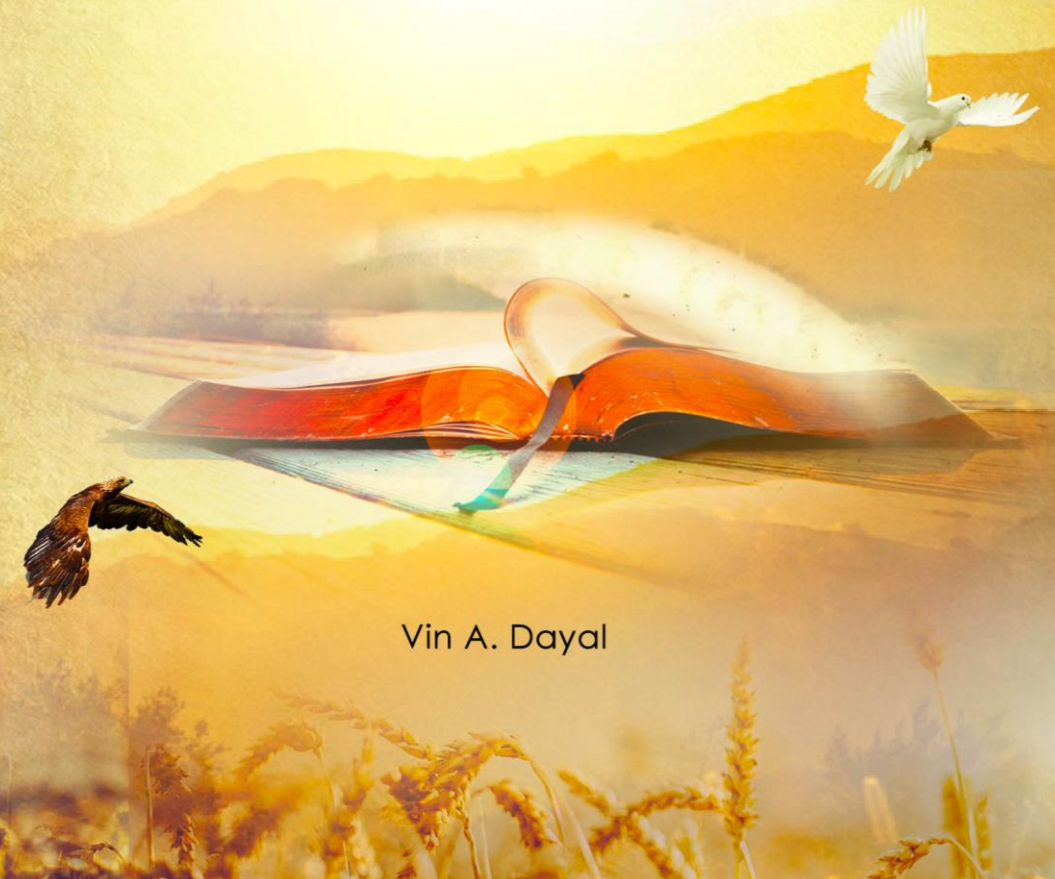

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Let's sing *Into My Heart* [#288 - Songs that Live -Ed.] softly.

We have a couple of dedications. Let the parents come with the children at this time.

...come into...

Just worship Him; just woo His Presence. Let It come close to you.

Come into...

All around the building, everyone, just worship. Get in an attitude of worship. We are in His Presence this morning. Let Him come into your heart. Just open up, let the Holy Spirit come down.

Come in...

...my heart, Lord Jesus.

Amen, one more time *...into my heart*, reverently, sincerely, just let go. Let the Holy Spirit have His way. Concentrate on Him; just shut everything else out.

...into my heart,

Oh, that is why we come this morning. That is our expectation. That is our faith; believing. If we could only let go and yield unto Him, it could happen right now in the service. You don't have to have a seat up in front, you could be standing around the building, just get in that attitude. If you are in the mother's room, just look to Him this morning; out in the back, wherever you are, let Him receive your worship.

...Lord Jesus.

One more time

Come into...

That is our request. Through Him, we can do all things. That's His abiding place in your heart. There's a little space in the human heart; may He get inside of that little vacuum, in the control tower.

*Come in today,
Come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. Let us all dedicate ourselves this morning to His service, to the purpose He has called us for in this Hour. If we find ourselves raising back up that head, want to take those feet off the altar, want to get our inwards stained again with the things of the world, may we pull down every stronghold today. May we just hold ourselves there on the altar that His Fire, the Baptism of Fire could consume everything that every breath we take, every word we speak, every action that we would make would all reflect Jesus Christ; it would all be under the influence of this great revelation of pre-eminences; His great purpose could be fulfilled in and through us, He could finish the work of Redemption in this Hour.

While we dedicate ourselves and rededicate ourselves, we also want to dedicate these little children: Bro. and Sis. McAuley's little baby boy, Isaiah Emmanuel, and they also want a rededication of their marriage. May it not just be a little thing to ask without realizing it means a rededication to that vow as a real wife, as a real husband, as a real father, as a real mother; their lives could reflect this great Mystery of Christ in His Church, they could become one. Let him see it is to be the dedicated responsibility of being a breadwinner to the home – and the wife, a virtuous woman, keeping the home, and raising up the children in the fear and admonition of God that these virtues of sacred parenthood could really be inspired to their hearts, that within their home could be such an atmosphere where the Life of Jesus Christ could be

expressed, and they could be real examples before their children.

Also Bro. Ellis Joseph and his wife, coming to dedicate a little baby to the Lord, a baby boy also, Boaz Emmanuel.

Then also our brother has a car and would like it to be dedicated also to the service. He believes God has blessed him. Not only do they want to dedicate their children, but even their possessions that they might be used for the glory of God. When you do these things, don't do it as a religious act, as some tradition. But we do it with the sincerity of our hearts, knowing that we stand here in the Presence of Almighty God, the One Who has blessed us, Who has provided for us, the One Who has cared for us that we could care for Him this morning; His Word, His Name in this Hour.

Lord, we bow in Your Presence; we humble our hearts. We center our thoughts upon You. You are our God and besides You there is none other. You blessed us, Lord, when we didn't even know You; You led us, You protected us, You provided for us. We never even praised You for it because we were walking after the course of this world and under the influence of the prince of the power of the air. Lord, You never held it against us that we didn't praise You. It never influenced You that You became impatient with us and cast us aside, but You worked with us day by day. You tried to attract us and draw us unto Yourself. Finally, oh God, when we were so frustrated and, Lord, wished we weren't born into this world when our lives were almost a wreck, oh God, and the world didn't even want us, then we looked to You for help and You were still willing, oh God, to take us into Your arms to wash us and clothe us and rearrange our lives, Lord, and even put it in the sea of forgetfulness that You can't even remember it anymore. And then You began to relate to us, Lord like we never did sin in the

beginning. *Such love that God could love a sinner such as I; how wonderful is love like this!*

Now, oh God, You have illuminated our minds; You have taken away our amnesia. You've clothed us in the robes of Your righteousness, oh God. You gave us a new heart and a new spirit, oh God. You poured Your Holy Spirit into us and made us vessels of honor to stand and worship You in this Hour. Lord, as we come, when we sing the songs of Redemption, Lord, with real love and appreciation we sing it, Lord, with thanksgiving and joyfulness. With joyful lips, we praise You, because Lord, we realize that it's nothing that we did, Lord, to merit these things, it was Your grace, it was Your Love. And Father, even You blessed us, Lord, with all the richest blessings in Heavenly Places: Your assurance and Your peace, Your comfort.

Lord, here we stand in Your Presence this morning; Father, we thank You. We love You and we appreciate You. We look at our lives, oh God, and when we could still see our shortcomings and our mistakes and our failures, oh God, we are so thankful that there is Blood, not just blood, Lord, of the animals, Lord, but the Blood of Jesus Christ that could wash away all of our sins, Lord; Blood that speaketh better Things. With Your Blood, You heal our broken body. With Your Blood, Lord, You heal that spirit inside of us, real Divine healing, Lord. And Father, to know that even in other things, Lord, You have blessed us.

As these parents stand here, Lord, under the sacred office of parents; it is an office, it is a responsibility. It is a position that You have placed them in, sacred parenthood. The women, Lord, holding the baby in their arms and the virtuous, sacred motherhood, Lord, knowing they have that sacred responsibility, Lord to raise up those children, Lord God, that You have given unto them because You are going to hold them responsible for fulfilling, oh God, that responsibility. Many women, oh God, who would desire children

cannot have, Lord. And You have blessed them and given it to them because it is ... oh God. They stifle that, Lord, and they put it aside, Lord, because they want to be influenced, oh God, by the things of this world and walk forth, Lord, worshipping the god of this world in fashion and Lord, going to parties and all these things; Lord, and try to prepare their body, Lord, to display it under the influence of those things, rather than, oh God, take their body, oh God, and bring it under the virtue, oh God that they would bring forth children, and they would show forth real parenthood in this evil and disobedient Age that we are living in.

But Father, these stand here, Lord, oh God, no doubt they have their trials, no doubt they have their testings. No doubt, oh God, many a time the Devil puts thoughts in their minds that their children, oh God, want to hinder them and these things because that is what the Devil has used to overcome the people of the world with. But Father, Your Word, Lord has given them examples, oh God, in the Scriptures, that they could fight off these things with, Lord, and they could dedicate themselves and they could bring themselves in obedience to the Word. And Lord God, they could show forth, Father, the Church of the living God, laboring and groaning in childbirth, oh God, bringing forth sons (hallelujah! Glory be to God!) bringing forth children, oh God, in this Hour.

The seed has been planted, Lord, within them, Father and, oh God, the fathers rejoice when they see their children coming forth in their image. And the mother, oh God, her sorrow is wiped away, (hallelujah) because she didn't bring forth, Lord, some illegitimate baby; she brought forth the seed of her husband. She will not put it away but she will hold it in her arms and she will give praise unto God. Hallelujah. May oh God, the Church of the Living God as they labor in this Hour to bring forth a Man-Child, Jesus Christ; as they labor in this Hour, oh God, to bring forth the Seed that

has been planted within them, oh God, the Seed of the Word of God, to know that Jesus Christ would be pleased when those children are being born and are being formed in His own image, what a joy it would be in His house! Hallelujah. Glory be to God.

