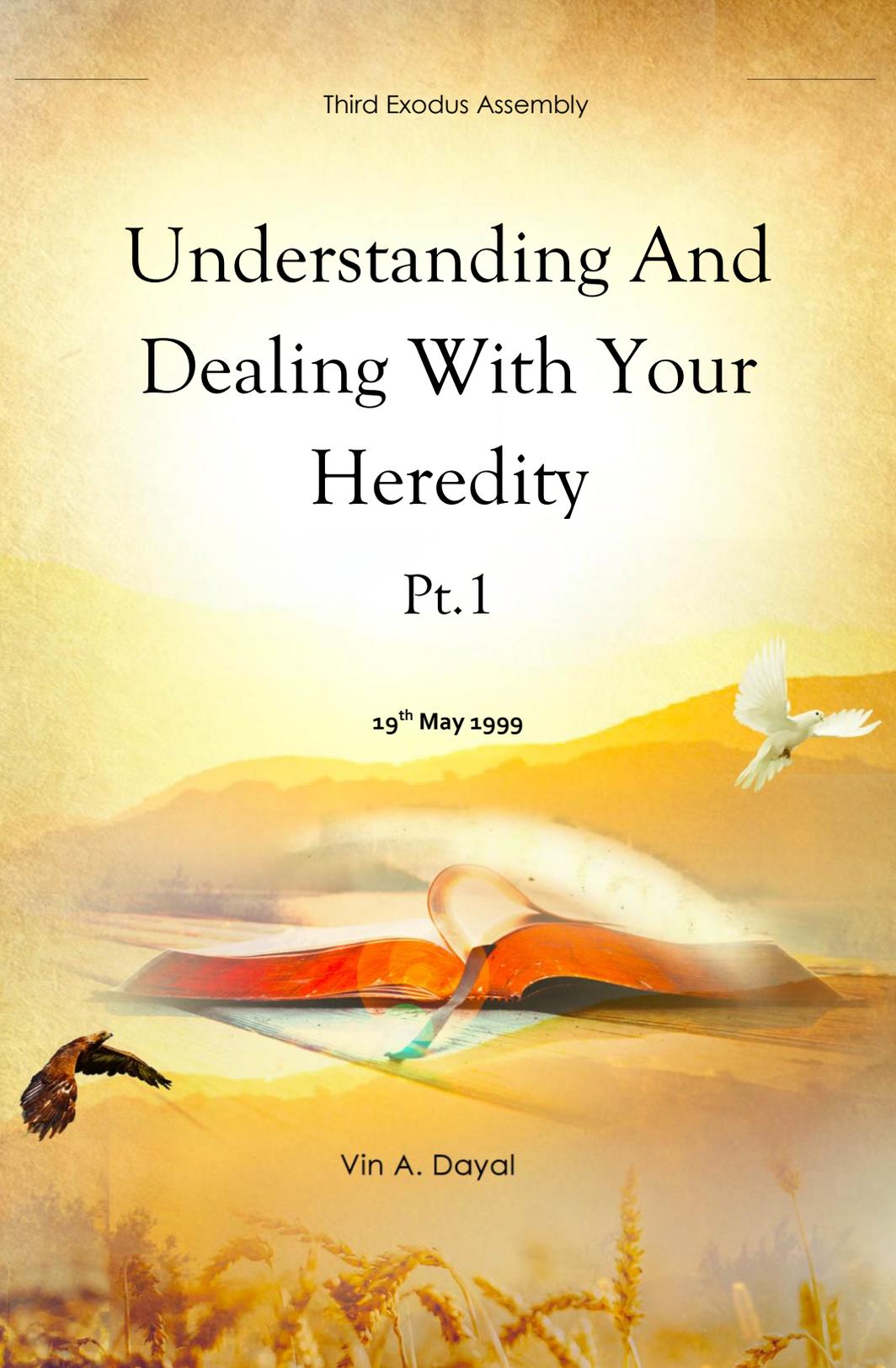

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Pardon for sin...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Oh, think about it.

Thy Own dear Presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today...

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine...

... all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Every hand raised to Him, as we worship Him.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Every head bowed; every eye closed.

We are so grateful tonight, Father, to be able to stand in the Presence of the Living God. And even as we express from our hearts, of Your great faithfulness, truly oh God, it is something that we have all experienced. Because when we think of how undeserving we are to merit anything from You, but because You are so faithful to Your Word, You are so faithful to that which You have spoken, Father, that regardless that we are able to keep one iota, not one of

Your Word will fall to the ground. You made an unconditional covenant, Lord, a covenant that didn't depend on what we could do, but solely upon what You have purposed.

In Your great omniscience, You knew all things, the beginning from the end, and in Your great omnipotence, You are able to bring to pass everything, Lord, that truly You can work all things after the counsel of Your Own will; what You have determined, Lord. That's where our faith lies, Father.

And how we have seen in our own lives, which is as but a handbreadth, from day to day, whenever we try to do our best, Lord, it just still doesn't seem to be enough. Then because of what You have spoken concerning us, whom You have made part of Your Bride, Lord, You came right in to keep Your Word. And so we realize, Father, that is because of Your great Love, that You are so faithful.

How we desire that that Love will be shed abroad in our hearts tonight, that Lord, through Your great transforming Power, and by us being partakers of Your great nature, we too can be faithful, Lord. Faithful because of Your Life in us, living Itself through us, making us a new creation that we might live by Your Life, truly to Your honor and to Your glory.

Isn't this what You promised? Isn't this what You purposed? Let it be made actual in our lives and our experience, Lord. Let it be identified in us, that truly dear God, we can look in our own lives and see You continuing Your very Own work in and through us, that You, Who are the New Creation and we, whom You have made the continuation of that creation, make that real to us, Lord.

Even as Paul said, "The life I live in this flesh, it is not I that live but Christ Who lives in me and I live by the faith of the Son of God." To know, dear God, that we can enter into that Place where we can cease from our own works. Let Your Holy Spirit so quicken us and raise us

up, that we might enter There, Father, into that Heavenly Place; into that Place where we can only ascend into by Quickening Power, Lord. And we believe tonight, Father, that as Your predestinated Seeds, Your Holy Spirit is here hunting them out, Lord, quickening their minds to the promise; quickening their lives to this Age.

Let that Holy Spirit just move upon the Seed Word that is in us, Lord. Let that transforming Power that we know, by revelation, is in that Seed, Lord, change us from glory unto glory, that dear God, as we look in the Mirror, we can see that we are becoming You, Father. For You said we shall know as we were known, we shall see face to face, because in this Day, we will know as You were in the Father and the Father in You, so You are in us. This is Your victory, Lord. This is Your great achievement. This is the harmony that You desire to display, to prove to this world that You have restored Your Bride to Her rightful position; that they are no longer twain, they are one.

That is why we have come, Lord, tonight as husbands and wives, Lord, that we truly might see this great work of the Holy Spirit, knowing, oh God, that this will be in every true son and daughter of God, this will be reflected in every home, this will be reflected in You and Your church; this will be reflected in every redeemed person, Lord. May You grant it, Father. We humbly yield and submit to You tonight. Lead and direct us in all that is to be said and done. May it be to the benefit and the assistance of Your people. We pray and we ask it in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

Amen. God richly bless you. We are certainly happy to have you here tonight. We would like to open up the Word. Genesis 26, I would like to take a reading from there. Verse 34. [Bro. Vin spoke to someone in the congregation -Ed.]

³⁴ And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beer the

Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

³⁵ Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

And we want to drop over in Genesis 27, verse 46.

⁴⁶ And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

[Genesis 28 -Ed.]

¹ And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

² Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

³ And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

⁴ And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

⁵ And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

⁶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

⁷ And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

And just let's turn to Chapter 36 also.

1 Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.

2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter sister of Nebajoth.

4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

Let's just drop down to verse 8.

8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

9 And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:

10 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seats. I trust you settle in quickly. We are certainly happy to be in His house, to come back once again in the meeting designated for the couples, and we are certainly desiring that God will strengthen us and bless us and help us.

I used these Scriptures earlier this year, when I was preaching a little message for the young people, which I was speaking on *The Results Of False Union*. [1999-0203 – Ed.] But I want to go in a little different direction, a little different emphasis tonight, for the couples meetings. I want to speak on, **“UNDERSTANDING AND DEALING WITH OUR HEREDITY”**.

Because as parents, you know, we were first young people, then we came to the place and we got married and we had a spouse. We got our wives, our husbands, and then we began to have a family. Some people were married before they came in the Message, some married in the Message and are raising your families in the Message; some raised your families and then you came in the Message as God dealt with you.

But, as you keep walking in the Word, you begin to understand more of God’s will for your life. And so, as we grow in the Lord, and the Word that we are sitting under begins to enlighten us, we realize it is such a great thing in seeing the plan of God and seeing the plan of God for our lives as believers.

And it is also a great challenge to rise up and live this Word. But this Word must be lived and will be lived, because that’s what His victory is all about – that She is going to be the Word, a Word-Bride and She is going to manifest this Word to prove that She is bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh; She is Faith of His Faith. And there are things in this Word that must be made manifest.

And many times as a church, we look at the portion of the Word that pertains to preaching to the lost and raising the sleeping saints and you know, evangelizing

the region and those things and we emphasize that part. But there is also another part of this Word that has to be lived out; that as husbands, as wives, as fathers, as mothers, we have to live out that mystery. Also in our homes, the daily challenges that we face ... [Tape skips-Ed.] ... the law and duty of a kinsman knowing that we have families, knowing that many times our families can be in bondage, in need of deliverance.

And I certainly see that sometimes, you know, because of maybe the stage of growth we're at, maybe the measure of the Holy Spirit we have, maybe the extent to which we have grown in the revelation of the Word, many of us sometimes still try to pray and look to a God in the sky to do something Supernatural while we stand there and look on!

But I think that, you know, sometimes the reason we get disappointed that we don't seem to see God move on the scene in a great 'swoop' and perform a great miracle and a great deliverance, where we can just stand and applaud and say, "Oh God, You are really great," is because that is not what God promised for this Hour. Because you must have His Own Faith, you must have His Own Virtue, you must have His Own Knowledge; you must have His Own Temperance.

We are not living in the Age when God is Above us and we are not just living in the Age when God is with us, though we have seen a stage when God was Above us; we have seen a stage of the Word when God was with us. But the reason that... When God was with us in that Prophet, veiled and walked on two feet and we looked to that and we say, "My, this is great..."

Just like Peter and James and John and they were following Jesus around and they so wished that He wouldn't go, and yet Jesus kept saying, "I must go." And the reason He had to go was not that He wanted to leave them comfortless; He said, "I will not leave you comfortless. I know you want Me to stay, I know you want Me to be around, I know you want to sit at My feet

and hear Me speak, I know you want to be with Me in the meetings and see Me perform miracles, I know you want to be identified with Me and stand there and wherever I go you'll go," He said, "but that is not my plan for you. Because as long as I do that, you all will just be a spectator. But the Life that is in Me, I've come to make that Life available to share that Life with you. Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone. But if it falls in the ground and dies, it will bring forth much fruit [St. John 12:24 -Ed.] and you'll be part of that fruit. It will bring forth more corn of wheat. I'll be able to multiply Myself. I'll be able to reproduce Myself in My Elect and the works that I do, shall you do also. And the Life I live, because I live, you will live also. And the relationship I have with the Father, you will have also." And that is what He wanted to make available to them.

And so, you find that when that time came, the Holy Spirit came back and it was no longer God with them, but God in them. And then when God came in them, they were different than when they were just following Him around, that people even took note that they had been with Jesus. And that's the same thing repeating in this Age – that God has come back.

And we saw the young Rabbi going out in the First Pull. We saw the signs and the discernment in the Second Pull. We saw him speak the Word and things came into existence – spoke to the storms, spoke to the squirrels and those things, just like He spoke to the tree, just like He spoke to the storm, opened the Scriptures; opened up the Seven Seals the same way.

And it was so great and powerful, but yet that was not the promise; that was not the full promise. But that came because you see, it was not just one man that fell; it was a Bride Tree that was eaten down and it was a Bride Tree that had to be restored. It was to restore the Bride to Her rightful position. And the only way we can come back, the same Life that made Her have that first

position, had to come back to restore Her to that position.

Because when the Bride was really identified in the First Age, was when the Holy Ghost was in the people, and that is what has to come back again to live again in the people. And that is what is here, and that's what we have to move into as individuals. Because the Holy Ghost is here with the Power. The Prophet is not here, the flesh is not here, because by the removing of the veil, it showed another junction: a change in the ministry, a change in the dispensation; a change in the working. Because it is now going to be God in you. He that is in you.

And so, that's a great union, invisible Union, uniting time and sign; the Bride uniting with the Word. Not the Bride following the Prophet, not the Bride with the Prophet's picture; the Bride uniting with the Word. The Word anointed in you makes you Messiahettes. She will be the Super Race. She will be the Super Church. He is bringing that to us.

And that's a great thing, because as we grow in our relationship with our wives, with our husbands and these things, then it unfolds more to us this great Mystery. And as this revelation opens up to us, it will even bring us closer to our mate too, because the two are parallel.

You can't have the full revelation and don't love your wife. You can't have the full revelation and don't lead your wife. You can't have the full revelation and don't want to redeem your children. It's impossible! Because that revelation is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever in you. And His nature is the same: He does the same, He acts the same in every circumstance. Is that right? Because the same Mystery in the home church is the same Mystery in your local home church where you live. The same Mystery collectively here is the same Mystery individually and

personally. How many can say amen to that? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] That's the Word.

So, how do you know we are making progress and advancing? How do you know we are really ripening? How do you know we are really coming into faith and that Word is becoming Spirit and Life and producing a Power inside of us? How do we know that? Watch your relationship with your wife, watch your relationship with your husband and you will know. Because you can't love God and don't love one another. He said, "You will be a liar and the truth is not in you." Is that right?

So, you see, sometimes people don't realize what God is doing and how to come into it. Sometimes, we are faced with circumstances and it bothers us, and we just get into problems and situations and we can't seem to get inspiration, to know how to deal with it, and we feel so retarded and bound up and everything else and we go there for a while. But then...

That's the beautiful thing about coming to service, because you sit under the Word and the Holy Spirit just begins to bring it back to your remembrance and you say, "That's it! I got the key again." The light shines and shows you directly what to do in the situation again. And faith rises up within you because there's something in you that can be inspired; there's something in you that can be motivated. It shows that there's a Seed inside of there.

