never did that to anybody, and they did that to me and..." No. You don't have to go and prove your case to people to get people on your side. All of that is weakness and carnality.

You take those things... *O, what peace we often forfeit, O, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.* [#24 - Songs That Live -Ed.] You go to God with it in prayer. Let me tell you, this is the fellowship God wants. This is the place where God wants His sons where He can talk with them. He said, "Come aside." This is where you enter into the fellowship of His sufferings, and then you start to realize, "Lord, I thank You. You allowed me a measure of suffering, so I can understand this"; that, that was something great, that you could go through those things.

God can't give that to everybody. But when God apportions that to some, you don't feel like, "So why do I have to go through this? Other people are worse than me and how are they not going through anything?" No! You don't go there. "This is to bring me into a fellowship with Him to know things about Him that the world and many other Christians will never know, but He admits me into these places where He can show me what Redemption is." And so, that Spirit that redeems, comes into us and we can go now and lay down our lives for others in the same way.

Somebody might say, "But look what you are doing with your life. Look how you are carrying yourself." No. The time is short and if I had ten lives right now, I still

wouldn't be able to do it. But He measured these things out – six inches long. He measured that. "Look at your valley here; that was when you came off the field." That was there when He created the earth.

"How did He know I was going to come off the field and go through a valley before I came to this Pull? How did He know I was going to go through another one, when all men forsook me before I came to this third one here?" It is to show to us what life is. A thinking man's filter, a holy man's taste.

Let us stand to our feet.

Oh, it is so much more to get into it, but we are going to get it. I showed you how Paul knew of everlasting habitations and friends over there. I showed you Bro. Branham, when he went There, they received him. They said, "If you hadn't gone, we would not have been here." He started to understand the thoughts he had, the love to please Christ, to serve Christ, to go out into places where even they wanted to shoot him with a rifle with infrared lens, where he had to...

Like when he was in South Africa and the Ministers and they were so carnal, and they wanted the meetings there, and they wanted the meetings there, and they wanted the meetings there, and he ended up getting sick having to compromise with them because of their carnality. They said, "Well, we sponsored two meetings here and we sponsored two meetings here," and all of this kind of thing, and the amoeba nearly killed him. And to see all those things, to obey the Word of God; to carry out the Word of God.

But you see, all of this, people don't see that as the Message there because the Message could be doctrines and certain Truths and different things that they see. But this is the life. True doctrine produces this life. This life is Christ being reproduced in human beings again. That is the Age. This is the Age, it is a people who brings forth Christ.

The Squeeze is for people: "After Christ was formed in Mary, quickly came the king's commandment." There is no king's commandment if there is no baby formed. This is tied to that.

Like I was sharing with one of the brothers about California, and all of this and all of this. That is tied to a Church coming to perfection so it could have a Resurrection. That is not tied just to earthquakes and this and that. No. That is tied to a people on earth. Because Jesus—the earthquake was because Jesus, the body there, was smitten under persecution and He cried with a loud voice and Old Testaments saints awoke. All of these earthquakes and these things were dispensational changes.

You see, but this is where you are walking in the consciousness. It is not a theory we have about, "Well, the Bride has to have a ministry," and "Yeah, we will have a Squeeze," and "What else we will have again?" And "Yeah, that will come in this slot." No, no, no. It's a people who are living this out. It will end up being a people who will be falsely accused and hated and reviled. It will end up being that.

It wouldn't be two quotations that this has to happen before Moses and Elijah comes, like a theory. No, no, no. It is a people, it is Christ becoming so real in them that all Hell now is coming against them because that is the life on earth that the Devil tried to stop and the Man-Child has come forth and the Red Dragon didn't get it. That reality. That is where these things are.

That is why it is not theorizing and all these things. That is where we missed the reality, looking for something down the road and it is passing right through us, but we are not in the place, we are not in the atmosphere, we are not in the continuity many times to see what it is and how close it is; that you can try to preach so hard to say, "It is close." That door will swing shut and people will go on thinking they are being

saved, and having baptisms and having this and the time already passed.