Bless these children this morning, Father, oh God, little Boaz Emmanuel; Isaiah Emmanuel. The parents, Lord, didn't even maybe consult the names. Maybe they didn't compare names or anything; it is just, two parents walked up here. But in-between those names is a mystery of Emmanuel, a Super Sign, the Word in flesh, (hallelujah!) the Everlasting Sign of this Hour. And Lord, as we realize that all these things that happen are voices and signs speaking to us, as we see God in simplicity now being revealed in humility, oh God, bless them, Father, with Your richest blessings. Let those little boys, oh God, grow up in the fear of God, in the Presence of God, in homes, oh God, where there are Spirit-filled parents. Hallelujah! Let those children, oh God, be a testimony, Father, against this wicked and untoward generation that we are living in. Let the lives of those parents, oh God, be written epistles. Let those homes, Father, Lord, reflect, Father, the Home of God, reflect that heavenly Home where we are going, Father. Lord, I pray these blessings upon the children, and the parents, and the home, as we dedicate them in the Name of Jesus Christ.

And Father, even our brother also, Bro. St. Louis, the vehicle You have blessed him with, he wants to ask Your blessing upon it. He wants it to be used for Your service because he realizes You gave it unto him; You leant him it to use. He cannot take it to Heaven with him, Lord because in that New Civilization, in the Millennium, it wouldn't have all these things because we are going back to a Faith Civilization. But You gave it to him for transportation purposes to get around and he recognizes that, Lord. Bless it, Father. Bless its

use. And may, oh God, he enjoy it and benefit from it, and may he use it to bring glory to Your Name.

And bless us all this morning. We stand before You with bowed hearts, bowed heads, Lord, even want to be dedicated in Your service; live dedicated lives in this Hour. Bless us, Father. Bless our gathering today and bless Your Word to our hearts. Bless the strangers in our midst.

And Lord, the Things that You have spoken to my heart; in such a clear and certain way, You have dealt with me over these Things. And the excitement, Lord that was within me for the past few days to come and speak It to Your people that It might convince them of the Hour, It might encourage them and give them faith; Lord, I pray that You will just speak some of It if not all of It, but Lord that It would accomplish the purpose within them; the Church of the Living God might rise, Father and shake the world off and stand in that Place, oh God, where She is ordained to stand in this Hour; the beauty of Jesus Christ, that character, oh God, could be seen within Her, that pre-eminesces could be on display, that invisible union could become visible. Grant it, Father.

We thank You for the opportunity to be in Your house, to sit with peace, and hear Your Word without disturbance from the outside. We recognize it's a privilege because of what we see in the Scriptures that one day, we will not be able to have services with that kind of peace and without disturbance. We would be hunted down like dogs. We'd be dragged out of our homes and taken to the prisons. We'd be considered the scum. We'd be painted to be a menace to the society. It's all in the making now, Father.

May we not sleep when we come to the house of God. May we not just come lackadaisical. May we not just come to see one another, but may we come, oh God, to break into the Presence of God and be filled with the Spirit (hallelujah!) to see the Word live within

us, Lord, to be delivered because this is the Hour when we have followed the Prophet's Message for deliverance. May we not forget that, Lord. May we see these things become a reality within us. Lead and direct us in the paths of service.

Lord, the other requests for the sick and the afflicted, Father, just heal them; touch them, Lord, this morning, whether they are here or they are not here. I ask this with all sincerity, with the faith of God in my heart and knowing that there are needs in the hearts and lives of Your people, Lord. God, may You give it unto them that they might be encouraged to serve You and believe You. In Jesus' precious Name, we pray. Amen. Amen. Amen.

God richly bless you this morning. You know I have watched the little clock here. The time is running away, and I know we have been here a little while already; over a little more than an hour the service has commenced. And then you have been consecrating yourself even a half-an-hour before that, and some of you a little more. And we have not been able to speak the Word that we would like to speak. But I trust that the time that you have been sitting there or standing, or praying that you feel Him close to you, and you feel His Presence in your heart. And you are just lifted up in your spirit where It is making you really shut up, away from all the things on the outside, and your own flesh, and your own little reasons and imaginations and the thoughts that might try to put your mind on something else other than Him, and you'll be just there now ready. If He just speaks two words, It could just fall in the right place and It could be worth it just coming here this morning. Amen?

We have a little note of praise: *Sis. Margaret Sammy would like to give thanks to God for healing her immediately after prayer was offered for her on Tuesday, last. Amen.*

I believe it is going to be that way now. I believe if we can see that God doesn't want to linger, the time is running out, Divine healing would be no more—do you know that? When the Blood is removed there is no more Divine healing. And if it is moving to a place where the Blood is going to be removed, then it means to say that things don't have a long time to linger anymore. It's quick because the Word for all these past twenty-four years, since the Seventh Seal has been opened up and the Church has been given the fullness of the Word through the mouth of a Prophet (God just pulled the Seals back and thundered out His great hidden Mysteries there that the Church might have Perfect Faith) then it means to say we ought to be in the Place now, where we could just quickly believe God, quickly accept It, quickly recognize He is on the scene, quickly recognize His Presence, quickly know we have been gathered unto Him, He is here amongst us, and believe it with all our hearts.

If we have not come to that Place, then what has the Message done for us all these years when we ought to be in Rapturing condition now; when we ought to be seeing a power rising in our hearts that will draw the sleeping saints and bring them up on the earth (what we ought to be now)? For the past few days, God has...

Bro. Wallace also wants to give thanks as he celebrates his sixteenth wedding anniversary; also requesting God's prayer for guidance and spiritual revelation and these things.

Sometimes, you know, you could put what you want to ask for in nice words, but it just seems that your mind and your spirit don't stay in the place, waiting for what you asked in nice words. Do you understand what I'm saying? I'm not saying that as a rebuke. I'm saying that as an encouragement that when you pray for something, believe that you have received what you asked for and you shall have it. When you ask for something, know it's God you are asking for it. Know

that if you believe it, you see God promised it, you see your life meets the condition, you see it will help you to serve Him more faithfully, then there should not be one doubt in your mind.

If there is something, repent about it, put it in the Blood and stand right there firmly. You must get it. But if you are asking for a lot of things and then your life never seems to come for what you are asking for, then you are asking but not with faith. You are asking and not waiting with expectation to see the result of what you are asking for. Some people their whole battle is just to say in nice words what their heart is or what they feel would make plain their need.

When that man was finished (rolled up his sleeves and lifted his hands and prayed), he went and took the saddle off the horse. The sun was hot as ever. The sky was brazen. You didn't see one cloud in the sky, but he pulled that saddle off the horse. He didn't want it to get wet when the rain fell. He had prayed for rain, his horse was standing outside, but he knew it was settled. That is the way it must be. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* [James 5:16 -Ed.]

I have been excited to preach to you the last few days, you know like... And sometimes, you know, you have to come in and keep things in order, and the Word will always have to correct the error. That's the Word. The Word must correct the error because it is: *A little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump.* [Galatians 5:9 -Ed.] And God has just been dealing with me, and I am enthused about the Word of God. I am zealous for the Word. I am zealous for the church. And when I see Things in the Scripture, and It comes so real, it just—I cannot contain myself. I know the Hour we are living in. And then when those things come and even confirm the things God has already shown and proved: “You weren't... you think the thoughts, you speak the words, but it never was your thoughts and never was

your words; it is I have put it inside of there.” Because when God reveals more, it proves how perfect what I said before was. Then you realize there is a hidden power somewhere in the heart of the believer. God made us up that way.

You know when I was thinking how the Book was sealed with Seven Seals, and I was thinking I said, every Book in the Bible—It has sixty-six books and every Book is sealed with Seven Seals. And then the whole, one Book is sealed with Seven Seals. And those Seven Seals were those Seven Spirits of God because It could not be preached if the Life wasn't in there to Light It up and make It plain. And when it is the season for It, there is no way (it cannot be helped) because that deep in your heart is calling. And that Word that was lying in the Bible, because It was not a historical seed, It wanted expression, and It had to express Itself in the life of the people ordained to express it, whether it is a good seed or whether it is a bad seed. And then the people (within them), their calling for the Life that could overcome certain situations, and the people who overcame those same situations in the Bible, the Life to overcome that situation when it repeats again, is in those people.

Then when you face the same situation, you haven't seen the one yet who overcame that, so the Deep in you begins to call for it and then It pushes you to meet that person. It seems like faith. It seems you change the program of God. You bring about a contact with the Life in you and the person in the Bible, which is really – was only a channel, was only a mystery of your own self. In other words, you see the part of yourself, you see the hidden power, the hidden ability in you, in somebody. And you begin to realize that, what Samson did there, that was me doing that and I must look at myself do it; I must see how I did it, I must see what it did, I must walk right in it. When I see it, anything that comes different to that, I know that is my mind

battles. As good as it is, if it is not what I see there, I don't want it. I want that behavior because that is the perfect behavior. That is the perfect way. That was the mind of God expressed to bring the victory.

And then this Book of Esther here, God just seems like He took the Seven Seals off for me. And (my!) ...and then I was telling somebody, I said if you think *The Burnt Offering* [1986-0525M God Requires A Burnt Offering In the Harvest Time -Ed.] is something, and the *Meal-offering* [1986-0525 The Bride And The Meal Offering -Ed.], and *Micaiah's Seventh Seal Vision* [1985-1205E -Ed.] is something, I said, wait until you hear this. It is above and beyond what my mind could even fathom.

You know and many times you read the Scripture over and over, and over, and over, and over, and you see little things here, and you see little things here, and you see little things there. I was telling Bro. Mervyn, It's like the Cloud, you know, and when It's turned right you see It. And when you see It, within your mind you could hold the entire picture like that. It's not a hard picture to hold because you see the structure of It: you see the way It was spoken, you see why It is put a certain way, you see there are no spare parts in It, you see everything becomes relevant. It's a world.