You can't sit under the Word and don't get faith and be a believer, because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. And that Seed in you is what really hears the Voice of God - "My sheep hears My Voice." That's a beautiful thing. And then it is not the outer man anymore, it is the inner man rising up there under the inspiration of the Word.

Well, as we look here in the Scripture... You know, I was taking this because... I was going to speak on this last week and what happened was that I had to finish up with the *Men's Meeting* and I asked the sisters to be

there. But the thing was, I was dealing with one or two situations and seeing the problems that parents are facing sometimes with some of their children and then don't know what to do and how to handle it. And then sometimes, you know...

I had a precious family, and I hope they don't mind me saying this from the desk because I'm not saying it in a way to, you know... I'm saying it in a way because it is complementary to the Word and we should be grown past that now. And you know, they had this situation, fine family, lovely family, love God with all their hearts; as far as I know, serving God; Supernatural things happen in their lives and in their home; faithful as faithful can be to the Assembly. But then what happened is that, you know, you are just faced with things sometimes and you just don't know what to do and you go beyond your human strength and you don't know how to deal with it.

They have this boy, you know, and he is the big boy in the house and he was just... You know, for a little while now, they had been bearing with him, trying to help him, trying to turn him around, trying to influence him, trying to talk to him, trying to do different things, and he was just going from bad to worse, until he began to get so obscene in the home. He would disrespect the parents; curse them, you know. Then he would come he would take up his brother's clothes and just wear it and do what he wants and nobody could stop him, and he has just like 'run amok' [Behaving disruptively or uncontrollably -Ed.] almost, and making life uncomfortable for everyone else in the home, with no consideration.

And then, finally, I guess, she just went beyond the tolerance and resistance of nature and couldn't do anything else, so she decided to go to the police station and make a report, thinking well, "If he can't listen to me, maybe the law will scare him." You know, the old thing they used to say, because I guess they had already tried, "I'll take you to the deacons; I'll make the deacons

talk to you.” But he started to say, “No deacon, no Minister can talk to me. They can’t do anything to me.”

So, then afterwards now, she realized well, maybe he might be afraid of the law then. I guess that’s good reasoning, maybe for a situation when faith doesn’t seem to move. And, you know, she ran down there and said, “You know, I’d like you to talk to this boy.” So, the police were very helpful. They said, “Bring him here.” I think they put him to sit down and they talked to him and said, “You better be careful son,” and “We don’t want to put our hands on you,” and you know, “Your mother and they tried to keep you out of trouble” and different things.

Hey, it got bad. Then she tried to get a Court order to deal with the situation. And then when it reached there now, it was like, “What are you going to do?” See? From there now, the Magistrate said, “Okay, well before we take that drastic action...” I guess maybe... I think it was a woman Magistrate. I’m not sure if I’m telling the story correctly. And the Magistrate, you know, I guess as a mother herself maybe kind of considered—realized it’s a home having problems, and it is a fine Christian woman trying to help her boy, and understanding the situation, she said, “Okay son, look, if you don’t comply, we’ll have to get this order to restrict you from the home.

Well, that wasn’t going to work either. So, when he realized what was happening, hey, that demon started to rise up now and said, “Nobody cannot move me from here, not even daddy, not you. And if the police want to come, let them come, bring the handcuffs and put me inside the van and take me away, if that is what you all want.” Well now, he was going to carry them the distance, (you see?) and make a whole big spectacle in the neighborhood if he gets the chance. See?

And finally, when it started to get there, the mother realized, “No, no, no! This isn’t the story; this isn’t the situation. We don’t want this. In a moment of what else to do and where to turn and how to stop this storm, (you

see?) it was like, what course of action... And then it just seems like in those things, you know your boundaries too, I guess. So she realized, well, "No, I can't do the Name of the Lord that. I can't bring a shame and this is not the way. This doesn't seem to be the way."

So, she called me up and we began to talk on the phone and I began to... The Lord just gave me some inspiration and I began to minister the Word to her. And you know, the Word always does something to a believer. When you hear that Word, sometimes no matter how frustrated you are, no matter how dark clouds come and overshadow you and oppress you and your spirit is dampened and you can't seem to get into a channel...

Because remember, faith, you can't boost up faith, you know; you have to get a Word inspired to you. And remember, you could read the Bible over and over and if nothing is inspiring to you, it is just ink on paper. See?

But there talking to her, speaking the Word, the Holy Spirit began to anoint the Word, and the Word began to tie together and it began to shine light, and it began to anoint the faith and, brother, that was it! Her heart was just yielded and submitted and surrendered: "Whatever you say, this is it. I realized, you know..." And I began to go back and I said, "The problem is, I think, we are getting too sensitive." I said, "I think we are thinking too much about our personal image and shame and what people are going to say, and it is that kind of influence that is making people take defensive methods, because nobody wants to bear the shame of their children."

Well, when nobody wants to bear the shame of their children, nobody wants to be like Jesus; nobody wants to be like God. Because if He didn't want to bear shame, we were all dead. Adam and Eve were gone and there was no way to come back. Because God might have said, "Those angels are going to talk about Me and say, you see, look, I gave this man a whole kingdom and I

made them servants up here, and look what the boy and the girl went and did, and you see the same thing. And I threw down Lucifer; I didn't go and redeem Lucifer. Let Me see what I will do with them now," and then God got a lot of pressure. He didn't go through that. God didn't go through that.

And I think that is where so many of us are so humanistic. And I know in this church, we have a lot of that, and I know many homes hurt because of that. Because half of the time you have people whose children are four and five years old, they only have to look at them and the children get scared. And then some of you have children who are eighteen years and twenty years, and you talk and they bring up even your faults. Do you understand what I'm saying?

So, when you have that now, you get people facing things and they get so sensitive, they don't know what to do and how to deal with these things, and they are thinking that these people are going to criticize them. And then especially those who have received criticism from others, well, they get so sensitive and those who criticize them, tell other people about them, well, then they get so defensive that, brother, sometimes instead of mercy extends to the children, it turns out wrath and is it like, "You all are making me shame!" And instead of that now, well, is like you get on the warpath instead of you getting on the redemption path.

Now, I want you to look deep in your heart because remember, it is not by might nor by power, and no man ordains his own experiences, in the course that he will pass. And these things in God's Word, does not constitute who will get blessed more and who is more righteous. Because God's thing is an unconditional covenant. It is not who makes the most mistakes and who makes the least mistakes; it's who God ordained to a certain thing, and God doesn't change His Mind about His Word. So, you could criticize people day and night, thinking you are better than them; you are not going to

influence God. You might influence a few people, 'politic' your way, manipulate a few people, but you will not change God's way of seeing that person.

The Prophet said, "If you had lived around Esau and Jacob, you would have chosen Esau, who was taking care of his blind father, rather than Jacob, who was trying to rob him of the birthright." Because it wasn't on good behavior! He said, "Esau have I hated and Jacob have I loved," even before they were born.

So, when people do those things, it is not faith criticizing anybody, it is not revelation; they are getting a chance to exalt themselves to look better. And so many times that hinders the church, because sometimes, what is happening there too, God wants to reveal Himself. God wants to reveal Himself!

My message last week: David being rejected from Jerusalem, weeping on the hill, was Jesus Christ weeping. Well, somebody could say, "No, no, no, he got rejected because he lived with Bathsheba." He came back the second time and took the kingdom, like the Second Coming after He was rejected in the First Coming.

So, it depends on what you are seeing and how you want to see it. Because remember, anybody could read it anyhow, but it is what God is revealing. Because nobody put anybody in and nobody can take anybody out. You see?

But you see when the church is still in a carnal realm, they think it's a test and a race and it's like who comes first. So, they are trying to outdo one another and they are trying to compete with one another because that is their stage of growth and that is their concept and how they think. So, they think by pushing down one another, rising up and you know, trying to be indifferent...

Now, I'm not condoning people's wrong here. I'm going to get on the other side. I know the Word; I know where I'm standing with this. So, you don't have to sit

down there and judge me and try to, you know... Some of you may already know the people I'm talking about, so some of you are trying to, who might have found yourselves on the critical side, might have been kind of holding on to it now, to criticize me too, while I'm saying this. But I'm trying to glorify God. I'm not trying to make anybody feel good, I'm trying to bring the Word out so that as parents, we can grow up; we can grow up and understand.

And that is why I felt that I could have used the illustration of a particular family rather than fabricating an imaginary story; I used a realistic story. I could have just created an imaginary story and use it, but the reason I'm using that is to show, it's a reality in 1999.

And that is why I'm saying, it is not just putting the Gospel in the region; that's the main thrust and that is one of the main things. It is not just trying to do signs and wonders to say the Church is restored. When we have these meetings here with husbands and wives, we want to emphasize that part of the Mystery, we want to emphasize that part of the challenge, we want to emphasize that part of the maturity; we want to emphasize that part of the achievement.

And it's us, as a father like God, Who is the great Father with His two perfect children in a perfect home that He gave to them, that they never worked for, and they fell and they threw the whole thing into ruins. And God went down there to redeem them to live out His Mystery, to show us what fatherhood is all about. He is redeeming His Church, He is redeeming His Kingdom, He is redeeming His children, He is redeeming His family, and He is showing us that if ever we come into circumstances, what it is.

The Bible said, "Jesus despised the shame and endured the Cross." Who was He doing that for? His children! It was His children He was doing that for. And He said, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another." So, it's a Mystery.

So God, Who is making us co-workers with Him... And we can't be co-workers unless He gives us His Own Spirit. And if He gives us that same Spirit He had, "Then" He said, "that Spirit will make you hunt your lost, fallen brothers, your lost children and redeem them," because the Word said, "If you believe, you and your household shall be saved."

Do you know what a lot of people interpret that in their minds to mean? "I believe in God. God can't lie. I believe in God." And you quote three Scriptures: "The Word can't pass away. It is impossible for God to lie" and, "Not one jot or one tittle will fail." I believe in God." It means a million miles deeper than that.

It means, if they have to be saved, God's faith in you has to believe for them, God's virtue in you has to strengthen them, God's knowledge in you has to know what spirit is on them, to know how to deal with them; God's temperance in you has to bear with them, God's patience in you has to bear and think and wait for the right time and season; God's godliness in you – to live a godly, respectful, humble life before them; God's brotherly kindness in you – to put yourself in their place and remember where He took you from too, and God's Love – to cover a multitude of your sins. And you will see God saving them. Not you in the pavilion saying, "Save them, Jesus! Master, I know You are true to Your Word!" Not that.

That was the thought Gideon had before the Angel came. When the Angel came, he said, "If God be with us, where are all the miracles?" See?

When the Angel came, He said, "What do you think, it's a platform performance: If God be with us, where are all the miracles?" He said, "I'm sending you," He said, "You go in and smite them and I am going to be with you and in you." You offer the burnt sacrifice, I'll come in union with you. I'll be your Head. You'll be the instrument in My hand and I'll do it through you. That's how I'll be doing it." Amen?

That is different than sitting down in a high chair criticizing people, you know. That's different from sitting on a high chair and thinking, food and clothes and children that can't rebel, is child-raising. That is like saying, "Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ is the revelation." There are depths and widths and heights and lengths and breaths of this revelation.

One might be a good provider. You might have a good employment, you might have a good income, so you are providing everything. See? And say, "I take care of my family, you know. My family doesn't have need of anything, you know. My wife can't complain, you know." But real providing doesn't have to be when you have a big income. The real mystery of providing is when you start to provide—you aren't giving out of the abundance of your possession, you are giving of yourself. Wouldn't that be right? Amen. See, it is how you see things; how you see things.

And so, in trying to bring this UNDERSTANDING AND DEALING WITH OUR HEREDITY, and trying to minister the Word to build faith when I was there with the sister, and reminded her of God's principles and God's approach, I said, "That is why we have a Title Deed. That's why the Title Deed was given." You see, it's not just to be talking about the Title Deed, it's knowing that we are in Christ, knowing that and knowing what that means, and knowing the value of that.

Do you think God will just bring us in Christ and we'll never know the real value of what it is to be in Christ; that you will almost feel that being in Christ is just a statement and it's like everybody just uses it loosely? God will bring conditions and situations, that humanly no political power, no religious power, no friend, no money in the bank, nothing could help you.

It will have to be faith now, that "I am saved." It will have to be a revelation, that "I'm part of this Word." It will have to be the confidence in "God has restored these things for this Hour. That is what the Message means

to me.” It will have to be carrying your soul there and seeing that: “This situation put me in a spot where I needed something like that, and this what God is quickening to me, has been given to me.”

Because you might have lived in a realm all the time where the Message to you is, meet a few Baptists, show them that they are baptized wrong, meet a few Pentecostals, expose them with all the bob-haired women and all these things or meet a few Message believers who don’t know about the Seventh Seal and seeing themselves in the Word. And to you, that might be the realm where the Message is.

But then God says, “I want you to see, son, that you are a product just like Me. Remember the time when My children sold out their whole home and brought their Father’s Name to shame, and brought their Father’s whole reputation and all the love and sacrifice and what the Father did for them, they treated it with contempt almost, by the way they acted, and just threw it over to the Devil?” He said, “Remember that time?” He said, “Well, I want to bring you in a situation like that so you will see how I felt; so you will be able to fellowship with Me in My sufferings. You wouldn’t just pray and say, “Lord, I see Israel in their homeland and the church in Laodicea, and the Second Cycle is revealed. Send the Power Jesus; let us carry the Message in the Caribbean, Lord.”

It isn’t going to be that. It isn’t going to be that kind of thing. No, no, no. It will be a person knowing that: “Lord, You truly are the same. Lord, look how You put me in the same situation You were in there, in a miniature form, and that began to open up to me, even Your agony. I see what it is now. Yes, my neighbor and they don’t talk to me. I don’t bother with them. Yes, yes, on the job they call me a devil and a fanatic, but I’m better off than them; they don’t know where they are going.” See?

People could handle that kind of rejection – neighbor and job. But do you see when your enemy is your own household? When Your Own children said, “Let His blood be upon us; away with Him; crucify Him,” he said, “And He loved His Own children so much, He gave it to them when they asked for it.”

When He starts to bring you into a place to see... But you see, of course, this is an Age nobody wants to go that deep and nobody wants to consider that God deals with people that way. That is for Old Testament types; that is not for present situations. Uh, huh? [Meaning, “Really?” –Ed.] Is that how it sounds? Is that what it means? No, sir! To know Him is Life. Not to know *about* him; to know him.

