

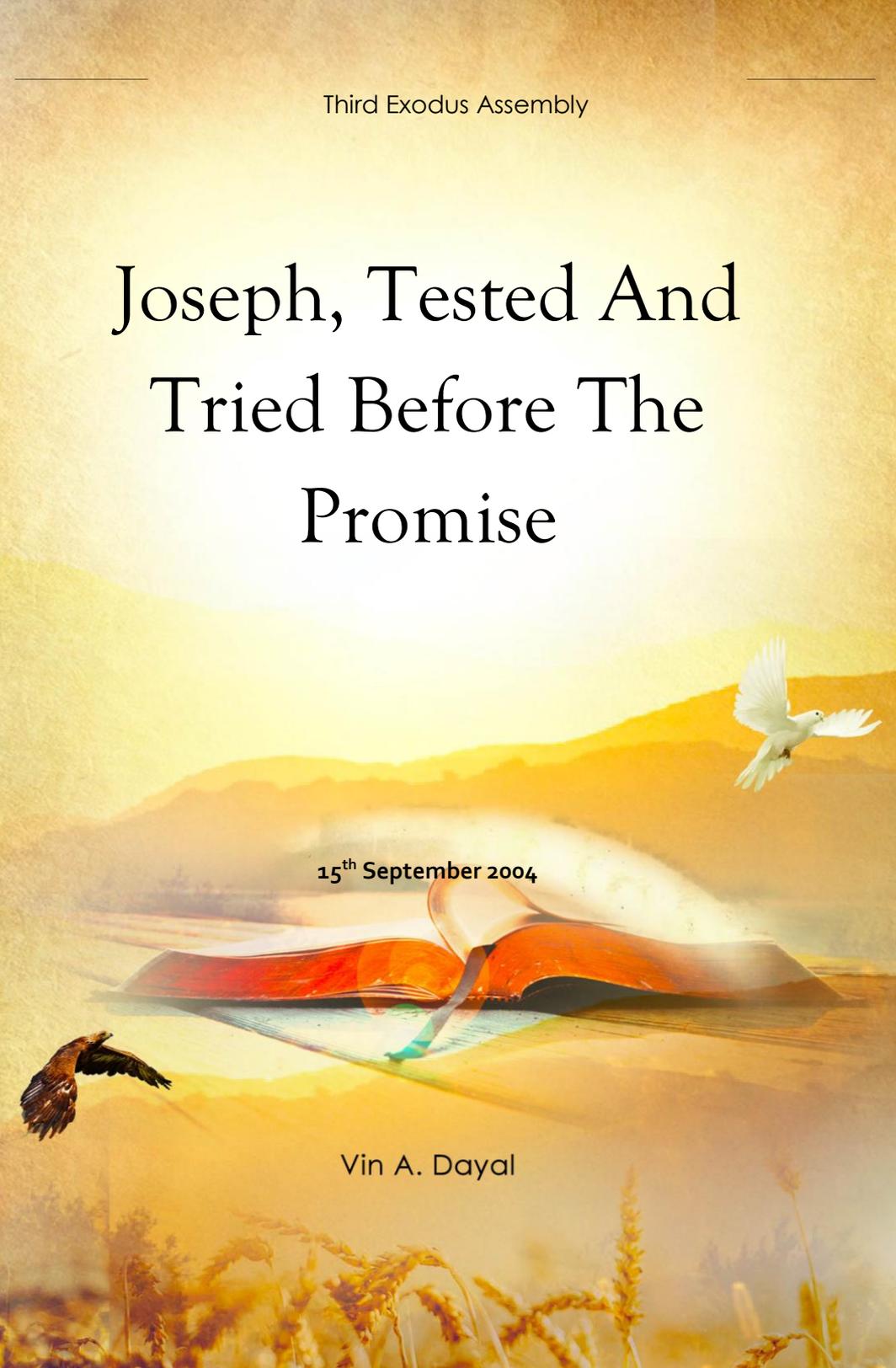
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*... His wonderful way,  
Let go and let God have His way;  
Your sorrows will vanish,  
Your night turn to day,  
Let go and let God have His way.*

May we bow our hearts in His Presence tonight! Even as we expressed in song, the willingness to surrender; to let go of our own will to come into submission to His will, having confidence that He can handle any situation that we have. He said, "Cast your cares upon Me because I careth for you."

Lord Jesus, in expression of the faith that we have in You, this little song, Lord, that we have just expressed before You, singing to our own selves, singing to our souls, that we might fully trust You and believe in You, and know, dear God, that in You there is no variableness or shadow of turning, great is Your faithfulness; that truly You care for us; You are interested in our needs.

Dear God, like You told Peter that time in the boat when he asked if it was You. You said, "It is I, be not afraid. Come." And You bid him, oh God, to trust You so completely, to step out of that boat and begin to walk on the water. You had come in that great storm to bring deliverance. You had come in that great time when they were all in despair. You had come in that dark hour,

Father, and new hope began to arise. Dear God, they began to hear a Voice that could drive away the fears and the doubts, that could bring strength and might and power to the inner man, to move out of the humanistic realm and to move into the realm of faith. Dear God, he found himself walking on the water – a paradox; he couldn't explain it. Dear God, because he trusted in You; because he was willing to obey Your command.

So tonight, Lord, we look at our circumstances, we look at the situation that we are in, and God, we hear the Voice of Your Word speaking to us, bidding us, Lord, to come up higher, to step out, Lord; step out beyond the realm of our fears and our doubts, to look beyond our circumstances and to look to You, the God Who is the Master of all circumstances, Lord, that You might prove Your Word once again in our lives. That is why, Lord, You allow circumstances to come.

We know, Lord, if there were squirrels in the woods that day, there would be no need for You to create. If that little fish didn't die, Lord, there was no use to show Your Resurrection Power. If there was not a storm, Lord, You couldn't show that You are the God Who has power over the elements. But You allowed these things to happen; You permitted it to come, Lord, that You might show to us how present You are and how capable and ready You are to deal with every situation that we would have and find ourselves in.

Oh gracious God, tonight, how we pray that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, will be so present to minister to our needs and to lead us into greater faith, into a greater awareness, Lord, into deeper experience, into a greater realization, Lord; into a more sure confirmation of Your Word in our lives. May You grant it, Lord. How we desire these things that we can truly stand with the blessed assurance in our hearts as individuals, knowing that we don't just have Your written Word but we have Your Word confirmed and proven, making It more sure to us,

making Your Presence more real. May You grant it, Father. How we pray and we ask this.

All Your children, the Elect that You have called in this region, Father, Your children that are gathered tonight, Lord, at their posts of duty, the places of worship throughout this region, may the Spirit of the Living God visit with mighty visitation. May You bless and encourage! May You comfort and strengthen! May You lead and guide and direct their paths, oh God. Grant it tonight.

May Your Presence become so close to us tonight that, Father, when we will leave this place, we can leave with greater faith, more inspired faith, with clearer direction; more settled and established. Oh, may You grant it, Lord.

We thank you for such a wonderful, glorious time and glorious Word that You spoke to us on Sunday. God, how we want to bear fruit. How we want to bear much fruit. How we want to submit, oh God, to the wheel of the Potter – Your great, skilful hands; to the great Vine Dresser; that, Lord God, You can purge us, Lord, so we can be more fruit-bearing. May You grant these things, Father. Grant it, Lord.

Bless us all tonight as we wait upon You and look to You. May You take into consideration every need; every urgent need, every special need Your children will hold in their hearts, knowing that while we have this privilege in Your Presence, to present our prayers as we hold our Token with unwavering faith before You, oh God, as the sign that we are part of this covenanted Seed – Abraham's Royal Seed. Grant it, Lord, that You will look and recognize, and answer. In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray, asking these mercies and blessings, amen.

Amen. Praise His mighty Name. God richly bless you tonight. What a blessed privilege to be gathered in His Presence. I'd like to read out of Genesis 39. I'll continue speaking on this little series in the life of Joseph that I

have been speaking on, and especially trying to catch, on the Wednesday nights, this in a little more personalized way. And we could just study some of this in the Bible and then also look at the things on a more personal level, in our own lives.

And certainly I trust that you have been enjoying and appreciating the services and looking forward to the Holy Spirit to make it real and give you real personal identification in your own life with these things, by God's grace.

Genesis 39. You also can find 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4; a little place in there also I would like to read. Amen. Genesis. I would like to drop back to a little part in Chapter 37 as well. So, I'll start reading from there, verse 17, Chapter 37, and then I'll go down to Chapter 39.

*17 And the man said, They are departed hence...*

This was when Joseph was looking for his brothers; his father had sent him to go and find them.

*... for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan*

*18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.*

*19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.*

*20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.*

*21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.*

*22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the*

wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

*23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;*

*24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.*

Even that we found out to be of the Lord because that helped save his life and delay the death that they had planned for him.

*25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.*

*26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?*

*27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him...*

So, here we see God was working, at least for the time, upon the hearts of Reuben and Judah who were not too consenting to killing him, with which the other brothers were determined to do. And he said:

*27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.*

*28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.*

Verse 36:

*<sup>36</sup> And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.*

And Chapter 39:

*<sup>1</sup> And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.*

*<sup>2</sup> And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man...*

It is very strange that the Holy Spirit would speak in that manner, but every Word is inspired. Here he was in slavery; here here he was in chains. Here he was delivered from the hands of his brothers who were conspiring to kill him, now he was sold into slavery.

And It said:

*... the LORD was with [Him], and he was a prosperous man...*

And we don't see any signs of immediate prosperity, but the Bible tells us the Lord was with him. And from all appearances of where he was there, it seemed as if the Lord had forsook him. But the Lord hadn't forsaken him. And that's where sometimes when we find ourselves in this kind of adversity, we are quick to get the insecure feeling and feel abandoned by God.

But notice here, the... Because it is not the word of man, it is the Word of God. And men of old were moved by the Holy Spirit. And notice, nobody could write about Joseph but Joseph himself, because he was the one to relate his own experience. And so, Moses who penned the first five Books... It doesn't mean Moses sat down in his mind and just wrote off a lot of things. Because remember, Joseph was down in Egypt all those years talking to the elders, telling the whole story. He was a man full of wisdom and everything else. Moses merely came and put a lot of it together. Because Abraham,

Isaac, Jacob; all the experiences that they came through, these were being passed down from one to the next. Because they understood they were a covenanted people and the covenant was moving from father, to son, to grandson, to great-grandson. It was moving because they knew that they were carrying a promise of God; selected.

Because the very first eleven chapters of Genesis is put there to tie Adam to Abraham, showing that the original purposes of God in the Garden of Eden – the woman going to have a Seed, that Seed was traced straight to Adam, to Noah, to Shem, to Abraham. And the Bible puts it that way so we can see how God still has His promise in mind and is working to the fulfilling of His promise.

The same way Seven Church Ages show the Church never went out of existence; what started on the Day of Pentecost is still here. There always was a thin line of that little Elected group preserved so the Truth could keep coming down until It came back in Its fullness. Like the Corn of Wheat fell in the ground and died, and the same Life came up in a shoot.

So these things here, as we look at it, we want to have that kind of understanding so it is not just like at random, you know. This is the Writ, the Holy Writ. This is the Word of God.

And It said:

*<sup>2</sup> And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.*

*<sup>3</sup> And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.*

If the master could see this, if the Egyptian could see that, how much more Joseph knew that. If the Egyptian could see that and observe that, how much more Joseph knew that.

Because remember, when you are being used to make decisions, do things, leadership, you are conscious that you are anointed; you are conscious that you are being directed and influenced from another Source. Is that right? Because the thing you are doing, you are doing it in faith, and you are making the right decision because you are under leadership. Maybe other people wouldn't know that you are being led, but you know you are being led. See?

And so, It tells us the Lord was with him, and he knew that. And now, man was seeing and observing. Because It said:

*<sup>3</sup> And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.*

Wouldn't you say that would allow him to have some peace? Even though he was in bondage and he was in slavery, he was understanding: "Well then, why is God not telling me about being delivered out of this slavery but He is showing He is with me?" You don't have to be a rocket scientist to realize: "No. He wants me here, because He is blessing me here. And the things He is revealing to me are things to help me get better established here."

How many know when they went down into Babylon, God said, "Plant house, plant garden; build house, marry wives, because you are not coming back in a hurry"? Is that right? So, God was giving them revelation: "You are going to stay there for a while." Because remember, a lot of men were saying, "You are going back in two years. Get ready to go out. We are not staying down here. God loves us." But people who had revelation knew: "No. I have to go through this for a while." Can't we learn that?

Why do we let the Devil bombard our minds? Or do you get so frantic and insecure and nervous that you can't see: "But why is He blessing me? Look how He used me to help this one. Look how He used me to help

this one. But I don't want to be here. But maybe He has a reason for me being here. Maybe I didn't expect Him to pass me this way, but look, He is passing me this way and I want to see what this way leads out to"? That is how a believer walks, friends.