And I think of Jesus, you know—I just want to say these things to get your mind where I want it. When the time came to go to the grave—and we always say that with Jonah or when the time came for the ministry of discernment with Solomon, and when the time came for certain things—the Life within Him pulled out of the Bible. Then it didn't become a man in the belly of a whale; it became Messiah on the Earth coming back out of the earth. It became Messiah rising up from death, you know, it becomes that to you.

You know that is why the Prophet says, the Scripture is the Key; It unlocks something. What we are looking for is right here, it is all around us. But

you see when God puts the mind on, He girds up the loins of our minds with the Truth of the Word. In other words, He put the Glasses upon us. Then you look and you see Haman, you see Mordecai, you see Esther, you see Ahasuerus, you see Zeresh, you see everybody right there. They are all there. You see what they are doing, you see the spirit upon them; you are looking at yourself, you see your behavior and then you realize when you go a little deeper than that, it's not really them, it's Jesus; it's Satan. You see?

That is why the Prophet says it was Jesus in every Age. Gideon was Jesus, but the people in Gideon's Age never knew that Gideon was Jesus. You see? They didn't even know his name, that he was named *Gideon* – *he that breaks or bruises, a feller of trees*.

Then you see the character there when Zabulon had to be called in that Hour that he was on the sea coasts with the ships. They didn't understand how he knew about the North Star and the treacherous waters, and how the anchor holds within the rock, and these things, and how he could sail the seas and crest every wave. He had that mystery (his life).

When those Hebrew mothers were groaning in birth pains; she was bringing forth a son, and that is the Church in this Hour groaning for these things. You see? And you know it's there. If we could get your mind there, if we could get your spirit there, it's what we labor for. And you get there, you wouldn't have a problem in the world; you wouldn't have a problem in the world. But the reason you have battles, and this, and you are up and down, and you are frustrated because your mind is on earthly things. And when the Word comes, It is not coming to condemn you – without a hope. It's coming to try to shake you from that and tell you, "That has no value. You are being deceived."

The Devil put something there and your flesh is the one who is rebelling because your flesh loves that.

Your flesh doesn't want Heavenly Things. And when that consciousness comes within you, you say, "Don't mind the flesh. They call my flesh a devil; I thank God I know my flesh is a devil now. I'm not going to treat it like a god because that is when I get in trouble."

When you say, "My flesh is no devil, and my flesh... and I find my flesh..." you see, and then you start to make excuses and want to defend that, then you are going in a worse shape. Because you see, you can't defend it here and then you go home and you get a conviction in your heart, and you know it was a self you put up there because you didn't want to be humiliated. You see, you can't switch it back around because the words you speak and the things you do shape the way you will walk. You can't recall your words. The only way it will not shape the way for you to walk, you'll have to repent of it and the Blood must erase it; otherwise, you will be justified by your word, you will be condemned by your word, you will be held by your word. You will be revealed for what you are because of your words. So you can't say one thing and live another thing. Do you see what we're talking about?

And when we could get in that Place, you think somebody has to say they want to be healed and, "I'm going through this and I can't get..." No. It's there. Did you hear the tape Wednesday night? She said, "Bro. Branham, I want you to come and lay hands on me."

He said, "Sister, all you have to do is realize Jesus healed you. If you can get there." He said, "Laying hands on you alone would do nothing. I mean it may help your faith, and you kind of get something to hold on to. If I lay hands on you and your faith still doesn't reach there, it's no use, but if your faith reaches there then you don't even need hands laid on you." See? But you can kind of go through the religious concepts and these things.

Now, don't try to play... Sometimes people need hands laid on them because they don't have the faith to get there and another person's faith gets in contact with their faith and moves the thing back many times. So then you have to be honest about what your condition is. You don't try to have a spiritual pride now that you are not in that shape, but you are trying to bluff your way into those things. The man said, "How can I know this if some man doesn't show me." Sometimes some people need help. Amen.

Let's just turn to the Book of Esther, also get Philippians 1. I don't know how much I will be able to get out this morning. I have quite a... All ten chapters of Esther opened up, from the first to the tenth, but from the first to the fifth is where the real thing is. The rest is just the events that are already spoken of that quickly follow as a manifestation. But really, it started off as a little inspiration (I want to preach) in my heart, called "**IF I PERISH, I PERISH**". If you are Esther, you must come to that place; you must come to that conviction. You must come to that place where you will have that extent of determination, "If I perish, I perish." That is my inspiration this morning.

Esther, Chapter 3 we are going to begin with. And I want you to kind of read a little bit of it when you go home and just get acquainted with the things, so when we preach and when you hear back the tape and you study it, It could really become alive to you. I was thinking it might be better (you know, where, really, maybe) to preach it, just do it like how we did the Book of Ruth that time: we take part by part. But maybe this morning, we could just kind of just throw it out there in a nutshell, and maybe just let you see the scene that we are in.

Esther, Chapter 3, reading from verse 8: this was after the rejection of Vashti, after the calling of Esther, after the placing of Esther, after the enemy begins to (you know) already come to the place where they begin

to, as the Bible says, ‘*disdained to lay hands*’ on the Elect and destroy them. And we are going to read from, about, verse 8 where their plans to bring a persecution is being revealed. Because I want to kind of keep that first and foremost in what we are trying to bring to you because that is the Hour we are in now, when the enemy is working through political channels to bring about the things that have already been revealed in the Scriptures to bring a persecution on this Bride.

*⁸ And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus,
There is a certain people [a specific people]
scattered abroad and dispersed among the
people in all the provinces of thy kingdom;...*

Because they came from every kindred, nation, tongue, and tribe in the vision. The Prophet saw them coming out.

*...and their laws are different from all
people; neither keep they the king’s laws:
therefore it is not for the king’s profit to
tolerate them.*

Do you see the whole objective there? “There are some people here, their laws are different, their service different, their doctrine different, their way of dressing, different. They don’t even subject themselves, many times to many of the laws because they say it is different from their religion, they wouldn’t do it.” So,

*⁹ If it pleases the king, let it be written
that they may be destroyed:...*

Because it must go into writing, you see? The whole scheme is to get it into writing; let it become legislation. If people discuss something in parliament, that is only a discussion, that doesn’t mean anything. That is just ideas being put forward. But when it comes into writing and becomes law and part of the constitution, then when you go against that, you go against the whole nation and the government. You see? You become an enemy to the state.

...and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.

¹⁰ And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the [Jewish] enemy.

¹¹ And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

They are going to allocate a certain amount of funds to put this new thing now into motion. He said the silver is going to be given to you; all these things are going to be given to you, what you want to go about with this campaign and get these things established.

¹² Then were the king's scribes called on ...

You see how the things begin to... Watch the development of it. First, it was a concept, then it began to be discussed, then it became legislation, then it began to go into operation.

...on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's [deputies], and to the governors [who] were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to [its] writing thereof, and to every people after their language; ...

Rich or poor, bond or free, great and small, every kindred, nation, tongues and tribes, this thing is going to go. It will start in Shushan in the palace, but it's going to go throughout. He says it will come out of America because that is where the head is. Watch and see.

...in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's [seal].

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces,...

It means to say now: it has been established, the law is here now, then get it out to every nation, where the people are under the jurisdiction. Like the Roman Catholics, their city is the Vatican, (right?) but you are talking about seven hundred million Catholics or eight hundred million Catholics around the world because Rome, the iron, is in all the toes. But once something passes as law in the Vatican, it goes to every, whether it's a cardinal and every cardinal says they take... send it to archbishops until it gets down to every parish, until it gets down to every individual member of the Catholic institution when they speak from the Vatican. Now the same way God does it because God comes from Heaven, speaks to the Prophet, goes out with the five-fold ministry, goes out to every local church under the Message, goes out to every member of the Body of Christ, the same way.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the [property] of them for [spoil].

Kill them and even confiscate their property. They have a big church, take it, make it into an ammunition dump, make it a warehouse, whatever you want to do with it. Confiscate their property. They can't hold anything legally because they are not even considered part of the state. Press them right out of existence even if it comes to that.

14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all [the] people, that they should be ready [on] that day.

So it became published, in other words, it went to the newspapers, went to the radio, went through the television. It went through the media because it had to be broadcasted to the nation because it was something that was—new religious laws in the religious act had been revised. It's there. This service this morning will be very, very important for this church (you just listen carefully) in the days that are to come.

¹⁵ *The posts went out, being hastened...*

It was a matter of great urgency; they were going to put their plan into immediate effect. It was declared to go into operation at the headquarters. And then the responsibility of the cardinals over their parishes and the archbishops, and all these different things, they with their own local people were going to get them ready to know, "Bring the information of all who are Jews in your community [all those who believe like us]; find them, whether it's your neighbors in the neighborhood. Teachers in the school, in your classroom, find out the children, what religion they belong to because on that particular day – we have a day designated when we will strike." It has come into writing and it's going to have a space of time, but it has a day it was going to go into effect.

¹⁵ [And] *The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace.*

It's trying to show you—in other words, it was established like from the White House. From the seat of authority then in the land, it was declared to be so.

...And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

I want to continue in Chapter 4.

¹ *When Mordecai learned all that was done,...*

And here is the Elect now, they began to understand what happened behind locked doors, what happened in secret councils, what was becoming legislation;

what was the plan that they had on the drawing board that was going to come into effect phase by phase. Then the church there now began to be awakened to understand exactly how the plot of the enemy was developing rapidly and what the result was going to be on that particular day.

...Mordecai tore his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the center of the city, and cried with a loud voice and a bitter cry;

² And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

³ And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews [not among the other people],...

They were glad that they were going to get rid of all these people who were always criticizing them, who always tell their religion false, who were always preaching against them. So they were glad, but among the Jews, there was mourning.

...and fasting, and weeping, and wailing;...

Because they saw the Red Dragon coming to devour the Baby. And a woman when her hour has come has sorrow, she is in travail, pain to be delivered, weeping and wailing and lamenting.

...and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Many, the Spirit fell upon them in those local churches there to go into fasting, and to go into prayer because they began to understand the hour more clearly, and they began to get a revelation of the plot of the enemy more clearly, and it threw them into desperation. Because they knew... They felt the pressure coming from their jobs. Their children were getting the pressures in their schools. In the neighborhood, they were getting pressure from the political parties.