Who will know? It must have a people who know where it is at. If Jesus didn't know, He couldn't go down to Hell and preach to anybody. He knew that all those things in the Word, it was junctions. That's why the veil in the temple was rent in twain that day. That's why the Mercy Seat was shown. That's why the real Mercy Seat, the real Temple, when the veil was rent, simultaneously it rent there in the physical temple.

It is sensitive... The reason why that is written in the Bible—it is written in the Bible... How many people observed the connection? Nobody. It was Paul who came afterwards and said, "By a new and living way an access was made through the Blood of Jesus to enter into the Holiest." He brought a teaching out of that to show, at a junction here where the church was, positionally what happened there. Because the normal Jews sewed up the curtain and continued on. In Hebrews, he said, "They stand there daily ministering sacrifices that cannot take away sin" [Hebrews 10:11 -Ed.], which Elijah had come, Son of Man had been revealed, the Lamb was slain, the Holy Ghost had come, and they were still waiting for Elijah to come.

Wake up in these things. I didn't believe I had the strength to preach this evening, but I came with faith to stand at my post of duty with a prayer in my heart before God, because I just felt so moved when He spoke to me up in the sky there and then sent me back here because I started to see certain things moving.

You see, these trips going out, it is not preaching, you know. All of this has to do with Mark 16: finish the..." All of this has to do with why the Seals were opened and given to the undenominational Bride. You have to find people in the undenominational Bride who are conscious there is a commission, who have been commissioned, who are anointed and commissioned

and who have the Mystery Truths going out there. And when you find...

It is not a quotation in the book, because he is saying the program. In the book, he is explaining the program because he was there on earth still and the Message didn't come to us yet. We weren't born yet. But when you see the Spirit follows the words of the Prophet (because the Spirit was speaking through the Prophet) then we don't find ourselves just coming to church and going home. We find ourselves...

Look from the Philippines there in April in Easter, then coming back to that Ministers' conference in Bolivia and then Peru; look there in Malawi – eight thousand people were gathered there; look at the things that happened there; look going to India there – all in one year. Watch in each place, watch the Spirit in each place. Watch how in the latter days here when you get that much older, that much weaker and the workload like it is more increased and you are doing that now with infirmity. No, watch. I'm saying it for me, but I'm showing you a pattern.

Watch Jesus there while He was doing that. He was a Man looking like He was fifty. Watch Bro. Branham when he came to the end there. The rejection and things were not in the first part of the ministry; that was the popular time. The rejection was here in the end when he said, "That church, they planned to kill me. It will be done with my car – *Souls In Prison* [1963-1110M - para. 37 -Ed.] He said, "But not now; later on."

Later on, it did come and it was with a car, and it looked like an accident to people. But you hear me say he didn't die in any accident, because he said, "God showed me a vision." They had a whole conspiracy. They set up these Pentecostals to come and prophesy: "God is going to judge you. You are ruining your ministry." So when it was done and they killed him, it looked like, "Well, we warned him. We warned him."

See what they said on the Internet: "We warned him and he didn't listen. He thinks he is so and so and so, and he was calling God's people this, and calling them Rickies and preaching against them and doing so and so. We tried to tell him that he wasn't sent to preach; he was sent to teach, but he went and played he wanted to preach. He himself said he was sent to pray for the sick." They were doing it to shut him up because their churches were being emptied out.

During those times, God took him beyond the curtain, showed him, and they said, "If you didn't go, we would not have been Here." That was consolation and motivation: "Go back and press the battle."

We all could read the Message, but it is what we are seeing and what we are understanding of what was going on. You see, when you are reading, you read as an individual person; you read something for yourself. You want to get a little thing there: "I see I'm going through a trial; I see this here.