Whether it was four thousand years ago back there, or whether it is right here today, it makes no difference, it's still God. He is the unchanging God. Remember, that is only about three and a half days with God, you know. A day with God is a thousand years. That is about a couple of days with God. My!

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

Verse 4:

*<sup>4</sup> And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put [in] his hand.*

So from a slave, the boy came and got a promotion. He was promoted. He was in a place now of responsibility. He was in a place where he was given a measure of authority. He was now over the entire household.

Now, let me tell you. One of the characteristics of Eternal Life is this: people who have Eternal Life... Just like if you are an eagle. If you are of eagle stock, you are born with microscopic sight, that is one of the eagle's characteristics. You don't be an eagle and hear other eagles talking about they are seeing that little ant there, and they are seeing that bird way up on that tree, and you ask, "How are you all doing that? But that's strange."

They will say, "Wait a minute. You are an eagle and you are not seeing that? No. You can't be an eagle. On the outside you may be looking like an eagle. Because if you are an eagle, all eagles have that." And say, "Isn't that so, sister eagle? Isn't that so, brother eagle?"

And they say, "Yeah, we are all seeing."

He says, "Tell me what is the color of that bird? And they tell him the color of the bird. He says, "How many ants are there? And they are counting.

In other words, that's a characteristic of an eagle.

"You say you are an eagle," he says, "fly!" The eagle flies. He says, "You see, you are no chicken, you are an eagle.

Well, the same way that is a characteristic of a life, an eagle's life; Eternal Life, one of the characteristics is to observe; is to observe. Why? Because God's Life, God sees everything. And God watches everything because everything with God has a meaning. There is nothing with God that doesn't have any meaning. Everything with God has reason and purpose. Did you get that? A blade of grass doesn't even move without God wanting that to move. It's God we are talking about.

That's why the Prophet said, "What is 'infinite'?" He said, "Infinite..." He said, "Let me give you a description." And that's the best description of 'infinite' you can get in any encyclopedia. He said, "I will tell you how a flea... God knows how many fleas there are, and how much tallow every flea will make, how long a flea will live; what a flea will do." Who would even think about a flea? He said, "Well, that is what 'infinite' means." So right now, he knew he was talking to finite minds. And right now, he was taking us from finite to get a look at 'infinite', to figure out now, that is the kind of God, you are dealing with.

When we get in the Bible, He said, "Who could add one cubit to your stature?" He said, "The very hairs on your head are numbered." So, we get a God Who knows every cubit of our stature even before we came here, He knows every hair that is numbered on our head, and not one of us could've made our eyes blue or green or yellow or brown or black or whatever it is. God determined these things even before we came here; that the natural birth is even more mysterious than the virgin birth. Out of a million sperms and a million eggs,

He comes now and guides which one to meet which one to determine what you are.

And we found out, like Sis. Hope, when she died and the Prophet buried her, and then he went beyond the curtain of time, he said, “Hope still had the brown hair and the brown eyes.” Well, the body was in Walnut Ridge Cemetery. But what he saw There wasn’t the body he buried. He buried the earthly tabernacle. What he saw was the celestial body. But the celestial body, the theophany, that was before the flesh body. Because the flesh body is the negative that reflects the positive, and that has brown eyes. So that means, God had to stop the right sperm and the right egg when her father and mother came together, to bring that that way. So, we are getting to where an infinite God is.

You see, that’s why when you sit down and you pause, the God Whom you are dealing with, and the God Who ordained you, and the God Who called you, you don’t fight up with that God, you surrender to that God quickly.

Because why did He... Why was He so meticulous in designing your life? He didn’t have to do it. He could have just made you something that didn’t have all this fine work into you. But how many know the Bible says, “We are fearfully and wonderfully made”? [Congregation responds, “Amen.” –Ed.] Is that right? Fearfully and wonderfully made; that, brother, you have to get a man to spend his lifetime to study the ‘eye’ to become an eye specialist, and when he finishes his whole lifetime, he hasn’t discovered fully what the ‘eye’ is as yet. Then you have a man who is a heart specialist. Then you have a man who is trying to study the voice. Then you have a man who is studying the fingerprint. And God in ‘one’ [all at once; in one go –Ed.], designed you. Though there are six and a half billion people on the planet, everyone is unique in their own way; there are no two alike. Can you imagine that?

When you get in the animal realm, you see zebras. You see no two zebras have the same stripes. And could you imagine that God could put a zebra where a lion is and that lion is watching that zebra like that and, brother, it confuses them with the stripes and how they move? You see, it's God in nature, friends. Didn't that God make an ant to an elephant?

So we are realizing, if He has all this wisdom and He is so infinite and so powerful, surely He has to have some reason and purpose, because He tells you, "Study the ant"; that even that little ant there has lessons for you. And when you get down to the ant, he is the most social creature there is. He has a communication system, defence system, transport system, labor system; everything that ant has. That ant knows winter is coming and how to store up the food in time. Those ants have cooperation and unity.

You see those little 'bachac' [leaf-cutting ant -Ed.] in your yard taking a leaf hundreds of times their size and they are working in harmony. You get two men to carry a big load, they will argue, they will fight, they will criticize one another; they will pull down one another. They can't cooperate, they will debate. They have to get a union. They have to get a union steward, shop steward and everything, to help them do one little piece of work. They want sick leave and all kinds of different things. Those ants, brother, things hundreds of times their size, they carry it long distances.

You hear a man is bankrupt; no money, they fall apart; the bailiff comes and seize their things. Have you ever seen them do that to the ant? Brother, those ants store up before winter comes in. Those ants know how to save, and those ants know their season and they know when to make decisions. Is that right? Have you ever seen ants walk around with placards around that ant colony, like: "We are not working today; higher wages"? You've never seen that.

So, when you look at this God that we are talking about here, you know, it makes you realize: “God, what are we fighting up for? Surely in all this life there is a reason.”

You just sit down with a classroom and you’ll see man like organized things, structured, that their minds could relate to. They watch; pass around by one of these colleges: Queen’s Royal College, they see four or five buildings there, then they know that’s a school; that’s an institution. Then they go in there and they see an administration in that institution. You have a Principal’s office, you have the VP’s [Vice Principal –Ed.] office, you have different staff rooms with teachers, you have different classes, you have different things, and that’s the school.

And then they have the syllabus and the academic year. And they have all their different things that they want to achieve. And that’s a whole school running. And a child goes there, and the parents send them out every day, and they are going to go there for five year, and they are going to try to qualify for a subject and they are going to come out and so on. And we kind of figure, “That’s organized and nice”. And so much of their life, so much minutes per class, per period and everything. And they have a break and they have snack-time, or whatever it is. Then they have lunchtime, then they have different things. Then they have detention if you misbehave, you know. They have all kinds of things inside of there.

You go to the Principal’s office, they have a black book, they have caning [corporal punishment –Ed.], you know. They have discipline, they have bringing in your parents and, you know; they have suspension. And man could relate to all of that; that’s a school. And in the end, somebody comes out and they graduate and they go to UWI. [The University of the West Indies –Ed.] That’s a different world. That’s a different level of learning and understanding. That’s a higher realm.

Well, I mean, God has... Life is the same. You see life but sometimes you look and you don't see any structure, you don't see any order, you don't see any boundary set, you don't see any specific time to be tested. You don't see any teachers and tutors training. You don't see any ministry of angels. But if you watch by the Word, life is not just a bunch of people on the planet. Brother, nothing on this planet...

Brother, they can tell you the tides, and high tide and low tide for the next twenty years. Isn't that right? They can tell you when the next eclipse is coming in twenty years. That's right. Because everything is set up by a law; in order. And then the Bible comes and tells you: "To every purpose under Heaven, there is a time and season: a time to be born, a time to die," and everything else. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 -Ed.]

When you go through this life, so many of us in our own natural life see many times we came to sure death and somehow we came out. We see people who look like it's sure life, and the next thing, they die in a freak. And you want to know, "What is happening?" No. Why? There is order here. There is: you reap and you sow. There are laws that people go through. There is chastisement. There are things that people have to go through.

And God put the examples in the Bible. Amen. How He took Israel, planted them in Canaan; pruned them. They brought forth wild grapes. Then God had to prune off those things. God took them into Babylon, seventy years of chastisement, then brought them back in the land. Then He started to bless them and prosper them.

And you are seeing a guiding hand of God in disciplining His children, in disciplining His Church; in disciplining individuals. We see Job going through this, we see Abraham going through this, we see Israel as a nation going through this; we see the Church going through theirs. Isn't that right?

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And so, I want you to see how these things are in our lives. We are in a school. Earth is the school ground. “This is the testing ground,” the Prophet said. “You are schooled. Righteous men are molded into saints and sages.” You come to know this God by experience. You pass your test, you come to Adoption; you graduate; you come in to be placed positionally. It is not just a bunch of people trying to make a living, and: “I don't have food in my house,” and, “I'm running down here,” and, “I'm busy,” and, “I got influenced into this,” and, “I got influenced into that,” and, “I'm changing my job left and right,” and, “I'm doing all kinds of things”; hustle-bustle. No, no, no.

If a child goes to approach school like that, brother... What if he's: “I'm not learning fast enough; better I go into Form 4,” [a grade in school -Ed.] and he wants to run out from Form 1 to go up into Form 4, he wouldn't understand anything. If he finds, “The teachers and they, they are unfair to me.”

And they say, “No, no, no, no. Your pass mark is supposed to be this. You are not doing your homework. There are a lot of different things you are not doing. You are in class and you are reading comic books.”

And many times as parents, we take the whip and we challenge our children. And we whip them and we say, “Go to school and learn” and we hold them there. And then God takes us now and He says, “You are in school too, and you are ‘breaking biche’ [playing hookie; to deliberately miss attendance at school without a valid excuse -Ed.] and you are not paying attention. And I'm taking you through a trial and teaching you and you are not listening here. I have to put you to sit down here. I have to put the rod on you; drive the foolishness away from you. You know I wouldn't kill you.” And you are failing to see the same God. Are you getting me?

Because all these natural things are to come from one stage to the... To grow in grace and in knowledge. To develop. To become more experienced. To become more mature. To come to a more settled place. To have a greater outlook, a deeper insight into what the world is. Because that is preparing you for life on earth. Because earth is a system.

Sometimes you have to get a job, you have to raise a family, you have to pay your rent, you have to pay for your utilities: water and lights and all your telephones, and you have to pay for all these things. And so, you have to earn, so they are trying to get you now, how to be part of this world.

Well, in your soul, your soul, and you are growing up into the image of the Word and coming from a baby to a child to a man. Same way in the school, you start off as a baby in kindergarten and then they put the four or five little blocks for you: red, yellow, and you are learning your colors, and you are learning this is 'A' and this is 'B'. And they are trying to get you through the alphabet and to get you to vowels and to get you to, you know, sound out your words and these things. And then that same child, potentially, is a rocket scientist, you know. That same child, potentially, brother, will be some big inventor. That child will be some great person, you know, that is going to be put into some big position. But look how he is starting here.

Because he is born; he doesn't know all what he is going to know at a later stage in life. But quickly, they begin to find out the child when he comes to a place. They say, "Languages for you. Science for you." They say, "You will find your thing in athletics and sports because you are not too good academically."

So, everybody now is discovering. They say, "Vocational type of school for you. You are good with your hands, go and do electrician or something else here. Don't learn all this set of Spanish and Geography and waste your time with that. Learn to make, you

know, furniture or something.” They start to find you. They start to find you. They see your gift. They see your aptitude. They see, you know, what you are good at. They see what you like. They see, you know, what situation you can think your way through. And they are watching you, and they are helping you. By the time you come out now, you come out there because you have been well supervised.

Well, look at God now. In God’s realm, it’s the same way. Because God leads you to discover your potential that He equipped you with from birth. He says, “You are called to be a prophet. You are called to sing. You are called to be a mother like Susanna Wesley; you are going to raise certain children there for a testimony.” Amen. You come over here as a businessman and God is going to bless. You come over here to play music. You come over here, God put a gift to prophesy in your life, like Agabus. Oh my!

And you see how God is developing His Church and how people are coming to discover these things through experience. Well, Joseph was going to save the world. And so, this little gift in this boy, the Bible shows you, one of the first expressions was that he saw things in the future. But before all of that, the father had already given him a coat. Because the father had seen things; the father had put him over his brothers already. It doesn’t tell us all what he was doing, how he was causing Potiphar’s house to prosper. But as a steward, he was running the whole affairs of the man. The man was a big man in Egypt. He had fields, he had houses, he had servants; he had a big economy.

And this one, like how Eliezer was Abraham’s chief steward, Joseph became Potiphar’s chief steward over everything. So they saw wisdom, they saw administration; they saw this man in accounting and all those things. The man was skilled.

When every month Potiphar looked, his things were increasing. The man was developing the land; all what

was barren land; planted it up nicely; fixed it up. He made the estate and he raised the value on what the man had. He bought lands. He checked things out; he bought some stock. Brother, he was able to increase the man's wealth and everything else. And all of this was the gifts in his life, operating.