So in the home: the children, the parents, the mother. The mother in the home during the day, the father on the job at work and the children when they come home, all they can talk about is pressure. So the home begins to feel it. And when they go to church, there is pressure in the church because there is a bunch of pressured people there. And they have no link up with the state, so how are they going to relieve that kind of pressure from the people? The ministers now have to put the Word inside of there to break those things and get the people to realize: "In an Hour like this, God promised to meet the challenge. Let us look to God. Let us look for something to move in the Word. Let us look for God to come down on the scene. Let us look for Divine intervention."

Do you understand what is happening inside of here? Do you understand that you can't be complaining, and think the deacon can't help or the minister can't help you with many things, when we try to show you, it's the Word. Do you understand the Hour is designed for these things? When the Devil's showing you—a grudge here: "Look, look they are helping this one and they are not helping me, and they are helping that one," and you don't know the consequences or you don't know what is going on, and you don't know, really, the real thing behind what is happening. But the way you see with your eyes, and somebody whispers some foolishness in your ears and you start to get confused. And then you sit down in church with a bitter spirit and you are always complaining, and these things because, like... You don't want to be in that condition at all. It's like you don't realize the Hour that we are coming down to. Do you understand what I'm saying?

⁴ So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved;...

But that grief was more in the humanistic realm because she wasn't grieved (by revelation) about, really, what was going on.

...and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai,...

Do you see that? "Okay, well, I'll give him a new suit. The king has some three-piece suits, he was not wearing them for a long time, he kind of outgrew them, I'll give them to Mordecai. Maybe that will kind of pacify him a little bit. Oh, I have some money here, I see in the boutique next door there are some new clothes, and I have a good relationship there with the dealer. I could give him some clothes." But he was not going to be pacified with clothes in that hour. The kind of help he needed wasn't financial help or a little help with clothing and food; he wanted spiritual help. He wanted the king to intervene. He wanted to see some authority move in their favor.

⁵ Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to learn what it was, and why it was.

See? That word 'Hatach' there means 'gift'. And that here, that is the church, you know, inquiring of what the Hour means, what is the behavior, what is really happening. That was a gift in the body. That was one of the king's trusted servants to attend to the queen. And through that gift, that gift now was going to bring to the queen what she sought to put her in the right channel of what was happening. Do you understand what I'm saying? You must seek your gifts. God put gifts in the church to help you. Amen!

When you don't understand something, instead of you going around confused and you walk around this church, and you get some other gift out of the Body—because the two other men, Bigthan and Teresh—Bigthan means gift too, you know, but the gift he had was to overthrow the king. The gift he had was a

conspiracy against the king, so he was a gift outside the Body. That is what Lucifer tried in Heaven, so you could see what that gift was pulling from. But this other gift was seeing about the queen.

⁶ So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.

⁷ And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the [exact] sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

You see, Mordecai with a prophetic eye had looked into all those things. He saw the money proposition. He saw how the economic Squeeze was going to come. And no doubt, Hatach began to come and tell the Queen. On *Questions And Answers On The Seals* [1963-0324M -Ed.], he was saying that. On *Lean Not To Your Own Understanding* [1965-0120 -Ed.], he was talking about the money proposition. On *The Sixth Seal* [1963-0323 -Ed.], he was talking about how Esau and Jacob were coming back there, and Jacob was going back to the land, you know, he tried to bribe Esau with money but Esau didn't want his money.

And they come together on the money proposition.

He said, "How do you know all of that?"

He said, "Mordecai said it." See?

⁸ Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, [see?] to shew it unto Esther, and to [explain] it unto her, ...

Do you see how Mordecai explained and broke down the mystery to that gift, to Hatach? And then Hatach coming to the queen with it, so that the queen might... the veil that is upon her that she could be looking at the modern events but she can't read it in the prophecy, but when Hatach begins to speak to her, she will look at it and see what Mordecai was seeing

then she will behave like how Mordecai behaved. Do you see?

...and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

⁹ *And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai [not his own words, the words of Mordecai].*

¹⁰ *Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; [saying]*

¹¹ *All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death,...*

Now, she was quoting back a part of the Word and said, “What happened to Mordecai, like he doesn’t know the Word says that too, and like he is asking me to behave wrong?” And her reasoning was battling against the words of Mordecai because she pulled up a quote. Do you understand what I’m saying? But watch how Mordecai is going to blast that thing out of her mind with a thunderbolt. Now, it’s fear that was pulling that quote. She is not ‘studying’ [thinking about -Ed.] the people, she is studying herself.

...who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

¹² *And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.*

¹³ *Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther,...*

He said, “What is the matter with this church at all?” He said,

...Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape ...

Do you see what he has to deal with? The Word started to discern the thoughts ‘think not’. In other words, he said, “I’ll tell you what you are thinking.” He said, “What you are thinking is that your life will be in jeopardy.” See? He said,

...Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king’s house [all this little private natural security that you are looking for], more than all the Jews.

¹⁴ For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place;...

He wasn’t asking for any favors from her as the family and she were close to the king. He was speaking with a revelation of the mystery of why she was raised up. He understood her position better than her. And he had to preach it to her: what her position is, and what the mystery behind her life is, to shake some of that carnal understanding of seeing herself to put her into the real purpose. No doubt he took from the rejection of Vashti right down to the persecution. You know that is the Bride Age, you know.

¹⁴ For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Brother, he didn’t come, pull any punches, saying, “Esther, girl, what happened to you; you don’t love us since you got your high position?” Do you think he’s studying [thinking about -Ed.] that? Brother, he knows he is talking to the queen. You think he’s a man to go and

tell—command the queen and tell the queen don't even think those thoughts, all that set of mind battles she is getting and trying to bring up a lot of reasonable excuses out here? He said, "Shake yourself!" He knew the kind of faith it would take to put her out there. He knew the law even before her, when she was a little maiden and knew nothing, he was the one who was training her up all the time. He was the one training her to walk and everything, that when they came around and were looking for a wife for the king, they saw something in her that looked royal. Amen!

Do you think she was this old maid, she couldn't open the door, couldn't greet people, couldn't talk, didn't know how to walk on the road, laugh scandalously, sit down badly? Do you think they would have picked her for anybody? The king was looking for character. He knew what was going on inside of there.

*15 Then Esther told them to return
Mordecai this answer,*

*16 Go, gather together all the Jews that
are present in Shushan,...*

She didn't come up with any excuse and pulled an old quote now, you know. She got a spirit of obedience; she came under the inspiration of that Word now.

*...and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor
drink three days, [day and night]: I also
and my maidens will fast likewise; and so
will I go in unto the king, which is not
according to the law: and if I perish, I
perish.*

But I want you to notice something. She is going in to the king under the inspiration now of the revelation: she is raised up for a time like this because that is what Mordecai preached to her. That is the message that really made her say, "If I perish, I perish." The message had to reveal the purpose, why she was

raised up to show her the mystery behind the history of her life. It's what pushed her to go inside there.

¹⁷ So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

I just want to read a few verses here in the fifth chapter and you can have your seat. I want to just—so you could get the picture of what we are talking about.

[Chapter 5 –Ed.]

¹ Now it came to pass on the third day,...

The evening of the third day because that is when the Bride is going to go in.

...that Esther put on her royal apparel, ...

Now, look how she is... Now, she has come out of prayer and fasting. And she went into prayer and fasting under the revelation that she was raised up at this time for this. And she prayed under prayer and fasting. And now, under that revelation, knowing what she was raised up for, she thought—she looked at her wardrobe and said, “What am I going to put on to go in?” and under that revelation – if you go back in Esther 2, you will see where it was the king when he made her queen and put on the royal crown, gave her that vesture. So, brother, she put on the royal apparel that the king himself had given her and clothed her with to identify that she is not any ordinary virgin in the land, she is the chosen queen. Do you understand what I'm saying?

...[And she] put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court [not the outer court, the inner court] of the king's house, opposite the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, opposite the entrance of the house.

² And [so it was], when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court,...

I pray God gives me inspiration that I could preach, maybe one of these days – take that line there and

preach on it for maybe about a month for you. The King is sitting down right now in this Hour and He is looking, and when He sees that Woman what does He see? When He sees the Bride in the Bride Age, He's going to look for Her for every type in the Word to make sure who It is really standing there. See? It is not an impersonator coming in there or something.

² And when the king saw Esther the queen...

Notice how it is written. She put on the royal apparel but now the king is seeing her, Esther, the queen,

...standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

He hasn't spoken a word yet; it's silence, all that time. He is going to break the silence and speak now.

³ Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther?...

In other words when she has that revelation: 'go in the royal apparel' that was her revelation, that was her inspiration. Now he is relating to her because he recognizes her as that. He doesn't see her as anything less.

...and what is thy request? It shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

Heavenly Father, take the Word—I know no doubt many thoughts are flashing already in many minds, and the Scripture is already alive in many hearts. Many have anticipations but Lord, let the Dove lead us by Your Spirit that we wouldn't get ahead of ourselves, and Your mind could be expressed and be made plain that You could leave upon us the impression that You want to leave. So many thoughts are in my mind right now, I just want to lay the emphasis this morning where You see it could be necessary, and worthwhile,

and profitable at this time. Father, we ask Your help now, in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat.

Let me get Philippians 1. I told you to hold there and I'll just read the couple of verses I want to. Verses 19 to 21, I just want to tie that with this. Paul says here:

¹⁹ For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

²⁰ According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

"IF I PERISH, I PERISH", that is my title and my subject is **"For To Me To Live Is Christ, And To Die Is Gain"**. I just want to know where to start and how to build because I know it would be impossible in the few moments there to lay in the multitude of things that are already flashing through our minds.

I was thinking from the little message I preached recently, *The Burnt Offering* [God Requires A Burnt Offering At Harvest Time 1986-1113 -Ed.] and *The Sword Of The Lord And Of Gideon* [1986-1231 -Ed.] and I have a couple of messages I want to kind of drop in there still: *Bring On The Holy Vesture* to go together with *The Sword Of The Lord*. And you know, pick up also, *On The Wings Of A Snow-white Dove* [1965-1128 -Ed.] after the Dove came, then the White Rock where the Prophet said, "I will ride this trail one more time".