That is why when people now, get all bent out of shape and start to retaliate and use the ‘government on their shoulder’ and make the home into a dictatorship and there is a dictatorship kind of government – curfew, state of emergency; martial law... Because what are they trying to do? They are trying to keep order.

So, they end up with something like Saddam Hussein [President of Iraq –Ed.]: “If you touch that, your hands will get chopped off. You will walk around with one hand.” If you see any man walking around with one hand in the house, you know what happened – he interfered with something that wasn’t his own. See? And nobody wants to transform their home into that and then say, “I’m in charge!” See? Like Dr. Eric Williams [First Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago –Ed.] said one time, when he speaks, no dog barks. Well, maybe he is the Lion of Judah, I don’t know. [Bro. Vin laughs –Ed.] See? So, so it is.

Then you know, the whole thing right now is muzzling the press; freedom of information with the flow of information. Anybody who has a different view can get into trouble. Because sometimes people can’t even accommodate or understand... Sometimes when their children are getting big, one of the first things, though the children may not understand it, they reach in a

place where they want to be independent in their thinking. They can't help but be independent, because they have matured to that level where nobody is telling them: "Now it is time to eat. Do not play with your food on the table. Do not get off the table until you put your wares [dishes -Ed.] in the sink." See?

All their lives they were being told what to do, when to do it, how to do it and everything else. They have reached a certain stage now, they are developing... And sometimes, if you can't appreciate their view and then realize now, you can't shut them down by saying, "Shut up now," now you have to give them an explanation why, because their intellect will not accept that way. That's the wrong way. Because they know you are trying to shut them up and because they respect you, they might take it too, but you aren't convincing them now. And after a while if you don't have an answer for them, if they ask you a question and they see you 'beat around the bush' [To delay or avoid talking about something difficult or unpleasant Ed.] and they say, "But you didn't answer my question, you know, daddy; what I asked you is this," you start to realize now, they are seeing you.

Then you better realize you have to get mature because now they want dialogue, and if you have to convince them now, they are of the age so that they can see. Because they have to have something to have confidence in. Before, they were having a blind confidence because you said it, but they never questioned your thoughts. But now they recognize, you are a man, you could be wrong too. So they want to know, if you are saying that, is that the Word of God? Because they know the Word of God can't be wrong. So, it is not because you say it now. Do you understand what I'm saying?

And now some people don't want to grow there and some people can't deal with that. And when they can't deal with that, they think that, that is children being insolent; they think that is children, you know, being

‘fast and out of place’ [emphatically over-concerned with the affairs of others –Ed.], because they forget, it’s not the little child who grew up in front of them. They forget that they now have to develop in their parenting. Because their parenting got stagnated: “Do this,” “Go there,” “Come here,” “No,” and that was it. That was the length and breadth of their parenting.

So, now their parenting has to develop to a greater level, where it is not just sitting down at a desk and shooting orders and trying to use authority of an office, but now they have to find ways to cultivate relationships. They have to find ways to develop fellowship; they have to find ways to associate with their children more. They have to come down to the place where they start to think their thoughts and remember, you know, when they were that age too. And when it gets there, it begins to get a little problematic.

Well, look at the situation here. We looked at the history of Rebekah and Isaac. She was full of grief and we saw her crying out to her husband and she’s telling him, she said, “I am weary of my life.” This was the last we saw of Rebekah here in the Bible.

She comes in Genesis 24 verse 15, where we saw her: young, bubbly, enthusiastic girl; free, single and disengaged. She is introduced to us, coming down to the well for her water; in the bloom of youth. Eliezer was now seeing her for the first time and he saw this young, attractive beauty and he realized that she was the answer to prayer. And he could see the hand of God working, and he had his confirmation from the Holy Spirit, “That’s the girl.” He took her. Isaac spotted her and, brother, he started to see stars and heard bells ringing when he saw her. The Bible said he was comforted. She comforted him.

Then we began to see their home began to change: no children; twenty years, no children. We saw the frustration and the pressure because women, in those days, felt cursed if they couldn’t bring a son for their

husband. Because they understood that, since from Genesis the promise of the woman's Seed was coming; that the Messiah was going to come through the human race, and they looked forward that, brother, this great blessing could come because God had promised to make them fruitful, that they would multiply and replenish; that was the commission. And when the womb was barren and they couldn't bear...

And so, we saw her frustration and she went through that frustration. And she got to her husband and we realized that he now had to get into a place to help his wife under that kind of frustration and pressure. Where she comforted him, he had to find a way now, to comfort her. He said, "Okay, honey, it's alright. Don't feel too bad about it."

It was not like, "Whenever that comes up, we have a fight." This time she's crying on the pillow and he doesn't know what's going on. See? He was insensitive to see what passed through her when someone was holding a baby. See? He couldn't relate; he's a man. He doesn't know what it is to get pregnant. And so, he was insensitive to her, because there was something crying for expression.

When those other women looked at her and said, "Where are your children?" You all are husbands and wives. "Hey, you left your children at home?" In those days when a father was walking around with their children, they were happy. They were like olive plants around the table. See? The wife is like a fruitful vine at the sides of the house. Children in the hands of a man are like arrows in the hands of a mighty man; children of one's youth.

She would go through pressures, until finally, something pushed him to begin to intercede, (twenty years passed) because he too, maybe, was desiring it so strongly now, just like the way she wanted it. Now it's the two of them who want it. And God gave conception.

Well, when the children were in the womb because she had conceived, the Holy Spirit spoke to her and said, “The elder will serve the younger.” She gave birth to these boys. You know how the story went on: the father got close to one, the mother got close to one. It was a bad way to raise the children, but that is what they were doing. Each one had their favorite and nobody was keeping it in a way to keep the pressure off the children, and it was an open thing.

So, that gave her a fear. After God even said, “This boy, the birthright is his, the younger boy,” she was afraid. She still thought she had to take it into her own hands and trick him. And now you got a wife trying to trick her own husband for her son. So, she was no longer looking at the husband, even the way she ought to see him. And she was no longer making it a matter of discussion and remembering what God said. I don’t think the home was too pleasant in those days.

The boys reached the age, from small [young -Ed.] this one [Esau -Ed.] was hunting, catching little rabbits, different things. Then he started to catch bigger games. He started to catch maybe antelopes; started to catch big deer.

He became a young man, now he started to get interested in women. He didn’t just want a little bow and arrow for Christmas now, he wanted a chariot to take some girl out. He was a hero in school. He was moving around; he was getting exposed to the opposite sex. Girls were running him down: “Esau, Esau, Esau,” but it was the wrong kind of girl and it started to bring a pressure on the family.

I’m going too slowly. I’m afraid if I look at the time, and I’m taking my time here now. See?

And look what started to happen. He started to get to a place where... Things started to go too... In the family, pressure started to come. How to deal with that pressure? What were they going to do? How were they going to handle it? So, she went to her husband, she

said, "I don't like Esau with those girls." And look at the boy now, he started to go around the daughters of Heth, Canaanite girls. Those girls were aggressive!

Sometimes it's not the boy. Brother, those girls came in school and put their hands around him and said, you know, "Take a picture," because this girl wanted to make the other girl jealous or this girl made a bet with the other girl. See?

Brother, he started to get problems. He wasn't even looking at Israelite girls anymore. He was maybe seeing those long, long dresses down to their ankles and those high collars up to their chins and long sleeves down to their wrists, and he watched those Canaanite girls in their bathing suits down by the place there, and watched them over here, and the beauty contest show over here, and he was watching this over here. And next thing, that was all he was seeing, because remember, this man was not too much of a spiritual man.

But I'm trying to show you what the parents had to deal with. I'm trying to bring to you the pressures the parents had to deal with, because I'm talking about UNDERSTANDING AND DEALING WITH OUR HEREDITY, our own heredity – what we married into and what our parents married into that we inherited and what our children becomes a product of.

And when you see things in your children and you lack revelation, sometimes it's your weakness to deal with the thing and it's not that the children are that bad after all. The children are unconscious, many of them, and then they reach the age now, as I said, where it's no longer, "Do this!"

"Yes, mummy."

"Do this!"

"Yes, daddy."

Because in those days when they were running, doing this and doing that, they had not gone through any changes in their bodies as yet. The chemistry in their bodies had not changed yet. But when the chemistry in

their bodies starts to change and they are craving for a boy, and the boy is craving for a girl, and you are saying, "You must not crave that," they say, "Tell my body that; don't tell me that. I tell my body not to do that either, but the body doesn't listen to me." And you forgot that you have the same kind of body, too. But your own... Since you have nobody to judge you, and you have children that you can judge, and when somebody comes to judge you about yours, you get all upset. But you could judge the children about theirs. See?

So then, how much do you love 'truth' really and how much are you standing for 'truth' really? And the whole mystery is, when you understand yours, you have a way to help them. And half of the time, because you don't understand yours, you are dealing with them in the manner that you are dealing with them. And if you are not understanding yours, you can't overcome yours either. And when you watch and see, you are three times their age sometimes, then what are you going to leave for them at that age? Do you get what I'm saying?

Why was it such a great grief to Rebekah? You see, I want to bring this here. Homes back there and family lives back there were not loose like how people have it today. They lived in an economy of God, where they knew, to mix with the wrong thing, how detrimental that was. And before anything took place... Like Abraham, when he was going to get a Bride for Isaac, he called the servant. He said, "You, come." He didn't just tell him to go down there and what to do, you know. He said, "Put your hand on my thigh and you swear to me, that you will not take any daughter of the Canaanites."

In other words, "You check everybody's pedigree you are looking at, because you see this seed, God told me... The covenant God made with me is about seed: You and your seed. And that seed is the seed that, when I bring forth that seed... Even I noticed that when I went with Hagar and the seed was mixed, God cast it out. And now God told me the heir has to come through Sarah,

because the blood has to be the same. And then, when it comes there, then that's the heir." So watch something. So Abraham watching that, knew what mixing that seed was going to do. He knew.

Now when we were choosing our wives, we did not choose our wives that way. And when we should have been taught to choose a wife, the teachers we had couldn't teach us the Word, though many of them claimed that they were in the Message. But what they meant, 'in the Message', is denomination is false; not the Word about life to show us.

So, then what happened? This one likes this one, because their nose is straight. This one doesn't like that one, because they are a little too dark. This one doesn't like that one, because they aren't too tall. This one doesn't like that one, because "I find that she's a little too fat for me." And this is the kind of choice that they are choosing. This one likes that one, because their family is kind of wealthy, so they are seeing that they are marrying into something that looks successful, and they don't want to marry into something that doesn't look so successful. And the only reason they are seeing through that kind of eye, is because that's the kind of environment and influence that they were raised under. That was the way they were cultivated to think. You see?

Well, the thing is, even many of us in the Message, we haven't really examined our father and mother, and our mother's mother and father, and our father's mother and father. We haven't examined them closely. Do you understand what I'm saying? And because we haven't examined them closely, when you see certain things in the children, you think that should not be there.

Because you thought that God only started with them when you brought them and dedicated them here, until they get the Holy Ghost. That is what you have in your mind. And because of that, you find that the measure of success and the depth of achievement, has not been what it could be and should have been, had we grown

in a more balanced understanding, (I'm being very careful to choose my words,) that we can be a more rounded and balanced Christian, that when we think as a father, we are thinking through the Word; when we think as a mother, we are thinking through the Word.

We don't just think on one side: 'the Power in the church' and 'God', and 'the signs and wonders' and 'the Resurrection', and 'the change of body' and 'the Translation', and then ignore all of this around us. How do we deal with that? What is our revelation concerning that? What is your revelation concerning marriage? What is your revelation concerning fatherhood? What is your revelation concerning motherhood? What is your revelation concerning the government in the home? "What is your revelation concerning raising teenage children?" he said. What is your revelation concerning these things? What is your approach to these things? Then the self-examination to see if we have become so formal in our ideas, that we have not become flexible to realize that we have to keep growing and certain things can only be known the right way, through experience.

And everything in our development is trial and error; that if God had to give some of us the opportunity to relive some of the years we lived, we certainly wouldn't do things the way that some of us did them in the past. And if we haven't grown out of certain things, then it becomes difficult for us, because we should have had a different attitude to relate to things. And then sometimes when people are in situations, the type of encouragement, the type of help, and the type of fellowship about certain things, we would not get the 'holier than thou' attitude, and the 'look down' and the criticism and different things, and we would be able to give real support and keep the body fitly joined and compacted.

But many times, when you start to hurt one another through your own criticism and your self-righteous attitude, you are contributing to disunifying the very

Body, that you are trying to think you are working to bring together. And it's only because many times, of shallowness or we still have blindness, that though we could explain many things in the Word, when we come to some of those things, we are very, very blind to it and our revelation is very, very shallow to it. And that's why I said, "A well-balanced and rounded Christian."

We don't just want to be like a Lutheran, who only knows justification and doesn't know anything else in the Word, or a Catholic, (see?) who only knows trying to justify yourself by works and doesn't know anything else in the Word, or a Seventh-Day Adventist who is trying to build his whole Christianity around keeping a day. We don't want to be that kind of Christian.

Brother, in whatever area of our lives we look at and we have to deal with, we want to be able to have a knowledge of what God's Word said about those things, that we can grow and develop; that we can relate to these things from a standpoint of the Word and we can even see the need in our own lives, to get a better grasp, to get a stronger hold, to get a clearer vision concerning these things; to be a better reflection, a clearer reflection in the areas, that our influence can be truly an influence of the Word and of God, and our attitude can truly be an attitude of the Spirit, when we deal with these things.

I am not exempted from it, but I'm certainly not thinking, I am there. I'm growing and I want to keep growing, because I know that a man can't get enough of the Holy Ghost. I don't have that kind of attitude where people think, that they are a certain way. No, no. Brother, everyday I'm seeing there is more in God.

Sometimes, what people call 'God' in the Message, you realize it is so carnal and foolish, that they don't even know the first step about God. They think two or three quotes and two or three books that they read is God, and they try to see the whole world through that. Brother, we want to be up to a place where people, even the sinner, brother, who can't live this life, look at you

and say, “I wish I had the life like you all”; that you want that people could be thirsty when they meet you.

Sometimes, we don’t even look to see, when we spend time with people, if we are affecting them or if we are creating a hunger in their hearts for what we have. Even though they will never have it, yet they see it and they know it is something genuine there. God made them testify; every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.