But it was the same gift God was going to use to save the world. Because while he was operating his father's economy and Potiphar's economy, it was training for the time that the vision showed, which was an appointed time, when he was going to come there and he would have to take over an economy, which was the whole of Egypt, that was going to govern the world.

Sometimes God is training you for greater things, and if you don't have the eye, what you are going through seems irrelevant, and you get hasty and impatient and you are trying now to manifest what is down the road. Because you can't see how the present things are actually precisely so necessary to your growth, development and preparation for what is to come.

This is a foolish thing to bring but it's in my mind right now so I have to say it. I saw a picture [movie -Ed.] some years ago called, *Karate Kid*. This boy always was getting beaten up in school; all the bullies beat him up in school, so he had to learn to fight. So he met this old man, a master of the art, martial arts, to go to fight. So, the man said, "Polish the car. Paint the fence." And everything the man told him... Because the big championship was coming up, he got so vexed and frustrated against the teacher, he said, "Man, you're only working me. When will you teach me to fight karate?"

This time, he said, "Polish this way. Shine this way." He didn't know all of that was the exercise in the training. But the man was teaching on such a level that the boy couldn't understand. So, he now couldn't read what the teacher was doing. And instead of him getting faith and confidence, and say, "I'm getting prepared. I'm

doing a hundred like this and my hand isn't hurting me anymore. I'm doing two thousand like this. I'm in coordination," you know what I mean, "and I have the footwork to go with it." He wasn't seeing he was getting any preparation. He was getting frustrated. And he was being prepared, but under the guise.

So, sometimes we hear, "The Third Pull and the Spoken Word, and when the Squeeze comes and the Resurrection at the Last Trump, and the Super Race, and the Alpha Bride comes back," and you can't see: I am going to work and a man is cursing me on the work; what that has to do with that. And you can't see: if problems come up in my house; what that has to do with that.

Do you get what I'm saying? And you are frustrated now. Why? You think that means: if I have to speak squirrels, I will speak an ant – "Let there be an ant." When tomorrow comes, I will go and speak, you know, "Let there be a bird," or something. And say, "I'm coming in, I'm coming in," you know. "Let there be a worm... I will reach the squirrel stage just now." No. It is not like that.

It is God bringing a life into full surrender. It is God bringing a life into a place where He has full control. It is God bringing a life into a place where it harmonizes with Him. It is God taking out places you have confidence in the flesh, and self-will that you have, and impatience that you have, to get ahead of God and these things. And God knows how to break that and take that and weaken you and bring you dependent and make you rely upon Him. So, when God wants to come in now and do something, you're sensitive. God is raising your level of awareness. God is bringing you conscious: "I am with you all the time."

So, sometimes He leads you into really dangerous places and you feel so forsaken, and then all of a sudden, you find He is right there with you. You say,

“My goodness, He was there all the time. He was there all the time waiting patiently in love.” See?

He was there in the boat sleeping and the water was filling up, and He didn't jump up and say, “Boy, water is coming in, let Me help. Let Me save you all.” He let that water fill up. He let them fall apart and everything, and He was just watching through the corner of the eye, watching them. And when they reached the end of human strength now and they realized they couldn't do a thing, that's the time they had to look to the Word for help.

The first time there was a sign of something, they could have looked to the Word. But all that time they thought, “We are in charge; we could handle it. We could do this.” And every time they tried to handle it and leave the Word out of it, they got into problems.

You see, God has a way He does things, friends. And this whole thing is set up in a certain way to keep you living by faith. And so, leadership comes through Him communicating His will to you. And to get that leadership and to hear His Voice, you have to be in the same channel He is transmitting in. So, for you to be in that wavelength to catch His Voice, it takes living in a certain place. Because there are so many things to shake you out of that and tune you into others things around you.

You have a naked woman passing there, a young fellow cannot stay tuned in at all. This girl here, you know, there are all kinds of fashion passing, she can't stay tuned in at all. There are so many things shaking them out.

But God is trying to get you, that regardless of what is around you, you can stay tuned in; you can hear His Voice, you can be linked up to Him; you can be under His leadership. And these are the things in your own life, you are looking and you want to see.

Because let me tell you, we should be way up the road now. We should be growing up. And growing up to the

place where we are no longer confused; we are no longer worrying.

Just let me put a little quote in here by the time. A message called, *Possessing The Enemy's Gates*. [[1959-1108-Ed.](#)] He was talking about Abraham; how he was being tested. Because Abraham was the first stage of Joseph's life. That's the same stage of your life. You had an Abraham stage of your life. When God called you, by faith, you went out not knowing where you were going. But you are coming to the perfection that was in Joseph. Because Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, is Luther, Wesley, Pentecost, and this Age. It is your justification, your sanctification, your New Birth, and your Adoption. Do you get what I'm saying? It is stalk, tassel, shuck and Grain.

So, it's your life. You come through Abraham; you come through Isaac. From Abraham, you started to learn sonship, obedience to the will of the Father; submission to Him. From there you understand your election. You come to know you are a son, a beloved son; a son who is going to be heir of all that the Father has. Then you come to see the grace of God in your life; see the purpose of God is according to the election. And God begins to unfold that purpose now to you. And you begin to see it is not him that willeth nor him that runneth, but it is God that showeth mercy.

Like Jacob, that all the things you had... Because before they were born or did good or evil, God said, "Jacob have I loved; Esau have I hated. The elder shall serve the younger." Then you come out of Joseph now, God says, "Yes, you have all of that, but this life has the potential for perfection." Amen. You are not going to fight your battles, you are not going to try to live like Jacob there, trying to scheme to get things done. You are not going to live like Abraham there, in fear, lying when the pressure comes. Like Joseph, you could be persecuted, you could be tempted in all points, but yet you are going to stand there – the life that is pleasing.

The greatest in the Old Testament was Joseph, when coming to the Life of God – the display. You see Moses and they blew up under pressure. “Oh gosh man,” he said, “you rebels,” and struck the rock twice under pressure. You see Elijah with all that power, you see he called those two she-bears and they ate up those forty-two children! You see Joseph, conspired against, hated, persecuted, sold into slavery, yet he was saying, “Don’t be against yourself, God had a purpose in this.” No revenge, no pressure; no reacting.

You see a different life. You see a life not trying for showmanship, not trying to compete with people. You see a man tempted with women. You see Samson and they, what they did. You see David and they, such great, mighty things what they did, planning to get the woman. The woman was pushing herself on him and he [Joseph -Ed.] was running. David was planning how to kill the man and take the man’s wife. See, a different life. It is a different life.

And this is where we see, look at Luther and they: defiled. And we see Wesley and they with their self-righteousness – the Methodists. And we see the Pentecostals and they with their wild, fanatical business. But we see a Church: Malachi 4. We see one about the Father’s business, one that the Father loved, one that the Father could reveal... One that they hated and persecuted. But he showed back love, no revenge; took all those darts and arrows but abode strong in the Lord. And yet was purged to become even more fruitful, even though he was already bearing fruit. And we see what we as a Church in the last days, the Elect, the Capstone, the perfection of the Church to bring the Resurrection, what it is going to be.

And so, as He was showing the same thing in Abraham’s life, which I’m applying to Joseph, he said, [paras. 9-14 -Ed.]

*God had been testing the patriarch...*

Because every son of God that comes must be tested and tried and proven before they can be placed.

That is what I'm preaching on: JOSEPH, TESTED AND TRIED BEFORE THE PROMISE. Because God has to test every one of you before the promise. You have to prove that you've passed. Do you think your parents are going in and beg the school teacher to take you back in and give you a two years? Sometimes that can happen too. People intercede for you and God with mercy...

Hezekiah cried and begged and pleaded, and God said, "Fifteen years extra," in the school. A lot of things happen in the school; the school system here on earth that God has set up for your life, that you will come into this school. This school of testings and trials. This school where you come out with such a character of Jesus Christ. Amen. You want to have all those passes. Seven passes you want.

That's why you want faith and virtue and knowledge and temperance and patience and godliness and brotherly kindness. And then you get your diploma, Divine Love, comes down in your big graduation there, and you step out as a son of God now, approved of God. Amen. Scholarship. You are walking with the gold medal. Amen. They stand up there and say, "That is one of the winners in this year. That is one. They won the prize." See?

Now, he said:

*God had been testing the patriarch, because He had given him a promise. And when God makes a promise [when God makes a promise]...*

There is a promise in this Age – the Bride Tree will be restored; there will be a Super Church, there will be a Super Race; God will bring the Church back to perfection and these things. There will be another Book of Acts. All these things are the promise. And, there will be a Church without spot and without wrinkle. Sin can't stand among that Church. We know these things. At the Last Trump, we shall be changed. We are already

gathered for the sounding of that Last Trumpet. Six Trumpets have sounded.

Now, watch.

*And when God makes a promise, He wants to be sure that this person is worthy of the promise, before He fulfills what He said or what He promises.*

You can watch that in Abraham, a type of the Church. God called him out of Babylon, tried him and tested him, then the promise.

You can watch that in Israel, a type of the Church. God called them out of Egypt, tried them all through the wilderness and tested them before He placed them and gave them their inheritance. You can find that in the Church Ages, how God called the Church out of Catholicism and through Luther and Wesley and Pentecost, and then now, the Church comes to the place of harder trials, which I'm going to bring it and show it to you, before She comes to Adoption in this Age. And then on an individual level, how God took the Prophet and tried him and proved him in this Age as an individual, and then brought him to the promise.

So, all the patterns in the Bible for these things are there because it's a school and God is working in your life.

Some of us lived our lives and the best part of our lives is gone and we never fully understood what life is all about. Some of us came to learn the things in life late, that we should have learned in life young. And here we are in this Hour.

This is the Hour to catch. You might have made many mistakes, you might have served God halfway down through the years, you might have been in and out of the church, you might have been up and down in your experience. This is not the Hour to be there. This is the Hour to come into a place where you can begin to get focused. Keep your eyes fixed on the Prize. Don't fight as one that beats the air; run as one who is striving lawfully for the mastery, (amen,) that you may win

Christ. See? “To him that overcometh,” remember, that’s the last thing. The promises are to him that overcometh. It is testing time, you have to be proven and tried.

[So] *when God makes a promise, He wants to be sure that this person is worthy of the promise, before He fulfills what He said or what He promises. So Abraham had been promised that through his seed the whole world would be blessed, that he would have a son. And, this son, out of him [would] come forth a Seed that would bless the whole earth. And Abraham, when the promise was given to him, was seventy-five years old; and Sarah, his wife, was sixty-five years old. But the Bible tells us that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God, through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God.*

This is a message called, *Possessing The Enemy’s Gates*. Because the Prophet had preached this just himself after he was tested, before the Spoken Word. And now, he had come and he saw it manifested. And when he saw it manifested, he understood that: “Here this promise is now coming to pass.” So, he went now and began to preach this message to bring it to the church, as the firstfruit coming in by experience to take his place in this Age as a matured son of God after trials and harder trials.

And so, watch. He was going back in the Bible and was opening this up. And he said:

*And God, time after time, tested him, [tested Abraham,] but he had come to that final test before the blessing was going to happen.*

God, from time after time, tested Abraham. Tested him with his father, tested him with Lot, tested him with Ishmael, tested him with those herdsmen, tested him with Sarah, tested him down in Egypt with his life, tested him with Abimelech – all of those testings. But then the final testing came: “Take your son now.” Not Lot and your father and Ishmael now. “Go to Moriah.”

See? Final testing. After he was tested so many times, the final testing before the promise.

That's when He said, "Now you will have a seed, Abraham, and your seed will possess the gates of the enemies. It's confirmed."

First, he had revelations of this, but now, God swore by Himself, when there was no greater one to swear by. God was confirming the thing now in his life because he had proven himself worthy. The revelations... God gave him circumcision when he proved he was willing to go on; that God confirmed his faith.

Circumcision, Paul told us, was the Seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had received from God. God imputed it to him for righteousness because he believed, but circumcision was the Seal. Have you received the Holy Ghost *since* you believed. Not when you believed; *since* you believed, then the Seal came.

God recognized the faith; that he was willing to stand the test. He was willing to be tried. He was willing to go into the fire. He was willing to be proven. Because he started to understand: "There is no way for me to come into this except I submit to be tried and tested."

And he that has good gold wouldn't dread going to the testing machine. And that's why God had to come and reveal election, and foreknowledge, and predestination to let you know, you have the potential to do that. God is letting you see in your life, by revelation, and by a measure of experience, that you are called. Because the only ones called are those whom He foreknew. He did predestinate, and those whom He predestinate is them He called. He isn't just calling just like that. You are called according to His purpose. You are predestinated to be conformed into the image of His Son, and all things are working together for good.

So, God brings you to that, so when you are going through the testing, you are not saying, "Why am I going through this? I can't do that. I can't do that." You'll say, "No. I can do that. God doesn't give me more than I can

bear. God wants me to see and understand the capability of what He put in me. I am told it's there. He knows the capability, but I have to know it by experience. Because it's self-discovery for me." Do you get what I'm saying? That's right.