So, as we kind of keep looking at our picture and we keep opening the Word to fellowship with these things, I want you to realize all these messages are bringing us to recognize where we are at in this present Hour and what is God's will, what is God requiring of us as

we get ready to enter this New Ministry, because that is what we are dealing with: the New Ministry.

And this is why we are dealing with Esther here, this morning, before the sceptre, before going into the presence of the king while she was there under the inspiration of the message, revealing to her the mystery behind her life that she was raised up for this time; shining light upon the purpose of what her experiences were given to her for, to break the spirit of fear and give her victory over the mind battles that were holding her back from going to the full extent that the ability in her could have gone to.

But many people, like the woman, the widow with the meal, God said, "I commanded her to feed you. She will keep the Word alive regardless, she'll give her last, she can do it." And when it was spoken to her at first, she began to say, "But I and the boy are going to eat and die." And she began to get fearful. But when the prophet said, "Thus saith the Lord!" that broke the mind battles. She was able to go and do it because the ability was laying in her. And God saw it when He sent the prophet, to begin with, and said, "I have commanded her to feed thee."

And in us, our flesh complains many a time. Our mind has other plans for ourselves, so it puts up an argument and tries to reason away the Word because the Word is demanding a putting-away of the flesh. And the flesh wants to remain in existence, and the flesh wants to remain prominent as the leader of the triune being. He is the least because your soul controls your spirit, and your spirit controls your body. Your house must be set in order.

The soul is the husband, the spirit is the wife, and the fruits of the flesh are the product of that union, it is the children. And if the children are ruling in the house, something is radically wrong. If the wife is ruling in the house, that isn't the real husband, that is a sissified man. And the soul is the Word; that is the

head of the home. When he tells the wife, “Shut up!” reasoning has to shut up, imagination has to shut up, conscience has to shut up. See? Because when faith speaks, he only speaks the Word, then the flesh, the children have to be in obedience. They cannot do what they want, they are in subjection to the mother, and the mother is in subjection to the father. If this house [the body. -Ed.] isn’t in order, your next house, your home could never be in order. Because that is your works and your works reflect you, because you can’t be this way and your house is different. That is why God’s Eden reflected God. God’s creation reflected God. Satan’s creation—not creation, but his perversion reflects him.

So here in this time, God knows the ability that lies inside of us; God knows what we can do. But because many times, we find ourselves in a situation there, in your human spirit, “Well, he is against me. He is preaching too hard. He does this, you know, I can’t be happy. I see other people living worse lives than this and they don’t have to go through that.” You see you are watching other people and you are not watching the Word, and you are comparing yourself with people because you are still in the humanistic realm. I don’t know how I get pastoral so quickly, you know, I am trying to do something here but it just seems to go there. God knows what is happening.

So, watch something. So here it is then, Esther in that hour had that ability. And while she was under that message unfolding to her: “It’s for such a time as this. You haven’t come into your ministry yet. You are crowned as the queen, you are dressed in royal apparel, he put the crown on your head and all these things, but that is not the real purpose you are raised up for.” You see, because all this moving around knowing you are the Bride, you are the queen and these things but you didn’t do anything, really, yet. And look how you were a Jew and they never knew.

There was a mystery, something in you that remained a mystery to everybody else. And Mordecai before used to be commanding her, “Don’t reveal that secret,” by maybe prophetic foresight. He didn’t know why he was telling her don’t do it, but he told her all along, “Don’t do it,” and she wouldn’t do it.

Then when the hour came and she became king and all—queen rather. She became queen and the persecution rose up, now they were going to kill the Jews; it was the very thing. He began to see how he was inspired to say those things. So the channel begins to open up to her to be able to minister, and bring her human spirit in subjection to the Word. Because as long as she stands in that hour of persecution, in her human spirit still reasoning this, that, and the other, she can’t have victory. She cannot manifest even the authority and the revelation that goes with that position. She can’t even be really obedient. And the Bible says that all along she was really obedient and grew up and always did what Mordecai said.

Even when she was going in the presence of the king when her time came and her name was called and she had to go in, and she was going in there, the Bible says she didn’t even want any other thing than what the chamberlain had given her.

Some people say, “Well I don’t see where it condemns wearing shorty pajamas or something. I don’t see where it condemns tinting your hair or something.” See?

She said, “Wait, what the messenger brought is in these books and tapes? That is enough for me.”

All those other women said, “I think I could go up two inches on my heel because he didn’t say how high the heel could be. So who are you to judge the heel?” Some say, “I’m short, so I want to look kind of tall because my husband is kind of tall, and we will look bad like Mutt and Jeff [mismatched cartoon characters -Ed.]. So I

want to get a little height for him.” And the Devil gives them a lot of different things, you know, and they see an avenue. They say, “My hair is hard to comb and I can’t do this; I have to do the other.” You see? And they find something for them, “You don’t know what I have to go through in the morning.”

So when all these things began to come now and they wanted a reason why they could do things, all those other women going there—and you know, the king knew what he had given the chamberlain to ‘see about’ [prepare -Ed.] those virgins, who were going to, maybe, fulfill the role of being queen if the king had approved, if the king was pleased with that character. But she, when her time came, she wanted nothing. Brother, it showed predestination.

When you really come to this Message, God really calls you and you are ordained to be part of this Bride, when that Message comes, it is like music in your ears. And the Messenger says, “Don’t add or take away from what I say,” you don’t want to add anything; you don’t want to take away anything. You don’t have an argumentative spirit, to begin with, and fight up with this and fight up with that; argue down, “How do you know that?” And, “I saw in the states [United States Of America -Ed.]; I went up there in a church one time and saw things up there. Look, there are ministers who were around the Prophet, they asked the Prophet many things; you don’t even know the Prophet. They asked Bro. Billy Paul, he said he didn’t see anything wrong with it.” And you know there are a lot of different things like that. See?

But look at Esther. Now, we are on the Bride because the mystery of the Bride is in the Bible; who was to follow the Prophet’s message, who was to finish the works. And from 1965 that Mystery is unfolding, and there’s a people being taken up into that revelation. And then what we have come down through these years from the time of the Message of the

Prophet, from the time of the rejection of the Pentecostal church, right down to this very Hour, is laying somewhere in the Bible. Because that's what Bro. Branham said; he said, "I'll take this Bible and I'll show you when the last half of the seventieth week is going to start." See? And he came right down to the place, he said, "Now, you may not know the day or the hour, but you could know the week." He said, "You could know the month. You could know the year." See?

That left a vacuum for many carnal minds to give vent to their religious superstitions and their false mathematics and try to bring their school mathematics into God's mathematics. And God's mathematics and Satan's mathematics always clash. See?

So when you look and you see then, what was really happening, she begins to say, in that hour – which we want to focus on here – "If I perish, I perish." And we want to stay there for a little while, and tie from there. You see, and we are taking the place where we believe we are at before she gets that sceptre and that authority where she's at, and sees how her experiences build up to this place and what it's going to be. Because I am trusting that this message would release to you the determination to come to a real commitment because Esther had no more questions after that. When that message struck her heart, she said, "Go and tell Mordecai I am going to fast for three days. I'm not going to eat a thing and then I'm going in and if I perish, I perish."

That wasn't a careless statement. That was an expression of victory over self. That is what I'm seeing and trying to read into that Scripture there. It is an expression of victory over self because at first, she was giving reasons why she can't go in, and the thought was she may perish; it is death to go in. But now, death and self-preservation had no more influence

because she said, "If I perish, I perish. Because of the situation, the matter, when I see my values, that is worth more than my life. My life is worth nothing!"

When I watch this Hour, when I watch the Message, when I watch what all the saints labored for down through, Seven Church Ages, when I see what we have come down to, when I see what is happening, brother, ... brother, my life is a little pebble. Amen. I am no rock of Gibraltar, it is a little pebble on the beach; it is not worth anything. If I have to go out to see this Message live, it is worth it. And the reason a lot of people can't die to the Message, they don't see the Message as what it really is.

They see their life worth more than the Message, that is why they deny the Message, disbelieve the Message, compromise on the Message; paralyze the effect of the Message to keep themselves. And they say they love God. But the Message is Jesus Christ, the Message is your Husband, is your Bridegroom, your Mate, your King. So then it shows you can't really be submissive to your Husband. See? That is what it is. And in that Hour... because we are on the Burnt Offering. Those thoughts, you see those thoughts you are thinking, bring them into captivity here, bring them into obedience to this revelation.

This revelation is showing you, you are raised up for a time like this. This revelation is showing you the real purpose: that you were chosen after the rejection of Vashti, that you were dressed and placed as Queen (amen); it is showing you how the mystery of your life unfolded down through those years, that it all built up to this very Hour. And the inspiration was causing her to become more aware of the things in her own environment because she wasn't relating those experiences to what was going on in her environment at the present time. So that was just a decree, that was just news being made in the papers. And her life, she is a Christian here, and she couldn't tie it because

she didn't know those modern events were being made clear by prophecy. She couldn't see what was happening. And in there, while all this diabolical plot was going on, and it was beginning to materialize and swiftly go into effect, and the day was already designated, and many were being thrown into desperation recognizing what the hour had come down to, she still couldn't put away that self.

She was kind of glorifying, "I am the bride. I am the queen. Look, when I dress, I have ladies in attendance. I go to the big functions." See? But her battle was whether she could put her life for her people, whether she could lay down her life for others. She didn't have a real revelation of brotherly kindness, yet – Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Because if you are convinced, you would be concerned. There's no bluff, you know. Oh, she is Queen Esther, yes, and bride and everything, but the spirit needed a little filtering, still. The thinking needed to be filtered.

Mordecai with a holy man's taste; brother, he is going to pull those thoughts through the waters of separation. He is going to pull out that poisoned nicotine (amen) and give a real holy man's taste. Amen! And during that time she was there and when it began to strike her, the message—because Mordecai, he quickly discerned what was happening. Because he knew if she understood the hour she would behave differently. See? Though he didn't hear her talk (her own self with her own lips), he knew Hatach was a gift in the Body (Hatach means *gift*) and he knew that gift, brother, was to get yourself out of the way.

