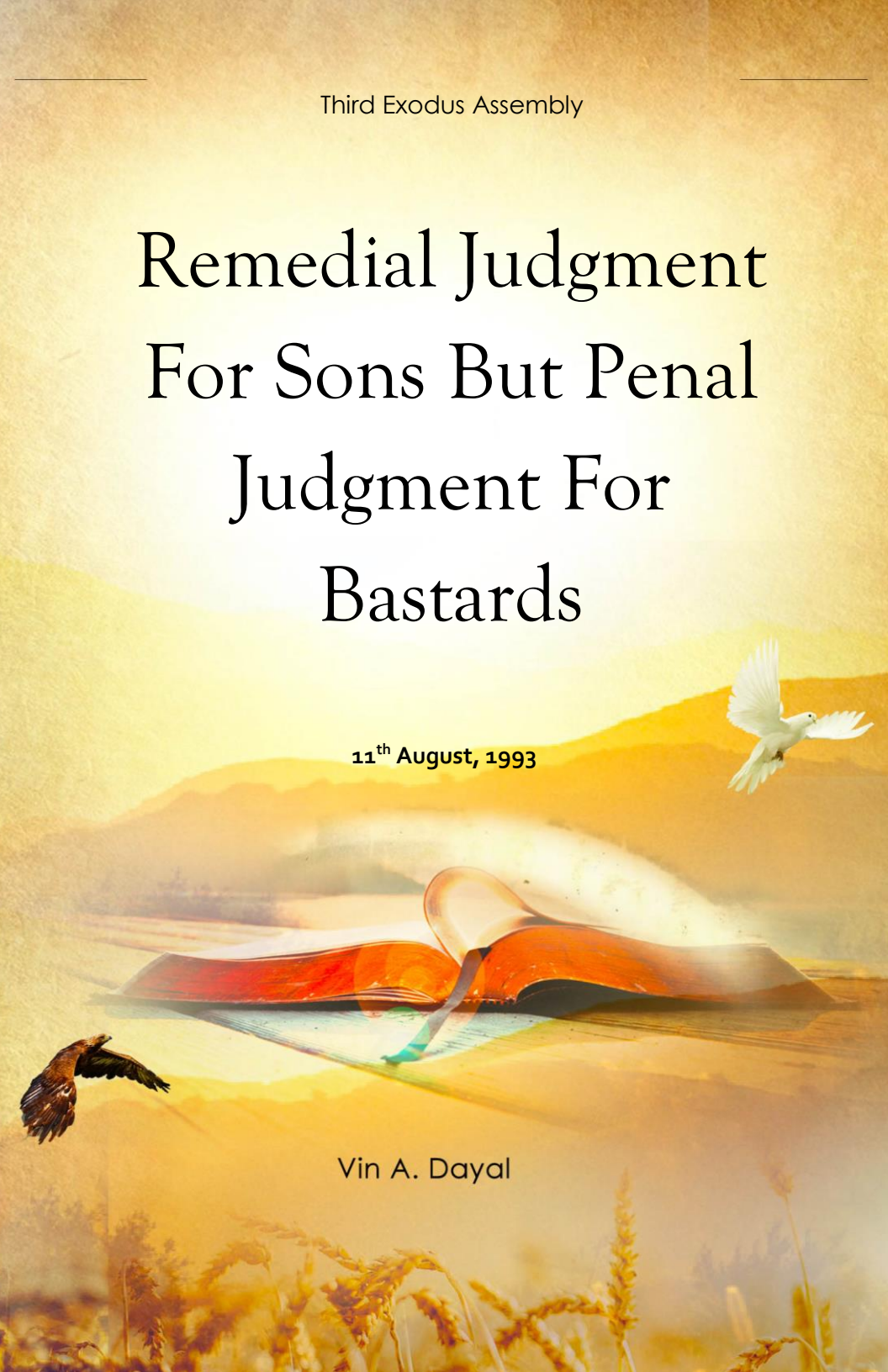

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The background of the entire page is a golden-hued landscape. In the foreground, there are stalks of grain. In the middle ground, an open book with glowing, reddish-orange pages lies on the ground. A white dove is flying in the sky on the right side, and a dark eagle is flying on the left side. The overall atmosphere is warm and spiritual.

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[#246 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*It's the Life behind the Name,
That makes the proud heart humble;
It was God who devised a plan,
That in all things like a man,
He would live, so He could give,
Give us the Life behind the Name.*

Amen. One more time.

*It's the Life behind the Name,
That makes the demons tremble;
It's the Life behind the Name,
That makes the proud heart humble;
It was God who devised a plan,
That in all things like a man,
He would live, so He could give,
Give us the Life behind the Name.*

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. He gave us the Life behind the Name. I thought Bro. Brian might have taught the saints this song. We learnt it in Tucson. I wouldn't even attempt trying to sing it, because you know, I start—I am not a singer. Amen. It's a song that goes like this; it says:

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
That's what Jesus is,
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
Without the Way, there is no going,
Without the Truth, there is no knowing,
Without the Life, there is no living,
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

Do you remember it, Sis. Margaret? What about you Sis. Susan? You remember it but, are you feeling a little ashamed to sing it? I think that will make me try it. Amen. If I try it, maybe it might come back to your memory. Amen.

Do you remember it? [Bro. Vin speaks to a brother -Ed.] Alright, you come here and take this mic here. Amen. I believe that this evening. Do you believe that? He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Feel free, worship Him.

I felt so good when I heard the shout of the King in the camp this evening. Just feel free. Amen? I believe God has a blessing in store for us.

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
That's what Jesus says,
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,*

[A brother sings -Ed.]

No, you know that is not it. Amen. Ok You can't remember it? When he sang that, he threw me for a loop. What I had, I can't even remember what I had now. Amen. Sing it. I am afraid to try it. To tell you the truth, I am feeling scared to try it.

Can't you remember it? If I start, you will remember it. I might start like him. Amen.

Let's just sing: [#311 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Now unto the King Eternal,
Immortal, Invisible,
The only wise God,
Be honour and glory,
forever and ever,
Amen...*

*Now unto the King Eternal,
Immortal, Invisible,
The only wise God,
Be honour and glory,
forever and ever,
Amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen.*

One more time
*Now unto the King Eternal,
Immortal, Invisible,
The only wise God,
Be honour and glory,
forever and ever,
Amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen.*

Amen, for the last time; everyone now.

*Now unto the King Eternal,
Immortal, Invisible,
The only wise God,
Be honor and glory,
forever and ever,
Amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen.*

Amen. Praise His Wonderful Name. He is worthy to be praised. Let's turn our Bibles to the Book of 2nd Kings; we want to read a little portion of the Word in Chapter 5.

You know, I had to leave home early this morning. I had an appointment in Port of Spain, and by the time it was over, I didn't even have time to get back home. I thought I would get back to go home and I just had to abandon that thought and just come over here by the tabernacle and wait. I rang Bro. Willie [Bro. Adonis Williams - Ed.] and told him to bring a tie for me. And I'm just trying to fulfill this appointment here.

I was just there in the office, meditating on the Lord, and He just seemed to put a Scripture in my heart to preach this evening. I just kind of jotted down one or two little things. So I am just expecting a blessing. I like it when it is that way sometimes, it is fresh in your heart right there on the spot, amen. I just want to preach—take it like a little drama this evening and preach about one or two young people here in the Bible.

2nd Kings, Chapter 5.

¹ Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

² And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

That is why she was a servant in the household.

³ And she said unto her mistress, Would [to] God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would [cure] him of his leprosy.

⁴ And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

⁵ And the king of Syria said, Go [now], and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel.

Now you notice how the Bible is giving out that there, just giving you little instances. You know, It said, "She spoke to her mistress." Another time, one went in (not the mistress,) one went in and spoke to his lord. Then another time it reached to the king of Syria. A little girl's testimony reached the king of Syria, the highest authority in the land in that day. And then he told his general, he said:

⁵ ...Go [now], and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent

Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest [cure] him of his leprosy.

⁷ And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to [cure] a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

⁸ And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger unto him...

He didn't go himself, he sent his messenger.

...sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

¹¹ But Naaman was wroth...

He was angry.

...and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me...

"I thought." You see? That was his own conception that if anything must be done for him, how it must be done for him. He said:

...I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and [cure] the leper.

¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of

Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

¹³ And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

¹⁴ Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

Oh, he was happy now. He was all enthused now. You see? All enthused now because he was made whole; he had been healed.

¹⁶ But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

The prophet won't receive any of that.

¹⁷ And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

¹⁸ In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself

in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

¹⁹ And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

²⁰ But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

Right there you see a spirit of covetousness. Nothing was offered to him. He had nothing to do with it. But he felt, since he saw the attitude of the man to give something, he thought he was going to capitalize on that little opportunity and get something for himself.

²¹ So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

²² And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying...

See? He had to use the prophet's name conveniently for his own purposes.

...Behold, even now there [are] come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

²³ And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

²⁴ And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went [not there nor here].

“You know, I was just kind of walking around a little bit, you know, no place in particular, just killing some time.”

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever.

That leprosy that was in Syria and came all the way from Syria and was washed away in the Jordan, came right on the person who was right next to the prophet there all the time; the closest one it seemed to be to the prophet.

...And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

And that is when it is in its worst stage – as white as snow.

Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes for a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, this little story we have just read in the Bible, it took place many, many, many years ago. So many people are mentioned right here in this one chapter: a little maid, Naaman, the king of Syria, Naaman’s wife, the prophet, his servant, the king of Israel; the companies of soldiers.

Father, we pray as we meditate a little tonight and focus our attention and wait before Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that You would bring to us an understanding from this Scripture, as I felt that Your Holy Spirit attracted my attention to It in the room while thinking upon what I could say, Lord, desiring to study a little bit today and

didn't have the time, but Lord, it seemed that You had This in store for us.

I pray now, as we are gathered here, and we have just read this Scripture, Lord, Your Presence would take It and make It real. Take It and make It in a little drama for us this evening, that It could come alive, that It will not be something of yesterday, but something of today, something that, Lord, we are all brought and tied in to this Scripture; Lord, where the inspiration of It could fill our hearts and we could benefit by what lessons we will be taught from It Father, to be better Christians in Your service. Grant it, Lord, this evening.