*And God, time after time, tested him, but he had come to that final test before the blessing was going to happen.*

*And that's the way it is [and that's the way it is] with all the Seed of Abraham.*

Tested and tested and tested and tested, and then a double portion of testing. Tested to the final point, then He says, "This is My beloved son. This is My beloved daughter." A season where He will loose all Hell at you. But the house is built upon the Rock and no spiritual 'Ivan' [referring to Hurricane Ivan -Ed.] can shake that house; can't even touch that roof. Amen!

Ivan got frustrated and took off. When Ivan met Moses down in Egypt, brother, standing there, after he met that Pillar of Fire, Ivan had to leave him for a season. When Ivan met Jesus on the mountain, he had to leave Him. Amen. Terrible Ivan? Carry him before people who are not built on that Rock, brother. But who is built on that Rock, Ivan says, "Terrible? I'm terrible? I'm not terrible, that man is terrible! He is the terrible one." Ivan leaves crying.

You are not walking around saying, "No humanitarian aid. Nobody is helping me. Look at what Ivan did to my house. Look at what Ivan did to my roof. Look at what Ivan did to my car. Look at how Ivan did this. Look at what Ivan did to my food." Oh God, have mercy.

You say, "Ivan was trying to come in here and I told Ivan, I said, 'You, Ivan, don't belong here. You take your buddies and go! Pass this place straight! Look, that Token is there, what is the matter with you?'"

This is what God wants, friends. When Ivan came by Job, he found Job on a Rock. He battled the outer man; he talked all kinds of nonsense. But the inner man

inside of there was waiting. He was drawing inspiration from the lily, he was drawing from the flower; he was drawing from the tree. And then when he got a full charge, it broke him into a vision where he saw the Redeemer, one foot on land and one foot on sea with the open Book and Seven Thunders uttered Its Voices. The Lion roared, who can but fear? Oh my! And he saw the Easter vision. And he said, "Though the skin-worms destroy this body, yet in this flesh I'll see God, Whom I shall see for myself." [Job 19:26-27 -Ed.] Oh, brother. My, my, my, my. Think of it, brothers. Think.

Oh, this is the storm—this is a hurricane season, and the Caribbean Bride is being tested in this Hour. This is Her season to be tested. We sit sometimes and we watch people in different parts of the world being tested, but the test, on a regional level, dropped down in this region, and the world is watching them being tested. And then you are seeing the unity of the Bride too; that all the Bride around is looking in that direction and saying, "Our brothers and sisters are suffering, what can we do?"

And then Satan has to realize, "Wait a minute, but these people are united. But these people have love. But these people are willing to sacrifice for each other. But these people are standing with each other. Long ago, I would have gotten them to laugh and criticize and say, 'That's good for them,' and find all kinds of things to say, 'It's God doing this and God doing that,' but now, look how they are standing behind each other." Are you getting me?

Then what you see there, that has to trickle down now and become local, and then come down to families, and then come down individually, the same way. And when you see one hurting, everybody rally to help that one. And one suffering, everybody rally to help that one! Say, "Pour out some love for this one."

You say, "Yeah, I have a portion of love here."

"I have a portion of love here."

“Here is my portion of love.”

“Here is my portion of love.”

Say, “Pour out some prayer.”

Day, “Here is my portion of prayer.”

“Here is my portion of prayer.”

Are you getting me? What a time. Tested, tried and proven.

*And that’s the way it is with all the Seed of Abraham. God gives us [that] final test just before He gives the promise. And if it was possible, I’d like to say something here, personally, but I’ll withhold that.*

He had the squirrels just a couple of days before, so he did not want to go into it prematurely. He wanted to bring *New Ministry* [1959-1115 -Ed.] and tell it on that, and then *Speak To The Mountain*. [1959-1123 -Ed.] But he was building them up now for the test, because he understood how God tested him. He said, “Stand there; you said three!” He saw how God was training him to bring him into it. So, he was bringing the message now to the church.

He said, “Church, you’re going to hit this junction, and when you come here, you will be tested; you will have to believe in your heart what you say and don’t doubt.” You will have to be able to... Your faith has to find a source, like Abraham’s faith found a source; like Joshua’s faith found a source. Like Moses’ faith found a source, when God had to plug Moses back in: “Didn’t I say bring them back on this mountain? You haven’t reached there yet. Speak and go forward. Haven’t I trained you for this?” And God had to point him back.

Then Moses realized, “Hey, why am I panicking here? I have the people on the road to the promise.”

Joshua knew he was fighting the battle. Samson knew he was the covenanted son of God. They understood the training. They were having faith in their own anointing because they understood how their lives were molded by the Potter’s hands, prepared for a good work.

They were in school. The teacher comes today and says, "Okay, test this morning."

They say, "But sir, you didn't prepare us."

He says, "Yes, you are prepared. Last week, I gave you all the things but I didn't tell you. And some of you who like to cram when you hear, 'Test is coming up,' and you go and spend all night and try to cram," he says, "this, I don't want you learning like that. That is not the way to learn. I want you to be conscious in class to be prepared at all times, that no matter what comes, you are ready."

Because you are walking in step, and when the teacher moves you here, you are here. And when the teacher moves you from here, you are here. And you are right in the rhythm, under the leadership. You don't try in one night to catch up because you are way behind and you are trying now to catch up in that one night to come out for the test now. He says, "That is not a good student."

So, he said: *And that's the way it is with all the Seed of Abraham. God gives us that final test just before He gives the promise. ... That final test, to see how you'll react upon it. And when He had gave Abraham this test, He found Abraham just as true as [when he was] started. What a blessing it would be this morning if we who [would] take His promise of healing would stand just as true as we did when we stood here and accepted it. No matter what the doctor said, stand just as true.*

*And when he did this, and never withheld his only son, [he] was about to plunge the knife into Isaac's bosom, to destroy his testimony. He had testified, all over the known earth that he was acquainted with, that he was going to have this son. And then when the son came, he was asked to double back, and to destroy the only hope that he had for his testimony to be fulfilled. And when God seen that he was loyal to that faith that he had in God...*

In other words, God said, “Go and kill him!” But he said, “Wait a minute, God can’t take back His Word. God does not change His Mind about His Word.” Do you get that? He knew something about God, so he could have understood he was being tested. And he had faith that the God he was relating to is that kind of God. Because if He could take back, then God is disloyal, then God is not really God; then He made a mistake. Then all the election, He said He called you according to election and foreknowledge and predestination, you know, that’s just talk; you can’t have any faith in that. So, then God and His Word are different. No, no, no, no. He knew God can’t take back His Mind—change His Mind about His Word. So, he knew if God said, “In Isaac shall thy seed be called,” this boy had to raise back up. That’s why he said, “The lad and I will go and worship and come back.” Though he was going to kill the boy, he said, “The lad and I will go and worship and come back!” [Genesis 22:5 -Ed.]

In other words, the faith found a channel. The faith knew something about this God. He wasn’t just walking like going to church, walking with the Word, but he was growing in knowledge and relationship through fellowship with this God. A bond was becoming strong. He knew that God. He loved that God. He began to see the kind of Person that God was.

Because He has to reveal Himself if you have to be like Him. For you to be conformed into His image, you have to see Him and behold Him, to be changed into Him. And the only way He could let Himself be known to you, He has to let things come in your life where you need judgment sometimes, and instead of judgment, He brings mercy.

And you say, “But look at this. I deserved judgment. So, God is really rich in mercy in truth.”

Look, like Adam and they: “The day you eat, you shall surely die” – total separation. But then God said, “I love your fellowship so much, I will step in and take your

judgment. I will become sin to bring you back. Because there is no way you can bring yourself back.” Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? So it can give God the privilege now, to step in there and take that place.

Then you begin to see, “But wait, but God is merciful. God is rich in mercy. There isn’t any master/servant, master/slave relationship here with the stick over my head, ‘I’m going to Hell.’”

This was a Father and son. Adam was a son of God. This was a Father and son. God is incomplete without him. But now, he was knowing that God. He had known Him as Creator, and he had known Him as Provider, and he had known Him as this great God Who is worshipped by angels, and God Who set the Heavens and all these things in order. But now, he was knowing Him as Redeemer. Now, he was knowing Him as a friend. Now, he was knowing Him as compassionate. Do you get what I’m saying?

But before he could have seen God in that way, he had to be in a certain condition. So, then it is not being done now just through commandment, it is being done out of love and appreciation. It is being done out of gratitude, now. That is where faith operates. Because faith works by, what? Love. If the Love of God isn’t revealed to you, you can’t even have faith to begin with.

You are married to your wife; wife to their husband, and you don’t know if he loves you, could you have faith in his word? No. When you see his loyalty, when you see his love, when you see his commitment, when you see he stands there regardless, then you know when he says, “This is going to happen,” you can expect it. Why? It is based on love. Love produces confidence. Love produces faith.

So, he said: *And when he did this, and never withheld his only son, but [he] was about to plunge the knife... He had testified, all over the known earth...*

See?

*And when God seen that he was loyal to that faith that he had in God, God looked out of the heavens and He said, "I've sworn by Myself that I'll bless you and multiply you, and your seed shall possess the gate of [the] enemy."*

And then he talked about Rebekah too.

*And Rebekah, which was to be the mother...*

You know Rebekah was given the same promise when her parents prophesied and said, "Be thou the mother of millions, and your seed shall possess the gates of the enemy." [Genesis 24:60 -Ed.] And the Prophet was tying the two together to show you something here.

He said: *And Rebekah, which was to be the mother of this noted, promised, waited son, when she was called to the final test, of a strange man...*

Because first, she was under a test to water the camels. That was the prayer. If she had failed that, that was not her. Is that right?

Then when the time came and the servant said, "I'm ready to go. Give me the damsel, let me go. Tell her it is time to make up her mind."

They said, "Let us talk to the girl."

Now, she had no confidence: "Mommy didn't say, daddy didn't say, maybe something is wrong. I'm not going with that man. Maybe it is something that they see cagey about that man, yes." Say, "All these bracelets and all kinds of different things, I'm not too sure about that. In a land; I don't know what is going on here."

She said, "I will go." Because she had faith in the experience. She could have looked back in her life and see that something led her to that very Hour: a deep that was calling inside of there; something she knew wanting. Prayer was going to be answered. She had prayed for those things there.

When people have to make that decision, you don't know what people carry in their hearts for many years.

I remember as a little boy, walking out there in those canefields; five or six years old, walking there, talking to

this unseen Person. Then reached twenty-one years old; drifting; darkness; a deep precipice you were about to be plunged into. So frustrated in your life, you came to a dead-end street; came and you lost your way. No parents around to help you, no friends could help you; nobody could show you Light. You try to walk into some religion, no preacher could help you. You're in a place there.

And something in your heart, you're crying out, you're trying to talk to this God; you're trying to find back this Friend. You are trying to find back this One Who you knew at one place in your life. When you searched back your short life of twenty-one years, you knew: "Here, from about five to about eight or nine years old here, there was Somebody here in my life that was unseen; an Influence. There I used to get good dreams. There I used to grasp, there is something in my life. There I used to be talking to Somebody there. There at my strongest, I felt closest to God, right there.

Then after this year now, I was in drugs, I was mixed up in the world, I was a failure, a dropout and everything here; defeated. What can I look to? I couldn't look to any mother, couldn't look to any father, couldn't look to any friend, couldn't look to any church; couldn't look to anything.

I was an Anglican back there. Anglican was a waste; I didn't want to be in that. Mother was frustrated outside there because the father was disloyal, brother; never took care of his home and different things there. Father outside there, cop out, out in the world; alcoholic, all kinds of different things outside there. And say... Friends, brother, we were all frustrated on the corner, and I left the bunch and flew out, trying to find this thing. And then out here... What kind of experience that...

But somewhere in those twenty-one years, there was a little period of time there. It is always in your life, friends; not outside your life. Because you are born who

you are. You are born who you are. And everything in you to face tomorrow, you already went through it. It is just to find the place and draw.

For David to meet Goliath, he had already lived out things that had the equipment, and the faith, and the source and the strength to deal with that. Abraham already had things to offer up that child and bring him back. God doesn't lead you by chance. It's not in tomorrow... To face tomorrow, if tomorrow is the last day you live, and your greatest test, just look back in your life right now and where you have passed, there is something in there to deal with that. Because God leads you by foreknowledge, (see?) knowing the end before you even start your journey. And He guided you and brought you into it.

And that's why, when you begin to learn, and your eyes get focused, and your mind gets focused, and your spirit gets trained, and you start to get in your soul now, a different kind of education that the natural school can't give you, but that the Holy Ghost, the greatest Teacher, teaches you, (amen,) then you walk in a certain place. And then now, you have faith. You have the substance.

You may not have riches. Didn't He tell them in Smyrna, He said, "You are poor, but you are rich"? They were rich in faith. And He could have told them, "You shall be in prison for ten years. And don't be afraid, I know your tribulation." Amen! "Don't fear them who can kill you." Oh my. Why? God gave them faith.