But to draw back here and know what was happening on the earth, what was taking place, why they were against him, why did they try to shut him down, why he didn't talk about it openly, why he bore this and bore this; why couldn't he expose them. Because the man was seeing visions. He knew what was going on. Why did he take it? Because he was watching the Bible: "Dumb before His shearers, He opened not his mouth." Everything, you don't talk. He wasn't going in self-defense and just trying to make a defense for himself. No. He had to pass this way. He had to take these things too; this was part of the Mystery.

Because it was not William Branham's life, it was the Life of Jesus Christ reincarnated – the Ministry of the Son of Man that was prophesied to be here in the last days. That was his consciousness that he was fulfilling those Scriptures. Without that, he couldn't do that. It wasn't a theory for him, that those were Scriptures that have to be fulfilled and trying to apply it to himself. He

was conscious, his life and experience matched it, and like the two halves of the Chinese ticket, he waved and knew that reflection waved back.

That's why all of these things, as I was saying, it doesn't just be types and shadows; that's reality. That's reality in the lives of individuals because that is what gives faith to look away from everything else and step out there to quicken and anoint those words to bring it to life. That is a different thing to reading it and quoting it, you know. Jesus didn't just read and quote it; He had to step into death. He had to step into the grave holding that one Scripture: "I will not suffer My Holy One to see corruption. No other sign will be given but the sign of Jonah." The Son of Man is going to die, but He'll come back out. That was faith. That was faith.

Let us just get ready for the Lord's Supper here. I have the saints in Argentina joining us this evening. God bless their hearts, our beloved Bro. Humberto [Ludeni-Ed.] and some of the believers there. They longed for a moment like this. They had their little church there, but they all came together at a time like this this evening, and may God bless them there. May they feel the Holy Spirit in their midst.

It took longer than, maybe, they anticipated, but it is my first meeting coming back into the pulpit. I tried to stay away because I knew how much it took out of me. It is not a kind of thing what... I had to endure hardness as a good soldier and fulfill the purpose that I went there for, with infirmity or without infirmity, like Paul, bearing in your body these things, glorying in your infirmity, not complaining over it, knowing that... I mean, it is not today I'm going through that. I told you stories about when in the Congo, the kind of blood and these things. Because you are conscious, it is not fair-weather Christianity. The service of God requires that we live and walk in certain places.

The Scripture [1st Corinthians 11-Ed.] says:

- <sup>23</sup> For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:
- <sup>24</sup> And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Think of Jesus this night there with the disciples. He knew what laid before Him: Gethsemane and Calvary, but He was looking forward to Easter. He knew in those next few days, so many things would be taking place. Those who waited four thousand years, from Abel all the way down, looking for resurrection, these died in faith not having received the promise, to see all of them were going to be loosed and He would lead captivity captive. They would come up; they would appear unto others.

All the things that were going to take place: the earthquake, the renting of the veil, the persecution of the apostles, the confusion in the church, so many broken-hearted, so many disillusioned, so many sad and sorrow hit them because of lack of the knowledge of the Scriptures. Though He had taught It to them, they never put emphasis on It as they should. When it happened so fast, they were not mentally prepared, spiritually conditioned to deal with it because it was not revealed; it wasn't revelation to them. They were just happy going along, part of the group like a little band, but it was something far more than that. It was the prophesied promises coming to pass.

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<sup>25</sup> After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

<sup>26</sup> For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

<sup>27</sup> Wherefore whoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

<sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

<sup>29</sup> For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself, not discerning...

Not discerning! Discernment is so important in this Hour. When you look, what do you see? What do you discern from what you see and what you hear?

...not discerning the Lord's body.

That's His people.

<sup>30</sup> For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

A spiritual mind of the prophet-messenger there, he defines the reason for the weakness and sickness. Spiritual death is lack of discernment of the Body of the Lord. He identified it. Maybe nobody could make the connection, but in the Scripture here, he made the connection.

- <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
- <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord...