Bless each and everyone. Bless the strangers in our gates also and may You get honor and glory in the service. We will not fail to give You the praise and the thanks, for we ask it in Jesus' precious Name and for His sake, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. I want to take it like a little drama this evening and kind of talk to you a little bit, so we just kind of just get caught up in the inspiration of the little message.

You know, we try to make it very simple in the young people's service because I believe that here, we could just deal in simplicity, that God could make it simple even for the youngest ones amongst us, whose minds maybe are not built up to that place where they could understand deeper things. Because Paul said, "As newborn babes, many desire the sincere milk of the Word." [1st Peter 2:2 -Ed.] And as we grow, then God continually changes our diet and our appetite, for other things open up as we get more built up in the Scriptures.

But you know, sometimes in a little drama, something that we could focus our attention on, in the Scriptures, it could make things so real. I remember Bro. Branham would preach messages many times about the disciples on the boat. Many of you remember a message I preached here some time ago called, *Come*

[1986-0720 -Ed.], and the testimony on the sea and in the boat. And then one time I preached a little message: *He Has To Pass This Way* [1985-0228 -Ed.] for blind Bartimaeus.

You know, it was a little drama that he gave many times. But the Prophet had such a strange way by the Holy Spirit to make a little drama. And as we get into the drama, we realize how living the Bible is. And when the Bible becomes alive and we could read It in the Spirit and we could enter into the lessons that are taught there in the pages of the Book, we could become so inspired to realize how relevant the Scriptures are, even present tense.

May that stimulate a desire in our hearts even to read the Word and to study the Word. Many times we try to maybe study deep things as a scholar that maybe it will take a ministerial gift to tie together and bring down, or we can't grasp it. And because we can't grasp it, we feel, maybe we are not part of it and we feel maybe left out, and we feel that maybe we are not getting revelation as we should, because maybe we are trying to see things from a level that God is not expecting us to see it to that level. Because He will not be able to use us in that capacity in our lives, because of what He has called us for.

If He has called you as a school girl, or He has called you as a young man or a young woman, or a young, married woman now entering into the role of a housewife, or whatever it is, in there, God could teach you things. And we know God teaches us in the environment He has placed us.

As I was preaching there on Sunday and I was speaking about even a little baby, that God has a little baby there sometimes. And you know somebody says, "Cuchi, cuchi, cuchi" and they play with the baby and they try to talk to the baby in baby language. And then you know, the baby starts to cry and cry and fret. And then the mother would say, "Ah, the baby wants to nurse." She takes the baby, puts the baby on the breast

and begins to nurse the baby, and the baby gets quiet. And those things become acceptable to you, to the natural eye, as you see a mother taking care of her baby.

But as you get anointed with the Holy Spirit, you see the El Shaddai saying, "Nurse from Me, the breasted One." Amen. You see, that's the only thing to satisfy the fretting baby, amen, is that she could nurse on the Word of God. You could see that when the baby begins to cry, how quickly the mother drops everything and attends to the baby.

You know, God teaches us right there. And God tells us so many times, "Cry for what you want. Your heart is too hard. You have no tears. Get down and cry." Amen. "I am waiting for you to cry. You don't have to try to explain, come and speech Me off when you come to pray; just cry." Amen. "You are a baby. I understand you." Amen. "I know what you have need of, even before you ask."

Then sometimes the baby there, you see, as the Bible says, "Be men in understanding, but be children in malice." [1st Corinthians 14:20 -Ed.] Because little children, they don't hold a grudge. They are innocent. Brother, somebody may speak to them for some wrong that they may do, they may as we say in the local language, you may 'boof' [scold -Ed.] them and they may kind of feel bad and embarrassed for a little while, and the next two minutes they are happy again. You call them and they come right away.

But a big person, you embarrass them now, brother, they are going to let you know they are displeased. You go to talk to them next time and they give you a cold shoulder for about two weeks. And then there has to be some situation for them to maybe come and talk to you, that is going to bring them talking to you. But if they could have their own way, they will never talk to you in life again. People are like that. And sometimes, you know, a baby is right there and we need to be taught things.

I was reading; in prayer, it was coming to me. This last week, I was testifying to some of the brothers. I was there praying and praying and I said, "Lord," talking to the Lord, and a Scripture just kept coming to me in my mind. I opened my Bible and I saw It right there before me: "*Consider the way of the ant.*" [Proverbs 6:6 -Ed.] "*Consider the way of the ant. Consider the way of the ant.*" And I happened to think of that; I said, "Wait a minute, I remember I have a National Geographic Magazine sometime back that has something about ants." And as I pulled the National Geographic magazine, one about two years back, off my shelf and I opened it up to the article on the ant, it begins the article by saying, "The ancient writer of the Book of Proverbs says, 'Consider the way of the ant.'"

Now when something happens to you like that, you know it is God trying to tell you something. So I began to kind of read about the ant and they began to tell you, one of the most social creatures there is, is the ant. And they began to tell you about the ants and the cooperation of ants, how they come together, and how they are so unified.

Sometimes you see it in your home many times. You see two ants maybe pulling a dead bachac [leaf cutting ant - Ed.] or something, and they are going with him and they are struggling. And you can't even see where their nest really is. You are not going to take any time to follow them to see how long they are going to have to carry that heavy load. That load that they are carrying is maybe about four times their own weight. They are kind of struggling back and forth, but you see, they are not complaining. All of a sudden you see maybe two more run to their assistance; you don't know where they came from.

But then the people who are anthropologists [myrmecologists -Ed.] (I don't know if that is the right word,) but whoever studies the ants, they began to study them real closely under the microscope and put them in little

man-made communities and these things. And they kind of watch them and observe them through the camera.

They have the video camera on them and then they look at the film. After a while, they kind of watch their behavioral patterns and they realize that they send signals. They realize there are different types of ants: those who labor, there are those who guard the community; there is the queen. Brother, you know, she lays the eggs and produces more ants and these things. And each one of them has their own function. And many of them, they say, have different shapes for different types of services, and how are they so orderly. And I began to read that.

And then one time I remember hearing about the ant some years ago too where they said, "An ant has so much of courage." You walk in somewhere and you maybe trample on an ants' nest accidentally, brother, they will try to crawl all over your foot and bite you. And that ant there is seeing you maybe thousands upon thousands times bigger than him, but he is so courageous. He is not going to watch you so big and get scared and take off. Brother, he is going to let you know his indignation. Amen. He is going to bite you and let you know, "You trampled upon my home." Amen! Courageous (you see?) and determined.

No wonder, when Solomon said, "Consider the way of the ant"... And I began to think. I said, "Solomon was one of the wisest men, do you mean that man sat down a day, a big king who has ambassadors coming to and fro, has big cocktail parties... Maybe he used to go and see the racehorse like the old president or horse racing or whatever it is and entertain a lot of big people and these things. But then he even had time to sit down and observe the ants, because he realized there was a lesson in everything.

And when I realized it was the Holy Spirit saying, "Consider the way of the ant," I said, "Lord, so many

times maybe I will be looking up in encyclopedias trying to find something, maybe trying to ask somebody something, go in the library, do some research; maybe trying to go down and find some book that could edify me and help cultivate in me better ways to serve God. And right home, in front of me is an ant's nest, ants busy up and down, all in the kitchen sometimes. And what I will do is, go down and get a big tin of 'Real Kill' [insect killer spray -Ed.], wipe them out and destroy the very lesson that God put there."

Because when God has them there, He wants me to consider the way of the ant. He wants to show me harmony and unity and perseverance and courage and all these things; obedience; sacrifice. And here it is displayed in the ant. I said, "Lord, look at how tiny an ant is. But these great lessons, you will not find it in an elephant. But God has it in an ant, so simple and so normal."

But people wouldn't come down to the simplicity to look and observe and see how simple the ant really is. Sometimes they are watching this brother and they are watching this sister, and they think this one is spiritual and they think this one is spiritual, and they pick up their spirit and start to get like them, and they are only getting deformed. It will do them better to watch ants and consider the way of the ant (amen!) and see the kind of principles and characteristics in the life of the ant.

It just shows how God hides things. It is right there before us, in our own environment. And if we get in the Spirit, we can see God in everything.

You know, one time I was reading, (as we come to the text here quickly) I was reading something about the Bible. And this author was saying that the Bible is such a unique Book, that sometimes one little—a character, the life and character of a person is sketched in one verse or one sentence almost.

And this evening as we try to preach about **"THIS LITTLE CAPTIVE MAID WHOSE NAME WAS NOT**

MENTIONED"; if you want to call it that for the tape, alright: THE LITTLE CAPTIVE MAID WHOSE NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED.

People like to hear their name called. You go somewhere and you say... If I would stand up here tonight and I would talk and say, "Bro. Errol [Bro. Errol Pereira -Ed.] is a really precious brother. And the Lord has really blessed our Bro. Ricardo [Bro. Ricardo St. Hilarie -Ed.], he sings just so wonderfully. I really like how he sings that song. Or, Bro. Collin [Bro. Collin Wellington -Ed.] there is such a faithful brother." They may feel good in their hearts; nothing is wrong with that. Their names have been called and their names were mentioned. And then somebody may say, "Boy, that was the Holy Ghost calling my name there last night and talking about me." And they feel good that their name was called.

And then sometimes people feel badly and they say, "But he didn't call my name. I think I do more than that brother; I do more than that sister, and they never even called my name and kind of gave me a little honor or lifted me up a little bit, or let me be noticed by the people too that at least I'm a Christian and I am trying by the grace of God; that I want my little rose too."

But you know in the Bible here, this girl's name was not even mentioned. And the whole rest of the story was because of a girl who was not ashamed of the Gospel. She was not ashamed to testify about a prophet. Amen.

As I was thinking on this today, one little line shows such a character. And the Holy Spirit was kind of helping me in the office there, knowing I was going to have to come out and speak something and I didn't get the chance to study. And I was kind of waiting before the Lord. And it just shows how the Lord cares for His people in His service. Because He does things in a way sometimes that we could see, it is not us who are trying to do something; it is: God appoints it and God is going to take care of it, and God is going to furnish what we have need of in it.