The Hebrew boys down in Babylon, God gave them faith. Daniel in the lion's den, God gave him faith. That's what God gives the believer. That's the victory. That's the victory, Esther – faith, God put in your heart. Small and young who can catch that Word from God. Amen. God gave you and you are walking with that.

Don't see it as nothing, friends. Faith as a grain of mustard seed could say to this mountain, "Be thou removed," and don't doubt in your heart but believe the

things you shall say, it shall come to pass. And when you stand praying, whatsoever you... If you believe that you have received what you asked for, you shall have it. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. And you start with that faith seed inside of you as Elect; that's Eternal Life. Oh my.

God gave him this test. Look at Rebekah, quickly. I'm taking too long on these things.

*And when her parents could not fully decide whether she [would] go with this stranger or not, to be the wife of a man that she had never seen, [to go with a stranger or not, to be the wife of a man that she had never seen,] she was brought to the final test. "We'll get the damsel and let her speak. We'll hear from her mouth whether she will go, yes or no."*

*That's the way [it is] brought [that's the way it is brought] to all the Seed of God.*

He said, "That's the way it is to all the Seed of Abraham," before, with Abraham's testing. With Rebekah now, he said, "That's the way it is brought to all the Seed of God. Here is God, through a Prophet, who himself had come through the test, telling us now, "That's the way – testing, testing, testing, then your final testing, a double portion of testing."

When you know the plan, when you know you are in kindergarten, you are in elementary school, you come into secondary school, when you know you come up to A levels, when you know you are coming to your last big exam here, then you can look back now and see, you are ready. Do you get what I'm saying? That's right. You understand what you have come through. You see the plan of God for your life in testing and trying and making you ready, in your Age.

Every Age had its own test. There was an Age where they were tested to go in the arena. That's right. There was an Age they were tested with the Inquisition, to protest the Catholic system; die for the Gospel. This

kind of Age is not that kind of test. This kind of Age is the most deceiving Age. This kind of Age makes you think you are Spirit-filled when you are not Spirit-filled. It makes you think you are a Christian when you are not a Christian. It can give you all the evidence—all the manifestations, and you have no evidence. This is the place you have to know God on the inside; the God of the Bible. “In that day, you will know I in you and you in Me. You will know as you were known.” He is going to bring the Church to a knowing in this Age, where, “Father, that they may be one, as I and You are one,” to bring these things to pass.

That’s what we are called unto. That’s why we don’t faint. We don’t get shaken in mind; we don’t get troubled in spirit. After a while, we must start to learn.

Could you imagine, you become fourteen years or sixteen years old and you haven’t come out of introductory as yet; you are still saying, “Dan is the man in the van,” or “Boyo and Carla”? [Bro. Vin chuckles -Ed.] Do you get what I’m saying?

“And Bro. Branham said,” and “Jesus,” and “take care you go to Hell, yes.” Oh God, have mercy! What if God said, “Look, here I have sons and daughters here, let Me put them to the test here.” Send a son out here; send a daughter here. That’s right. They have a testimony. A young girl like Mary, knows she is carrying the Christ inside of her. She saw a mighty Angel descend from Heaven. A young man like John, leaning on the bosom of the Lamb, where the hidden Secrets of Redemption are. That’s right! Oh my! What a place to walk with God for young people in this Hour. Yes, sir.

Playing around in church and wondering! No, no, no. Just walking with God in the Presence of God. Oh sure, we are being tested, sure, we are being tried, we are coming through hard times. Sure, we feel forsaken, sure, we feel lonely, sure, we feel rejected; sure, we get hurt. But how else can we know He is the Comforter? How else can we know He is the Comforter?

And then He comes and whispers in your ear, “Don’t you think anything is going wrong. How else... You are called to be an intercessor. You will have to stand for somebody and you will know how they feel. You will learn it by experience. You will be able to stand in the gap. You have to be tempted in all points so when your time to redeem comes... This is not just about you alone, I’m going to finish the work by and through the members. And the Life in Me has... All the potential in Me, it is inside of you. You will be a redeemer too. You will be an intercessor too. You will stand there too, just like Me. Because I am the Vine and you are the branches, and the branches bear the fruit. I will be glorified in you! Think of your higher purpose. See the objective. Keep focused at the end of the road. I am bringing you, step by step, by step. I showed you the end before you started. Hold that image, you are being changed into what you behold. Walk in faith. Walk with understanding.” Glory. Listen.

*That’s the way it’s brought to all the Seed...*

They said: *We’ll hear from her mouth whether she will go, yes or no.*”

*That’s the way [it is] brought to all the Seed of God. It’s got to be your mouth. God wants to hear from you.*

“Well, I believe what Bro. Vin believes.”

God forbid. God have mercy! Bro. Vin isn’t preaching that.

“Well, I believe Bro. Branham.”

Sure, we believe that he is a son of God who overcame. What about you? What do you believe about you? See? God doesn’t want to do it for him alone. God wants to do it for every son and daughter of God. God has no grandchildren.

*God wants to hear from you.*

[And] *when she was put to the test, she never hesitated a minute. She said, “I will go.” I like that.*

Like Ruth. She said, “Naomi, let us settle this right here. Honey, I might be young. You may think that this

is too big a challenge. I have been around you and I don't doubt you know me. But by the way you are talking there, I realize you don't fully know me, Naomi. Entreat me not to leave thee. When I see something that is real to me, I'm ready to pay the price for it, Naomi. Where thou goest will I go. Your people shall be my people. Don't talk to me anymore about going back, please. I'm ready to go. I have counted the cost and I have picked up my cross, going forward. Because Naomi, God used you to tell me, but I already start to get an experience with this God of Israel."

What did Boaz say? Under the wings of the God of Israel, Whom she came to trust. He didn't say, "Under Naomi. Naomi used her."

The people told the woman at the well, "Yes, God used you to tell us about the Messiah, but we didn't believe because you told us. We're glad He told you, who came and told us."

"We're glad He told Philip, 'Go and tell Nathanael,' but Philip couldn't give Nathanael any revelation. When I came, He called me by my name. He revealed Himself to me."

Amen! She knew for herself. Somebody brought you, sure, all of that is part of God's plan. But is that what It says? [Congregation responds, "No." -Ed.] God sent Bro. Branham to you, but is that what It says? I have to know Him for myself, friends. I have to know Him for myself. Bro. Branham can't know it for me; I have to know it for myself. I can't know it for Bro. Branham neither; I have to know it for me. Because man was created to be the temple of God. When God was thinking about temple, He didn't stop at Bro. Branham; He saw many more temples He wants to live in. Know you not you are the temple of the Living God, too? Oh my.

*So when she was put to the test, she never hesitated a minute. ... She was fully persuaded. That's the people that God can use...*

That's the people that God can use. That's the way it's brought to all the Seed, and that's the people that God can use.

*... when [you are] fully persuaded that God will keep His promise.*

Do you believe God will keep His promise? Do you believe God called you according to His purpose? Do you believe He is going to fulfil that purpose in your life, He wants to bring you from thought to Word to flesh—from thought to flesh to Word; to cap off the Pyramid of your life? That's right.

Quickly. I want to... On *What Was The Holy Ghost Given For...*

I have to get back to Joseph. [Bro. Vin looks at his watch -Ed.] Jesus, I tell you. If I get his testing is another thing. Let me finish up here.

*What Was The Holy Ghost Given For?* [1959-1217 -Ed.] he was talking about the Church; how it comes, you know, and the Age we are coming into now; how the Church came from Luther and Wesley and Pentecost, and now the Church is coming to perfection and we are in an Age beyond Pentecost. So, he was coming to that now.

He said [para. 39 -Ed.]:

*If you'll watch nature, you'll see God working. There's a secret lies there that even goes with my ministry. See? That, watching nature, see how it does, what age and what time, you can see where you're living. [What] age.*

He looked at the wheat and he saw his life in the wheat. He saw two leaves grow up. He said, "Luther and Zwingli and they; Calvin." Then he saw a tassel; a tassel with pollen. He said, "Finney, Knox, Moody, Wesley, Sanky; all of them." Then he saw the husk. He said, "Pentecostals." Then he saw a grain. He said, "That's me. The seed is not heir with the shuck. The Grain is here again." Do you get that?

God created that wheat. God created that wheat. And when God came, God taught the Mystery of the wheat. And then when that was waved, he preached, *The Seed*

*Is Not Heir With The Shuck* [[1965-0218 -Ed.](#)], and then he preached, *The Seed Shall Not Be Heir With The Shuck* [[1965-0429B -Ed.](#)], for his time and for our time. One was prophecy; one was present tense. Because this one was waved for the acceptance of the others who will come like this. Do you get that?

My! This should give you faith in the promise. This should make you understand the Age. This should put you under expectation for what God's plan is. This should make you look into your life to see how He has dealt with you and is dealing with you. This should get your ears tuned in to hear what the Voice of the Spirit is speaking through the Word to the Church. When He says, "In Joseph – the ripened sheaf, the matured grain, the perfection of the Church, the Adoption, the Potter," this should get your ears tuned in. This should see the kind of testing.

Have we seen people tried and tested? Have we seen this church tried down through these years? Did we have trials in Fran Street, in the father's house? Did we have trials up in Cocoyea, in the second stage there? Did we have trials in Barataria, in the third stage? Then we came out here. [[Longdenville -Ed.](#)] Did we have trials here too? Has the Life come from a stalk, to a tassel, to a husk, to the Grain? How have we come? Who planned the church that way? Didn't the song say: "And you will see where we are going from here. He had to pass this way"? How do you follow? Are you following closely? Are you understanding?

Watch. We're closing up here now.

[[Paras. 42 -Ed.](#)]

*Now in this age that we're now living...*

*This is, What Was The Holy Ghost Given For?*

*... this age, it's beyond Pentecost.*

*Pentecost has settled itself into organizations, and started faking whole lot about organizations, "We are this and we are that." That's just nature. You just can't*

*help it. It's nature. They'll do that. It's the plan, for them to do that.*

What an understanding! He said, "Look at the wheat. Luther was the stalk, Wesley was the tassel, Pentecostals was the husk." He said, "It's the plan for Pentecosts to do that." He said, "You hear them talking about organization. That's the plan for them." In other words, they can't beat their type. They are the shuck; they are only a protector of the life. They pulled back and rejected him – "All man has forsaken me." And now the Grain is here, and he opened the Seven Seals, and the Word came back in Its entirety. Because the Seed is the entirety of the Life and the entirety of the Word. That brings the Son of Man back, Who is the Corn of Wheat; that brings the ripened Sheaf.

He said: *It's the plan, for them to do that.*

*But the Church has moved on. It's gone into greater, more powerful. It's the restoration of the gifts.*

*And many Pentecost people does not believe in Divine healing, ministry of Angels, and powers of God. Many Pentecostals calls these visions that I see, "the devil." Many organizations won't even have nothing to do with It, in Pentecost. [You] See, [we are] beyond that. ...*

*But it's all a coming forth of the Holy Spirit, till the great Church is being filled up, and chugged full, hallelujah, of the great powers of Almighty God. Until, it's got to a place until the very works that Jesus [has] done [has manifest] itself right in the Church now. [We are] close, friends.*

He said: *Let me stop here, just for a minute, to get what God put the Holy Ghost in the Church for, give you another type...*

He said, "To give you another type you'll understand why God put the Holy Ghost in the Church, to show you how we have come to the end."

*Let me stop here...*

And he goes now to this. Hear the type.

*Back in the Old Testament...*

*A man made [himself] a home. He got his bride, [and] the first thing [you know].*

*Then he become a great man, like an organization. That was good.*

*The next thing happened, there come [forth] a birth into that home. That's when the Holy Spirit, see, another spirit came in, which was a son. That son, he was not in full charge, neither was he a heir until he got a certain age. And he had to be proved, first. Yes.*

*And then they had [a] law of adoption. To you ministers, "the placing of a son," ... then when he come to a place [to] where he was adopted.*

It is like somebody is coming to church here, born under the Word, growing up in the church. The Holy Spirit shows, He says, "Look at that boy; look at that girl there – faithful, loyal, in service." Then God starts to anoint them and the gift starts to come out. Then they start to get faithful, the virtue starts to show up, that it is not just gifts alone. You see their commitment to the work, you see their discipline, you see their consecration, you see their faith in the Word; you see them sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is doing. Then you see God placing them out in the local church in ministry. Then they become one that you have faith in that gift. Why? You see it tried; you see it proven. You see the life outside of service and you see the life in service. When you are going on a trip, you say, "I want that one. I want this one. Take those two because we are going to do a certain kind of work." You have confidence now, that these gifts can work and do that. It's the same in a home. It's the same in a home.

The father has responsibilities. He says, "I'm leaving the car with you." He says, "You, go and close up the house. You, you are going to make sure the dogs and they are fed." He knows who to give what. He sees the mentality; he sees the capability of the children. He is seeing what they are loyal to; he is trying them with

responsibilities. He sees them to be faithful in the least, so they would be faithful in more.