People are afraid of judgment, but judgment, as I always say, is what saved us. The Lamb had to be

judged and the penalty was death, an innocent lamb, so Adam and Eve could be spared. Jesus took our judgment that was due to us so we don't have to bear that judgment but we have to come and show identification that we accept what He did for us. Judgment is not a bad thing after all.

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Self-judgment; self-examination.

<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Watch those judicial words: 'judged', 'condemned', 'chastened'.

<sup>33</sup> Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

What a maturity this requires, that we can stand here as an Assembly and say, "Lord, here we are, an assembly You have gathered in these regions, little groups around that become one group, Lord, united together." And tonight, on a night like this, even way down in Argentina, we have a little group there, and we are united in God's Presence, thinking with all our hearts and minds upon Jesus Who passed that way for us all; wounded for our transgression, bruised for our iniquities; Who displayed to us the Love that He laid down His life, that how we should love one another; the Strong Who bears the infirmity of the weak, of how we should do to each other; the value He put upon us, that He was willing to take that, because when He looked at us. He looked at us with revelation and realized that we needed a kinsman and He became that Kinsman. He didn't shirk that responsibility, like Boaz didn't shirk that responsibility for Ruth.

<sup>33</sup> Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

This Love of God in our hearts for each other in this late Hour, Lord Jesus, that we'll look into our hearts

and find love that can look beyond the fault and see the need and do something about meeting that need, and being a steward, a faithful and wise steward. Lord, to realize that You put us in a position for us to be a channel through which You can work to advance Your economy, and that's why You make us stewards of Your possession, Your riches. You put Your gifts in our lives, not for ourselves but to minister unto others. You give us time for ourselves and time to be used for the benefit of others, that we can have the leading of the Spirit, that we can work under His Headship, that He can order our steps; tarrying one for the other.

<sup>34</sup> And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Oh, my precious brothers and sisters, may tonight as we take these next few moments in our hearts, not just thinking of yourself but tarrying one for the other; not just those in this building, but all that is of like precious faith gathered with us throughout these regions. It will take retaining in our hearts and minds, the history and the journey of how God brought us when we were not a people but how He made us a people; how He gathered us and molded us and shaped us that we can become an apostolic Church, a living organism, through which God can work and we can see His great works move in the Body of Christ: internationally, universally, globally, making our little contribution like many others are also doing, and trying to be faithful and wise in our stewardship.

The first thing, we want to be so conscious that it is not of the knowledge, but of the love, the love in our hearts. We feel this. We mean this. And as we, even in our own self-inventory now, after hearing the Word like we heard it tonight, seeing that we must give account for our stewardship; seeing it is a place of trustworthiness. It is a position where God wants to

have confidence in us and expect us to serve in the capacity, in the measure, according to His Divine will and purpose, in the areas where He has defined our service by the boundaries of the office and the areas of responsibility He has given us to serve Him, and that we do it as unto the Lord and it's well pleasing unto Him that will cause His economy to prosper under our service and see the lives of others enriched and the spiritual evolution in His economy; that this will be a place where the Holy Ghost will have such liberty and move among the people, that we can live all together under this vision so clear, so Scriptural, so true; in harmony, in unity, in oneness, with cooperation, all with the same motives and same objectives; working together in one accord that each one could come into their place, each one could take their place, each one could be so blessed, and God can make us see the good success that He promised will follow these things when we abide in His Word and work by the laws and principles; striving lawfully for the mastery as we work to see the expected end that He has promised; work under His Headship and His leadership. He will do it. He is keeping His Word. He is doing it.

But on a night like tonight, we come at the Table. What a place where we can remember the weaker ones, the ones that need the Holy Spirit, the ones that need more of the Holy Spirit, the ones that need more revelation to know how to function, to have that anointing in their lives, that energy, that Power of the Holy Spirit to act, to do, to see the works of God come forth; to see the Church be raised up to a sphere where the Power of God will begin to pull others. What a place!

This is what He died for. This is what He shed His Blood for. This is why His Spirit has come back – to indwell those who truly believe and have come into obedience and submission, that we can see this.