And right there as it was coming to me, I began to see there, just meditating upon this little girl, I began to see so much of her life. That is our sister. We are going to meet her on the Other Side. She is recorded in the Book of Life. Her deeds follow her. The story has been preached from since that time; down through the Ages it has been preached out of the Bible. Even when Jesus came, He spoke about Naaman the Syrian, who was healed: many lepers in Samaria, but only one was Elisha sent to, which was Naaman.

So let us see then... We know when God does something in time, it is only the expression of the thought that God already had thought of before the foundation of the world. Do you realize that? There is nothing new under the sun. God thinks it first, then it happens. And when it happens... God doesn't just spontaneously react; God has foreknowledge. That is why all things work together for good to them that love God. That whatever happens, what you see on the screen, was on the film, amen, because only what was on the film will show on the screen. And only what is happening is what God already thought of. And His thoughts are Eternal. He never adds to His knowledge.

So in reading the Bible, which is a prophetic Book, we realize then that before the foundation of the world, God appointed there will be a little girl. God appointed she will be taken into captivity. God appointed she would go into a foreign land. God appointed that she was going to be a servant in a house. And God directed her to the right house.

If God directed you to the right family, knowing when you would be born... You had no choice in which family you wanted to be born in. You had no choice in which country you wanted to be born in. You had no choice in which race you wanted to be born in. You had no choice whether you wanted to be male or female. You had no choice what time you wanted to be born in. All these things were prearranged by God. And He had a purpose

in passing you that way. And through that way, He is revealing Himself to you.

Well, so it was with this girl also. And maybe her name might have been Laura or her name might have been Leslie-Ann or Dixie-Ann. See? Brother, her name was not mentioned. It doesn't just have to be a girl in this Age, it could be a boy too. We will get the brothers just now when I pick up Gehazi. But let me deal with the sisters for the time. Amen. Both of them knew about a prophet. Both of them were in that time. Both of them knew that the Word of God was being manifested in the earth in that day.

But watch something. This little girl, her name was not mentioned. And we find in the Bible there are many people whose names are mentioned and they did things that were not honorable to God. Cain, Judas, we could call them by name. Then we talk about the Shunammite woman. It doesn't say anything about her name at all. Then you hear about the little boy who gave his bread and fish to Jesus, his name was not mentioned.

But what is in a name? Or what does a name speak of? As we sang this song tonight: *It is the Life behind the Name*. The name only characterizes the life of that person.

A lot of people want to call their name—look in the Bible and get a Bible name of some loyal person or some person that God honored and say, "Call me that. That is my name." Amen. Well, if your life is not like that, then that is not your name. You are trying to give yourself a name. You can't give yourself any name; the Bible will reveal your name. The Holy Ghost will take your life and tie your behavior to who you are really behaving like and show you what your real name is. Amen.

So this little captive maid, let's just look at her a little bit as we kind of make it a little drama so we could break into the reality of what we are being taught here.

No doubt, in the Book of Kings, It speaks of many young people. If you notice, It started off in Chapter 2... After Elijah had gone up—in Chapter 2 Elisha stood there and saw him going up, and then he smote the Jordan and came back with the Spirit of Elijah. And that's a type of the Prophet and the Bride. Is that correct? So Elisha is the Bride. And here we are dealing with Elisha in the days after Elijah, a type of the Bride, in Samaria.

You know, Bro. Braham (not just to be sacrilegious) but he said, "A-B-R-A-H-AM." He said, "Look at that H-A-M at the end." Let me say, "A-R-I-A at the end." Amen. [Break in tape -Ed.] ...A-R-I-A: Barataria. Amen. See? Alright. Now, this is just for you here.

So here is this little Bride here, and she is in the land. Elisha was there but there were some young boys, the Bible said, from the time they saw him going up, they started to ridicule, "Go up bald head; go up." Like those 'Intercol Youths' [youths participating in college football matches -Ed.] you know, when they get down there and they start to chant and chant and then they start to build up a rhythm. And then they start to beat their pan and they start to, you know, kind of make a melody and then they are ready to throw their fatigue [ridicules and jokes -Ed.] and different things.

So here he was going up the road. You know, he was a young man and he had a bald head. And they started to say, "Go up bald head, go up. Go up bald head, go up." And today you find a lot of people talking about bald heads too. You know that is a saying in the world, right? A lot of people talk about bald heads. And the Bible said, "They began to mock him. And he turned back and looked on them."

I could imagine like today, brother, we are in the Hour when God will preach to the lost. And people, for their irreverence, are going to be judged; that people laughed at the Bride. They see those sisters: "Go up you old grannies. Look at those long dresses. Look at them." Do

you understand what I mean? “Look at those boys in those fat pants and look at those bald heads.” And they could make their jokes and laugh.

Brother, the Spirit of God there; that prophet was angered and he turned around and he watched them there and he put a curse on them and two she bears ate up forty-two of them. Is that correct? The Prophet of God in this Age said, “They came from homes where they were not taught respect to God’s servants.” Maybe they were from the denominations. So when they were hearing about Prophet and Bride, and Elijah and Elisha, and all these different things, they didn’t believe that because they had their school of prophets. They were from Jericho and from Bethel and all those different places; holy places. And they didn’t believe that kind of thing. They called him a woman hater. He used to blast left and right.

So no wonder when they got a chance to kind of ridicule... Because, sometimes, they must have heard their mother saying, “I will never send my children to a church like that. Those Ministers up there, they are only criticizing; blasting.” See? “What is wrong with cutting your hair?” See? And those children, they grew up in an environment. And what they grew up in, they picked up. And the example that was set before them was what influenced them. And what they received in their homes was what they were going to put out on the outside.

So they thought it was a good opportunity. And maybe a few of them didn’t think, well, she bears were going to devour them. They didn’t think that they were going to be judged for what they were doing. They thought, “Maybe nothing is wrong with that. We are only having a little fun, and that is the way we have fun.” You see?

And then in Chapter 4, 2nd Kings, It speaks of the Shunammite woman. Her little boy—she had a little boy too. Now notice, this little girl was in the time of Elisha. The little boys who were eaten up were in the time of

Elisha. The Shunammite's little boy was in the time of Elisha.

I am thinking that all these young people were living in the same time. And as I am trying to see it tonight, that no doubt, maybe in school, they could have been in the same school. And this little girl packed her little lunch bag or whatever it was and went to school, and she is there in school.

And the teacher was saying, "A wonderful thing happened last week. Little Brian here, you know, the Shunammite boy, he was dead. I understand he had a sunstroke. And some man used to visit their home; he was a holy man. I think he was a prophet of God. And he was raised from the dead and the testimony was in the papers. And it was broadcasted and a lot of people went to their home visiting them and so on."

And there was the little boy going to school. Amen. He was in school testifying, "God sent a prophet." Amen. He was testifying, "All these denominations are false. But I have a testimony: I once was dead, but now I am alive!" Amen. And he had a testimony, he had an experience with the Word.

Then no doubt, those other boys who were going up there, maybe they were the ones who used to terrorize these others. "You all don't bring that 'prophet thing' around here. That is an old false thing." And you know how people could carry on. And they were in the big band, those forty-two. You know they say, "Class of forty-two and class..." [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.]

Brother, they were the 'rango tans'[bad boys -Ed.] in school. So when they got out there, they were heckling everybody. They lined up against the wall, you know, outside, after school was over and they came out to heckle everybody: "Look at those little church girls or church boys and..."

The Bible said it was forty two children. It didn't say it was boys alone. It was boys and girls no doubt. And those little young girls there, they thought they were

kind of sexy or whatever it was with their little kind of self, and they were moving around those boys.

I had a little opportunity to... You know, I was in Gulf City [Mall in Trinidad -Ed.] when school was closed before I went away for the Easter. And I was shocked, almost. I remember my school days, brother, they had us straight as a whistle [very straight -Ed.]. Even in QRC [Queen's Royal College -Ed.] where I went, you know, straight like a whistle. They would cane [whip as a form of punishment -Ed.] you, expel you or whatever it was.

And I sat down there and I was watching those school girls and school boys. And it seemed like it was the last day of school and like the lime [to hang out -Ed.] was going to be down in Gulf City down by the discotheque. And they would go down in the mall and so on. And cars were only pulling up all over. And Gulf City was packed out like they were going to have some big planned show or something. It was nothing; it was just the end of the term.

And all those boys were with 'Carib' [local beer -Ed.] and cigarettes. And all those young girls and they were there, brother, everybody with their special suit. And they were down there; and who was hugging up; and who was leaning up against the wall and who was breathing down whose neck. And they were all in their different kinds of pose and postures.

And I sat down there in the car, waiting for Sis. Sita [Sis. Sita Dayal -Ed.]. She was in the mall and I couldn't get a place to park. So I was sitting there kind of waiting for her to come. And I was just observing all the activity. And I said, "My, look, it is school children going to school, girls fifteen, sixteen, eighteen, who are trying to look older than they are, who must have put on some of their big sisters' clothes." And they came down there to kind of play a scene [parade themselves as if on a show -Ed.] or something. And I was just watching them, you know.

And no doubt these forty-two there, brother, they were the real terrorizers. And this poor little girl, you

know, this little maid, she didn't even know. She was just trying to serve God in her home.

The mother no doubt would kind of teach her and say, "Darling, mommy doesn't want you to grow up that way. Don't go out in school and mix up with those sets of things like that. You know, God sent a prophet. Elijah came, and look at the great showdown it had there on Mount Carmel. And look right now his spirit is still here in the land. And the Spirit of Elijah is on Elisha. And honey, you know that is what we believe. We believe these things."

And that little girl, no doubt, was soaking in these things.

And she said, "Mammy, how are you so certain?"

She said, "Stand and look at the vindication there. Look at how he repaired the altar at the evening sacrifice. Look at how he said, 'Father, let the fire fall,' and the fire came down. Look at how God vindicated him there." See? She said, "Look how he went to the White House and blasted forth that message on *Jezebel Religion* [1961-0319 -Ed.] and all these things."