You see, it's principles. It baffles me sometimes how people could miss it, to say, "What are we looking for?" Can't you see God tries you and tests you?

Okay, everybody could say, "I'm going through a trial!" Can you see beyond the trial now, why God is letting you go through that trial; what He wants to see in you? Not just... Because half of the time you say, "I'm going through a trial," what you really mean is: "I'm suffering. I'm under pain. I'm under pressure, you see me here. I'm frustrated. You don't know what I'm going through."

I say: go beyond that now. Do you see what God's objective for that is? That is just carnality reacting under tension. That is not a child in the class being tested, because they understand why the teacher is doing that. Otherwise, you'll say, "I came out of that and I proved, and God showed me I was tested there to see how I would react. Because God knows what is inside of me. Because the thoughts the other day, boy, like the Devil was, you know, setting me up for that."

Didn't He say, "Simon, Satan has a trap set for you; he wants to sift you like wheat"? Where did it start? In the thoughts. And He could have discerned his thoughts. And He saw what kind of thoughts Satan was anointing him with and the things he was attracting them to.

Here is the course of sin: first, it is a thought; it conceives in the heart and it becomes lust. Lust bringeth forth sin, sin bringeth forth death. Is that right? Is that what the Bible says?

Eve started off: "It's looking good for food." She ended up with a baby, you know. David sat down and was watching the woman bathing: "But she is good-looking, isn't that so, boy? She's attractive, isn't that so?" He came back the next day to see the second bath, you know; third day to see the third bath. The next thing,

she ended up with a baby too. He ended up killing her husband and he ended up with the sword not leaving his house. Do you get what I'm saying?

What starts there as a molecule, finds a bedding ground and starts to grow from stage to stage, and then gives birth to it. Well the thing is, when you start to get anointed in a certain realm... You see, if you are only living your life out in the physical realm of things, Christianity... Remember, your thoughts speak louder in Heaven than your words on earth. And the Bible said to do, what? Having readiness to revenge all disobedience. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:3-6. It says, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but the Word of God is mighty to the pulling down of strongholds." Right? And It says, "And casting down reasonings and every high thing that exalteth itself above the knowledge of God, and then bringing every thought into *captivity* to the obedience of Christ."

So, a person is conscious, the mind is the battleground and this is where Satan starts to anoint you with thoughts. And from the time the kind of thoughts you come in, you know if those thoughts conceive, where your life is going to be next; you see the direction. Those thoughts are like pushing you in a certain direction to get involved in certain kinds of things. Whether it is the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh or the pride of life, it is one of those three categories it is pushing you in. And it wants to conceive in the mind through thought. Because you accept the thought.

Why? Because decisions are made in the mind and the mind is the gate to the soul. And the thought comes from the mind, drops down into the heart, and conceives. Then your life gets influenced, now. Then when you are conscious of how you are behaving now, if you are not honest and look for deliverance and get that thing aborted because it has gotten too far already; it should have never gotten there; it should have been

cast down from the time it was here. [Bro. Vin points to the mind -Ed.]

Then what is going to happen is, you are caving in on the inside but you are projecting here on the outside: “Yeah, I’m okay, man, yeah.” Yeah, but you are bluffing yourself. You start to bluff yourself. You start to show an outward show to confuse people, but inside, your life is going back in another direction already, because you are losing the battle. You are losing the battle.

So in those kinds of battles in those places, you need to be sensitive, and to know, in the realm of testing, the test starts right here. This is where the test begins – in the mind. Because thoughts are a powerful thing. Because as a man thinketh in his heart so is he.

In other words, before this universe that we see; this great universe that we see, it was in God’s thoughts. God gave birth to all of this because He was thinking about it. Not this sinful one I’m talking about; creation, the beauty of it, the first Bible, nature, all the great creations of God to reflect God; a perfect world. This is what God was thinking about. A perfect Church; perfect fellowship with man. This is what God was thinking about.

So, thoughts are a powerful thing. God got so influenced with that, that afterwards, it dropped down in God’s soul in such a way that God had to speak It. God started to speak It. And when It leaves God’s mouth, It has to come to pass. Are you not a creator too? Because your thoughts create your atmosphere around you. When in your mind, your thoughts, you are all discouraged, watch your atmosphere. Can you have joy around you? You can’t have it. When in your thoughts you are all lifted up and elevated and shouting and everything else, watch your atmosphere. Thoughts. Because as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. You get with somebody here...

Watch when you are all overpressed about something and sometimes something is eating you inside, you start to talk to somebody and it starts to come out. You say, “Boy, she? Not me and she, okay? If she thinks I’m easy, I’m not taking that like that, okay?” The next thing, you are talking about something else, the talk swings off and it goes on that brother. “And those brothers and they, I don’t think...” Why? It’s riding you inside.

And somebody says, “Wait, but this is the fourth time you’ve talked about that already. Aren’t you conscious of how many times you are talking about that? What are you obsessed with this thing like that for? Are you hearing your own self?” Do you get what I’m saying? They are losing the battle all there. By the time they have already gotten defeated and the thing gets fully manifested, it is where they think they are being tested, you know. No. The test was when it came in the thoughts. That’s the place you stop it. When you stop it there, it’s finished.

Because he has to come in by thoughts, first. God has to come by thoughts too. God anoints you with revelation. God lets the Mind of Christ be in you. God brings His thoughts; His revealed Truths to you; minister It to you. Satan ministers his wisdom to you; God ministers His faith to you. And wisdom and faith are the two atmospheres. Is that right? That’s right. This is where the test is. This is where the overcoming is. Faith is the victory that does, what? Overcometh the world. And the world is, what? The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life; that’s the world – 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:16. What a place to walk with God.

Let the musicians come for me. Oh my. Do you love Him tonight? [Congregation responds, “Amen” -Ed.] Joseph; I wanted to get to Chapter 39 and I started to read but I tried to drop the quotes in to get back to Potiphar’s wife there, but I’ll have to wait until I come back next Wednesday, by God’s grace, because I leave for Grenada

in the morning. It's about six of us; we go out there. Flights have been reopened.

And we were supposed to go out with Bro. Ellis [Bro. Ellis Joseph -Ed.] the day before yesterday, and what happened was, they had so many Grenadian nationals, the airlines and they had their Grenadian nationals to go first. So Bro. Ellis, being a Grenadian national, he had that old citizenship, so he went forth. And God worked so wonderfully also. Bro. Fortune [Bro. Michael Fortune -Ed.] and they were able to contact a boat from BP [British Petroleum Company -Ed.] and we were able to buy supplies and send them up through that boat, and everything got in this afternoon.

And, you know, they are getting it through customs and they wanted to take them and charge them a lot of money and different things, and Bro. Ellis right there, under inspiration, the Lord just... You know, he saw Bro. Ken's brother, who is a policeman, and he called him. He, himself, started to behave like a policeman too. Brother, all the tanks of gas and everything so they could cook their food and everything else; the tanks of gas and a lot of lamps and different things because they had no electricity. And so, it was really wonderful. And the rest of supplies are going to come through the same way.

Even he has already been trying to set up a couple of the meetings so that when we get in we can meet different people in different areas in the daytime over the next few days, and then hopefully, the Lord's willing, we can maybe have a gathering on Sunday with everybody together. Due to curfew and state of emergency, you know, you can't gather people; you can't even move around after 6 o'clock.

So, I even asked him to go over to the other church in La Borie and there and ask them if they need any help. While we have supplies there, we can also help the other church there, by the grace of God, and share what we have with them and help them. No matter if they don't

believe like us, you know, things in the past, it's God's children anyhow, and what we have, we want to share, by God's grace, whether it's to an unbeliever, you know; people in the time of crisis.

And we are very, very thankful for the wonderful response. I think when it finished, it was about fourteen thousand EC dollars or so that was taken up. The saints in Tobago themselves are supposed to send a little offering as well, to help there. We even got an email – people outside, the United States and Canada, are thinking about trying to do something.

So hopefully, when we go in, we'll have some pictures and different things of the place, which we would like to also have that to send for the saints in the region so they can see and they can even hear the testimonies of some of the people; that they went through these things, that it can serve to encourage and uplift the church together, and they can see that all their prayers were answered and they can see how the saints stood in the time of testing.

Isn't this a testing for the Grenadian church? That's right. See what I'm talking about – being tested and tried and proven. Are they going to fall apart? Are they going to be frustrated? Are they going to see God in this? Are they going to understand and dig into this? Is God going to give messages out of this to help them, or is this just nature? You know one of the things that struck me is, nobody is saying repentance. They are saying, "Ivan did this and Ivan did this," and the media makes hurricane Ivan responsible for all of this – some wind got out of control. Some wind got out of control. Nobody is saying God. Nobody is saying repentance. It's, "After Ivan; life after Ivan, and aid and this and that and that and that."

So it's like, "This isn't any judgment; this isn't anything. This has nothing to do with God. This is just some wind that somehow got out of control, ran off the wind course, crashed into Grenada and then got back

on course.” And Grenada has to suffer the damage and she can’t, you know, sue the wind for the problems. No. The Bible said, “The calamity come in one day.” When the calamity comes, it is to look in and take inventory. Where was your walk? Where was the hedge? Nationally speaking, I’m talking about.

You see, that shows how you are identified with shame and glory. He said, “To be a true American, I had to be identified with her glory and with her shame. To be a true Christian, identify with the glory and the shame.” The same way, nationally. Because you live there on that peace of earth, when that national house is shaking, you feel that shake, the same way. What a time, friends. What a time.

He said [para. 47 -Ed.]: ... *that boy would always be a son, but he was never placed in position to [be] heir [of] all [the] father had.*

*But if he was a good boy, and he was about the father’s business, and he proved to be the right child, then they had a ceremony. They took the boy out into the street and put a white robe on him, and they set him up on a scaffold so all the city could see [him]. They made a feast and a jubilee, and the father then had the ceremony of adoption. He adopted his own son into his own business, and then the son was co-equal with his father. In other words, if it been today, the son’s name on the check [would be] just as good as the daddy’s.*

*Now watch what God did. When His Son was born, He let Him go for thirty years, testing Him, trying Him. Then He give Him three years of hard [trials].*

Abraham, Rebekah, in the Old Testament; natural life, in Christ, in the Church, all the seed of Abraham, every son that cometh to God, that’s the way. That’s the pattern. That’s why I always say, “You don’t think it strange.” Because if you know God, that’s how He deals with every son and daughter. If you are without chastisement, you are? Bastards. If you are a branch, you have to be purged. If you don’t bear fruit, then you

are taken off. But if you are bearing fruit, you have to be purged. So you getting purged isn't punishment, but you are bearing fruit, good-sized too. You become more fruit-bearing. So, He had trials and then harder trials; testings and harder testings; testing to the final point.

Down through your years, can you see those places in your life where God stretched you out, where it seemed like the season came and He let Satan hurl everything he could hurl at you? And then you see the Word that you believe, the Word that you water, the Word that you sacrifice for, the Word that becomes Spirit and Life, the revelations that God equipped you with as you come from stage to stage, the things God revealed to you in the Word, the way He dealt with you and made known things to you to give you substance, and when those things come, instead of you fall apart, your mind is reflecting the Word. And you take the Word, and you see your experience in the Word, and you respond to those things according to the Life in the Word. And people say, "But how are you standing like that? How are you taking all of that?"

"Son of God. This is the Age. I know my promise. I know what I'm called unto. I expected these kinds of trials. If I didn't have this, I would have no identification that I'm a son or daughter. I would not be sure that the Word is living in me. I know I read the Word, I can remember the Word, I can remember what the Word said, I could repeat the Word. I don't just know that for the Bible too, I know that in my school work. I know that in the papers; I can tell you how many runs Lara [Brian Lara - a Trinidadian international cricketer -Ed.] made and how much this one made. I can tell you what happened in Grenada, because I read all of that, so I remember it."

Bro. Ellis said, "Bro. Vin, we sat down in that meeting on Sunday and we imagined that this place was really devastated." He said, "But what we imagined, you can't even imagine what it is in reality." He saw little clippings on the television, he heard one or two interviews with

people maybe, he read of something in the papers, and then when he landed there himself and started to move in the environment where the thing actually took place, and now, he stood there and he was seeing lives of people; what it was, and people that he knew before and what they had, and see what they were reduced to, it took on a different effect. And he is conscious: "It affected me differently than when I saw it on the television and I read about it, being here."

Like the Prophet beyond the curtain of time too. Like when he went to Hell too, he said, "Don't ever come here." He said, "The only way is to get aligned with this Place." He said, "You can't imagine Heaven that great. Perfection can't touch It." He said, "Sublime can't touch It."