But some people, you know, they don’t think of it. Am I still affecting people? Am I still able to present Jesus Christ in a way that, brother, somebody will desire to want to be a Christian? How do you look at it? You constantly look at yourself because you know there has to be a maturity.

You know the places in your life... You don’t want to have places in your life where you are hoping that nothing comes up here and nothing comes up there, and you kind of hope that you can go through the Rapture without that being tested or exposed. You want to have the place in your life, if it is a place where you are weak or unsure of, you want to be strengthened and developed in those places. You don’t want to hope nothing comes up in there because you are afraid you might get exposed. Why go through living with a concept of, “I’m afraid I might get exposed,” when you can pray and ask God to give you help in those places? Do you understand what I’m saying?

And if God brings conditions to let you see you have weakness, that is only to help you in a self-discovery, to come to a more correct self-estimation, that you will not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think of yourself, and that you can grow in those places and you can pray focused in those places, knowing that you have needs in those places. Amen.

That is why God let things come to show you, you are weak in places; not to put you out, or realize you have a sore and you don’t want anybody to see it, and you

start to put a lot of cosmetics there. No! It is to tell you, “Hey, I am showing you the places that need to be strengthened. Work on this. Work here now. For this season, work here and let that come.”

Like I was coming up in the car tonight and you know, sometimes I just don't have the patience on the road with drivers in front of me; the kind of unconscious way people are, like if they are in their own backyard than they are on a highway sometimes. And sometimes I get to talking and say, “Look at this man, look what he's doing here.” So my wife, she always picks that up, you know. She said, “Relax! Cool yourself. What is the matter with you? You can't change some of the people. What are you getting so worked up about that for?” She's correct. Thank God she's there to stick me and let me see, I need to work on that. See? I need to work on that.

So, you see, there are places you want to be you know... You realize, “Look, if that wasn't bothering me so much, I might have kept it to myself.” But I said, “Gosh, I am really talking about it all the time in truth.” I am always talking to the man and the man can't hear me; he's in the car in front. I said, “You see? Look at the same thing here.”

And especially, you know, how these people are driving, sleeping. They go up to a light and you are behind them. And you know: “Look, the light is going to change and then they will want to break the light and go through and then you'll get caught now in the red light here. Why can't they see the light and there is a lot of traffic there and just move through the light quickly? We are going somewhere and we have to get there at a certain time.”

Oh brother, I tell you. Think! It's an Age of tension and pressure. That pressure comes down on everybody. See? But the thing is, we don't want to blow up under the pressure, we want to let the pressure off.

Abraham made Eliezer swear. He called him and said, "Don't get those daughters of Canaan." Why? He knew Canaan... Ham went with his father's wife, his step-mother, and when she had Canaan, brother, Noah put a curse and said, "Cursed..." Noah named him, even before the child was born and put the curse. He said, "Cursed be him." And Heth and all those, the Hittites and all of them, were of the Canaanites.

So, Rebekah was understanding, "My goodness! What is Esau doing? Can't he have sense? His father and his grandfather were so careful about what they married into, and he's watching statistics, he is watching this, he's watching complexion, he's watching this one, he's watching social status; he's watching popularity." See? And she began to go through pressure as a mother, seeing her sons in danger of false union.

She said, "Look, if that happens to Jacob, we are in trouble." Because they knew that Jacob, that was where the Seed was coming. Jacob had the promise of the Covenant to be continued through him – the Messianic promise. And they knew that if that happened, "We would have failed before God, and we have to take some action here." It's not little boys and girls anymore. We see they are looking for a mate; we see they want these things. No, we have to talk to them. We can't just blow up and carry on and try to slap down. No, no, no.

So she went and she said, "Come, come, come." She said, "Jake [Jacob -Ed.], I need your support in this." She said, "Isaac, I need your support in this. Let us get Jacob and talk to him, because if Jacob gets under that influence and sees what his brother did, and starts to do the same thing like what his brother is doing, now we'll have problems."

Because they knew that one boy sets the example and influences the other one, and they knew that once that thing starts in the open and this one does that, then the other one will want to do the same thing too. She said, "Now we are going to have trouble." So she said, "Let us

send this boy down by his uncle. If he has to get a wife, let him get a wife from down there. Let him not get this lineage polluted” and so on.

Hey, they were not thinking those thoughts for their children. Their children started to do wrong things. They were on the back-foot and now they were trying to get on the front-foot because the children didn't tell them that their biological clock started to tick. And then they were growing up, and going along with their own affairs. Do you know how daddy could get busy sometimes and mummy could get busy sometimes? And they got so busy, that they weren't seeing their children's biological clock started to tick and went haywire. And the 'time' started to get all contrary, and next thing you know, things were happening and getting to a place, that if they didn't take some decisive action, they could have great regrets.

And that is why it is so important for us... And we have to watch this because these are the things where, when we get weakened sometimes, the same things that we are looking for, and God to move and the Holy Spirit and the power of God in the Church, this is where the links come and break. This is where a door for sin is opened in the Church. This is where a home many times, gets affected and this is where, when something starts in one family it starts to spread through other families. See? And this is where many a times, on the level where we should be watching for one another, realizing that we are a called-out people...

Remember last week or a couple of weeks ago, I was there with that – Ezra Chapter 9. Now watch here quickly. I am way behind my time, so let me move quickly on this.

On a message, *There Is Only One Way Provided By God For Everything* [1963-0731 - para. 38 -Ed.] the Prophet was saying: *What brought sickness into the world was sin. When man dropped away from God's provided way, he opened himself to every devil there was, to sickness, and*

so forth. Because he has to keep medicine, and sprayed and it's just each generation, in-breeding into another. Now you might be a Christian, and your wife might be a Christian; but the genes of your body is still the inheritance from your father and your grandfather, and on down. [He said: ... Now you might be a Christian, and your wife might be a Christian; but the genes of your body is still the inheritance from your father and your grandfather, and on down.] As Daniel said, "Each generation will get weaker and wiser." And it's got the whole race, the whole human race, dying.

Then the next night on *Paradox* [1963-0801 - para. 18-31 -Ed.], he said: *For instance, a few days ago, I was called in on a scene...*

And I want you to listen to this carefully. He was giving an incident of a family he had to deal with, but he used that illustration, like I was using an illustration here with a family, to open up something to help us in things that we are faced with, and giving us the approach to know how to deal with these things, because these are spiritual things and you can't deal with this from a carnal realm. And if you want to help your family and you want to help the church and the Body of believers, you have to possess the revelation first, before you can help them, because you can't help them in the humanistic realm.

In the humanistic realm, you can only help with humanistic things. "Do you want 'passage' [money; fare -Ed.], brother, to go home? Look, take ten dollars. Brother, do you want a 'drop'? [To give someone a lift where they want to go -Ed.] Jump in the car." See? "Do you want a ten-days? I'll ask the boss where I'm working to give you a ten-days." [Temporary work -Ed.]

But when you have to help people with spiritual things in their lives now, you have to have the Word. You have to know the approach to that now. The same way that you had to have the ten dollars, you have to have the revelation to give them. The same way that you

have to know the approach to go and talk to that boss, you have to know the real approach to talk to the other 'Boss' for them now. Do you get what I'm saying?

So, listen to the story. He said: ... *a few days ago, I was called in on a scene ... a little something going on. There was a fine young man, a very fine boy, he was going with a little girl, very fine little girl out of a fine family. And this boy, all of a sudden, came up with some kind of an idea, and he just walked away. He did something wrong to the little girl, and much as promised her to do a certain thing and then didn't do it. And instead of coming to the girl and apologizing, like a gentleman should do, he, it just wasn't in him to do it.*

And the father and [the] mother called me to the scene, and said, "We would desire to know what is wrong with our boy."

Now, it's not easy to do sometime, but you must be truthful and honest. Therefore, the boy was a Christian, as far as a believer. He had repented and had been baptized, and had his position among the believers, but yet [he] had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, no matter how much he thought he had.

You thinking you have, and having It, is two different things. You might be able to try to say you have, and you might be able to show some evidence of some emotion; but unless your life is vindicating what you're professing to have, you still haven't got It. No matter how many emotions, how much you jump, run, sensations, speaking in tongues, or shouting, or whatever you might lay it upon; which is all right, I believe in all that, too; but unless your life copes with your testimony, then you haven't got It. Cause, the fruit of the Spirit vindicates what you are, just like the fruit of any tree tells what it is. Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them."

Now, this young fellow's parents. His mother is German.

Now watch this.

No reflection on the German, but there is a strain in that family.

Family traits; hereditary things.

He said: ... *there is a strain in that family.*

This is where many people misunderstand me sometimes. I see things there and tell them, look at that, look at that, look at that, and sometimes they get upset if they are carnal, because they feel that you are talking about them, and they feel that you are talking about their family and you are trying to put them down. Sometimes people could get defensive with things. We have to learn to accept Truth.

Remember, the real 'we' in Christianity is not this body, you know. Remember the real 'we' in Christianity are Genes of God and that doesn't come from any father or mother. Remember, the Elect is not this body here, you know. The Elect is the soul. So, when we go through a whole big thing to defend this, we are only wasting time, because you are not going in on anything of this; you are going in on what you are in your soul.

So listen: ... *but there's a strain in that family. And, that is, they'll just sit, and you can talk to them, and they'll just stare you right in the face. ... This girl's sister, the mother of this boy, her sister. [He said:] I have come down the street, many morning, and this young lady be setting out in the yard, and I'd say, "Good morning, to you." She'd just look at me. And I'd stop, and I'd say, "Sure a fine morning." She would just stand, look right at you; an intelligent woman. And I'd say, "Come up to see us sometime." She'd just stand and look. Well, her brothers are that way, father and mother is that way.*

See? He was noticing that about that family. He noticed the girl was that way, he noticed the father was that way; he noticed the mother was that way. He said, "There's a strain in that family." He said, "Because I come down the street and talk to them, and in dealing with them, I noticed in that family, all of them have a certain way." See? Now watch.

Now the father of the boy, is strictly an Irishman, moody, and high-tempered, high-strung.

Have you ever seen high-strung people? Brother, they are wound up so tightly. They are always under a tension; always under a pressure. Bro. Branham said, "Arminianism has people that way."

Now, we are going to get into something deep here, and please, don't get defensive on me because I am not attacking you. I am trying to help all of us with a Truth. Because if you can't take the Word, then I can't do anything for you. I'd be wasting my time trying to do this here. I'm doing this here to help the believers that God has put under my ministry. I'm trying to help the church come up in a place for a greater fellowship with God.

Do you think a pastor would try to come and kill his own people? He might be crazy. Do you think that God would let a man kill God's people? Definitely not. And this is the same Word from Sunday morning [1999-0516 - Ed.], same Word from last Friday [1999-0514 -Ed.]; just dealing with a different side of your life here in a *Couples Meeting*.

Why do you think that we have these kinds of meetings? Because we knew this was to strengthen the family circle; because we know that the Church is homes. It's divided up into families. And we know when we come and we only preach along one line, in a general service, all these areas need a lot of focus and attention to make us a more balanced and rounded Christian. And that is why the Holy Spirit delegated and designated these types of services. Amen? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Sure!

Watch that family. Now, all our families have these things, one way or the other. This is a particular family, but he was using this family to bring out something.

That's his whole family like that, except one other out of the family, converted.

So, all of them are high-strung, high-tempered; moody.

Now in this, this boy...

This father and mother, both are Christians, filled with the Holy Ghost...

Now, catch the picture. The boy's father and mother were two Holy Ghost-filled Christians. The boy was a baptized boy; accepted Christ, went to the altar, and had his position among the believers in the church, but he did something and he didn't have it in him to apologize at all. And the rest of the family members: father, brothers and sisters and so on, other sisters who were not saved in the same family, (because the boy was not the only child,) he noticed, all of them had a certain way. And he realized, the only difference in that family, were these two – the father and mother who had the Holy Ghost.

So, he was bringing out something here and he was looking at their background: German and Irish. And the Irish were high-strung and moody, and the Germans, they were just cold, watched you in your face, not pleasant; don't get into any conversation. They feel, "Why do I have to get into conversation with people for? I don't have to get in conversation with anybody, and furthermore, I mind my own business."

Some people grew up that way. They think, "Well, I..." And they don't realize, they have become cold, they are not hospitable; they are not out-going. And they don't realize, that is a deformity, because they are only watching one thing: 'mind your own business, mind your own business'. Well, when you mind your own business, can you mind the Father's business? You have to be about the Father's business; that's the secret of the Message. And the Father's business is to redeem people, and help people and shine the Light and be salty to other people and these things. Amen.

But sometimes, it was a hard mother or a hard father who whipped that thing into you and you grew up that

way. That might have helped to not get you into trouble, but that is not Christianity. Because that is where God gets resistance from you now, when He wants to put the Holy Ghost in you and use you as a servant. And sometimes, those are the unconverted places that still need converting to make your conversion complete, because that is the place, when the pressure comes, you blow up and get bad blood with people. And even though you say you are a Christian and you love God and can sing and dance and do all these things in the Spirit, you find that, brother, you almost have more enemies than friends. And you don't realize that it is your concept, because your life is just for yourself.

Now watch. He said: *And now the young man is about seventeen or eighteen years old, something along there, very fine kid, and ... he's been a real model boy at home, nice kid. And he's got a brother that's just vice versa. But the girls, the mother's family, lives close to ... a fine church. But do you think they'd ever come over there? No. And they know It's right, but it's just not in them ... to ask forgiveness or ask pardoning. They just won't do it. It's just not in them.*

Naturally, natural birth, natural upbringing, you are void of certain things.

Now the genes in the father and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy.

Do you get how he's explaining that? He said, "This father and mother are Holy Ghost-filled people, but they had natural generations. It is the father's flesh that went with the mother's flesh and brought the boy's flesh. It was not the Holy Ghost in the father and the Holy Ghost in the mother that brought the boy. And the father and the mother got their flesh from their fathers and their mothers. And their fathers and mothers got their flesh from their fathers and mothers.

And that's why sometimes you need to know what kind of flesh your father and mother had, and what kind

of flesh your grandfather and grandmother had, and then you can understand sometimes, what kind of flesh your children got. And then you are going to know, if God had dealt with you in a certain way to equip you to deal with them, that was why God had to give you the revelation in such a measure, because you needed it for a purpose.