So when that word was coming forth, he knew it was the truth and nothing but the truth. And right away he said, "You go and tell her," he said, "because I know her and I know her spirit so good. That is a little old fear: things that she had inside of her for such a long, long time. As a little child, it hung around there."

He said, "I know that is what the enemy is anointing now at this very time to hold her down in her own little private world when God was fixing to display the authority that will deliver the people."

Now watch. Now, this Book of Esther, let me tell you a little bit about the Book so you could kind of understand It and you will see why it is a mystery; why it is put in the Bible. There is nothing about God written in this Book. The word 'God' is not mentioned anywhere here. The word 'Lord' and so on is not mentioned anywhere here, anywhere in the whole Book. And it baffled the scholars (and them) when they were compiling the Bible together. They wanted to see, well, where it fits; what is the purpose? It looked like a heathen king, it looked like some Jewish maiden, and the most she did really, she was self-sacrificial.

Everything is 'sacrifice' they are talking about now too, you know, sacrifice, sacrifice. You see what's going on – clean up.

So watch. So here now in that hour, what was happening when this story was taking place, God was showing something for the last days because the Book begins with a feast. It starts with a feast that fore-runs the rejection of the other queen. Esther wasn't called yet when that queen was supposed to be the queen. And it was on the seventh day, the queen rejected the king's message. And the king had a message; he had something in his mind. He had something he wanted to do. He was thinking about something; he wanted to display his bride. And just before he had sent the message to call that queen.

Because all the while that feast was going on and different things, the queen was busy with her own little, private programs. She had her own little feast too. She had her own little program and when the king revealed his message through the seven chamberlains—now, there were seven chamberlains and when the king wanted to speak, those seven

voices were the voice of the king. So these seven voices of the seven chamberlains spoke to Vashti, who was the queen.

When the message came to her, she was busy with her programs. And it said the king has a desire in his heart. He had been displaying the bounty, the excellency of his honor, the riches of his kingdom, to all who had been gathered. As I look and read into it, what I'm seeing was that healing revival just before the call came for Vashti on the Seventh Day because that is what foreruns that. That is where the King was showing his glory. It had nothing all through the years. And then here, God appeared on the scene and began to show the Messianic sign, began to heal: seven truckloads of wheelchairs, thirty thousand saved at one time, all kinds of things happening around the world over and over and over; challenged them in India, challenged them in Africa, all over the place. From India to Ethiopia, the Message had gone; challenged them in every province.

Healing revival swept the nations of the world and then the King, He didn't just delight in showing His signs and wonders. Like in the *Prophet Visits South Africa* book, it has so much of the riches of the glory of the King in that book. *A Man Sent From God* has so much of the excellency of the honor of God in that book that happened around the world, but the real thing in the King's heart was a little Secret in the back part of His mind that He had: it was to display His Queen. He was saying, "Look, after all this is over, all this great feast and different things, what I really want is to bring out is My Bride at My side." Because the Bible says God is the Glory of Jesus Christ—Jesus Christ is the Glory of God and the Church is the glory of Jesus Christ. Paul says a woman is a man's glory.

So the real glory, the real thing of the man was to bring his queen at his side. So what he did, he revealed his secret in his mind to his seven

chamberlains. And those seven messengers now, they held those seven mystery voices of what was in the mind of the king, what he wanted to display on the seventh day. So those seven voices thundered on the seventh day. It was on the seventh day, and when it went forth, it found the queen, brother, rich and increased with goods, thinking she had need of nothing, and exalting her own works above the king's message. It found her busy with her program, and the message was calling her to "Leave your program; the king wants you. Lay aside everything right now. Stop it. Forget building your schools and your hospitals and all these things; Vashti, the king demands you to be in his presence."

The Bible says while his heart was merry with wine (hallelujah!); he was all stimulated. And you know when a man gets stimulated he likes to show off a little bit, he likes to express himself; he likes to be a little exuberant. And the king said, "Now that we have this great feast and we are drinking and we are happy," and everybody was kind of charged with the power of all this new wine and stimulation. He was displaying gifts, and he had golden vessels, all different sizes. Brother, he catered for all kinds of people, he said, "If a man doesn't want this, give him this. If he doesn't want that, give him that. If he asks for that, give him this." Amen. Because he was no stereotype king; he was a king of variety. Hallelujah! He knew his subjects were all different, so he was going to deal with every man in their own way. But his real desire was to show his most valuable gift, his most valued possession, the thing that was going to really satisfy his heart when he saw the look on their faces.

They saw the miracles, they saw the signs, they saw the discernment and they were in awe, they were all spellbound. He said, "Wait until they see the Queen. Wait until they see my Bride step out here. Amen. Wait until they see: life of my own life, faith of my own faith,

works of my own works, bone of my own bone, wait until they see that.”

Now all this was in the Book, and the scholars, they thought it was a little Jewish story about a woman who was kind of sacrificial enough to give her life, putting it in jeopardy to save her people. So they said it showed God’s providential care and they put it in the Bible. But I want to show you something. It opens there with the feast and the rejection of Vashti, and it ends with the showdown in the persecution. So the whole Book really unfolds after Vashti is rejected, to when the servants went out looking for a bride – the Opening of a New Age where a bride will be chosen. And then the mystery unfolds how that bride will be chosen, how she will be brought in the king’s court, how she will be dressed, how she will be set in order, and all these things. And then, it unfolds the political realm and shows during that time after the rejection of Vashti, how things quickly speed up to bring a persecution upon those people. But how in that hour, that bride was being called after Vashti is rejected, before the persecution, how she really comes there and shows her real character, how she comes there and receives the authority, how she delivers her own people and these things, and it is all unfolding in this Age.

So it was a Mystery covered up. And inside of there, we see the king (Adam), the queen (Eve) and the Kingdom; the great three-fold secret; how it ended up with Ahasuerus and Vashti [Esther -Ed.]. And Mordecai, that great prophet there, how he was exalted and given very high honor too. Because he was the greatest of all the messengers, all the prophets, all the apostles; this one was reserved for this Day.

As we look at those things, then it means to say if we are living in that time, what is going to begin to come into operation to uncover the scheme of the enemy, how it’s going to work and through which

channels he is going to work, and how it is going to come in phase by phase to bring the persecution—and then also how the Bride, She comes into the place to come to a full commitment and a total surrender to go in and receive the full authority. And here we are looking at these things, but just to back-ground a little bit to see how it built up to that place, where Esther had to be called after Vashti was rejected.

But let's look at Vashti a little bit because in case you have someone with Vashti's spirit who wants to hang over here, know that the King rejected that already. And who would want to clothe themselves with a rejected thing? Because Vashti didn't realize when she was rejecting the king's message, which was the seven voices of the seven chamberlains to whom the king had revealed the secret in his mind, what he wanted to manifest in that hour. You see that was the Word, the thoughts to be allotted and made manifest in that hour, and revealed to those seven men because when the king wanted to bring somebody in his presence, he would call them by those seven voices. You couldn't come except they came to call you. And on the seventh day, those men came out after the feast.

The Feast is a kind of lap-over; a lapping over time. See, the Feast kind of died down now. It has come like a kind of anticlimax, you know, the third peak and the fifth peak, and then it had a kind of – he said, we get a little old thing there before we climb back up to the Seventh Peak, you see? And during that time, in that little anticlimax when they kind of wondered, what next would be in the program, interesting. And the King had built it up that way because He knew each Pull was going to get greater, and the real Bride is going to be unfolded under the Third Pull because the Third Pull is going to call the Bride.

So, watch something. So then the message of the king was being sounded. And it was a message that

needed an immediate response too. It was a message that was going to reveal the innermost secrets of the heart of the king because they couldn't understand why the king was doing all this great big thing. As the Prophet said, "If nothing comes after this, this is wrong. When God sends great signs and wonders to attract the people's attention, it is to get ready for something to happen." And watch how the message of the seven chamberlains followed the great feast. But when that message came, it came first to Vashti.

The Message didn't come to us first, you know, It came to the Pentecostals first and they had to turn It down. They had to turn down those Seven Thunders. When he said, "Sirs, is this the time? Could this be those Seven Thunders?" He said, "Seriously think, brethren." But what did Vashti do? She refused to be submissive to her headship. Maybe she found those seven chamberlains, maybe they walked in there and when those seven voices spoke to her, she maybe felt like they were speaking with too much authority to her. And she was going to let them know, "Well, this time, you see, you can't talk to me that way." But it wasn't them talking, they were only expressing the king's thoughts. See? She refused to be corrected. They said, "Vashti, the king is calling you. Vashti, the king is calling you, leave that alone. Leave that alone. Look where you started off. You didn't start off like that. You just became popular (women's group); you have all the other women now... You are setting the trend, you Pentecostals."

You hear the Prophet, speaking, blasting that thing, those Seven Voices blasting those things, calling them back to the Word, "Be zealous and repent. Come away from your programs, get back to the Word. When you started out there without any stockings, with a tambourine on the corner, brother, you didn't have all these fancy hairstyles but you got rich and increased with goods and got more refined and polished with

education and science and civilization.” See? And brother, she was determined to despise authority, she was determined to disobey them that rule over her. And from that moment when she rejected those seven voices of the king, the king’s wrath began to be revealed. Did the Bible say it?

The Bible said that when the thing happened, the king’s wrath came up inside of him; he got vexed. Because those seven voices were the Thunders but, brother, the Cloud began to turn and began to reveal him as Judge. And the king’s wrath... And the first thing that happened, he said, “She will not come in my presence anymore.” In other words, eternal separation from the presence of the king for rejecting the message; you refused to obey. It’s death to separate from the Presence of God. And the king spoke and said, “She will not come anymore in my presence.” Now, she didn’t die. He didn’t kill her physically, said, “Take her to the gallows,” no. She went along alive in her body but dead. Right there she went out.