May tonight He remove all hindrances, remove all enmity, remove all carnality, remove all strife and

contention and bitterness, that love would come down, understanding would come down; oh, caring for each other, thinking on the things of others; to think the very heart of God, what He desires out of all of this, because if we don't receive His Spirit, we cannot do anything. But if we have received His Spirit, we'll see progress in the work; we'll see advancement in the work.

That's why we must look to see, are we seeing advancement? Are we seeing greater sacrifices? Are we seeing the willingness to do the kinsman part, to be true stewards, so that we can enter into those Eternal habitations, where we have friends and loved ones on the Other Side waiting for us?

Oh my. When the Prophet went there, he was so welcomed. They said, "On earth, you were a leader." They were telling him things, he didn't expect to be told by them. "That's why you are up Here. You are gathered to your people. It's not Branhams; they are your converts. All of this is the results of your work and your going." He began to see and grow in knowledge and understanding of the influence in that world by the sacrifices in this world, by the willingness to capitalize on the opportunities in this world.

Can we see those things tonight? As we gather around this Table tonight, can we strive for these things? Shouldn't these things be in our focus coming to the end of the road, to see where we are placed in this Hour?

Oh, gracious Father, we stand around this Table tonight with this bread that represents Your Body that was broken. You gave it to us as an ordinance. We pray that this bread be sanctified tonight for the purpose for which it was intended, and this cup, a blessing that we bless, the fruit of the vine that represents Your precious Blood that was shed for the remission of the sins of many.

You, making a way for us to come into a New Birth, and by coming into a New Birth, Lord, to come into

connection, to come into a union with that theophany, that celestial body, that perfection that keeps pulling us to that perfect place, where as we go through life's journey, we walk in that consciousness, knowing dear God, we are coming to a full, complete Redemption in this Hour, even that this mortal will put on immortality at the Last Trump. How close we are to it, Father.

As we see us in the final stretch on a night like this, we ask that You so sanctify us. Blot out all our sins and our transgressions and everything, oh God, Lord God, that could be a hindrance to us, and pour in a greater measure of Your grace and Your Spirit into our lives, that we can be a more unified body, oh God; a vibrant church, Lord, a living organism; a church united under one Headship and with one vision; a church quickened, inspired, Lord, anointed, that You can work in and through, having the pre-eminences in this Hour to see, oh God, in this final move of Your Spirit, this final quickening unto the Rapture, Lord, the church ascending to heights that it has not entered into these past years.

But, Lord, into this final phase, we can see, oh God, as You have started us at the beginning of this year with these prayer meetings and these things, showing us it is time to come up a little higher, that the things which must shortly come to pass; the condition the church must be in at this time. And we see the things and the places down through this year and the things that You communicated to us and where we are standing here coming to the close, dear God, Lord, looking unto You, the Author and Finisher of our faith, praying, oh God, that You sanctify this congregation now, and not just here, but all throughout the region and the extended regions, even down into Argentina there tonight, that You bless in every place where the Supper will be served, the bread and the wine.

Remembering, oh God, how Your body was broken and Your Blood was shed, oh God, to make a way to

bring us from the terrestrial to the celestial and to the glorified, that Lord God, we will have this in view tonight as we gather here to sing Your praises and worship You, and Lord God, to receive more of this redeeming grace into our souls as Your Spirit, Lord, would divide Yourself up and, Lord, give a measure, Lord, to all Your children, Lord, a portion of that Life, dear God; a portion of that grace. May You grant it tonight. May You bless us, Lord. We thank You, Father.

Make us better stewards, faithful and wise. In the days to come, Lord God, before this year closes out, may You keep us, oh God, close, dear God. I believe we have entered into a very sacred time; a time where we want to walk close, live conscious, become more aware that this unseen world is with us all the time. May You grant it, Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Bless all Your servants standing here, Lord, to take part of this responsibility, Lord, in assisting to serve the Supper, Lord, that everyone that will come through the different lines, that Lord God, they will receive this, Father, and not just the articles, but the grace and the Power of the Holy Spirit into their lives; that they will expect to receive this; that this goes with this ordinance, Lord – the healing and the deliverance and the strength. There will not be a feeble one among us.