But if you never understood why God was giving that to you and dealing with you, you would just think that you are bright in class and your head might get big and you might never see, no, no, that was because you were going to be faced with a lot of things, and you needed that measure because of what you were going to be faced with. Because to overcome the things you have to be faced with, you would have needed all of that. In other words, what I'm saying is, don't just look at you and the person you like.

Isaac and Rebekah were saying, "Oh God, it's Heth! It is Heth's daughter the man is with." Isaac said, "Who is Heth; the man down the road?" She said, "I'm not talking about where he's living geographically, Isaac. I'm talking about Heth who came from Canaan, Isaac." He said, "Oh God! Canaan! Do you mean Ham?" She said, "That is what I'm trying to tell you."

He said, "Oh God! The children are cursed. They are cursed! They are going to have incest in that family, they are going to have bestiality in that family; they are going to have idolatry in that family."

Do you understand what I'm saying? Remember, that is a spiritual side too, okay? Because remember, there is natural heredity and spiritual heredity. And remember, in spiritual heredity, there are two classes: you could be born of corruptible seed and you could be born of incorruptible seed. And when you get there, your spirit now, your concept of God...

And that is one of the big troubles I have in this church. If God had helped me, where I could have had everybody before they passed where they passed in the

Message, I would have been further up the road. But when I'm getting them, after what they became a product of, (their 'other mummy' and their 'other daddy,') and I'm trying to tear up that thing here sometimes, they get defensive and hold it and they don't want me to tear it up. So, they bring that to patch to this, and then they turn around now to give me pressure, because that is the spirit now. Then they want to get me to do things. I say, "I can't do that. It is the Word that says this. I'm here to preach the Word, not to please you."

And that is why sometimes, I have to part with people because of when they want to pressure me. God sent you to sit under me, so I can lead you. God didn't send you to advise me and pressure me. I know what my commission is. I know what I am called for, and that's why I try to walk as humble as I can walk. But when I have to defend my position, I get as strong as I can get. Why? Because if God has to use you to change what I'm seeing, hey, then you have more than me. Sure! Then God is breaking His pattern. He is supposed to bring it to me to shine it to you, when we are coming to the Word and doctrine.

You can tell me, "Hey, you are doing this, Bro. Vin. You shouldn't do that. You shouldn't do that." Sure! I want that advice; tell me. When it's coming to the Word and doctrine, it has to come to me first. God can't teach me doctrine out of the congregation there, no, no, otherwise I wouldn't be the person. Is that right? I hope you appreciate a Pastor who knows where his position is, you know. If I was weak and shaking there, you would have had to be insecure there.

Now watch. Oh, I don't like to break up like that. I don't like to break it up like that, but sometimes, you know, it's just how preaching is; you have to stop at a certain place and drive certain things down because that's just the place to do it. But you'll break it up. You see?

So, let's get back to this family here and this story, and may it help us, (and we'll finish up with this,) because it opens up to us how to deal with children. Because sometimes, the things we don't look at, we need to know, so we can deal with them properly.

And let me tell you this: don't defend anything and don't be carnal either and go home and tell your husband or tell your wife, "You heard what the Pastor said? You heard it tonight, right?" You will be doing more damage to what I'm trying to do. Just go home and say, "Honey, isn't God wonderful, that where we all slip up sometimes, He can give us the Word to help us?"

Don't use this to justify your personal self. No, no, no. Just receive it and say, "I know the Hour is late. Can't you see how God is speaking to us? Can't you see how He's making us more balanced and more well-rounded Christians? And you know, He's showing us areas where we can pray, where we can focus our attention now." That's the way you want to relate to it.

But when you are trying to take it to use a certain way, it shows that your spirit hasn't changed. You came here to get ammunition to continue your fight and I came here with medicine to heal, so then, you will be trying to work against me. And I think that what I'm doing is what the Holy Spirit led me to help the church. Because I'm looking at a church coming up to a certain place, that can fulfil the commission, and you might be looking now to get that for personal justification to get the other person to say, "I was wrong and you were right." That is not the objective. Amen? Alright! So that should settle that.

So watch. [No matter how much the father is converted] *and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, [it] still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy. Therefore, the boy has got a complex in him, just like from his mother's family, and they are not forgiving, they will not apologize, and that's where that boy stands.*

Now these parents had this boy, but they didn't know that that was the boy's situation, so they went to the Prophet. Now he was telling them why it was so and he was showing them in their own family. He said, "Do you notice how you are? Do you notice how your wife is? Why are you all different? Because you all have the Holy Ghost. But watch your mother, watch your father, watch your brothers, watch your sisters; watch on the other side. Do you see them? Do you see them? Do you see them? So this boy here wouldn't know it; that's where it came from, because you all would have been the same way."

Because I want to show you, saints, I want to show you, that children can be influenced away from their true calling because of peer pressure.

Bro. Branham tried to drink because of peer pressure, though he was told not to drink or smoke. But he tried to do it to prove he was not a sissy. Then he always wanted to be a rider, because he watched his father ride those horses, brand those cattle, round up those cattle, so he ran away from his calling to go out to Arizona, so he could go in the rodeo and become a rider too. And God had to kill his father and kill his brother and kill a whole lot of them to get him back. Because that was in the flesh; that was in the genes.

So sometimes, those children have things that Satan can exploit and manipulate, and he is getting them away from their calling. It needs God to come in there and bring such an awakening, that the child can receive the strength to stay tied to what God revealed concerning the child.

That's why Manoah and his wife came and said... Because they knew those things, they asked, "Teach us how to raise this child?" To ask such a question, it showed the depth of revelation they had of what was needed to raise children, because it showed that he and his wife were raised in a good family; their parents who raised them. Because you watch and see how they even

pleaded with the boy. They said, “Why can’t you get a girl among your own.” Because they understood that too. Do you get what I’m saying?

And this is where you get parents sometimes, when they should be developing the role of parents and their children start to get interested in the opposite sex, they need to be in a role where they can approach these things responsibly, according to the Word, because it goes together with their office. But this is an Age, where man likes to run from responsibility.

Now look. *Now, I said to the father, “No matter how much you’ve raised him up...”*

This is a Holy Ghost father he is talking to.

... “No matter how much you’ve raised him up...” I said, “Now look at you, out of your family: all of them, drunks ... and fighting, and shooting, and cutting, and so forth.” “Now look at your family,” to the mother. “They’re a bunch of people, just set there and wont speak [to anybody], very independent, and so forth, irreverent to religion. But,” I said, “it’s not you. “You’re the only one of all your sisters and brothers, and you are sweet, kind, and forgiving. What does that? And you’re [a] tree, part of that family tree, yet you have received the Holy Ghost. That’s the thing that made you tender and sweet. It’s not your people anymore, it’s your Christ that lives in you.”

I said to the boy...

First, he talked to the father, he talked to the mother and now he was talking to the boy.

I said to the boy, “Look at your family, practically all of them are drunks, and so forth.” I said, “And how moody ... and high-tempered and high-strung, but you’re not. You’re kind, forgiving. What is it? The Holy Spirit. You’re no more what you are; it’s Christ in you.” I said, “Now that same thing has to [come upon] your son.”

Telling the father and the mother: *... “Now that same thing has to [come upon] your son.”*

He said, “Why are you all different? Look at your family. You see, it’s because you all got the Holy Ghost.”

Hear this: *And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool." Said, "I know my son has come to Christ."*

I said, "That may be all right, all the outward [emotions]. He might be identified as a believer with the believers. But until he is regenerated, born again, I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make Hell on earth for her, until that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in."

Otherwise, what is the 'hell' he will make for her on earth? In marriage they are going to have differences and every time something comes up, he can't forgive. He'll get hard and cold and for two or three weeks, he will go through a cold shoulder in the house. He will not be talking to anybody at all. He'll walk in grumpy, walk out grumpy; walk in grumpy, walk out grumpy; put everybody in the house in deep-freeze.

Do you know why? He married without the Holy Ghost as much as he thought he had the Holy Ghost, and he is making hell for the woman on earth. And the woman is going through, "Oh God, why doesn't he die." Then he starts to pump iron or something and is getting big and strong and she says, "Oh God, like that man isn't going to die." And she's oppressed, pressured; no way out. See? He can't forgive. She always has to eat a 'humble pie' [make a humble apology and accept humiliation -Ed.], so she has to learn to take wrong every time even though she's right, if that thing has to keep on going on. Do you get what I'm saying?

And he knew, "As long as he's in that condition, nothing can reflect Christ in the Church. Can't do it!" He said, "So my advice there, get the Holy Ghost."

He said, "But I shout and jump and speak in tongues."

He said, "That's not what I'm talking about; the kind that makes you humble yourself and makes you take wrong too and ask forgiveness and don't let the sun go

down on your wrath. You make up very quickly; it doesn't last five minutes – that kind of Holy Ghost. Because you are more interested in your marriage and you know your position and responsibility before God, and you know what kind of influence and example you want to put before your children. And you know what kind of an atmosphere you want to create in your own home." Amen?

Let me finish up the quote. He said: ... *until that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in. Then that will be a paradox in itself, to take the very nature of a boy that's bred between father and mother. And yet, in his intellectuals, he is trying his best to overcome it. [But:] He can't do it.*

In his intellectuals... Now catch this. The boy is a baptized boy. He is trying to obey his father and mother. "Son, that is wrong." He got convicted. Next day, he was going to try to do it, you know. He was going to try to do what mummy and daddy said. But when he faced up to it, he couldn't do it; it was not in him. He needed something stronger than a sanctified life. He needed something deeper than being baptized in water and having a knowledge of the Word. He needed something that mummy and daddy couldn't give him. They might have been able to lead him to it, but they couldn't give it to him.

And as long as he had that concept, thinking he had the Holy Ghost and that little thing was nothing, he couldn't come into it. And it was not in him to do it. He just couldn't do it. He would argue down... And even though he had to get shut up and couldn't get a point to argue if he got cornered, he would go home and he was not satisfied. And all week he was looking to find something to refute that thing. And while he was watching his own self and his own behavior, he couldn't even see, "Why is this thing driving me this way? Why is this thing pushing me like this? What do I want to

defend? Can't I leave it in God's hands?" See? But that's that strain.

Let me give you another one. Can I take one more? One more quote.

We want to grow in our knowledge as parents; understand God's mystery in child-raising. This is a mystery in child raising. This is a mystery, growing in the mystery, that Manoah and his wife knew they had to possess to raise that boy.

Because it tells you, if God gives you children, all of those children could be different and then you would have to find a way to raise all, and don't make this one feel different to that one, because this one's sin might be a different sin to that one's sin. Because Abraham's sin was not David's sin. Do you understand what I'm saying? And David's sin was not Joseph's sin. Each one of them has their... [Tape skips -Ed.] ... where they will get their pressure and their chain will break.

And remember, by the way you deal with them, you are shaping that nature; you are trying to force it a certain way. And if you yourself are not growing in your revelation, then you could be deforming them too. Because sometimes when they have a problem, because of the body they got...

Sometimes it is not the spirit in them that wants to be that way, but they are susceptible to certain things, they are vulnerable to it, and your whole concept of them is, they should not be that way. Because you refuse to look beyond you and the person, your husband, or the husband looks beyond himself and the wife, and they don't look back up the tree and see.

So, the first thing we learn there from that is what? They are part of a family tree. That body is interbred from generations and things come down that body, that brother, when you look back up there, the children inherit weaknesses, (which I can get to just now to show you,) because the sins come down. They inherit pride. They even inherit diseases. They inherit human

weaknesses like that one – can't forgive. They inherit that.

Some may say, "Look at you! You are so proud. You can't humble yourself; God will deal with you." Hear how he tried to deal with that: "He doesn't have it in him." Said, "I'm tired of talking to him." You are talking, but he doesn't have it in him. So you don't have to keep talking, talking, talking and say, you are tired of talking to him and then give him up; you have to get a revelation. You need to pray with him. You need to teach him. You need to show him the kind of family he comes from. You need to start to expose yourself too sometimes, and expose the family.

And don't try to show the 'angel' side all the time. You are only showing them the wings and the feathers that you have – angelic, cherubic. Because many times when you look there, you see yourself too. You see how you brought forth your flesh. And you brought forth your flesh at the time, even when your mind wasn't in a spiritual atmosphere and your passions ran deep for things in the world, and they were conceived during those times.

Maybe God might have cleaned you up since then. While they were growing up, you got cleaned up, and by the time you had to get into some serious parenting, your memory, that was so far back from you, because you didn't see it in yourself anymore, (see?) that you became a judge and jury, and you condemned them and sentenced them too.

This time, God wants you to be an intercessor and take the role of a kinsman, and stand in the gap, and get down there with the cobbler, and talk 'cobbling' talk, and get down there with the farmer, and talk 'farming' talk to come closer to them, so you can be able to redeem them, and that you are able to pay the price. You have what it takes to minister to them, to help lift them out of that place, to bring them to a station, where God can deal with them.

But what was happening? By that time, you were studying what this one was going to say and what that one was going to say, and then your children suffered because of your pride. And the children never got redemption because of your pride and you got upset with other people because of their criticism, and then the church gets divided and fragmented because of the carnal, immature state the church was in and the Devil had a field day. Think of it.

But we have to overcome, and to overcome we need revelation so we will have ammunition to fight the Devil with, in those places. And then sometimes, as husbands, some of us make big mistakes, and sometimes, as wives, we make big mistakes. And sometimes even though the thing you were saying about them was right, but it was not said in a way to edify, to bring a consciousness of the weakness.

“Your mother and all of you are that way. Your mother has that same big mouth.” And she feels now that you throw off on her family and belittle the family. When you could have said, “Honey, you know, genetics is something else, isn’t that so?” And you can come into it in a nice way. But you wanted to be sarcastic because your family is not like that. And then she saw something in your family too and she said, “You don’t see your father and all of you all are proud too, and they always downgraded people.” And she finds something too, what your family has and by that time now, it’s like the gloves come off already; it’s karate, martial arts; kung fu. See? It becomes mud-slinging like two politicians – who can throw more mud against whom.

But we have to accept these things because our New Birth has nothing to do with this flesh. Our regeneration is from Above. We are born from Above. And that is why if we have to speak of this flesh... All flesh, brother, is born in sin; shaped in iniquity. “In sin did my mother conceive me and I was shaped in iniquity, full of vileness.” So, who can come out to try to use some

family trait or something, for acceptance before God? Our condemnation is our birth before God. That is our condemnation. Man in his best state is altogether vanity. So, it is very unspiritual to try to take some family thing and present that, like you are better than somebody.