She said, "Honey, and we know that the work was not finished, the commission was not finished. And now, here is Elisha in the land, a type of the Bride. And that is what we believe, darling. So I want you to be different. You are a Christian, you are an oddball. Don't feel bad about that, because one of these days you will stand against those very people in that class. And God is going to even hold you accountable because God put you in that office, God put you in that class, God put you there."

"You thought you got the job by chance. You thought your uncle got the job for you. You thought because you had five 'O Levels they considered your application." He said, "No honey, it was God Who moved you in that place there to be a witness."

And then while that was happening, way over in this other land... You know, how faith have things, her paths

were going to cross one day, and she was going to move into another home and live in the home of a great, military general, a man of high places; a man who is almost like a diplomat.

And this man no doubt, I would kind of picture it like, Naaman and his wife had a little girl who died maybe through some sickness. So they always wanted to adopt a child, something to fill that vacuum in the home. And Naaman being a great man there, had favor with the king...

And the Bible said, "The Lord delivered Syria by his hand." And no doubt he won many battles and his name was always in the papers, the front page, when he came in with the great victory salute and stood before the king. It mentioned, "And General Naaman has done it again. He led the troops to a great victory. The enemy was assaulted. They surrounded the city and so on, and they brought back prisoners." And everybody, they knew him.

So here he was now... This girl maybe came from school one day. Maybe some of her friends lied on her in school and she got detention or something. And she was kind of coming home, feeling a little sad. And here it was, the Syrians had made a raid in the land because it was a very explosive time, politically; a lot of political tensions.

Notice how the king of Israel said, "What is the matter with the king of Syria? Does he think I am God or something? He sends this man down here with a letter. Can I heal the man?" He said, "Don't you see the man is trying to pick a war with me." Because you see, it was very explosive politically.

And no doubt maybe they saw this little girl and they were picking up little people for slaves and so on, carrying them back and selling them in the marketplace and making a great price as bondservants. And they saw this little girl coming from school, no doubt. And maybe she tried to hide and somebody saw her and they

picked her up. And when they came somebody said, “I know just who is going to need a girl like this, because she reminds me of the deceased daughter of General Naaman.”

And no doubt, she didn’t realize it was God Who was guiding it. And God was bringing this girl straight to the door of Naaman. And during that time sorrow had come into the home from the death of the child and then continued sorrow, now that Naaman was sick with leprosy. And they tried to keep it hush, hush. You know, social people don’t like their business to come out and they kind of cover it up. And Naaman was only wearing long sleeves; big summertime, long sleeves. They couldn’t understand.

“Well Naaman, are you not feeling hot? Why don’t you take off your coat and relax a little bit? Let us go down for a swim in the pool.”

He said, “No. I am finished with all this pool bathing and things.”

Because it was leprosy. He didn’t want anybody to see his leprosy. It didn’t reach around the face yet, so he was wearing high collars, long sleeves, because it was a self. Because he was accustomed to the papers; everybody seeing you. They brought out Naaman’s designer jeans, maybe Naaman’s shirts. So he became like a big example, a big model or something. Do you understand what I mean?

So he was feeling embarrassed now: “How are they going to see me in this condition? If they know I have leprosy, my name is going to be spread all about. Everybody, instead of saying, ‘General Naaman, Sire, we bow, the great right hand of the king,’ now they will say, ‘Naaman, the leper.’”

“What leper? Do you mean Naaman?”

And he didn’t want to be known like that. Because you know, a lot of people have their image and they want to protect their image. They want to be seen a certain way. But you see, leprosy is a type of sin. And

sometimes people don't like people to know they are a rotten fornicator or a rotten adulterer or a big, old luster. Or they don't like anybody... Give them a chance, they would hold down two, three people and talk all their Bible knowledge and about God and hit two, three denominations and different things.

You should be ashamed to tell somebody you are against their denomination and their denominational religion if they are living a more moral life than you. Because if you are in the Truth, you should be the Light, you should show the kind of life the Truth makes you live. Amen.

So while she was there... She came in the home at that time. And it was a time of sadness, so maybe they didn't pay much attention to her because the family already had severe problems. So he said, "Alright, we need a little girl. We are going to have her there. She will take charge of my wife's business. My wife wants a little girl to attend to her when she is serving tea." He said, "Honey, you know... Dixie-Ann, come here. Bring the tray." Or he would say, "Nellie, come here quickly. Serve some sandwiches or something."

So the little girl was kind of there going along. Her name was not mentioned, that is why I'm calling some of your names, because you are that little girl. And while she was there, maybe there was something that the girl had a way.

You know, the Prophet told us about manners and these things. He talked about an usher by the name of Bro. Seward once. He said people would come to the tabernacle. Sometimes they drove two hundred miles to reach service, through snow, different things. Brother, they got such a bad day on the road, they nearly skidded off the road; the tension in the car sometimes. You know the family sacrificing, sometimes the father and mother snapping at one another, trying to reach service. And they have to go in to hear the Word now, and they are not in any atmosphere to hear the Word.

Bro. Steward was the usher by the door. From the time he met them: "God bless you. How are you?" Courteous and nice, you know, he would talk to them. "I'll show you to your seat. Could I take your coat and hang it up in the closet?" Amen. "Would you like a songbook for you and your wife also? And would you want something for the children?"

And he was so courteous, that brother, you know he said, "Right away, it brought them in a nice atmosphere."

And people like that: friendly people, cordial people, who have a certain way about them, have a certain personality and they are just warm, people just like to be around them because they have a way, they are never grouchy or grumpy or irritable. All of you pray for me. Amen. Sometimes I am a little irritable but it is the problems and the pressures. Amen. But you see, sometimes people are just sweet and nice and everybody wants to be around them.

So here was this girl now, maybe she would see Naaman's wife and she would say, "Is it alright, madam? Could I take your slippers off for you? Do you want me to rub your feet a little bit? I know you have been on your feet all day. And I see you are kind of sad. You know, we used to make a little dessert back home. I kind of made some this afternoon for you." And she was doing little kind things like that.

And no doubt she began to cause Naaman's wife to pay a little more attention to her. And she found a relationship, because somehow, this girl got to find out in this house (who was like a little bondservant) about the big, closely guarded secret. And it was the mistress of the house sharing it with the little girl.

No doubt she had all the big friends and family on the telephone. Maybe they could have called up and said, "You all try to offer some sacrifice or do something. Your uncle is getting kind of low because the leprosy is getting bad. The doctors said they can't do anything

else. Maybe you all could come and see him for the last time or something like that. Or let them get the priest, let him come and give him extreme unction [anointing of the sick in the Catholic Church -Ed.] or something.”

But during that time, here was the little girl. She was seeing... She said, “My lady, I may be wrong in asking you about your business, but you look so worried this afternoon. Is it something I have done? Am I not doing my duties as I should?”

And she said, “No honey, it is just something on my mind that is bothering me.”

So then one day, that little girl maybe came upon her crying just after the doctor was going back out, when the doctor said, “We can’t do anything more for him, madam. We’ve tried to doctor this thing, we tried to stop it but it is spreading all over now. It is coming out all on his neck. High collar wouldn’t do him any good. Maybe he can try a skin transplant. We don’t know where to send him. We have had the best doctors. Even the last time when he went to Ethiopia and when he went and conquered some other nation there, the best doctors they had, the learned men, all the scientists, they got together, they couldn’t do anything for him.”

And all that time that little girl, she was so polite, so respectful, because she was growing up in a home where she was being taught about the Word of God, where her little spirit—where in her class she was not allowing the environment and the spirits to get a hold of her and deform her and pull her into that suction (you see?) and squeeze her into the shape that the rest was in. But she was sprayed up with the repellent of the Truth that was taught to her and the little testimony of the little Shunammite boy being raised.

And then she saw what happened to some of the friends who were disrespectful to God’s servant when she heard about the she bears that ate them up. And somebody said, “It is a coincidence. It was two she bears, Jerry and Jennifer, who got away from the zoo or

something like that.” But it was really because of disrespect.

You know, many times when something happens and people are getting Divine retribution, they try to make it sound like some coincidence or something else. But if they only look and see, the reason those things happened to them afterwards, is because many times they go against the Word of God.

And while she saw that, maybe those things... Maybe that day after school, walking home, when she was taken captive, she was no doubt maybe thinking about some of those things. Because God works in a strange way, you know. God knows just how to work things. And here she was in the house now. And then Naaman’s wife was maybe lying down on the bed and said, “Honey, sometimes, I don’t know what I would have done. I am so frustrated. I am so depressed sometimes. You know, I just believe it was a blessing when that little girl came in the home. She said “She is so pleasant.”

She said, “Today, I felt such a love in my heart for the little girl. And I had to scold her last week because I caught her doing something. And then she came right away and she repented for it, and she was so sorrowful that she had displeased me. I could see that she was genuine.

She is not like the little girls that we had in the house here. We had to fire this one and fire the other one, and this one was trying to steal. The last time, I lost my diamond ring that the Sheikh of Iran gave you when you went to the Sheikh daughter’s wedding and he gave you this little ring for me. I had misplaced it the other day and the little girl found it and brought it to me. She is such an honest girl. I think that it is such a blessing. I think we should try and do something for her.”

And Naaman said, “Yeah, sure, give her some of my daughter’s dresses or something or the other.”

And here it was, maybe that day she was there talking and the little girl said, “Why did the doctor come to the

home? And why are you sad that the doctor is leaving? Is something wrong with my lord?”

No doubt maybe at that stage, the wife couldn't hold it back anymore. She just broke out in tears. She started to cry and said, “My daughter has gone. Now it seems that my husband is going to go and he is still such a young man. He is just in his forties, just crossed forty and we have such a great life ahead of us. And then since you came into the home, it has kind of filled up a little, empty space, but now it seems that grief is coming to my home again. He is a leper and we tried every doctor. We did everything.” And she just began to cry.

And that little girl, no doubt... Maybe brother, all that she was taught, she was prepared for that moment. While maybe she was in her mother's kitchen, the mother was teaching her little things: how to be decent, how to set the table, how to serve with a smile; how to be polite and respectful. How she was in school there—and her character was being shaped by the rejection and the persecution. And maybe she thought, well, she was just suffering and she was not seeing God in her life, and nothing was happening in her life, and was disappointed with her own little Christianity and trying to serve God.