Like when they took that Passover and they went out under the sound of that trumpet, oh God, how You kept them. So, dear God, You are the God in the Third Exodus just like You were back there in the first; even greater things for us in this Hour, Father. May You grant it we pray, for we ask it for Your glory, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

[Communion is served –Ed.]

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. We behold the Lamb. John said, "I saw a Lamb as though It had been slain coming forth (amen) to take the Book out of the hands of Him that sat on the Throne." What a great thing that was, friends. When that Book was opened,

the Lamb began to break those Seals. John said, "Everything in Heaven and on earth heard I, John, praising God." And God showed to us that 'John' there is not Zebedee's son. That was speaking of an End Time Bride (amen) who would be caught up at the end of the Church Age. Hallelujah.

What a great thing in this Hour that you can know that you are represented there, seeing your name in the Book when the Lamb came and broke the Seals; that it brought a worship out of you. Oh my. He had such blessed assurance. It brought such a stimulation – that revelation to see your name in that Book, to know that you are so glad, you can say, "I am one of them." Amen.

The Prophet said, "John had seen John." Amen. Hallelujah! You look in that Book and you saw the mystery of your life come up before you as redeemed, as redeemed; as part of the Bride. Glory be to God in the highest. Thank You, Jesus.

The Bible [St. John 13-Ed.] says:

- <sup>2</sup> And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
- <sup>3</sup> Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
- <sup>4</sup> He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

As you all will do shortly.

- <sup>5</sup> After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
- <sup>6</sup> Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Many times He deals with us like that. He requires things of us to do and we don't understand it, but He does it anyhow, because He knows He will make it known to us hereafter.

<sup>8</sup> Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

Oh, how we need to learn the ways of our Master. How sometimes we get so temperamental and we act and speak out of turn because we fail to stop and observe and try to find the reason and the purpose why He's doing what He is doing, what He is bringing us into – something that is previously unknown to us, but to bring us into a revelation of true service – to stoop and take the low place and to minister to one another. Sometimes we don't give Him the opportunity to finish what He wants to do for us; we already run ahead with some concept that we have that that shouldn't be done.

- <sup>8</sup> Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
- <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
- 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
  - 11 For he knew...

He knew. What a great thing. He knew it from the Psalms: "He that eateth bread with Me, shall lift up his heel against Me." [Psalm 41:9 -Ed.] He knew.

- <sup>11</sup> For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
- <sup>12</sup> So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down

again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

He wanted them to think. He wanted them to look into what He had demonstrated to them.

<sup>13</sup> Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

<sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Peter was taken up with Jesus washing his feet. That wasn't the real thing. Jesus was giving an example; Jesus wanted him to see what you should be doing to others.

<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

He was teaching them by example. He was teaching them of service to each other; that this was important. He gave it and it became an ordinance that we are about to carry out just like we had with the breaking of the bread and the partaking of the wine.

<sup>16</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

This was so important to Him. He told Peter, "If you don't do this, you have no part with Me." He said, "I have given you an example and I expect this example to be carried out," and not just to be carried out, but in the Spirit, in the manner in which He did it. He even made it an ordinance because it is so important, that this, in the Body, that we have something to keep us in remembrance of something He gave to us; what He expects of us.

Don't miss these things, friends. When you miss this, you miss Him; you miss Christ. You miss what He desires in His Church that He shed His Blood for. Know these things. He didn't make everything an ordinance but He made this an ordinance, a physical ordinance also.

<sup>16</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

<sup>17</sup> If ye know these things...

You see it, you see Me do it, but if you know these things – to know it by revelation, to know the reason, to know the purpose, the motive, the objective, to know what He's instituting amongst us; what He wants us to—how He wants us to relate to each other in these things, sacred things.