In Adam all died. Everybody is dead and doomed, until they come into Christ. As long as you stay in Adam, you are finished. Forget whether the family is a millionaire, big-shot, priest, Pope, whoever they might be, went to church all their lives, Sunday school teacher, it means nothing. In Adam, it all died; still under the first birth, dead and gone, until it comes into Christ, then it has something. And when it came into Christ, it was nothing of their own; it's what they inherited. It was by His merit; one Man. He was accepted and we were accepted in Him. Is that right? And with that we can treat each other right.

When a quarrel comes up, when a problem comes up, you don't think that your wife is against you and she wants to undermine you and attack you; you are learning and you are discovering now. When the statistics disappear, you are discovering more, what was in the flesh that you were blinded from looking at the statistics, because you didn't watch closely what you married into. Do you understand what I'm saying?

For the same thing, people will come now and want to put down their wives and put down their husbands. That is what you married into; she hasn't changed. When you were seeing her, she wasn't under the circumstances for some of those things to come out. Now, you are in a house with her all these years, well, that has the environment to bring out of her all these things you weren't seeing. Because back there, you weren't watching for that; you were watching how she was looking nice in that long dress, how shapely she might have been, how attractive she might have been, how she could walk and the flair she had. You were

watching all those things; you weren't watching those different things in the family tree.

When you started to go and see some of her family, and she started to see some of your family, you all started to understand one another. Because they are seeing the part, that even before circumstances come for you to live out, they are seeing it expressed in others and they know your potential, physically. Sure! That's what it is.

If I go on, I'll go too long. I will have to stop here. Brother, I had a tremendous quote here I wanted to get to, talking about this woman's birth and how she was born, and the outward conscience and because of that, she had a kind of split personality, and she couldn't have rest. And she had the Holy Ghost, but whenever she got shaken and dropped over in this next realm, she was always crying before God and pleading for a confirmation that she was really saved.

He said, "So, I asked her to pray to God, 'Let Him let you speak in tongues; at least you are going to have something in your life, it will kind of settle you.'" He said, "But it was a good Holy Ghost woman. But when I got a hold of her, I got her birth path, I got her birth sign, I got her personality, how it leaned that way; I watched her background." See? He knew the things that she had to deal with. [1964-0830 - paras. 58-62 -Ed.]

That was why I said, everybody's sin is different. So, in your family might not have too much immoral sin; somebody's family might have that. Your family may have another kind of sin. And while you are condemning one person looking at that, on the next side you are not watching yours. And until somebody could take the Word and start to uncover your kind of sin, you don't realize that people are trying to project a fleshly image; a fleshly inheritance.

And we are accepted, not because... It is our fleshly inheritance that condemned us, because we were born by sex. In Adam all died, and the only reason that the

Holy Spirit has come to claim this body for glorification, is because we have a representation in our souls, that we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. And the battles we have in this body, is not just a law of sin because of that birth, but certain traits because we came from a family tree; a certain temperament about us.

And because of that, many a times, not knowing how to deal with it, when it comes out in their children, brother, the children sometimes go through more pressure at home than they do at school. Sometimes it's even just the way the atmosphere is created at home. Because sometimes, all the children need is a friend. They need to be convinced that daddy and mummy love them. They need to be convinced that they understand them. They need to be convinced in their hearts, even though they can't, maybe, learn to face up to certain things.

Those fears and misunderstandings needed to be cultivated in the hearts of the children, that they can feel at liberty; that they are not going to be argued down or be proven wrong, or not going to get a hearing, or somebody is not going to try to understand their views and there is going to be a judgment based on the result of the situation and not on what happened. Because it's not always when somebody does something, that means they had a motive and an objective, and they planned that.

That is why there is pre-meditated murder and manslaughter. God even has a law like that. A man may die, but nobody planned to kill the man, and say, "You are an old murderer. You killed the man." You didn't kill the man; he died by accident. It was an unfortunate circumstance. It is totally different when somebody saw the man, hated the man, planned to wait for him when he was passing by a certain place, got a weapon, hid it, killed him and had a plan to cover up their tracks after. It is different.

And when a person is only looking and seeing the acts or the crime and can't see the things sometimes, then it makes it so difficult. And that's why as I said, it needs redemption for certain things and we have to become a redeemer.

And sometimes it's easier to redeem somebody else outside of your family. But when God was redeeming, He was redeeming His family. When God came as a Kinsman, He came for His Own family. Sometimes it is easy to deal with somebody in adultery outside, to deal with somebody with lying and cursing outside; to deal with somebody, brother, who behaves badly outside. And when it comes to yours, to deal with them, (I should say ours, to deal with them,) then sometimes it becomes so difficult. But that's where it proves we have the real thing, because that is how we saw it in the Bible, when God was redeeming His Own.

And if we were really honest, half of the time, the children came like pawns just for their parents' image, so they can walk around and project this certain image. Brother, the Bible said, "The crib is clean, where there is no ox." [Proverbs 14:4 -Ed.] Did you get that? Where you have an ox, you'll have to get up and clean its mess every morning. But when you have no ox and you have a big stable full of hay, all kinds of things, (there is no ox there,) it will be clean every day. Do you get what I'm saying?

So the thing is, these things have to be expected. And many times, if we become humble parents, we can even be on the road to becoming more successful parents. If we get away from the image-consciousness that we have and start to get more into the infirmities and the weaknesses of the children, where we can reach out to them to help them, we'll do more for them, than try to maintain the image and just keep giving orders and instructions, so that they don't tarnish our image, because we want nothing said about us.

Well, if anybody had to get the most evil spoken of, it is God, because this whole Bible here is about problems with all God's children: all the problems He had with David, all the problems He had with Abraham, all the problems He had with Jacob; all the problems He had with Israel. It was constantly all God's problems. All God's business is exposed here. Until, to get them out of it, He had to die and bore that shame to bring them out of it. That was the only way they could have come out of it.

And if that was the story, do you want us to do a new version for you and me? Do you want to rewrite the story? That is what makes the life He had, different to any other life and that is what will make a Christian different; you'd be able to stand there.

So, I pray that with this, we don't think that the image is more important than the redemption of the children. Stand there to redeem them. Believe for them. To redeem them, you have to be identified with them, to get them out of the condition that they might be in. That means to bear their shame the same way God bore our shame. Because the only way we could love as He loved us, we have to have the same condition to prove, we can love the same way He loves us.

"As I have loved you" – that doesn't mean being nice; that means doing what He did to prove He is the same and does the same, and that the life in us would act the same way under the same circumstances. And when He came there, He could have done those things. And remember, the redeeming and the mystery is the same One in us continuing His Own works. Not we that live, but it is that One living in us and it doesn't change Him.

That's why in this Message, it seems like sometimes things happen to you in your neighborhood. Heathens, Hindus, Muslims, pagans, atheists, seems to be going better than you sometimes. Do you think it is a social business? It is not about being social. Sometimes what happens there, is that people were weak in their

examples, too. People lack discipline. As I said, they need to be balanced.

Sometimes those children need to be, brother, put down and be spoken to in such a way, that they can get some fear upon them. Sometimes, we have too many fathers like Eli, permissive parents – just permit the children to do things, and when they do talk to them, they talk to them so weakly: “Is that what you did, boy?” Until the children don’t even feel a sense of conviction.

Let me tell you, when God is angry, you know when God is angry. And when God is smiling, you know when God is smiling. Sure! That is the same way; a Judge and a Saviour and we have to be all of that. And because of a lack of discipline sometimes – purging the vine, trimming off things, spraying the bugs on the tree, so it can bring some fruit. You can’t be too permissive.

You can’t divide the home like they tried to do: the wife has her favorite, this one has their favorite, so the children... When the boy does this, he could run to the mother; when this one does that, he could run to his father. And when they do that, they are breaking down the authority in the home, because they are already conscious there is disunity on that authority level. And so, you are undermining your own foundation.

But may God help us. The thing is, we are dealing with us here, as the parents, so that we can go from here and deal with the children. The children don’t question some of these things. In their mind, they can’t get in the realm to examine us in this light. But as parents, we can examine ourselves by the Word in this light, and we can realize, if we become better parents, we’ll become better saviours, better redeemers, better intercessors, because parenting goes all there.

Child-bearing is one thing but child-raising is another. And in each level of child-raising, there is a certain level of parenting that has to go with it. Because raising a child from one to seven, is different from raising a child from fourteen to twenty-one. But the only

reason we are looking at these things is because it is a challenge in this Hour, and we'll be tested and we'll be faced with it, but we are ordained to overcome it.

And the Word is able to show to us that we can become stronger in the places where we are weak, and places where we might be permissive, and places where we lack—where we need to be more disciplined, we can exercise that discipline. And places where we made mistakes and undermined our own foundation and destroyed the authority in the home, and then became like, in the Book of Judges, everybody did what was right in their own eyes, then we can begin to pull things back together and get things back in place, so the Holy Spirit can begin to work with us in a more effective way, to help us deliver, overcome, and in the end, see our household saved. Not just satisfied coming to church; saved.

We can get them to church, but that isn't being saved. 'Saved' is bringing them to a place where, because of the examples that we put before them and the way we walk... And remember, all that means, is just being the right Christian. That doesn't mean any super-duper anything. Because as the Word opens to you, you walk in It, and as you grow in the revelation, you begin to weigh your priorities and see what is important, what is a necessity, what is not a necessity; what you need to have, what is just a cosmetic, and you get yourself in the right condition.

And you don't use old time things: "I will carry you to the deacon" or "I will carry you to the Pastor," and all that kind of nonsense. That is nonsense! You have to face your own problems in your own home. Those kinds of threats are useless. You have to get before God and find out what you are not doing and what you need to do, because that is not parenting; that is trying to pass off your problem on somebody else.

You don't need to, when the child does something wrong alone, you need to tell the child... Let the child

understand what the Church is, what the house of God is, what a ministry is, what a pastor is, who God put before them, that even when they have certain personal problems, they can feel free of their own selves.

Not when you can't get them to do something, you are trying to use now—that is the time you are carrying them to the Minister, or that is the time you are carrying them to the deacon. No, no, no, no. You are conveniently using the Ministry and trying to present the Ministry as a 'big stick' to intimidate the children. You have not presented the ministry as a servant of God, that God put there to teach the Word, that God through there, can instruct them and someone that can pray with them and someone that they need to obey and respect. That is what you need to teach them.

Brother, if we train them right, even though we may not know everything but our heart is in the right place, our attitude is right, God will help us beyond. Because He is not helping us just on the basis of this has to be right and this has to be right. He sees we want to do it for His glory. He sees we want for them to serve God. He sees we are dying to know what is the key. "I know I'm doing something wrong. I know the gap is getting wider. I know that that approach doesn't seem to have effect. I know something is wrong somewhere. Maybe it is my faith. Maybe it is my prayer. Maybe it is something there."

And you don't just look at it as a one way, from your standpoint: "They have to obey. They have to obey!" No, no, no. You have to look and say, "No, I want to inspire them. I want them to see that I'm enjoying my Christianity. I want them to see that I have a relationship with God. I want them to see that it is God inside of my life."

Not by saying, "God is in me, you know. You all better believe God is in me." No, no. They have to know that without my telling them that. If I'm trying to use that just to frighten them to get them into subjection, they

are not seeing God; they are seeing somebody trying to use religion to control them and manipulate them.

Because remember, if they sit down in church and are hearing this same Word, you can't stop the Word from going into certain places. When the Word starts to expose things people do, they are going to sit right there and see, "Oh, that is what mummy does to me; that is what daddy does to me. Oh, that is what they are trying to do to me." They sit down and get it too, right there.

So, you have to have it genuine. And if we are genuine from our hearts, God will help us and bless us. And we can't make it like they alone are wrong and we are right. No. We are wrong too. We have to learn to apologize to them. "Son, I was wrong and I'm sorry." Then they will realize that a servant of God could make mistakes. Their father could make mistakes; their mother could make mistakes.

And they are not respecting them and fearing them because they don't make mistakes, they respect them and fear them because God gave them a godly mother and a godly father. And God put one there who is flesh and blood, who has weaknesses, that they can understand their weaknesses and could talk to them and enter into their suffering the same way, and not try to put an 'angel' before them and make them feel that, "I am a failure. I can't live up to daddy's expectation; I can't live up to mummy's expectation. I'm trying my best but she cannot understand me." See? "I don't have the Holy Ghost and she wants me to live like I have the Holy Ghost, without the Holy Ghost." See? They get frustrated.

And let me tell you something: "If your revelation can't help those right there close to you, who you are seeing there and know everything about, do you honestly feel you could help somebody else?"

That is why we all have our own environment to try out the revelation. Try it out and let it work for those around us. Try it out. Exercise in it and see. Start with

the little 'wild bull' in your teenage, rebellious son – that is your 'wild bull' right there. That is your 'storm' right there. Start your Third Pull with your 'storm' right there. And when you deal with that storm and that wild bull right there, then you are getting ready for another wild bull outside. So, when you meet that one...

Like Bro. Branham said, "Lord, why are You showing me all these things out here in the woods, you know, the vision with the caribou and the vision with this, and animals and different things and training me?"

He said, "So that when you get in the prayer line and those things come, you will be able to have faith in the visions."

See? He trained him in little things outside: "You will see a deer; you will get that deer. You will see a grizzly bear." So, when he came and he met a man in a wheelchair and the same vision was showing him now, a man in a wheelchair, and the same vision showed him the bear was going to come from four-inch-high grass, and the same vision showed him the fish and all these different things, what do you think? Think! It was coming through the same channel.

So, when you see things work in your home, you know that this thing works. This thing works. You see the wife get upset, "I put my hand around her; she doesn't even know I am praying"; create the atmosphere. See?

Not say, "Don't you see the same thing? You heard the Word last night. You heard what the Word said; look at you. You see the same thing!" No. He said, "Oh, the girl is having a hard time." He picked up that already and put his hand around her: "Let me help you do the dishes, honey." See? Simple. See the Spirit move.

Let's stand to our feet. Hope you appreciate the Word tonight. Let's, just in the sweetness of our hearts, have a little prayer, as the musicians come.

Bro. Kelvin Dyer is also requesting prayer on behalf of his wife who is at home suffering with fever and the cold, pain; general weakness throughout her body.

On a night like this I know she certainly would have been desirous of being here, but we know God is more than able.