For that very moment, her whole life was designed and shaped; shaped. And then by the providence of God... It looked like captivity. She was away from family, away from friends; away from relatives. The games she used to play, the places she used to go for little walks, the little places she used to visit with her friends and things, she couldn't go to those places now. She was a captive in a house, considered like a little slave girl.

But it seemed that something inside of her used to radiate, something inside of her was so genuine, something inside of her had her in such an atmosphere that Naaman's wife didn't choose her to be any other servant – she was the one who waited on Naaman's wife.

Now let me tell you something about royal people and people in high places. If you are around the Queen [Queen Elizabeth -Ed.] or you are around Princess Margaret or you are around some person or the other, they want people who are of a certain atmosphere because they are looking for... They are very selective in who they have around them. And if a person is around them, it must be something that could kind of even make them look a little good too, it must be something that wouldn't disrupt them or get them vexed, or get in their way or would be a nuisance to them.

Especially cultured, refined people like Naaman and they, in that high place there, who were always in the king's presence and had royal people visiting their home, and emperors and diplomats and these things, then they would want that if a little girl came out there, she would not embarrass the family. Do you see what I mean? So it means to say, they saw certain qualities in that girl that they chose. They picked out and they said, "We will take this one and we will have her to be the one who waits on me, the general's wife."

One little Scripture in the Bible; the girl's name was not mentioned. But as we look in the Bible, we are seeing her, we are seeing the character of the girl, we are seeing something that influenced the girl's life, something that God could have worked with in that girl's life to bring that girl to that place.

May God make some of you like that, though your name may not be called. You hear about Bro. So-and-So and Bro. Pearry Green and Bro. Lee Vayle and Bro. Junior Jackson and Sis. Branham and Billy Paul and nobody may call your name. And you are the Bride in the Message and you may feel a little bad, and you may feel you are a nobody and nobody cares about you, and nobody is seeing you. You may desire a little attention or something. This girl's name was not even mentioned, but look at the kind of character; look at the kind of deeds that came from that virtuous life.

And here she was, when she was in that position, the opportunity came for her now to testify about her God. Maybe she may have tried many times and Something said, “Be still, your turn is going to come, your opportunity is going to come. I’ll give you a mouth like the learned, to speak a word in season. Don’t go prattling, prattling, prattling, prattling, prattling and then you do nothing. No. Wait, I have put you there for a purpose. I’m going to bring the right opportunity. I’m going to give you the word. I’m going to use you. Just be patient.”

Do you remember Joseph in the Bible? He was taken into captivity, sold for a slave, but look at how God was working behind it to bring deliverance. God works that way. He may move you into strange places, maybe that is kind of difficult for you and you don’t like that: “I don’t like that. I don’t want to go there!” Maybe that is the place God wants you. That is where everything is working out for you. You see?

So here she came and she began to testify. And in that dark hour... As Bro. Branham said, “In the darkest hour, that is when Jesus comes on the scene.” In that dark hour, like when Lazarus was dead and there was no hope and they had already buried him and by then he stinketh, and here came the Light of the world walking into that dark home, filled with despair and gloom. And Martha said, “Lord, if you had been here, but even now...”

Same way, right in that moment, that girl was going to speak the word to give a glimmer of hope. And as she spoke that word, brother, like people who are drowning, would clutch a straw—it wasn’t really a straw, but it was the infallible Word of God they were getting a hold of. And right in there she said, “Would to God my lord would be with that prophet in Samaria!”

Brother, the confidence she spoke with, because maybe at that moment, she became so anointed thinking: “That prophet who raised up the dead boy in

my class. That prophet spoke the word and forty two children were eaten up by those she bears. That prophet smote the waters. The Spirit of Elijah, that great major prophet, is upon that prophet there!" She wasn't ashamed that they would laugh and say, "Whoo! That bald headed man down there?" She wasn't ashamed of that. She knew that was the Word of God there. And she was not ashamed of the Gospel – it is the power of God unto salvation. Amen.

And right in there she came out now. And look at her little testimony, her little faith that she had there. She said, "Would to God..." And brother, that Word penetrated under the fifth rib on the left side; went down in the heart of Naaman's wife. And she looked at that little girl and she saw that gleam of hope in those eyes. She heard that clear voice, distinct voice, coming out and speaking with such confidence.

She said, "What prophet are you talking about, child?" It looked like the wife—it never really sparked off the real faith in the wife, because maybe she was more taken up with what the doctor said. "How could a little girl know more than what a doctor said?" But because God had that girl there for a purpose...

No doubt in the conversation she said, "You know, the little girl was telling me—she loves me so much that she said that my husband could still get well after the best doctors gave him up. If he goes, what am I going to do?" She maybe started to cry (see?); gloomy now.

So she was telling some of the servants, and one of the soldiers said, "Remember the time, whenever we tried to invade that place, we thought there was a spy and different things amongst us, and we were hearing among some of the natives that there is a man of God in that place there that God gives visions to, that reveals all these secrets and these things. I wonder if that is the same prophet that they were talking about."

So one said, "Wait, you don't do anything. I have some contacts there. I am going to find out from them if

they really have a prophet in Samaria.” Brother, through his grapevine [an informal person-to-person means of circulating information –Ed.] or whatever it was, he found out there was a prophet. So he said, “That girl knows what she is talking about.” He said, “I am going to go and tell the general about it.”

Brother, one time maybe they went out for lunch and Naaman was with all his big, long sleeves, wearing dark glasses now and a big, broad hat; really going incognito now so that nobody really could see him now; keeping a low profile, because of the pride.

You see, he lived in so much of glory. He lived in so much of pomp and vanity. He was so exalted, that now he was being humbled. Because maybe many times he thought it was by his might and his power he delivered Syria, not knowing the Bible said, “And by the Lord; the Lord had delivered Syria by his hand.”

But maybe he took the glory and said, “Yes, I have the strategy. I had this figured out for a long time. I knew what they were going to do and I sent my troops there and cut them off before they could even make a move. And I squashed them very quickly and got rid of that opposition.” And maybe he didn’t give God any glory, so now that leprosy was upon him.

From the time you start to lift up self above the Word, and from the time you begin to see your own ability, and not the grace of God, you are heading for trouble. That is why the Bible says, “You have to be thankful in your heart.” Be thankful because this is an Age when the Bible says, “And they are unthankful.”

People are unthankful. People feel like you are obliged to do things for them, maybe like you are obligated; like you have to do it. Nobody is thankful anymore. Nobody is respectful. Nobody has any gratitude anymore. If in Jesus’ days, there were nine who walked away and never came back, only one came back, what about this Age? Do you understand what I’m talking about?

So here it was, that man, he told Naaman, he said, “Hear. We checked out certain—we got certain information. That little girl in your home there, she was testifying to your wife the other day. Your wife was almost on the brink of telling you but she felt kind of disillusioned because that doctor, they said, was the best man in leprosy, the leprosy specialist, and he solved a lot of leprosy cases. But he said, “This one, he never saw anything like that.” He was white as snow already.

So he said, “What we are going to do is, we are going to have to try to set up an interview with you and get you over there because the prophet is in the land. We heard great things taking place, about a dead boy raised and different things.”

And brother, there is something about the Word of God, from the time you start to testify about the present tense Word in the land, the continuation of the Message of Elijah, It begins to anoint the people’s faith.

Don’t you realize that this is the continuation of the Message of Elijah? Don’t you realize that this is the very mantle of Elijah amongst us? Some of you might be ashamed to say, “I am fellowshipping in Barataria, up in that place. It might look like a garage there, but you all come up in there, you all will see the Glory of God.” Amen! Hallelujah! Say, “Would to God you with that old spirit of unbelief and critical, come up there and see something!” Amen.

Look Bro. Curtis [Bro. Curtis Carr -Ed.] here, we had his wedding here last week. We had the wedding down there. And he is always down there testifying to his father-in-law and his mother-in-law, and they are Pentecostals, Sis. Susan’s family. He had been testifying to them.

And then he was telling me, he said, “They are Pentecostals. And they are very strong,” and different things.

So I told him, I said, “Curt, one of these days when you have the wedding, maybe God will give them a chance to come and hear the Word.” I said, “You don’t be afraid. God will take care of everything.”

Well, it so happened, the way the plans went, they were not going to have the wedding here anymore. So it was like they were not going to come. But you see, God wanted them to hear the Word anyhow.

So the family decided, “Well, we are still going to have a little thing for the girl in the home.” Because they had already settled just to come and ask the Lord’s blessing in the service and that was it. Because they had used up all their substance in trying to get the home ready. But you see, God had something in mind.

Then we went there and we had the wedding service. And then he came and he was telling me Sunday morning, he said, “The Word so touched that home there and some of the people that were invited,” he said, “that it was even being expressed by the whole family that they wished that they could come and just join this church and become part of this because of what they saw there among the brothers while they were building the house, and among the people, the sisters how they came and were helping there in the service, about the Word and all these things that went forth.”

Look at Sis. Laura [Sis. Laura James -Ed.] right here. I was telling her... She kind of couldn’t face her daddy, and they have no communication, and it is a whole force. And the mother was telling her, “Well, you don’t bother with your father. I will talk to him.”

I said, “No. God doesn’t work like that.” I said, “It is God we are talking about.” I said, “You go and talk to him. You do your part; God will do His part when the time comes.” See? Brother, he came in here and Bro. Joe [Bro. Joseph Bernard -Ed.] was testifying to me, he said, “He has never been in a service like that before.” He came in here and saw the Presence of God and got under the power of the Holy Spirit.

That is what you have to do. You meet them and say, "Would to God you all come to Barataria for one service!" That is the kind of faith you have to have. Amen. Don't back up in a corner. Amen. God has you there. Live the life first. Be sweet, be polite, be nice, (amen) be friendly; create a nice atmosphere.