When you experience things, it gets more real. That's why God doesn't just teach through books. You have to go through things in life. He has to pass you places. But the thing is, He sets a boundary for all of these things. He holds you there, He tries you and tests you, sometimes by adversity, sickness; trials. Sometimes He tests you; takes your flesh. Sometimes He tests you in your spirit – sorrow, grief, agony, pain; in the spirit; heartache. Sometimes in the flesh – broken limbs, disease, life-threatening sicknesses; loss of limbs. He tests you in different realms. Sometimes He tests you in your soul with the Word; what you believe; where you stand. See if your belief in Him can be shaken. You know what the Word says. You are willing to die for that Word, you see how much you believe that Word.

When you watch yourself being tested in different realms; testings in the body, testings in your spirit; testings in the soul. He said, "Not My will, Thy will be done." That was a test on His will or God's will. That was a test on the responsibility of finishing the work. Then there was testing when they beat Him; they beat the body. And they beat Him until the body was all beaten and cut to pieces and shredded. Yet in that soul, He was

so plugged in to the Word, that, brother, this carcass so weak, falling beneath the weight of the load, yet with that soul so plugged in, He said, "Destroy this temple; in three days, I'm going to raise it up." He was determined to finish that course.

As Paul said, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. I have finished my course." And when He said, "It is finished," it was a cry of victory. That was a shout of victory. That wasn't like, "Oh God, thank God it's done, yes. Whoo! Everybody, it is finished. Whoo!" No. That was: "It is finished! Unto this end I was born." Growing up as a little boy, He had seen that down the road and He was walking to that. Like Joseph, he had seen that place and he was walking to that. That's what it is, friends. That's why in this walk and this life you meet experiences.

He said: [And] *Now the church has come through those schools. ... And now it's got to a place to where the Pentecostal church, with the new Birth...*

He was not talking about denomination, now.

*... has been tested and tried, and now it's coming to a place...*

The water bag burst in Luther, the blood showed in Wesley, the Church birth. Now It is grown up, now, tested and tried, the last Day Bride is here. The Hour has come that the Bride should be glorified. And in this is the Father glorified – that She bears much fruit. Think of it, friends: tried and tested and tried and proven. To be approved of God. To be approved of God.

[Bro. Vin prays with the people at the altar –Ed.]

Our gracious, Heavenly Father, we stand together tonight, united on behalf of our sister. God, she is standing here looking unto You. Your Word has spoken deep down into her heart, reflecting in places and causing her to see, Lord, that You Who are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, Who is present, can supply her need tonight.

She is standing here, dear God, in this time of great conflict in the mind and battles in her own self, and God, to see how Satan is trying to shake the very foundation of her life. But, Lord God, she knows that You, as Job said, "Put strength in us." Your Prophet said, "There is no prevailing power as the revelation of Your Word."

Father, we pray tonight, in the Name of Jesus Christ, out of our virtue, out of our faith, may she receive virtue tonight, oh God, pouring down into her heart, that, dear God, it will strengthen her; the stabilizers will be put upon her life; her roots will go deep down, Father, and take a hold upon Your Word, that she will be so rooted and grounded; become settled and established. Not shaken in mind or troubled in spirit, but drawing from You, dear God, Father, all that she has need of to stand. And as the Scripture says, "After having done all to stand, stand."

May You bless her, Lord, and may You strengthen her, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray. And give her the victory in this time of trial, Father. Give her the peace that passeth all understanding. May she not be negative, but be positive. May she speak it and confess it, that, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me." And may she walk forth in it, Father, and see it be made actual in her very life and give her victory over every circumstance, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, Father, in this shaking time when the storms of life are blowing, You said, "Everything that can be shaken will be shaken off." How in these times, Lord, we know there is a Refuge; there is a Rock in a weary land; there is a Shelter in the time of storm; a hiding place; a covert. And I pray that she will come running in tonight, Lord.

Lord, the Name of the Lord is a mighty Tower that the righteous can run into and be safe. And in There, every provision is made; Lord God, we are no longer controlled

by the circumstances in that Refuge, but we are in a Place where everything is provided, Father, where we can control that which we were running from.

And I pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Lord, You, the great Holy Spirit, will minister to her on the inside of the inside of her heart, dear God, and the Spirit of the Living God can give her the Supernatural instructions how to apply the Word with confidence, how to get under prayer, get into the Word and abide in the Word, and draw from the very Word, the strength, oh God, as You, the great High Priest, Lord God, minister to her in her tabernacle, Lord, the thing that she have need of to control this pressure and these influences that are trying to destabilize her faith, that she can come out victorious and have settled peace in her heart, that, oh God, through Christ she can do all things, Who strengtheneth her. Grant it Lord, I pray.

Teach her to work with Your Word, Father, that she can know the Word is mighty to the pulling down of strongholds; she can bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Almighty God, we pray for our brother, God, a young man. God, as Paul told Timothy, "Flee youthful lust; follow hard after Eternal Life," and, oh God, don't be entangled in the affairs of this life but war a good warfare and study to show himself approved. Oh God, may you help our brother, Father.

May tonight as the Word has been ministered, Lord Jesus, may he take It and mix It with faith, Lord God, knowing the Scripture, Lord, said that they who didn't mix It with faith, It didn't profit them much. But God, that woman took the meal and the oil and she mixed it together and she brought it to the cross, (hallelujah!) and she found the power, Lord, that was able to meet her every need. And that circumstance, Lord, that was trying to terrify her and keep her under fear of death and destruction, had to move back.

And so, dear God, may through mixing the Word and the Spirit, may he find this power, Father; this prevailing power that can drive away all gloom and darkness, and he can see, Lord God, he can come into a place where he can discover, Lord, his hidden resources; that which You know is locked up inside of him; that which You predestinated in him, Lord. And through these times of testing, Father God, I pray, the Holy Spirit, Lord, leads him into a place of overcoming grace, that, dear God, he will not fight as one that beats the air but will be able to strive lawfully, working with the Word, and discovering the great power that lays in that Word, Father. Grant it, Lord.

And may, dear God, he see that all these things that Your Word has spoken of tonight is so true. Make it real in his life, that he who is planted by the rivers of Water, Lord, can begin to grow up and to become a fruitful bough. Grant it, Lord, I pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ tonight, amen.

Almighty God, as Your Word has spoken to our brother's heart, God, and he has come tonight because he is determined, oh God, Lord, he doesn't want to live in defeat, he doesn't want to live some weak life, just drifting aimlessly, but as he begins to catch that vision, as the Holy Spirit compels him in his heart to be willing to pay a greater price, to lay aside every weight, to come into a place of deeper conviction, may he find that tonight, Father. God, may You lead his soul into deeper thoughts, into higher objectives, into a place, oh God, where no matter what You have to prune off, dear God, to bring him into more fruitfulness; to remove everything that is restricting and hindering his fruitfulness, that, God, he can come into a place to become a fruitful bough. May You grant it, oh God, tonight. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may this be his portion, we pray, amen.

Almighty God, Father, we pray for our sister. God, all these creepers that have strung her life, that have

wrapped so slyly around her, trying to deform her, a daughter of God who was planted in a straight line. But, oh God, tonight, You're a God rich in mercy. God, You know the potential that lays within Your children and You have what it takes to break the power and the influence of every demonic force, every spirit of darkness that comes from the pit of Hell, Lord, like a python, trying to wrap around her so slyly and, oh God, restrict her and hinder her and cut off her supply. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I rebuke every foul spirit! Satan, you demon of darkness from the pit of Hell, we, the Church of the Living God command you to take your filthy hands off of God's property. Loose her and let her go!

And Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit, God, through Your precious Word, this bleeding Word, will make her clean. You will filter her thinking, oh God, You will cut her free, so free. You will, God, bring her heart and mind into a place, oh God, where, Father, she can catch thoughts of self-crucifixion and the deceitfulness of sin, and become so crucified to the world, and the world to her, and she can discover that faith that Paul found – to live by the faith of the Son of God. May You grant it, Father, I pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

May this deliverance be hers, tonight. Grant it, Father. Send down Your Holy Spirit and, God, bring such a birth, until she becomes like a watered garden – fruitful, that You can be glorified in her life, and she can be an example here in the house of God. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask it.

Almighty God, You said, “I will pour out My Spirit upon My handmaidens.” Our sister, hearing Your Word, through grace, catching thoughts of grace, Lord, as Your Doctrine falls like rain, Lord, and coming down and finding a bedding ground of faith where the Seed can be planted, in ground that You have prepared to receive the Word and to hold the Word and to keep the Word, God.

And may Your Holy Spirit give visitations as she would set upon her watch and be in prayer and in expectations, waiting upon You, Lord. You said, "They that wait upon the Lord, You shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings of an eagle." And she will find that You are faithful; that, Lord, as You will visit her and You will water that Word and It becomes so real, and It becomes Spirit and Life, and she sees her life lifting from one level to the next and, God, falling in love with You all over and over again, until the things of this world become so strangely dim in the Light of Your Glory and grace. May You grant it, Father.

Like Rebekah, who said, "I will go." She could have caught that faith. May, oh God, she catch that Word. Like Ruth, who said, "Where thou goest, I will go, and your people shall be my people; entreat me not to leave thee," and God, she could have recognized by discernment that was her moment and embraced it, may, dear God, she take a hold of You, Father, in such a way tonight, that it will bring her into a life-changing experience, she would leave this service different; she would see change in her life. May You grant it, oh God, I pray tonight. In the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Almighty God, I rebuke this spirit of disobedience; this spirit of rebellion that is trying to hinder our brother. He knows he should be in obedience to his parents; he recognizes it, but dear God, he finds himself wrestling to humble himself and take the instruction and carry out the commands of his parents. God, You Who said, "Honor your father and honor your mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," knowing that You respect those who will respect Your Word and what you said in Your Word, and will submit to the parental authority, knowing that this is pleasing unto You, and in that place of obedience, Lord, You can come and reveal Yourself when the heart and mind is showing its

willingness to submit to authority; that they who submit to authority, You can lead and give authority.

And so, may You help him as a young man, and may You cultivate him in his spirit to receive instruction and to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of the ways of the Lord, that, Lord God, he can come to know You, Whom to know is Life Eternal, and to be instructed in righteousness, to grow up, oh God, as a young man, Lord, that Your Life can reflect through like Joseph; like David.

How, Lord God, there was something about them that shone out as young men. And so, Lord, as we see it in Joseph, as we have been speaking about him at this time, and even under this inspiration, God, may this same Spirit that was in Joseph, come upon him, Father. I pray that You will grant it, Lord, as he has shown the willingness and the desire from hearing the Word, as this life is projected forth to him, he can see it begin to be cultivated within him and shining out through him. Will You do it, Father? May You grant it, we ask tonight, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Almighty God, we pray for our young brother with such a desire to serve You. Help him, oh God, to know it is not him that willeth or him that runneth, that it's not with zeal but it is leadership, Father. Sometimes when Your blessing comes, God, we feel so blessed, we want to do so much for You that, God, we start to look for things that we can do for You, and then, Lord, Satan just throws us to an extreme and make us wear ourselves out. But God, You blessed him because You wanted him to know that You have taken notice of him, and You have seen the desire in his heart, and because he has drawn nigh towards You, You have drawn nigh towards him, and the best thing he can do is surrender, and to let go and let You have Your way; to know it is not in trying but in trusting; it is not in running but in resting. Oh God, may You grant it tonight, Father.

May as he finds this grace in his heart standing here, as through Your great sovereignty You would send it down, Lord, that he can become so yielded and so surrendered, believing that he has received what he is asking for and he shall have it. Drop that faith into his heart now, Father, I pray, that that seed of faith will fall into the bedding ground and, God, no circumstances will be considered; he will know that that fertile Seed has found an egg in that bedding ground of faith; that Seed of promise can find a place to grow, when he can see from faith unto faith, You can lead him, Lord. May You grant it, we ask tonight, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, God, we thank You to see the attitude in this double portion of testing that our sister has come through. Knowing her down through these years and seeing the testings as a mother that she has had to go through; as a wife, as a believer, and still in this Hour, oh God, it seems it has become multiplied. God, but even tonight, Your Word is showing us that's how You deal with every son and daughter of God – there are seasons of testings and then a double portion comes.

And when You find that they stand there refused to be shaken; standing faithful, believing You, Lord, looking back down through, Lord, the long line, the journey that You have passed her, Lord, the course that You have set in the race; that You have set before her and she has run in, oh God, coming through her mountains and coming through her valleys, here, oh God, in this time, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we know, oh God, that, Lord, You didn't teach her to swim to let her drown, You didn't bring her this far to leave her, Lord; You didn't build the house for her to move away. And so, You Who are the Author will be the Finisher.

And even as she stands here tonight, oh God, may You send down, Lord, such a measure of grace and faith. And as the Angel of the Lord strengthened Jesus in Gethsemane, oh God, putting strength into Him,

may, oh God, Your Angels strengthen her in her great times of testing, Lord, that she will finish her course with joy and she will come out victorious with gold tried in the fire, more precious than gold that perisheth. And God, when she looks around and sees the household and the needs, she can present that Token, and like Hattie Wright, who can ask what she will, she can find, oh God, that that promise is true to her still the same. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may You grant it, Father.