I think tonight, you know, as we are digging out these ditches, friends... We talk about digging the ditches but now God is identifying the ditches that need to be dug. We talk about the new consecration, a call to a new consecration, but we are seeing some of the 'earrings' that we need to take off and the 'idols' that we need to give up.

And I trust that some of what was said tonight, knowing that it is right here in the congregation... And I don't say it in a personal way; I say it in a way to help, that we can look at each other and not view each other critically in a way, to send off an unpleasant type of atmosphere, that divides and brings embarrassment and even create separations and these things in the Body, but that we will be mature, that you see a brother, a sister, maybe they have children that might be drifting somewhere.

I don't believe Manoah's relatives came around and said, "Look at you all, you have one child; you all can't raise the child well." I don't think so. I don't think that people were saying, "I never believed that an Angel came and talked to them about that child. Could an Angel come and talk to them about that child and that child is in that condition out there?"

I believe that sometimes we were faced with things, but because we lacked knowledge, because maybe at the time, because of our own image, we couldn't enter into the infirmity of the child as we should, otherwise we could have, maybe, looked back and seen, "The body that they received, they inherited certain types of weaknesses that are in our family lineage. They inherited certain traits that made them vulnerable to

certain types of conditions, that they are exposed to maybe out in the school, or out on their jobs somewhere.” But no matter how sheltered and protected you tried to keep them, maybe the manner in which you dealt with it, even brought further discouragement; caused big misunderstandings.

But may God look down upon us tonight and filter our thinking; shed abroad His Love in our hearts. Because a real mother, when she sees a mother losing one of her children, she will know that pain. And a real father, when he sees another father losing something, he'll feel that pain because as a father he can understand that. And instead of that bringing unity, that results in prayer and support and getting under the burden and helping carry the load, and bearing up the infirmities and interceding on behalf of those who are needy, then there are all kinds of criticisms and gossip and tale-bearing and trying to pull down, until sometimes people get so sensitive, they are almost walking on needles and pins in the Assembly.

The house of God should never be a place like that, not for enlightened Christians; not for Christians who are supposed to have the Holy Ghost and understand the Mystery of Christ. That is how God proves His Word. There must be the circumstances, so that life can go on display.

Almighty God, as we stand in Your Presence tonight with bowed hearts, Lord, starting from me, how I desire that You'll give me a deeper insight; a clearer understanding, dear God.

Lord, reading of this man and his wife tonight, two Holy Ghost-filled people, yet because they didn't have the insight into the revelation, they couldn't do anything for the boy. They became so worried and burdened seeing the attitude in him, yet Lord, they knew he was a good boy.

But it took Your Prophet to come, and to begin to show them something about their own background, to

awaken them to something within their own family; to begin to cause them to see and to understand, that they would be in a better condition to relate to the boy and help him, and in doing so, fulfil the responsibility of parents, and being able to become a more effective instrument in Your hands, to see deliverance come to members of their own family, that even though the other family members who were not yet saved, could have even been assisted now that they possessed the understanding of where the family stood naturally, that they would have a channel to talk to them in, Lord.

So, dear God, I realize tonight, that when we lack revelation of certain things... We might have the Holy Ghost, but still yet be in a place, where the Holy Ghost cannot work in and through us, because He is bound in certain places because of a wrong concept or a partial view, Lord. It would take us seeing clearer, to be able to move into action and grasp the initiative, where we will be in a position to minister unto those that are connected to us, then we could see the home being revolutionized.

Rebekah was crying, Lord, in such grief of mind. She felt that she was going to die almost, when she saw what was happening with the very children, oh God, that she had raised. She and Isaac were living out that Mystery of Christ and the Church in the home connected to the evening messenger, but yet dear God, they saw those children, Lord, under the pressures of the Age, under the influences, Lord, and they had to move quickly.

After they had seen what had happened to Esau, marrying into that family, dear God, out of which Amalek even came, and in Your Mind You said, that You'll blot Amalek out from under heaven, a cursed family, a family that was to be destroyed and rooted up. Yet dear God, that was what he had come and married into, not taking into consideration, not looking back past the person whose beauty attracted him, the shape and the statistics; the influence of the modern time.

But looking down through that lineage and seeing and understanding; we seemed to have come so far away from that today, Father. We seemed to have a kind of superficial understanding about Christianity. But dear God, this is the Word and this is what enlightens us. May, as parents with children, may, as leaders in our own home, may, as one who has the responsibility to teach our families and instruct them, dear God, we can relate to them, that when times like these come and there are strong emotional pulls in their lives, yet, Lord, they will know that as much as they feel being pulled, they will seek godly wisdom and direction, counsel from the fathers and mothers who have shown to be stable, who have shown, dear God, to be wise in their decisions, who have shown, dear God, that by the way they raised those children, they've established such a relationship and a bond that nothing, Lord, is too difficult to be able to sit and discuss.

Even though, dear God, that there might be barriers, yet, Lord, we as a church family who sometimes, Lord, are able to have influence with different ones, members of other families, we can use that influence to help create greater respect in the children's heart for their parents. And, Lord, it will help us even to fellowship with parents that they will be able to know the things that even bother the children.

So many a times, Father, people create such difficulties in homes, by trying to break down the influence with the parents, by trying, dear God, to take the place that the very parents, dear God, that You put the children under in a home, being so unwise not knowing how to use the influence, and dear God, many a times we see how it hurts the Body, Father. We see the results that could have come out of these things; how we failed to derive the kind of results.

Help us tonight, Lord. We realize the great challenge, Lord. Many of us, we didn't come out of real sound Christian homes, Lord, especially me. How I would have

loved maybe a daddy to sit down and talk with me, as a young boy growing up, or a mother, dear God, who would have had some knowledge in the Word that could take me aside and talk to me. Looking back at my own home and seeing the frustration my mother was under, and Lord, the ways that my father had. It was only by Your grace, dear God.

Lord, You gave me a father through the Prophet and the counsel, You laid in the books and the tapes. Had it not been for that Voice, dear God, that I could have sat down and been instructed, that You could put the confidence in my heart that, that was Your mouthpiece, that I could have drunk in that Word and submit myself, and even though I didn't know him in the flesh, when I heard that Word, Lord, I could just lay aside my own thoughts and took what he had said and applied it to my life.

No doubt, many of us were like that, Father, but since then, dear God, You've given us the Assembly here, a church home. Lord God, we saw many families become families right here in the duration of the Assembly: children that were babies, dedicated, today they are young men and young women, Lord God, looking to be married and even have their own families.

Many of us who thought, Lord, that the Rapture would have long taken place, realize dear God, what a great responsibility is before us. Dear God, when we are faced with things, we realize that we have to go deep, as deep as we can search many a times. We realize, Lord, we are deficient in so many places, and we are not developed as we ought to in so many areas of our lives, where we see the need even to become stronger and more balanced and better developed, Lord, to be able to cope properly and be able to affect our children and have the right influence.

And so, we come to You tonight, Father, knowing You are able to give to us what we have need of. Lord, we are humbling ourselves before You. We are opening our

hearts and we are not trying to pretend and make-believe and try to create some impression.

Lord, I look sometimes at the young people in the Assembly, the way they carry about themselves. Sometimes it makes you wonder, Father. Don't the parents see these things? How do they deal with it? What is happening?

Oh God, we realize, dear God, it is going to take Your Holy Spirit, otherwise we will be just like that boy – there will be things in us, we just wouldn't be able to do, Father. Send that Holy Spirit, Lord, not just to witness about the doctrine of the Message, not just to talk about things, Lord, in the religious realm, but to empower us and strengthen us in places where we see that we struggle, in places where we see that the... [Tape skips -Ed.] ... and complete control over the conditions that rise up before us.

We want to be good parents too, Lord. We don't just want to be good church members; we want our homes to have a spiritual atmosphere. We want to be able to counsel our children; wise counsel. We want to be able to befriend them and make some of their most difficult problems look simple to them. We want to be able to be sensitive, when they have tensions and pressures in their mind, and they are afraid to approach us, when they have failed, and they feel embarrassed and they bring, Lord God, even the family's name to shame, that we'll be able to reach them, that they wouldn't have to evade; they wouldn't have to hide and cover up.

We also want to be firm, Father, where we need to be firm, that we'll not just be permissive, because love is corrective and love rebukes and chastens. But yet, we don't want to become dogmatic and critical and resentful towards them, for it is written in Your Word, "Parents, provoke not your children." And it is also written that children obey your parents, and we know that it takes love to bring obedience. Help us, Lord.

Take us deep in these places, where we can be a strong church, a church rooted and grounded and established, matured. We believe that You hear us tonight. We believe that You see our needs and as best as we try to express and define the areas, even where our language cannot bring out clearly, Lord, You know our hearts where we desire to see Your Holy Spirit come down and give us strength where it is so greatly needed; You'll pour it down there for us, Lord. May You grant it, Father.

Our homes could be happier. The house of God could be a happy place for them, Lord. They would not just have to try to look for joy and excitement outside the house of God, but be happy to serve God. They will see the joy in serving Christ. And we can lead them to that, Father. We can teach them of prayer. What we teach them, they will see exemplified in our lives, Lord; there will be no double standards. Help us, Lord. Sometimes, we have little influence because we live one thing and say something else, but let our lives be the real influence upon them.

May You help us even with one another, that we'll support each other; Lord, to be quicker to support and encourage and bear up, rather than be quick to spread tales and rumors and criticize and pull down. A foolish woman plucked down her own house, but a wise woman buildeth up her house. Lord, this house, Your Assembly here, may we build it up, Lord. May we not pluck it down and ruin it, but may we contribute to it being established in becoming rooted and grounded.

As we leave this place tonight, go with us, Lord. Go with each and everyone of us. Keep these things in our hearts and may it help all of us, Lord. We thank You, Father. We bless Your wonderful Name, tonight. We believe that we have received what we asked for. We don't believe we are asking amiss tonight; we believe that we are asking according to Your will, Lord, and we thank You for the assurance we feel. Blessed be Your

wonderful Name. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

Let's just lift our hands to Him and just thank Him. We appreciate You, Jesus. We appreciate You, Lord. You are the greatest Parent. You are the extreme Parent. The way You dealt with Your children in the Bible was the example You laid for us, Lord.

We saw where David fell and we saw how You restored him, Lord. You didn't let him live with a complex for the rest of his life; You could have restored him to his joy. We saw how You brought Abraham back after he lied and backslid, but he could have confidence to come all the way to see Jehovah-Jireh. He didn't live under guilt, oh God, and didn't believe that he could have confidence with You again. We saw Jacob, Lord, oh God, how You taught him, Father; how You took him and You changed him and blessed him.

We saw Peter and Paul even in their weaknesses, how as a wise, loving Father, You dealt with them: a son who had tried to destroy the Church but You could have dealt with him in such a way that he lived to serve You the way he did; that Lord, You could give Peter responsibility, even though You knew that he was going to fail in so many places, yet You restored him. And when he couldn't even confess in Agapo Love, "I love You, Lord," when You asked him, "Lovest thou Me?" You showed him he could do it and he should do it. But after confessing Phileo two times, he turned around the third time and confessed, "Yes, I love You," because You knew how to bring him back to have that confidence, not in his own flesh but in knowing that You loved him, that You could say, "Go tell My disciples *and* Peter," that when he was down and needed to be lifted up, You knew just how to mention his name in there, Father, and give him that special blessing to renew his faith and courage.

Oh God, help us with ours, Lord. Give us the skill. We realize it is a skill; it is a way. Teach us that way.

Oh, may You grant it, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus.

O! to be like Thee. Oh, we have a baptism; the mother of Bro. Michael James.

[Bro. Vin instructs one of the Ministers to get ready for the baptism –Ed.]

I want you to go home and have faith. Forget what the circumstances are. I want you to be humble where you have acted wrong too, might have even got on badly, might have even given ultimatums, that you are going to just move your mind and yourself aside and you are going to put the Word there now, and see the importance of building up your own house; see what is required of us. Let God give you the grace to do it.

If you have to leave, you can leave. We are just going to have this baptism. I'd forgotten it, otherwise I would have... You may have your seats. 108, let's sing this little song: O, to be like Thee.

[#108 - Songs That Live –Ed.]

... *to be like Thee...*

... *blessed Redeemer,*

... *blessed Redeemer,*

This is my constant longing and prayer;

Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,

Will you do that tonight?

Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

O! to be like Thee, O! to be like Thee

Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;

Come in Thy sweetness

Oh, God, come in Thy fullness, tonight.

Stamp Thine Own image deep in my heart.

O! to be like Thee, full of compassion,

Loving, forgiving,

Oh, we want to be tender and kind. We don't want to be callous; we don't want to be hard.

Helping the helpless...

Oh, not criticizing, but cheering the fainting.

Seeking the wandering sinner to find.

Next verse: O! to be like Thee, lowly in spirit. He said,
“Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart.”

... lowly in spirit.

Holy and harmless, patient and brave;

Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,

Willing to suffer...

Sometimes you have to suffer to redeem, friends. You can't redeem without suffering.

... others to save.

You have to bear that shame at times.

O! to be like Thee...

That is what it is going to take – a life full of compassion.

... blessed Redeemer...

That is what Jesus had to be to get us out from the condition that we were in. That is what it will take for our loved ones. It is going to take Him inside of us to do it.

Come in Thy sweetness, Lord.

I'm opening my heart to You. I am making a place for more of Your Holy Spirit, Lord. I'm digging up the ditches tonight.

Come in Thy fullness;

Stamp Thine Own image deep in my heart.

Oh, to be like Thee...

I have heard Your Word tonight, Lord; It touched me in some deep places.

Lord, I am coming, coming Lord,

Now to receive the Anointing Divine.

All that I am and have I am bringing,

Lord, from this moment...

No more reservations!

... all shall be Thine.

Everyone singing: O, to be like Thee. The Bible said we are predestinated to be conformed into His Own

image. When we see Him, we shall be like Him. We shall see Him as He is. Make me more like You tonight. Oh, He is our Redeemer.

... pure as Thou art.

Such a great God but can be so humble; stoop so low, go so deep to take His children from the filth they were in; bring us back, wash us and make us clean; put us back in our rightful place.

Stamp Thine Own image...

That is the image!

... deep on my heart.

Amen. Our sister said, "She wanted to talk to me." And one of the brothers had talked to her and she, I guess, came up and she wanted me to talk to her, and she said, "That she wanted me to pray for her." And I feel so sorry tonight... You know, I have some sisters from Argentina, three of them coming in tonight and I guess I got kind of taken up with that and having to pick them up in the airport.