I say, God gave you a nice complexion, God gave you nice hair, God gave you nice features, use it for the glory of God. Don't let it make you stuck up and you are better than somebody else. No. Let it make you humble and nice and you could testify. Amen. People want to talk to you; people want to come in your presence when you are that way. Alright, use that now to tell them about Jesus Christ. Amen. You just have to point out; say, "This is going to fade, but the Greater Thing than that is inside of here, which comes by the Word of God!" Amen.

That little girl, brother, she gave her testimony. It went from the wife, it went to the rest of the servants in the household, it went out to the soldiers in the ranks, and it went to Naaman himself. Now Naaman, brother, he was so charged with the testimonies because it was his leprosy.

Somebody may not be desperate, they don't have any leprosy. But the man who had the leprosy, and was seeing a hope, brother, he went and approached the king. He said, "I would like a letter, Sir." He said, "I have never asked for any favors for the longest while. You know I have been faithful in your service. I have done this for you." He said, "I would appreciate a favor from you, if you could give me a letter that I could go and see the king of Israel."

Brother, that was his right-hand man, one of his faithful servants. He said, "Sure. Bring the official seal." He wrote it, sealed it with his name, and sent him forth; gave him out of the king's treasuries, silver, raiment, maybe the best of Pierre Cardin suits [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.]

that it had, about ten, maybe three double-breasted and four three-piece.

And then he said, "What size did they say the prophet was?"

They said, "He is about forty, regular."

He said, "Alright."

And they had it. So brother, all of them there... And they took it down, and then maybe all the talents of silver and everything, and they went along, because they were sure. He was going with confidence: "Something is going to happen. I'm going to be healed and I'll give the man the gift after I'm healed."

But you know how many people are many times: they want something from God but they want it their own way. They don't realize that is their problem. Because he never even realized why the leprosy came on him in the first place. So he was not seeing, it was that spirit that he had that caused him to lift up himself above the Word of God, that God had to smite him with leprosy. Then God in His grace now through the girl's testimony, extending mercy in another season to him to deliver him from the condition, was bringing him there now.

Before he sees the grace of God, here he comes now and he has it figured out: "He is going to walk out here, because from the time he hears it is General Naaman, the right-hand man of the king of Syria, he is going to walk out there and tremble. I'll try to play humble so he would not be intimidated in my great presence. Because he will be some poor, little old man in some little..." Especially when he walked up and saw a little old house, that little old tent that Elisha was living in, he said, "Hmm. He may tremble to talk to a man like me when he comes out here and stands in my presence here."

He parked his big Mercedes Benz at the side, (see?) came out with a big 'self' there. And when he looked, he thought that was the prophet who came out there. And

then when the servant came, he said, “The prophet told me to tell you to go and dip in the Jordan seven times.”

And no doubt while they were driving around, he asked, “Well, what river is that? What do they call that river over there? Look at that mud pool with all those pigs bathing; look at mud.” He said, “My, in Damascus we don’t even let things get in that condition. Look at it; it is almost a stench.” He said, “Roll up my windows.”

Then one of them may have said, “Sire, that’s the Jordan River.”

Only to find out now the servant said, “Go in the Jordan River.”

He said, “What? That place I just passed, out there? Is it there he wants me to go? And the man didn’t even come outside himself. Tell him who I am.”

Brother, all that proud self, with that sickness and that leprosy, the leprosy of the soul. What he didn’t realize was that he had leprosy—he thought he only had leprosy in his body, but the leprosy of the soul was what the prophet was dealing with. The Jordan River was really for the leprosy of the soul, that big, exalted spirit.

And from the time he went out there, and he thought everything was going to be alright now, here came the servant and said, “Sire, the prophet says he is busy; he can’t talk to you at all.” He said, “His word is final. He has no time to come outside. He is there studying the Word of God and he is not going to break that study to come outside and talk to you.”

Brother, he walked away from that place because he felt, “Well, in any case, I’m going to pay him for it. I’ll give him the three-piece suits. I’ll give him the talents of silver. He should be more than grateful because that is more than he could maybe earn in ten years. He could go into good retirement with that, build a better house and get some good clothes, and a good chariot too.” See?

Brother, you see, when a man is in the Presence of God and is cleansed by the Fire of God, they don’t care whether it is... Look at Elijah. Elijah had walked into

Ahab's presence and he said, "No dew or rain will come unless I call for it." And that same Spirit was upon Elisha, so he didn't care who Naaman was. Naaman was just another sinner with leprosy; that is all he was. He was not going to be intimidated by Naaman.

So Naaman got vexed. Brother, he must have pulled off in fourth gear, [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] screeched those wheels and was going vexed! So when they stopped for a little rest, (it is a good thing to have some good men around you sometimes, you know) they said, "My lord, the man didn't ask you any hard thing. If the man had asked you a hard thing..."

You know, a lot of people want a Catholic religion. Sometimes the Word says, "Raise your hand, all who need prayer, or come up and let hands be laid on you in prayer," they think that is too simple. They feel that, "Well, I can't be healed through that." They want somebody to tell them, "Alright, go home and light your candle five times for the week. Take your rosary and say it ten times for the day. Walk on your knees from here to outside there."

And then they kind of feel good in their conscience; "Well, we are doing something now."

They said, "If the man had asked a hard thing, you would surely go and do it; but it sounds too simple."

Well, he knew those men knew he had pride and that was the last chance, and it was only that big 'self' flaring up there. So finally he said, "Alright, alright, alright." So he humbled himself now.

He said, "What happened to the rivers of Damascus? What about Abana and Pharpar? Aren't they good rivers?" Because in those rivers now, it is very clustered with bushes. He could go in privacy and nobody could see any of the leprosy. But sometimes God wants you to uncover your leprosy in public. Sometimes God wants you to confess your sin and humble yourself. It is not God being rough on you, it is God delivering you from your greatest enemy which is your own self! See?

So while he was there now, here he came to that place. And when he went down the first time, brother, he came up; he saw mud and slime coming down his face. He came up the second time, brother, he began to watch his skin which only had special Brut cream and Fabergé and Azarro. [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] And here he was down in that muddy Jordan.

When he went down about four times, he may have said, "Well, four is deliverance. Maybe it might come before seven." When he saw four, that leprosy was all over still. He said, "Five is going to be grace." He came up the fifth time; nothing. "Six" he said, "Well, six is the Sixth Sense;" nothing yet. Brother, God carried him the full distance. There was no other way. That was the way God was going to pass him and that was the way he had to go through to get deliverance.

Finally, when he came up the seventh time, from the time he came up like that, the flesh was clean. Brother, the men and they were amazed. He looked at himself, he realized the miracle had taken place; the Word of the prophet had come to pass.

The little girl's testimony that God reserved for that time, moved her life into a position where her life, her virtue, her character, her testimony could be on display to bring salvation and deliverance to a family, amen, to show the power of God in a foreign nation, she realized, all things truly work together for good to them that love God; that her weeping endured for a night, but her joy was coming in the morning. Because here it was working out for the honor and glory of God. She realized it was for such a time as this, that God had her there to give her testimony.

Brother, Naaman was so happy. No wonder he started to rejoice and really celebrate. And they hugged up one another; they danced. Then he said, "Let me go back to that man because I have to give him my gift." You know how heathens are – they like to offer their

sacrifice. They go before their god and they offer their sacrifice and these things.

So he came with the talents of silver, and the prophet didn't want his reputation and the Word of God to forerun him to a country that he hadn't gone to yet, as a man who you could buy for money. That was not the image of the Gospel to go before him. And he knew his calling in life. And he watched the ministry of Elijah, and he knew how he must walk, because he had to have the same Spirit and the same Life to carry on the same work.

And that is why the Bride this evening, we have seen the life of the Prophet in every characteristic, in every situation, in every condition, to know how the Spirit and the Life of Jesus Christ would really express Itself in such a similar condition if It is inside of us.

And brother, the prophet said, "No," because he knew, as they go back there, the next thing, it may get to the media because Naaman is a man of influence. When it will be told, then the doctors are going to do their research and find out the man was really healed, the next thing, the media might misrepresent it and put it to glorify Syria and lift up the god of Syria, which is Rimmon, a heathen god, and say, "Maybe it is Rimmon who was the one who caused this," or whatever it is.

He said, "No." He wouldn't take a cent.

Now here we will get to the brothers quickly as we close. Gehazi, he too was living in the same hour like the little boys, like the boy who was raised from the dead; like the young girl. He too was one in that day, but he was a little older than the rest. He was in the Message a little longer than the rest. He could tell things more close up about the prophet than the rest could tell. He was there next to the prophet most of the time.

But the thing was, while he was there, he was just basking in the popularity. He was just basking in being seen as important for his association with the prophet. And secretly in his heart, he admired himself for those

things. And secretly in his heart, he enjoyed the splendor. He enjoyed being there on stage. He enjoyed his name being mentioned: “The prophet and Gehazi.” He enjoyed those things until he began to feel he was kind of important too, and one day, well maybe God was going to use him like the prophet. And maybe he began to get a little exalted and he began to get a little carried away in all the...though he was in the Message.

He believed Elijah, he believed that Spirit was upon Elisha; he believed that was the Word of God. He was not with the Sadducees. He was not worshipping Baal. He knew about the Mount Carmel showdown; he was not going to take any side with that. He knew when the Jordan opened up, and that the mantle came back. He knew those things. He knew Elijah didn’t have to come back another time. He knew Elijah had gone on to his Eternal reward. He knew the Spirit was there carrying on the work. And no doubt he used to be a little more instructive.

He said, “Look here, if you don’t behave yourself, I will report you to the prophet, because the prophet put me in charge of this here.”

No doubt maybe when he had gone out to Naaman, he said, “Look here, Mr. Naaman, the prophet could have—there are hundreds of men in this country, but God chose me to work with the prophet.” He said, “Do you believe in predestination? Do you believe in foreknowledge? Do you think I want to do this work? Do you think it is hard for me to tell you what the prophet says? Do you know how many people criticize me? Do you know how many times I am rejected? But I’m going to stay true to this Word.”

Brother, no doubt when many people came and they wanted to see the prophet, they had to come to him and say, “Could we see the prophet? We would like to have an interview with the prophet.”