And while that happened when the king passed that judgment – then what came and happened, the king desired now, “Well, I can’t stay without a queen.” This is the Pentecostal church I was trying to get in the Book of Ephesians, on the Seventh Day. It was on the Seventh Day, He wanted to come and display everything (the Bride), but when they rejected that Message, then a new Age began to open. It wasn’t going to stop there. The King began to send out Messengers to choose a Bride for the King, and they went out in the Evening Evangelism looking for a character that would obey every Word that came out of the mouth of the King now, that would obey all those Seven Voices when they would speak to Her, that would be willing to be submissive to authority that could rule over Her, that She will not despise it; that regardless of what other programs She has, when the Word speaks, She will leave it aside and get in the

King's Presence, that will exalt not Her own works before the King. They were looking for that kind of character because they saw what the King put away from His Presence.

So look at it. So after she was disobedient to the king's message which was sounded on the seventh day, Vashti just went... (her name is not mentioned anymore) went into apostasy. The world overshadowed her and threw her into darkness. She was no longer – could reflect the light of the king anymore. Do you understand what I'm saying? [Congregation says, Amen –Ed.] I'm talking in a parable, you know, (see?) because worldliness overshadowed the church: the moon. The world passed between the church which is the moon. That was all the worldly programs that they had and they couldn't reflect the Son-light anymore. Because when those Seven Voices thundered, what happened? They put them on the outside of the church.

She thought she rejected the Word, but she was really rejecting the Headstone; she was really rejecting her Headship. And right away, immediately there the King's wrath began to unfold. And brother, that is why the rock was thrown up and the Cloud was turned, and the Vials didn't even start yet. The wrath is not really being poured out yet until Armageddon but right there, the King began to reveal His wrath and His righteous indignation and all those things, right there. And the Bride already is here. She already began to see glimpses of the Judge because we are in a changing of time. She began to see judgment moving in the earth quickly. See? And when the worldliness overshadowed her and she went into darkness, she could no longer reflect the light.

Vashti now went along with her program, being blessed, dancing to rock and roll music: a witch. She was Witch Vashti now: blind, wretched, naked, miserable, and don't even know it, demon-possessed, went into insanity, a soul in prison. You never hear of

Vashti anymore. She was blotted out of the mind of the king. Couldn't even speak her name anywhere around, it was blotted out of the book, the king's mind. Had no more mercy for her because she refused to be responsible when it becometh her to fulfill all righteousness and to obey every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the king. She refused to become submissive to him. She despised the authority.

Now, watch. Then those Seven Voices which had revealed... Now, watch something. I'm trying to bring it here to you, to show the Pentecostal Age, what it was and how it was rejected, which was Vashti right there. After the healing revival, it was rejected right there. But the opening of the Seals, what did it do? It brought a new Age. On this side of the Seals before 1963, it went into apostasy (the Laodicean Age). But then after the Seals, it was a Bride Age opened where a Bride was to be chosen.

In the Evening-time evangelism, he was looking for character and he would not go out among the heathens. See? And then a new Age opened and that one goal and one purpose that the King had in the back part of His mind was, to display His Queen at His side, to show His pre-eminences, to make the invisible union visible, to show His oneness before the world, He was determined He was going to get a people that Word could have the pre-eminences in. So those servants of the King that went out, went after the rejection of Vashti. And they went out looking for character, hunting a Bride for the King between the King revealing His secret (what it was) and before the persecution. During that time He was choosing a Bride.

In other words, between the Opening of the Word and the Preaching to the lost, in that time he said, "I cannot go any further. I have to go back into evangelism and look for a Bride. That's my commission." And under the preaching of the Word,

between those two times, between the rejection of Vashti and the persecution, the Mystery in the Book began to unfold and show how Esther who was a nobody, unknown, began to become somebody; how she who was—maybe would be bypassed in the street, was going to be brought and washed and go through a time of purification and preparation and then she would hear her name one day, called by the king. Now, she was doing all that without her name being called, you know. Because the Bible says here. [Esther 2:13-14 -Ed.]

...every maiden [that was come] unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

¹⁴ In the evening she went, and on the next day she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, who kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

So there was no way to go into the king's presence except he called you by your name. And those seven voices of those seven chamberlains would come and reveal your name, would call your name, and when you hear your name, you know what the call is: to come into the presence of the king.

Now I want to... Now, there is something that is really nice and I don't want to go into it too quickly, but we are coming to a place, all Seven Messengers have sounded. When Esther had to go in there, there was nobody to call. And she said, "The king hasn't called me these last few days, he hasn't called me." But she was going, not on a call at that time because she was called, already. The first time she went into the king's presence when she was placed as queen, she was called. She didn't have to be called again. She was going upon the inspiration that she is the queen.

She was going upon the inspiration of the purpose of her life, why she was raised up; had no more messengers, no more voices to speak to her. She had to act upon her own inspiration.

All this Mystery of the Bride, who preached it to us? Our inspiration; our inspiration that we acted upon. Our revelation showing us our lives in the Word, in the Hour that we are living in, (is what) has put something inside of us to recognize we are different. We are born for this. It is not going to fail. There is no other way to get in the King's Presence, no. We will find favor with Him; Something being revealed on the inside of the inside, not in the outer court there. She was in the Inner Court, (hallelujah!) in the Third Pull, in the Most Holy Place, in the Third Court. Hallelujah! 'Dressed with the royal Apparel' is not your long dress and your stockings on your foot; it's dressed in His Robe, your soul clothed with Light and Immortality to go into the Presence of the King. He said, "You have on the Wedding Garment of His promised Word, the beautiful Gown of His promised Word. You're veiled with a revelation of Headship: you cover your own head, you don't think any thoughts, He is your head."

From the time that Headstone came down shouting, "Grace, Grace" and Seven Thunders uttered their Voices, your Headstone was revealed to you by the Messenger. When Eliezer showed the bride, she was questioning, "Who is that man?" That was the headstone being revealed in the evening time, in the field at harvest time. And here was the headstone coming into view to the bride's eyes. She had been anointed and she began to see over the horizon and began to enquire about that mystery, and the messenger said, "That is your head, that is the one I brought you to." Amen. Then the bride began to get inspiration from the message of the messenger of her head and she covered her own head.

You tell me, you could see those Seven Thunders and you have your own human spirit still? You are deceived. You have some of your own thoughts in your mind, intellectually, filled up here. Once you see that Headstone coming to cap the Pyramid, you cover your own head. The Intelligence is here. Amen. And brother, when God vindicates a minister and puts him behind a pulpit in a church, and God's thoughts are expressed there and you try to exalt your own thoughts above that, that head is wrong, too. Amen. When you see the Word speaking, those Seven Voices coming through the angel to the church, you cover your head. You don't think your own thoughts and fight with your own mind battles. Amen, no, sir! See? Because the Word is always right. When the Light comes, look where it comes. When He wants to reveal His Word, look where His Word comes. It doesn't fall out there in the congregation. No, sir! Because It is set up right. Oh, many of us read It, we all read It. See? Amen.

So, watch. So a New Age opened. And all in the king's heart was: "I must get a bride, I must have a bride now. I don't want any part of Vashti, I don't want to hear about her." He said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD she will never rise; the Pentecostal church is finished." Have you seen Vashti these days? Do you see her condition? She is in pants now, her hair bobbed, her face painted, her eyes are all plucked. They have beach parties; they get baptized in bathing suits. Why? She rejected those Seven Voices. You see the price she paid? And while she is dying and becoming a witch daily, dancing to rock and roll music, here is a Bride being called. A Hidden Mystery, taking place in the Kingdom that Vashti wants to know what is going on inside the Courts these days because she used to be in the King's Presence at one time, speaking in tongues and rolling on the floor. Now, it's only [Bro. Vin mimics how they speak in tongues -Ed.], all

kinds of nonsense, can't even speak in tongues anymore (amen), all kinds of make-believe business.

And this time the king now, brother, he began to dress her, gave her the royal apparel, gave her the royal jewels, gave her everything, and then the last thing he did was, he put the crown on her head, the royal crown, the Bible says. Here She is in Revelation 12, She has the Crown of twelve stars, the Royal Crown: full doctrine of the apostles comes back.

Brother, I know when He put that Crown on me. You have to know when He put the Crown on you, you know. Amen. When He called you into His Presence, the Holiness of God—they called them every evening. The evening is at the end of the day.

It was the end of every Age, the Messenger came and called. They always come at the end of the Age, and then here in the Evening time, Esther heard her name called. The Bible said, 'and when her turn had come'. All of them were coming now, so the pastor said, "Don't come that way: rush in there, rush in there, rush in there." But it was only concubines, concubines. "Put them in a little room." Then he comes back and says, "I delight"—maybe, I want to hear a special, a good special sometimes. Even though you are not really on this full Word but you have a good singing voice; come out and sing for me. Sing a little song. Warm my heart a little bit. I could enjoy all that. Amen. See?

Somebody gets a dream, you know, He gives them a little dream or something, (whoo!) just get a nice little dream and so on, "Come on and tell the dream or something." No, it's all that. But you see, none of them are fully lined up yet, not really in that official place but sometimes, you see, the King does all these things. That is why you see, you don't go in on your little talents, but the Life behind those talents (amen); the Life behind those talents. Singer, musician, whether you are a preacher, all of that is a little gift,

but the virtue is behind the gifts. That's going to reveal your position really, your real position if you are in the Body or out of the Body. Amen. The ones in the Body are Bride, Queen, and those out of the Body are concubines. See? So then the King now, during that time, He wanted a Queen called.

Now, let's kind of go in a little bit so you could see your experience, what your experience has been when God was determined to begin to bring a Bride after the Pentecostals were rejected. And God was not going to turn back because the life does not ever pass back through the carrier a second time, it goes right on to become Grain. So at one time, Vashti, (brother) there, when the Holy Ghost was moving and the Revival Fires and Azusa street and different things, Vashti was right there in front of these things. Vashti was queen, brother, she had the convention here, and that convention. The sick were getting healed with A.A. Allen and Tommy Hicks and Tommy Osbourne, and there things were happening – Smith Wigglesworth, and Charles Price, and Frank Bartleman. Vashti was having a good time. But then after, the King began to reveal the Secret in the back part of His mind—that was just the bounty of His gift, that was just the excellency of His honor, but the real thing in the King's mind: He wanted to display His Bride. One objective He had, and when He revealed it to those Seven Messengers, here they came and they sounded the Message on the Seventh Day, and It was rejected. And when It was rejected, the King's wrath began to unfold.