<sup>17</sup> If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

<sup>18</sup> I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

What a thing. What a thing. He knew what it had right there amongst them, yet He was giving them something greater than that. He was not looking at that and paying attention to that, but He was paying attention to that they serve one another, they love each other, they submit themselves to each other, they care for each other; they are their brother's keeper. When we do this, we keep each other clean. Symbolically we do it, just like we take the bread and wine symbolically. But the thing is, it reminds us what He expects of us and our relationship with each other and whom He had given this; these Mysteries of Redemption, of love and service and commitment to each other.

Lord, we are grateful that these things are not just traditions, but these things are mysteries, Lord, in the life, in the relationship of what You expect of the members that make up Your Body; that You have given this and was so stern about it that if we didn't do it, we have no part with You. Because by this, Lord, we show that we are willing to submit and we esteem each other better than ourselves, and we are not just thinking of our own things, but we are thinking on the things of

each other, and that we have this pledge and this commitment to keep each other clean from defilement, as we do symbolically, by washing each other's feet, the part of the body that is in contact with the earth, that where we pick up defilement from day to day, but, oh God, that we can have fellowship with each other and fellowship together with You, and Lord that we will have no defilement among us, that we will be a body purged and cleansed, and Lord, what we have will be true with each other and not just something cosmetic.

We pray this evening, Father, that this love will be shed abroad in our hearts more and more by the Holy Spirit, because this is not a *phileo* love. This wasn't given for *phileo* love. This was given for *Agape* Love. This was given for the Divine Love that it has beyond the curtain of time where the Angel said, "This is the Holy Ghost. This is Perfect Love. Without this, you cannot enter Here." Here was the place of the Redeemed, oh God, the Bride; not just souls, but they were in their celestial bodies, showing that they had part in the First Resurrection. They would go to the Wedding Supper and be in the Millennium.

Lord God, may as we look at each other, we don't just see each other coming back to another service day, but we look into Eternity and see that we'll be spending an Eternity together; that here we are recognizing we are members of this Body. That's why we call each other brother and sister and that's why we are gathered together and we keep this memorial Feast.

Oh God, may Your Spirit ever indwell us and our hearts be knitted together by love, and we have Godly respect and treat each other, Lord, as becoming sons and daughters of Christ. Oh God, for You said, "By this Love shall all men know, you are My disciples, when you love one another." Let this be amongst us. Your Prophet said, "It will be here as that day is approaching." Oh God, may we step into it, Father. May we step into it and activate it and quicken it and see it begin to

increase until this whole church in this region and the extended regions would be so engulfed in this Divine Love, this blessed Holy Spirit, oh God. May You grant it, Father.

Even as we go down tonight, Lord, to wash each other's feet, Lord, may we enter into such a sphere where the Holy Spirit could overshadow and, Lord, that we can find that there is a new feeling, a deeper experience; something moving in our hearts, drawing us closer to each other and to You, Father. May You grant it tonight. We pray and we ask it for Your glory.

When we have to leave this place, may Your Spirit take each one in peace and safety back to their homes. Oh God, may You undertake for everyone. Some have to go far distances, but we pray that You will keep them alert on the road; You will watch over them. Lord, should You tarry and allow us life, Lord, we will come back to our post of duty on Wednesday, oh God and we will continue, Lord, to strive and press forward, Lord, in this great time.

May even the things that You spoke to us tonight, they will be engraved in our hearts, that we keep them, oh God, and not let the fowls of the air pluck them out but let them be watered in prayer, kept in remembrance and move up a little higher, oh God, that these things could become Spirit and Life; living realities in us. Grant it, we pray. We ask these mercies in the Almighty and All-sufficient Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen and amen.

Why don't you just turn around and greet each other; tell your brother and sister God bless them. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name.

We are so thankful tonight to be in His house and observe this ordinance and become a little more immersed in this Divine Presence, become more closely knitted in love, with each other, by God's grace. Amen.