“Tell me what you want to see him about, because the prophet told me he doesn’t want people bothering him.

I have to find out what you want to see him about first, and if it is a matter I could attend to, I will attend to it.”

Boy, he became important; he became powerful. And he began to ride in that until his head began to get a little too big. As they say, “What this Message needs is men with big feet who can balance themselves, not men with big heads who will topple over.”

Well, his head began to get so big, he was toppling over. And he was kind of coming out... You see knowledge does puff up, but love, as the brother sang, does edify. Reduce us to love, this evening; reduce us to charity, otherwise we are nothing. Amen.

Brother, he was so puffed up with that knowledge, he felt so important. All those ambitions he had, he began to look away to how people were seeing him as important, how many people cried and pleaded with him, maybe to get an interview with the prophet.

Or when the prophet would tell him things, he would bring it out to them like God gave him that firsthand. And he wouldn't say, “As I sat in the prophet's company today and the Lord gave him a vision, I was privileged to be there when the prophet was seeing the vision.” He wouldn't say that. He would say, “Today, I saw certain things.”

Now in himself, he was telling himself, “I am not lying, because I really saw it when the prophet was saying it, but I am not going to mention that part because I want them to see it is me saying it.” See? And in his own little world, his head was getting big.

So maybe he walked around with that spirit of indignation; ranted at somebody, raved at somebody; ordered somebody around. And they said, “How is Bro. Gehazi getting on like that? How is Bro. Gehazi behaving like that?”

Brother, when he was telling the story about the staff, when the prophet handed him the staff to raise the little boy, and he was giving the testimony that the prophet raised the dead boy, he spent five minutes on the

prophet, five minutes on, “And the dead boy rose,” and thirty minutes on, he was walking around with the staff; not to salute any man.

So then you realize, why was he overemphasizing that part like that? Mr. Self. He was no longer looking at the character of the prophet. He forgot why God had him to be associated with the prophet: it was to learn of God Who was being revealed through the prophet so that his life could be shaped and he could have the right influence in life. But all there, he never took the pains to die.

And when another lesson was revealed before his eyes that day when the prophet said, “Take your money and go back,” and the prophet never explained why he said it, though Gehazi knew the prophet needed some money at that stage, maybe to get some food or to clear some books and tapes or something that Elijah had, [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] something or the other, maybe he didn’t realize there was a purpose – another lesson was being revealed.

And he said, “Wait. Next week they are having a cocktail party at the king’s palace and the prophet was invited. And he is going to go up because the king needs special counseling on the anticipated invasion of Ethiopia, and he wants to know about their plans. And I will have to accompany the prophet, so I would need a good robe. Because I know while the prophet is talking to the king in his chamber, I will have all those soldiers around me on the outside. I will need a good robe. And then all the ladies will be there. I will be able to strut about like a little peacock, let them see me.” And he was just looking for an opportunity to show himself. As they would say: ‘gallerying’ [making oneself noticeable -Ed.]. He wanted that – to exhibit himself.

But in this hour, people don’t want to see flesh, people don’t want to see nice clothes. People want to see a nice attitude. People want to see a sacrificial life. That is the sweet smelling savor in God’s nostrils now. We

don't want to see a three-piece or a four-piece [suit -Ed.]; we don't want to see that. God is not looking for that.

Brother, while he was there, getting one of those brilliant ideas, "That man brought that to give it out. Follow that man before he meets some poor beggar on the road and gives it away, because it is tax exempt. And if they carry it back in their country, it will cause more problems because he is supposed to distribute these things. Maybe I will go around and the prophet would not know."

You mean to say, that man sat there and saw the prophet under discernment... He just saw the prophet saying, "Naaman is going to be healed." He actually saw the miracle take place and before the man even went back to his country, he so quickly forgot what he saw? He saw the prophet reveal the king of Syria's war plans many times until they thought they had spies. He saw the prophet caught by revelation and opened up all those mysteries of Elijah, all those things. And he was thinking, "The prophet will never know because he wasn't there. He is not looking for me there."

Well, let me tell you, any time you are close to a servant of God, your faults will be as big as this pulpit here, even though it is small like this, that you will find he is very critical of you. Not that he is critical of you; you are too close to him, that in his microscopic eye, your little fault is magnified. Because remember, you are getting under 'the eye,' because the Minister is 'the eye.'

And when you get under 'the eye', where a next brother will say, "Whoo, that brother is a real brother," the Minister may say, "Sure, he is a lovely brother," because he is conscious you are talking about his good parts and there is no reason to bring up his bad parts. But if you are going to bring out his bad parts, when you start to talk that there, you will realize, "Wait, all that is inside of that same person too?" Yes! See?

Now watch. So while those things were happening there, here was Gehazi. And brother, he ran around and he said, “Two young fellows just came down from this country.” And the country he called, no doubt it was like Guyana or one of those places.

He said, “Two of the Guyanese brothers came down and those brothers there, they are really poor.”

And Naaman realized, “Well, wait a moment, we could send them back with a couple of suits instead of just two.”

And he said—I am sure maybe he injected, “The three-piece also; two of the three-piece,” because he knew that was the one he would look nice in. Brother, he said, “And two talents of silver, because there is great economic crisis over there too. We want to kind of give them as a little offering to help the church over there.”

So Naaman said, “Sure. Is that all you want? Sure.” He said, “Tell the young men and them. Take it down quickly and take it.”

So he took it, and brother, he went and stashed it away. He put his hands in his pockets and was whistling, *Whatever it takes, Lord, to draw closer to You. I'll trade sunshine for rain, comfort for pain.* And Elisha watched him. Elisha watched him.

Half past eight. We are finished. Let's turn to a Scripture. Matthew 8. I will close with this. Matthew 6 rather.

Elisha looked at him and he said, “Went not my heart with thee?” A shepherd knows the sheep, you know. He said, “Went not my heart with thee, when the man turned from his chariot?”

He started to define and put in detail the experience: “When the man turned from his...” You know, the Bible condenses Its Truths. And no doubt he would say, “...where the road crosses, where you could go into Syria or go into Beirut, right where the road crosses there, by the big, old sycamore tree when he had pulled

aside.” He realized the prophet was way back there, but he was seeing him.

Matthew Chapter 6, verse 24:

24 No man can serve two masters...

I’m finishing this message with this.

...for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and [money].

He said, “Is this a time to receive money? What time is it, sirs? Is this a time to receive raiment?” He said, “You say you are rich, but come and buy of Me gold tried in the fire that you may be rich. You say you are clothed, but you are naked. Come and buy of Me white raiment that you may be clothed.”

Yes, it is a time to receive money; yes, it is a time to receive raiment, but what kind? What kind is it? Wasn’t that the message of Elijah? Wasn’t Elijah the continuation of the message? Were not these people we are talking about, in the Message of the Hour?

25 Therefore I say unto you, [Be not anxious] for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body [more] than raiment?

He wanted the raiment and he failed to see the Life in the Prophet. He wanted the money and he failed to see the character that was in that prophet. When you look, what do you see? His association with the Bride, the revealed Word of that hour, it never removed the lust down in his heart for worldly things, that when an opportunity presented itself, it pulled it out of him. He was not ‘one’ with the Message, he was around the Message. He might be connected to the Message in some way but he was not ‘one’ with the Message.

And Jesus is saying—in other words, He is showing the Elect here what their values should be. He is

showing us what our priorities in life should be. He is showing you when you are estimating things, when you are esteeming things... The Bible said, “Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.” [Hebrews 11:26 -Ed.]

Jesus is saying, “You are going after clothes; everything is clothes. You want this; you are studying how you are going to look in this. You want this shoe, you want this dress, you want this suit; you want this here.” Because you have a spirit, you want to look nice, and nothing is wrong with wanting to look nice, but you become obsessed with that. You are more concerned about how you are going to look nice physically than nice spiritually.

He said, “Well, that is only your body.” And in that body, if under that coat, a five hundred dollar coat, there is a lying spirit, what is the use? It is best if you have on rags and you have an honest spirit in your heart. You see?

So He said now:

...Is not the life more than meat...

A lot of people complain, “I didn’t get this to eat. I didn’t get ...” Sometimes when some people go somewhere and they see food, brother, they show up their colors [one’s real nature or character -Ed.] quickly. Solomon said, “When you go by the king’s table, put a knife to your throat. Don’t be a glutton.” [Proverbs 23:1-2 -Ed.] Some people, they see food there, brother, they want to eat until they stuff themselves. They don’t realize they are damaging their own physical body, making it harder on their own system to digest that food. They come out more sick, but you see, they can’t control their appetites.

And eating is only one of the appetites. Clothes are another appetite. Fashion is another appetite. Because you could love clothes and have nice clothes, but then you want to be in nice clothes, but fashionable, because you have a spirit there now for glamour, to be seen a

certain way; not just to cover your body. Do you understand what I'm saying? And Jesus was speaking this to His disciples.

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

In other words, He was trying to show them, you are anxious, you are running down here. Because inside, what was causing them to do it, in their heart they had unbelief. So in their unbelief now, they couldn't trust God for tomorrow. So they were being controlled by their worldly wisdom.

And they told themselves, "I could miss about ten services and I could work overtime and store up some money. And when I have that money there, then I will come to service. I will be able to then go a little kind of slowly. So I have already planned my life all down there, directed my own path, and I have already worked out my own answer to my own situation." And that is why those things fail and don't last and escape from the clutches.

And He was trying to show them, "Look at the birds. Do they eat every day?"

They said, "Yes."

He said, "Now you, are you in God's sight more than a bird?"

They said, "Yes."

Does God love you more than a bird? Did God die for you or did He die for the bird? He died for you. The promises God made for you, were they for you or for the birds? It was for you. The birds know this by instinct, but His Life is in you to receive His Word, to know Him as His Own son.

And He was trying to show them, He said, "Look, don't be anxious for those things, but rather work on yourself and bring yourself into discipline, that the things your five senses see on the outside and contact,

don't control the inner man, but that the inner man will hold you in a sphere, you will be in control of these things. Because these things are temporal, but the soul in you is Eternal. The soul in you is God over this earth – that is the Creator in the creation, and the creation can't control the Creator.