I had called earlier in the day to make arrangements for the baptism and ensure that the pool was full, but then, when I came in the evening just with the little message on my heart, trying to come up, I didn't walk with my clothes, because she wanted me to do the baptism. And I hope she doesn't mind. And her confidence is that she is being baptized correctly and scripturally even by one of the Ministers in the church, but I just want to, at least, say a word of prayer for her. Let us just bow our heads. I know that would make her feel that much better. Amen. I would just unite together with my brother here.

Lord, with bowed hearts in Your great Presence, looking at our dear sister at this stage of her life, Father, when she has almost come to the end of the road, baptized as a young girl since about eighteen years, Lord, tried to live in the way that she knew and conceived in the form of Christianity that she was introduced to.

But dear God, right out of her very own womb came children, children that she raised and came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ at a young age: Bro. Alexander, Lord, one of the Sunday School teachers; Bro. Michael, Lord, one of the ushers; Sis. Patricia, Lord, one who helps with the notice board and the information and the news and these things, all of them actively involved in the work; lights, dear God, shining right before her own eyes.

Dear God, she has come to even see that her baptism is unscriptural, Lord, and desiring, oh God, to come and be rebaptized tonight, walking in humility, in sincerity, to the knowledge of the Truth that You have made known to her. And gracious Father, we hold her up before You tonight, knowing dear God, the sincerity of her heart, Lord, and the spirit of obedience that she has come to the pool in, knowing oh God, that she has seen greater Light: a Light, dear God, that she desires to walk in; a Light, dear God, that we pray will unfold with every step that she will make, that You will cause her to grow in grace and in knowledge, that she, by receiving Your Holy Spirit, will become that very Light, Lord, the very Light for this Age.

Almighty God, even now, she stands here to recon herself dead, realizing that she is standing in this watery grave, coming to be buried, oh God, knowing dear God, that she has made that separation from the world and the organization and the things of this world to come and give herself unreservedly to You, offering herself as a living sacrifice, knowing oh God, that as she is being immersed, the old man is being put away, that the very Blood that was shed on Calvary's Cross, the very Lamb of God that was slain for the remission of her sins, the very sacrifice that she is coming to be identified with tonight, Lord God, the merits of that work will be so applied to her, as she raises up, she will rise up in the newness of Life, that Your very Holy Spirit, Lord, will bring Your new Covenant into such effect, You will write

Your laws in her heart and in her mind; her sins and iniquities You will remember no more. The old things will pass away and all things will become new.

As Your servant stands to baptize her upon the confession of her faith tonight, may she be loosed completely, Father, Lord God, from every sin, knowing dear God, that she has repented and has confessed these things, placing them in the Bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ, and now coming to be baptized, Lord, for the remission of it. Then dear God, You said though our sins be as scarlet, it shall be white as snow; though it be red as crimson, it shall be white as wool. Grant it, Father.

Most of all, dear God, may Your Holy Spirit, Father, open up Your Truth to her in such a way and send down the seal of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Lord, that she will know she is a sealed unit, a finished work, Father, sealed unto the Day of Redemption, sealed unto her destination, Father; the signs of Your ownership in her life. Grant it, Lord.

Bless her tonight. She has honored You, Lord. She has received Your Word and she has acted upon It. Now Father, may You honor as You said, "If you are not ashamed to confess Me, confess My Name before men, I will not be ashamed to confess your name before My Father and His holy angels." So let it be done, Father, for her, in the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it, amen.

[Sis. Queenie James is baptized -Ed.]

Amen. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord Jesus. Thank You, Lord.

[#177 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Grace, grace...

Let us just sing: Marvelous Grace! Grace, grace, God's grace.

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that is greater than all our sins.

Once more: Grace, grace.
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sins.

Isn't that wonderful? I think I'm forgetting Sis. Laura, because she is one that came in too. I guess because she is a 'Bernard' now, I didn't think of her in that way but I'm seeing her standing there for her mom. And it is four of them that God raised up in that family and now to see their dear mother come in, I am sure they are very happy. And it is just tremendous what God can do. Amen?

Also: *Sis. Betty John wishes to thank the Lord for His Divine intervention when bandits attempted to hijack their vehicles today.*

Could we lift our hands and say Praise the Lord? Amen. You know, God watches over the widows. Brother, here is a widow; her husband is gone and she has a little vehicle trying to bring in an income for her family and the bandits wanted to come and take it. But isn't God wonderful? Amen. God made sure they couldn't take that car, (amen, amen,) because that is her income. That is providing for her family: putting food on their table; helping them with the expenses. Amen. I am certainly glad to know that even... We read it in the Bible but we can see it is happening here; it is still true. Amen. Brother, God spoke some very strong things to people who mistreat widows in the Bible, (amen,) so God certainly would not let them have that car.

Well, we have come to the end of the service. God bless you. I certainly would like to request your prayer. I will be in Tobago this weekend, taking some of the young people there as well, you know, giving a little exposure to some of the young boys and girls in the

Assembly and then at the same time, trying to have a couple of special meetings for the saints in Tobago and trying to give a lift to the work there as well and then also to try to have some informal talk with some of the believers because we certainly would like to see the work really pick up and move on.

Because there is so much we are trying to do. We are coming here in the *Couples' Meetings*, we are coming Fridays in the prayer meetings; we are coming on Sundays in the services. The brothers are out in Grenada and Tobago over there every week as well, and we are trying, as I mentioned to you, to upkeep the work in Grenada where we are trying to have services on a more regular basis and we will like your prayer in all these things to be remembered.

And then, it was really, really nice the other... I think it was two weeks ago we asked for that offering at the end of the meeting for the books that we were to print, and we needed about five thousand dollars and it was really wonderful; it was just the amount that was taken up right at the end of the service there, and that was really wonderful. It just shows the Lord really honored it and honored you for what you did.

Because sometimes, that is the way we should do it but we don't do it because we feel a complex, and we say just talk to somebody outside and then you go and it doesn't end up being done, and it keeps prolonging the work. And I think we need to have faith sometimes to ask the people; not be blushed to ask the people because the people have within them what it takes to do the work. Because if they don't have it within them, then there will be something wrong. And that is why I think that sometimes, you know, we need to have courage to speak the Word. Sometimes you feel that if you speak the Word, you are going to offend the people. I think we learnt that from Ezra, when Ezra prayed, the people wept, they cried and they took sides against their own selves.

And I think after Sunday's message, Sunday's message I think was very, very outstanding, and I trust that maybe you'll hear it again and try to grasp what was said. And since then, I have been looking at it even a little more because there is something there, I think, that has opened. The way it has opened is very remarkable and it is a way to inspire us to be perseverant regardless of what obstacles we have. When you see it in the Word, you can walk in it. And I think the way the Holy Spirit put it for us, we can walk in it.

So, take courage, be strong, go forward in faith and may God give you a wonderful time on Sunday. And you know, we are just going to be a few over there; we are going to be, maybe, about fifty or so. You might be close to a thousand here, but give God your best when you come out, (amen,) and let us just see everything prosper by God's grace. We certainly would like to get things in place.

And to the men, please, those things that we discussed in the *Men's Meetings* and last week, we are working on those things. The trustees, the deacons, are getting together and are trying to get these things fine-tuned and we are going to present more of that to you. And we are trying all that we know best how to do but it is going to take the effort of all of us. And let us start to catch that and be willing to do that and get more involved and I know God will bless you for it.

And maybe—I was thinking, you know, to have some special meetings this year and to invite some brothers and have it just for the people. You know, sometimes you bring ministry in and sometimes you want to have God's leadership to bring the right ministry in where you don't get double work and you don't have work to go and do, but when a ministry comes in, it can meet the needs. And so, I know it is always good to have other Ministers come in from outside. Sometimes it strengthens the faith of the people, it helps us in a great

way, it helps others in a great way, and it is always good that the church gets more and more exposed.

And then at the same time, we are going to have even a couple of sessions of meetings for ourselves as well, when the inspiration is breaking, (instead of us waiting until we come back on Wednesday,) that we can get the full effect of it; maybe just a couple of services and we will like to do that.

So, I don't know how things are going for some of you. I know that your hands are full, you have a whole lot, you are busy sometimes, but then sometimes you know when you speak up and you say, "You know, I think it will be nice; now will be a good time; we really want to be involved," and then when we call upon some of you who kind of help with the maintenance, you know, you have to come and help do the clean-up with Bro. Sanchez and Bro. Joe: Bro. Joe with all the external maintenance; Bro. Sanchez with all the internal maintenance. And these are the two trustees that have their squads with them, who take care of the grounds; who take care of the buildings. Please give your support and don't just leave it on a few people alone.

And we are certainly trying to get a better hold of things that we would be able to visit some of you all. And I hope that you don't feel that we are barging in on you when the time comes but we certainly would like to come out in the areas, when we get this little thing set up, and visit some of you. And we would maybe, like to, not just meet with you here but meet with you out in your locality. And we are hoping to set up some of that.

And I trust that you don't feel bad to maybe, if you have a little place in your home, to open it up sometimes. And this will be fellowship. This will not just be social visits to come to eat and drink, and as one brother said, carry home little bags and so on, but this is just coming in for prayer, support, spiritual support and things like that, to help bring the body a little more clannish; a little more unified.

And when the time comes and we can't gather together like this as a body, then you who live in a certain area could be gathered together and feel clannish with each other in your area and as a body, we can still be unified, though not gathered together in one locality. And God will make us a good church, a strong church; we will see the Holy Spirit take us from strength to strength. Aren't you desiring that – to see the church become stronger?

And all of you who are workers, sometimes we don't get a chance to mention you, but God sees your sacrifice; we see it. And forgive us if we don't mention it sometimes; you know how it is. I am one bad for announcements. I certainly want to give every form of encouragement that I can give to every brother, every sister, every family that comes to the Assembly. Just support with your presence, with your prayers, with your offerings, your tithings. It is all these things that help the work go on and continue to go on and spread out and go out into other places, and what we can do as an Assembly. If it is not for you, we will not be able to do anything.

And sometimes, you know, some of you, you can only barely make it out on service days because you don't have your own transport. You just try to be there on service days. Some of you who have, maybe, not enough income to come to every service, though as much as we like to, and we pray that God bless you, and everyone would be able to have sufficient to come. And then those who don't have, can receive help to come; they wouldn't just be a Sunday Christian or we try to be here. If it is a *Men's Meeting*, all the men can come out. If it is a *Sister's Meeting*, all the sisters can come out. If it is a young people's meeting, all the young people can come out. If it is a family meeting, all the families can come out.

We would like to be a church that could be an example, that when others in the Message from the

island come around and they see the quality of spirit among us, they see the unity amongst us, they see us doing something outside of our own walls, they could be inspired. They could realize it is a more excellent way, that we can set a right standard; a right influence.

Not trying to compete and be better; that is carnality. But when you see a strong brother and a strong sister, it helps you when you are weak. And when you see somebody having strength and getting a hold of something that you don't have a hold of, it opens up a way for you to walk in those places. And so, we would like to be as a family, as a church, as an individual, in whatever way, and may God bless you and prosper you.

And think of each other. Try to be friendly. Try to expand your friendship. Don't leave your friendship to just the few people that you are friends with for the last twenty years and then you don't know any others. Make more friends in the Assembly. Get close to other people. Realize that when you become friendly with people, they have confidence in you; they see that you care; they open up to you, and then you will be in a better position to help, and then the Body becomes a little more knitted together by love. When you stay at a distance, it is hard to help them.

You say, "What about you, you?" Well, it is hard for me to be with the people and be with God at the same time. I can be a good socializer. I wish I could but then the kind of ministry that I have, it doesn't entail much socializing. That is why I try to get my deacons, and my trustees, and my other Ministers, to try to do as much because I try to take the burden to see the work go where it goes, and to preach and try to stay under the influence of the Word.

And then, I have a ministry outside of this church as well, that I need to be out there, in the region, around the world because it is a great standard. The things in the Word are to help in different regions and to strengthen, and I want to be faithful to that. And that is

why this little piece of galvanize and wood and old iron that we got and put up here, as Bro. Branham said, "This little piece of brick and stone is known around the world."

The reason it was known around the world and inspired and influenced many around the world, was because of what it stood for. He tried to keep it spiritual. He tried to keep it right. No big *I*'s and no little *you*'s; just by example; just to leave it the right way.

Maybe we saw our children grow up and now many of us become more family oriented. Years ago, we didn't have families. Years ago, some of us had little children. Now we need even to have things as adults in the church that our children, growing up, can come into a real experience, feel comfortable in the house of God, feel loved and appreciated in the house of God; glad when they say, "Let us go in the house of the Lord." And so, that is going to take all of us as workers.

Get with the young ones. Let them realize that you might be getting old but you are not getting starchy; you might be getting old but you didn't forget how to be friendly; you didn't forget how to be young. Because when you get older, you get wiser; you learn to do things better. You may not have enough zeal and enthusiasm, you may not have enough strength, maybe, to do a whole lot but your wisdom helps you to get by and do what you have to do because you know how to conserve your energy and you know how to do it the right way. So, let us all take that responsibility too, to help each home and know the importance. Because do you know something? If you cast bread on the water, it will come back to you. Amen? God bless you.

Singing I love You, I love You, as we go. See you on Friday. Well, I wouldn't see you on Friday because I leave on Friday; just in Tobago, twenty-one miles away. Saints from Cedros are coming further than that than where I will be. But the saints over there will be glad because they wanted me to come there for so long. I'm

here, I'm in Africa, I'm in New Zealand and then they have to come over here to hear me preach sometimes. But I am going to be there, make it special just for them; preach my heart out by God's grace. I hope the Word doesn't kill them but just help them.

But we certainly want to be happy in the Lord in this Hour especially. Do you know why? It is nearer to Home. Now we should be more happy. And do you know something? When you look around and you see the church full, close to the Coming of the Lord, oh, you want to be happy. Do you know why? Because some have hung on and you see that some, it took a lot of scars and a lot of beating but they are still here tonight. With all the beating and all the scars, they are hanging on; holding on. Encourage them! Encourage them! Amen. Encourage them, by the grace of God and God will bless us and God will increase us.

[#581 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Singing, I love You, Lord

Singing, I love You...

God richly bless you. May His peace go with you and His blessings be upon you.