And God, may at the end, God, the Light so shine; You put her on that scaffold and You lift her up and others can see she has overcome, Father, and You'll crown her with that crown of glory that fadeth not away. We know she is a daughter of God; we see the faith in her, we see how You set the test, but we see the attitude in which she stands, Father. God, just like those Hebrew children, just like Daniel; End Time Esther, Lord, truly she is one, Father. She will pay the price and the deliverance of her people will come. The King will stretch the Sceptre out; knowing You are the same for such a time as this. May You bless her tonight, Father. Give her sustaining grace and power that she will be victorious completely. In the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Almighty God, You, the great El Shaddai, God, Who came to Abraham and Sarah, God, who had tried so hard to become fruitful and couldn't be fruitful, who was like a degenerate plant, bringing forth wild grapes when they brought forth an Ishmael, but yet, oh God, You was not discouraged; You knew what they needed at that junction, and what they lacked, You had come to supply. And so, dear God, I pray, Father, You Who have dealt with Abraham and knows how to deal with all of Abraham's seed, them who You have called to walk with You by faith in this Hour, and You Who know, dear God, how to deliver every son and daughter of God in every place where they are tested and tried, in all their failures, in all their mistakes, God, I pray You will blot

out all the transgressions of my sister, and God, that You will give her such a repentant heart that she wouldn't have to make-believe that but she can find that by You dealing with her and bringing her to a knowledge of her condition, of the circumstance and the magnitude. And believing that she is desiring that tonight from You, and maybe experiencing that already in a measure, oh God, that, God, she will never be able to go back to the ways of the flesh, in sin, but she will be what You want her to be; she will find the willingness tonight to pay the price; to separate completely, to be completely delivered from everything, Father.

And God, as Your Servant tonight, I take charge over this devil who came to steal and to kill, full of deceit; dig pitfalls and set snares for Your children. But tonight, as the Church of the Living God in which You have invested Your authority, as You said, Lord, "If two shall agree upon touching anything, it shall be done; what we bind on earth is bound in Heaven, what we loose on earth is loosed in Heaven," Lord, we loose her completely from this bondage; from this evil.

May You respond to her and You let her be so loosed, as we stand in agreement with You upon Your Word, and applying It, oh God, to a poor, weak child of God that is in need tonight of a touch from You; who has been battered and bruised and deceived by the enemy. But tonight, oh God, I pray, let her know Your hand is not short, neither Your ear deaf. Let her find, oh God, that mercy has rewritten her life. Pardoned by the Blood, may she go forth and sin no more, and serve You and be a real daughter of God and be a faithful Christian, bringing forth fruit unto God. Grant it, I pray. In the Name Jesus Christ, amen.

Lord Jesus, we pray tonight, Father, while You are passing by this way, while Your children realize that You are in speaking distance and hearing distance, while there are needs, and all these that stand here right now on this platform and those that might be in

their seats, sitting with a request upon their heart also, almighty God, believing that Your Holy Spirit is present and that You are willing more abundantly tonight, to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of Your counsel, and that You Who are rich in mercy and rich in grace, by Your Presence following Your Word tonight, with Your Love for Your children and Your desire to see Your Church come into the condition that they ought to be in, in this Hour, and working, oh God, through, Lord God, Your Word and the Ministry to bring it to that place of fruitfulness, may even now as they all stand here as individuals, and sitting there in the congregation, we, the believers, unite now and pray, rebuking every devil, every hindrance, every foul, dark spirit, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

And may You, the great bountiful One, the all sufficient One, the El Shaddai and the Strength-Giver, send down Your streams of grace; send down the riches of Your mercy into the hearts of all Your children. And even those who will hear these prayers that are being offered for different ones that might be representatives of their condition, that they too can be blessed of the Holy Spirit, their hearts and minds can catch faith, being identified with these great happenings, knowing that they are under consideration right now while prayer is being offered because they are also part of the Body; that the Word is being ministered to the Body of Jesus Christ, visible and invisible.

May You, the God Who influences us, Who is leading us into the possession of all these Divine blessings that have been made secure for us in Jesus Christ, may You apply it, may You send it down, according to Your children as they have need of tonight, that everyone standing here in the need of prayer, believing in their hearts, sitting there in the congregation, believing in their hearts and saying, "Yes, Lord, amen, I believe, I receive," may it be thus. In the Name of the Lord Jesus

Christ, as we pronounce the blessing for the glory of God, by the revelation of our faith, amen and amen.

God bless you all. Praise His mighty Name. Do you love Him, tonight? Do you appreciate His goodness? Pray for us while we go out there in Grenada. You know, they are unable to gather, they have not gathered, since the storm, for a service. They are all happy that God made a way for us to come in amongst them. They believe the Mind of the Lord will be present to give the direction that they have need of, to minister to their needs, to give comfort; to give strength to the Body.

And to all the rest of the church out in the region who is praying and believing... Because Bro. Elijah is over there as well, and a couple of the brothers who have gone over. Bro. Ellis is there now. Myself, Bro. Steve, Bro. Timmy, Bro. Sanchez, Bro. Michael James, Bro. Junior, Bro. Stewart, all of us will be going out tomorrow. And we certainly would be trying to go into all the different areas where the saints are and gather together with them and try to bring some stability and direction, and set up what will be the order under these circumstances at this present time.

The brothers also in St. Lucia have been calling. A couple of people have been coming around and they are certainly looking for us to visit. I was telling them we couldn't do it at this time and hopefully maybe by the end of the month. We'll come back on Monday and maybe leave again and just go and visit them as well.

Saints out in St. Kitts, keep praying for them. By now they should be getting a visit. We are unable to be there at this time. They are still trying to stay under the influence of the Convention.

Saints in Cedros, on Tuesdays we have the brothers going down, what a gallant work. Bro. Junior, Bro. Bowen, Bro. Nigel, these brothers are the ones who have been... It's been like a little training ground for them to develop their little gift and their ministry with the saints there. We have been using that as a little testing ground

down there, helping them get acclimatized and work in the ministry and these things, and laboring among the saints, so to help meet the need. Because they are unable to be here on Wednesdays and on Fridays, so we are trying to pick up that slack.

And then, you know, the brothers that keep going to Tobago, be mindful. Be mindful of what is happening and, you know, let the Holy Spirit, through the understanding of the burden and in the places that need immediate attention, and the help, when it is needed, that God can have people there.

Saints in Dominica, you know, we had some new families that were baptized and came in. And they have a little support there now and strengthen the church as God brings in more people, and they are determined to go back and press the battle and go back out.

And we here are trying to hold here, by God's grace. Then with these types of things that have happened here, we even take this as necessary experience on a church level, on a regional level, to help equip us and give us experience. We don't have this kind of experience of something like this in the course of the Message, so, now we find ourselves having to go and give relief and to minister to the people under that kind of condition. And so, that is helping us even for the days to come when we wouldn't be able to operate and when they wouldn't even be able to gather as a church. All now, in measure, they are experiencing some of these setbacks and hindrances and these things. And the church, coming out of these fires and these experiences, is becoming more seasoned.

Then in sitting there as the Word would come and show them when we get there, how and where these things fit, then certainly as we have been trying tonight with you, that it helps make us more experienced, more settled as a church; more matured, more experienced to carry out the commission to fulfil this work.

So, grow; grow in grace. Meditate on the Word. Fellowship with God on the things He is communicating to you. Take the Scriptures, take the Message and get there; see what the Spirit is saying to the church. Come under the influence of It. Fellowship around It, let Him open It up and make It more real to you, and I'm sure it's going to be wonderful.

Let's just sing *Great is Thy faithfulness*. I believe He has been faithful to us. I believe that when we recognize His faithfulness... He kept everyone of those children there. No one was damaged; no one was hurt. He was keeping them. The Angel of God encampeth round about them. He made a way. He sent supplies. He moved upon the hearts of the churches to rally quickly. Out of this, they are only going to come forth stronger.

And God is going to have people in the midst of that, who can come out with a Word of comfort; with a Message of salvation and deliverance for the people whose hearts were hard, who had possessions, who felt they had security, and see, in two hours, everything they had was lost; from the Prime Minister and the Governor, down. Then under circumstances like that, there is a little group in the island who can rise from the ashes like the phoenix with a Word; with a Word to go forth. And I trust that Grenada will have visitations.

And let me tell you, friends, I'm kind of jealous with a little godly jealousy of some of those things, because when you see how God is testing certain people and you understand the plan and the preparation and that's the spice people, and then we know those little saints and we know how that church grew and we know how they stayed over the years and we know things about them, and then we see that kind of testing there, and then we know God loves little things.

We used to be a little church with great blessings in Fran Street there in the house, but we have become like the big, proud Jerusalem too in one sense; a big headquarters we have become. So, if God is looking for

little ones, He can't look to us anymore; He finds one of these little ones. And then you hear something come out of St. Kitts, and you hear something come out of Nevis.

You know, in out of all the churches: Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent, Dominica, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Carriacou, do you know who God revealed the storm to? Two little sisters in Carriacou. Sister Gemma. These two families, they get together and play the videos on Sunday there. Two weeks before, she dreamt of all these big floods and the rains and the storm coming. And inside of there, there was a Voice saying, "Prepare, get things, stock it up," different things. Nobody was talking about Ivan or anything yet. She went to the other sister and said, "Do you know what happened? I had this dream and God told me, "So and so and such." They bought all their stuff and they kept it. When the storm came, they had everything. And it was surprising to see in Carriacou, how safe those houses were.

And when the brothers landed; coming across the rough waters, they landed there, she was down by the waters saying, "Whose name is Elijah here? Whose name is Elijah here?" She had news they were coming in. She put them up in a hotel. When she put them in the hotel... Catch what I'm saying. Oh my, I tell you. You know, it didn't even have a man there. It didn't even have a man there. She put them up in the hotel and he came to find out the hotel he was staying in is his cousin's. From St. Vincent, he ended up in a hotel in Carriacou. His father was from Carriacou and the hotel is his cousin's. So, he started to find out all of that in Carriacou. So, you see how God made them cross those waters by faith; launched out, only to discover more things about themselves. And go out there, and they had services Sunday morning with the sisters and they in the house, and then went over to the mainland afterwards.

Tell me if in all these things God isn't working, showing that to break them out by experience from us

staying here and we sending people all over there, God said, "It's time now for some..."

And, do you know something? They went through Union Island, and the Union Island they went through, when we were going to St. Vincent in the St. Vincent campaigns, that was where Bro. Cambridge and Sis. Kim and all of them had come through, there in rough, rough times. Because we had used equipment from Grenada and we had carried the Grenadian saints to be part of that campaign so it will not be like a Trinidad campaign.

And they were like the first church and we knew we were going to another place, and when Bro. Cambridge went through there, it was such a testimony, up till this day we always talk about it, coming through with the equipment and how he had prayed; when they wouldn't let the things go through and he went to the toilet and he started to pray. He told the customs officer he needed a place to pray, and he started to pray. And the next thing, he heard they were calling his name on the loudspeaker. Before he was being told he cannot go, he cannot get on, that equipment can't go, and the next thing, he was on a boat going with it.

And it's the same place the boat with all the goods from St. Vincent going there, was through there. And they had this brother, Bro. Osmar going through there the same way, to carry the relief for the saints in Carriacou and Grenada.

If you cast your bread on the waters, it comes back to you. That God used Grenada to help St. Vincent, and the Grenadian brothers had to come through that same waters in the deliverance of the brothers to start the St. Vincent church, so now, in this time, the brothers who went first, were the St. Vincent brothers, going out there and going through that same place where they had to pass to get there. Isn't God something? When you see the hand of God, I tell you. It makes you stand in awe and say, "Father, truly You are infinite."

Every little thing, like the flea I started talking about, has a meaning; has a reason. That when they were going through Union Island, God said, "One day, people will come back through Union Island to help you all. You are casting your bread on... All this trial that you are going through right now, there is a seed time, a harvest time for that. It will come back; the blessing will come back."

Can we sing *Great is His faithfulness* tonight? How many know He is faithful? Has He been faithful to you? Would you be faithful to Him? Would you be faithful to Him? Great is Thy faithfulness.

[#171 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God, my Father...*

Wasn't He faithful to Joseph? Isn't He faithful to the End Time Josephs?

*... There is no shadow of turning with Thee...*

Oh, He is the unchanging God; the same yesterday, today and forever.

*... Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou has been...*

Look back at all the examples in the Bible. He is the same, friends.

*... Thou forever wilt be.*

Lift your hands and sing it to Him. Adore Him tonight as you sing it. Sing it with a grateful heart to Him. And may the strength from the great Strength-Giver pour down into your souls, and may He undergird you and establish you, making you be rooted and grounded and settled. May you find overcoming grace. May all fear leave you. May He wrap you up in His Love tonight. May His Presence be so close to you.

Chorus:

*... I see;  
Thou changest not...*

He Who was the God of Joseph is my God, today.