And He said:

27 Which of you by [being anxious] can add one cubit unto his stature?

In other words, He is telling you, it is God who gives you everything. If God determined you are going to be six feet tall, they could put you on a stretching machine and stretch you from now until doomsday, you will never become six feet six. If you are a little shorty and you come out to be a Zacchaeus, you will never be any big, tall Saul. Exactly!

You may see some girl you like, taller than you. If God has her for you, God will give her to you, whether you are short or whether you are tall. You wouldn't have to wear any big, high-heel shoes and get perverted in your spirit to try to be the height of the girl because she is not going to be watching your height. If she is a real sister, she will be watching your character and seeing what kind of headship you are. You don't have to start to get any special shoes from away [abroad -Ed.] with the built-in heel inside, so outside it looks a certain way, because you live in that complex that you are short. Amen.

You understand me pretty well. Amen? You know I talk a certain way, that is just to get home the point. I am not really mean; that is just to get home the point. You see, I love you very much. You are my children. I want you to see what real values are in life. I want you to be proud of your Christian heritage, to know that God has given you the greatest thing He could give you, a true revelation of His Holy Spirit inside of you.

He said, "And why are you anxious for raiment?" Look at Gehazi, he was anxious for raiment.

28 *...Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

They have no big sewing machines, they have no big weaving machines, but yet they are so beautiful. Do you know why? Because all the beauty is in the seed. It only has to stay in the environment, subject to the environment God placed it in, and brother, it is going to develop everything. God is going to give the sunlight. God is going to give the rain. God is going to give everything that is needed to bring it into that perfection.

And it is the same way God knows what you have need of. Jesus is saying, "You are trying to work hard after these things because you think they are natural, and you think God does not consider you with your natural things."

He says, "Yes, God knows you want a pair of shoes." God knows you want a pair of shoes. Do you think God minds if you have five pairs of shoes? He doesn't mind, once you don't have anything like Imelda Marcos [Filipino politician -Ed.]. But God doesn't mind if you have five pairs of shoes. But the thing is, if you are coveting after five pairs of shoes and you haven't finished wearing this one, and you just want this other one for covetousness, then that is wrong.

But if God gives you four pairs of shoes and somebody gives you a pair of shoes, don't you think it is God Who had them to give it to you? God had them to give it to you. God wants you to have five. If you have five, nothing is wrong with that. But you wouldn't go and save up your money to buy five pairs of shoes because you want to be Miss Fashionable, so you could show everybody you are wearing a different pair. See?

It is the spirit behind things. That is why He told Solomon, "You never asked for this, I'll give you more than all the rest. You asked for wisdom, knowledge and understanding." Because some people are asking for this, asking for this, asking for these things, and the more valuable things, the more necessary things for

their own lives, to make them a better Christian, they are not asking for it, because they don't desire it. They don't see the need for it in their lives because they are only concerned with how they look physically.

As I was telling you the other day, they see a little pimple on their face, brother, they are squeezing, they are creaming. If they could cream it off in one session, they would cream it off. God does bring it out.

Sometimes a girl comes out nice and pretty, looking nice. And God knows the little spirit there. Do you know what He will do? Brother, He will cause some little pimple to come there, to break that self. Just when she thinks she is in her bloom, just when she is getting popular, just when she thinks she is looking nice, boom, it comes on her face in the place where everybody could see it.

And everybody is making a comment, "Hey, how did your face get so?"

"What are you using on your face?"

And she gets vexed and she walks away. She doesn't want anybody to bring up that subject at all. Talk about her shoes instead, her new shoes; don't talk about the pimple on her face. You see?

And that is what happens with many people many times. Those little things, it may sound comical, but those things do show you, many times, the kind of spirit you really have if you have self discernment. You realize, "Yes boy, I am really feeling funny. I really don't want them to bring up that subject," because it is a 'self' there. And many times the devil gets you living in that 'self', you'll always live underprivileged, you'll always live halfway; your priorities will always be just on natural things.

That is why many people, they don't really break through and get the natural things they even long after. You seek the spiritual things, God will meet every need that you have. He promised to do it: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all other

things shall be added.” [Matthew 6:33 -Ed.] If you need a new car, God will give it to you too. Amen. If you deserve it, if He feels that it will help you, He will give it to you. If you just want to drive about in a self afterwards, He wouldn't give it to you at all. He will let you walk until you wear out the shoes that you have. It's the truth.

29 ...Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed...

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is...

Jesus was telling... Could you imagine Jesus teaching that? It is Jesus Himself teaching that, God Himself teaching that.

...if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Wouldn't He clothe you, when He put you out there to be a model of decency and modesty to this generation; when He put you out there to represent Him, when He is going to send you to different places where He knows these things are going to help even with your testimony and your influence among people who you come in contact with? He is going to put you the right way, but you have to trust Him and believe Him.

And don't make the raiment more than the body. Because you only want to wear and look good, and then God's body now, you are under nourishing God's body. And when you have to get up and pray in the night, you are dizzy. And when you have to walk to service and the sun is a little hot, you almost want to faint. Why? You are under nourishing God's body and you are thinking more of the raiment than the body. You can't do that. Then you get sick, you want the minister to come and pray for you, you want people to come and pray, you want God to do a miracle and heal you, and you are breaking laws. Obey in the little things.

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 [Be therefore not anxious about tomorrow: for tomorrow will be anxious] for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is [its own] evil...

Gehazi's problem wasn't a new three-piece suit, wasn't some money in his pocket, it was to get that spirit of lust and lying out of him. He was around the Message too long and he was still carrying it. And Elisha said, "The leprosy of Naaman will come on you." And immediately he went out.

Brother, do you think he could have worn that now? Because it was all over his face and he had to go and hide now. The very plan he had, trying to exalt his knowledge above the Word, trying to think that he could outsmart God, (he got his lust to carry him away from the Word,) the very thing trapped him right back into that place.

Now is not a time for raiment, now is not a time for money, now is not a time for these things.

Look, our poor, little brother here, went out there; God began to bless him in his little business, he ended up in sin, backslidden, in the world. It will take the grace of God to reach down there and pull him out. It will take his heart feeling repentant and sorrowful for what he did to come out of it. Now is not a time for these things.

If you are clothed in white raiment and you have that gold tried in the fire, the character of God, you could spit the world out. If you have white raiment, then He says, "Hold fast your garments that you have, that you will not be found naked." Because the Devil wants to

take the holy veil off of you and put a lust veil on you. May we learn our lesson this evening.

The little girl, her name wasn't called. Gehazi's name was called. A little, insignificant girl, but look at the testimony that she had, look at the influence and the impact that it had, look at the great works that were wrought because of that testimony. She was not ashamed of the Gospel. God put her there. She was not crying and sighing over her sorrows of being in captivity, away from her land, and that she didn't have any friends again. No. She knew: "If God has me here, it is for a purpose. God is going to work it out for good."

May God give you that kind of faith. May these little lessons that we could draw from the Word of God, so nourish our souls that it could grow into healthy trees to bring forth precious fruit for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you love Him this evening? Do you appreciate His Word? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Let's stand to our feet and sing a little song, 113: *If the world from you withholds all its silver and its gold, And you have to get along with meagre fare, Just remember in His Word how He feeds the little bird;* (and we just it read in the Scriptures) *Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*

Do you have your burden this evening? Do you have your problems? Why don't you leave it right here in this service beneath the Cross? Why don't you trust Him? *If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out.*

If you have not been faithful as you should be, why don't you be more determined to be faithful, that God could use your life, use your testimony to bring glory to His Name. God put you where He put you, in some little place to shine your light: *This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine; let it shine, let it shine. Amen.*

May God bless you, give you your heart's desire this evening.

[#424 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

If the world from you withhold of its silver...

*And you have to get along with meagre...
Amen. Just remember in His Word;
...in His Word, how He feeds the little bird;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*

*Leave it there, leave it there,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there;
If you trust and never doubt,
Amen. He will surely bring you out. Believe it.
...surely bring you out;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
If you are feeling sick...
If your body suffers pain,
And your health you can't regain,
And your soul is almost sinking...*

Oh, believe it this evening: Jesus knows the pain you feel. That's the truth now. Why don't you reach out and touch Him?

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there

Oh, that is good advice for every one of us now. Let us all do it.

*Leave it there, leave it there,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there;
If you trust and never doubt,
He will surely bring you out;
Take your burden to the Lord...*

And in that testing time, when your enemies assail; it seems that everyone is against you, oh, be strong and of a good courage, this evening.

Don't forget... What about those Hebrew boys now?

*He will make a way for you,
Like the children of Israel through the Red Sea.
And will lead you safely through;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*

Oh, from the greatest to the least, let us do that tonight. Bring it to Calvary. Say, "Lord, I'm going to leave it here tonight. I'm going to take my burden..."

If you trust and never doubt,

Amen.

*He will surely bring you out,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*

*When your youthful days are gone
and old age is stealing on,
And your body bends beneath the weight of care;
Amen. He will never leave you then.*

*He will never leave you then,
He'll go with you to the end;
Take your burdens to the Lord and leave it there
Amen, everyone singing now.*

...leave it there,

Amen.

*Take your burdens to the Lord and leave it there;
If you trust children,
...and never doubt,
He will surely bring you out,
Take your burdens to the Lord and leave it there.*

Amen. We will carry out that advice. We will not hesitate, we will take our burdens down by the riverside; carry them no more. Leave your burdens down by the riverside and study war no more.

Amen. Every head bowed, every eye closed. We just want to ask our precious Bro. Anthony Young to come, ask God's blessing and dismissal tonight, giving God thanks for His Presence among us and His blessings.

[Bro. Anthony Young prays -Ed.].

Could we all say, "Thank You, Jesus"? [Congregation says, "Thank You, Jesus" -Ed.] Amen. Let us sing that song as we dismiss. You may have your seat. *What a mighty God we serve! What a mighty God we serve! Let us sing and praise the Lord.*

[#98 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*What a mighty God we serve!
What a mighty, what a mighty
What a mighty God we serve!
Oh, sing it again.*

What a mighty God...

[The song leader takes the rest of the service -Ed.]