Now, watch something. The king was being revealed to Vashti by the voices of the chamberlain: "Go with that, it's your husband! Go with that, it's your husband." But when the king was dealing with her, those men came up there and maybe Vashti realized, there was to be a message at that time, and those men

were going to come to her, and the message was going to demand she put away those things.

That is why the Prophet started to show over and over there is to be a Messenger. He is to take those Seven Seals and open them up in the last days. There was to be a promise in the Evening Time of the Seven Seals to be made known. Those Seven Thunders must be given to some man; it is a revelation there. It is promised to be given to the Seventh Angel at the Evening Time at the end of the Seventh Age. What will it do? It will call the queen first to come; she refuses, then those same Voices were going to get the Bride – but she rejects that revelation of the Headstone. Those Seven Voices were revealing the Headstone.

Ahasuerus means ‘head’, it means ‘prince’ and it means ‘chief – chief authority’. He is the headstone, and he is the prince of peace. It’s he in all three: head, chief, chief authority. She didn’t realize those seven voices were the voice of the chief authority; was the chief authority from the west. She failed to realize it was the mystery of the headstone. And the mystery of the headstone was to call the bride, she would take her rightful place and she would show forth his glory to all his kingdom. But what happened?

Then the bride began to be called, and then when the time came, she began to be dressed. She went through a purification of the oil of myrrh for six months. It wasn’t easy. Do you know what myrrh means? ‘Death’. Do you know what oil is for? Anointing. Brother, under the oil of myrrh for six months, whatever little excess and hangover the king didn’t like now – not what she learned in school, not what she found good and what she got from her family, and ‘is so I is’ [that’s how I am -Ed.]; you get how the king wants you now, not false individuality. You come in there; you come into the king’s presence. The king was calling now. And brother, the Bible says she found grace in the eyes of the chamberlain.

I could imagine, you know, here it was—sometimes it shows you seven chamberlains, sometimes it shows you one chamberlain. It's always the messenger because all seven voices are in that one. All seven mysteries are being revealed by that one. Hallelujah! And then while he stood there, you know, he came and he called her and the Bible says she found favor in his eyes. I could imagine when the vision broke before him and he saw her. She was a graceful sight, 'onward Christian soldier', not even marching. Amen. When he looked at Vashti she was a witch, vulgar; dancing to rock and roll music. When he saw her, she found grace in his eyes. He said, "Oh my!" He gave her the best house. Before He said, "I'll take care of her." He gave her seven of the best maidens.

I see in this church here, God gave me some of the best people in the world. It's the truth. Out of the many places I went, I would not trade some of the people here for anything. See? Because I look there, I see the vision break before my eyes; they're seeds. I know who they are. Their names are in the Lamb's Book of Life. There are some I don't know. See?

Now watch. So then during that time now, It says she findeth favor, And the king... Brother, no doubt that chamberlain began to pour out all those different spices and perfumes and anointment. Brother, maybe like *Micaiah's Seventh Seal Vision* [1985-1205E -Ed.] maybe *The Principal Theme Of The New Testament* [1984-2601-Ed.], maybe all these different things, you know – *Jehovah-Jireh On The Seventh Peak* and all these different things, and just pouring it out, you know.

Brother, all that time she is under there being prepared. She didn't hear her name called yet, but oh, she is enjoying it. She is being prepared though she is not of the full realization. Then her name was called because her turn came. Now, when she gets there in the king's presence, the king himself will begin to give her some personal attention, not through messengers

and things anymore, personal attention; personal experiences now.

She was coming along, obeying the Word, but couldn't see any real personal experiences to give her the assurance She was chosen. She knows: "I was called, I was condemned, I was rebuked. The Message really convicted me, God put (maybe) a stop on my life. I was called but I wanted to know if I have been chosen by the King. I want peace, I want rest; I don't want any more mind battles. (Amen.) I want to know where I stand. I want to recognize my position. I want to know if I am in the Hour for personal vindication." Hallelujah!

It was the Hour for personal, individual attention. The New Birth is the revelation of Jesus Christ, personally to you, the individual. Flesh and blood couldn't do anything anymore at that stage; it took the King Himself to come down. Amen.

And the king begins to come. And the Bible says the king, when he saw her, he loved her above, *above*; he loved her above all the other maidens. And let me tell you, many maidens pass before that king. I wonder if God revealed all these things about the Bride, and the Principal Theme, and all those Mysteries: a greater than Ruth, a greater than Sarah, a greater than Esther. All these things are here. I wonder if this little Maiden here, brother, the King gives Her personal attention. I wonder if the King attends to Her personally. I see many concubines in the Message, you know, but I feel you are going to get personal attention. Amen.

Brother, I am glad to be here. Amen! I am not trying to make it so, I am glad to be here because we can't deny that Word. We can't deny that Word. Then where did It come from? Could we figure It out? Could we study It? It comes from the King Himself. King Theophany Jesus is here amongst us now. Even now He could be putting the Crown on somebody's head,

(hallelujah!) letting them know He has chosen them this morning; giving them personal attention in this service. Hallelujah. Somebody might have come in this morning and don't know where they are really standing, and as the King begins to speak and attend to them this morning, it is coming down in their heart, assurance and confidence that the King, they have found favor in His sight. They know they don't have any authority to deliver the people yet, but right now, He is putting the Crown on their head. Their authority will come at a later time, (hallelujah!) because they must come there before they go There. Amen!

You say, "But you know, it is so real really, when you are seeing it." Well, it's a shadow, somebody cast it. Somebody cast it. Amen. And if you are hearing It that way, I wonder if It is you who cast it. Somebody is 'a greater than Esther'. I wonder who this 'greater than Esther' is.

Now, even after she was getting all this revelation, she still had her mind battles, you know, to fully surrender. We are working up to "If I perish, I perish", you know, but right now, nice revelation. Oh, glory! When he put on the shoes (faith), she had a glory. Then he put on maybe, the stockings, and she changed from glory to glory. And then he put on the dress; she changed from glory to glory. Finally, he put on the crown, she was in the very image (hallelujah!) being placed. She had been changed into the same image.

Here, when the king looked and saw that—when Adam opened his eyes and saw Eve, I could imagine the harpers stopped harping. Glory! Amen! Thank You, Jesus. I could imagine the trumpeters stopped trumpeting. I could imagine all who were within the court, everybody held their peace. Glory be to God, amen! Hallelujah! What an hour it was!

I wonder if down through these years, we have come through those things, and some of us never recognized

but after He does it. Because my message is If I PERISH, I PERISH, not there; there is not my message that I am talking about now. I am trying to show you how we've come to knowledge before the New Ministry, before the authority in the Squeeze (amen), why you could say, "If I perish, I perish." Hallelujah! Because we see the way we come. Amen. Hallelujah! If all that was perfect, I can't die; I can't be destroyed. Hallelujah! Glory be to God, amen! I'm going in the Presence of the King anyhow. Hallelujah! Oh my! Thank You, Jesus. Amen! Hallelujah!

Do you see how He loves you? And many of you were vexed Thursday night. You are happy now. You like Him to whisper in your ears. See? It is the same King. That is why He is giving you It Sunday morning. "You want a new ministry," He says, "It takes a Gethsemane and a Calvary to produce an Easter." Hallelujah! A Gethsemane and a Calvary! Don't be bluffed, don't be fooled; a Gethsemane and a Calvary to produce an Easter. Amen!

You love me because I am preaching the Truth (amen); trying to pull some out of hell by making this pulpit strong, get you out of the pit; (amen!) pull you out of the bottomless pit down in the Euphrates river, where those two hundred million demons are coming after you to take you back down. Amen!

Then Esther in that hour, in the presence of the king; all the time she was like in the outer courts, she'd been called but couldn't break into the king's presence; can't get the crown put on her head, knowing it's there. Oh, she could imagine herself maybe, she is doing like that. "Oh, I had on the crown." But then it was a dream, she got up. The trial comes and she is no longer standing because it is only a dream – mental.

But then she heard her name called, "Esther." Those chamberlains called and sounded that mystery. I believe it was Revelation 10:8-11. King Ahasuerus is

Revelation 10:1. Vashti, Revelation 3:4-22. Mordecai is Revelation 10:7. Esther is Revelation 10:8-11. Haman is Revelation 13, to bring the Squeeze and the persecution. Zeresh, his wife who is telling him to build the gallows (is behind him) is Jezebel, Revelation 17. Amen. It is all there, unfolding after the Seventh Day into the Bride Age before the Squeeze. From Chapter 1 to 10 is a Mystery that no scholar in any Age... they put it in the Bible by Divine leadership and direction, but didn't know why they were putting it. But here is a people showing that 'a greater than Esther' is here. Hallelujah!

You say, "Why did Esther do that? Why did Esther do that?" Is this really Esther? Are you Esther? She means '*star*'. Hallelujah! Vashti means '*beautiful woman*', beautiful but wicked in her heart, rising up there in the land (hallelujah!) – worldly beauty, tall steeples, stained window panes, plush carpet, fancy pews, robed choirs, painted window panes. Vashti: beautiful, worldly beauty.

If you... I'm changing my thoughts so the Holy Spirit, right there could just drop into my mind. You, sisters here, you want to concentrate so much on your outward, your natural, you are just... and then you are leaving your souls uncared for; it's not as important as how your flesh looks. Let me tell you something, you are just a big denomination trying to build a taller steeple, trying to put on robed choirs, trying to send their preachers to seminaries. That is the spiritual reflection.

Look at this building here; it doesn't look beautiful. Do you know what the beauty of this church is? It is the character of the people. The beauty of this church is not the building, it's what goes on inside of here, it's what happens inside of here. Amen! This can't stand next to the Cathedral; Penny Commissiong [Miss Universe 1977 -Ed.] or this girl from Marabella, Giselle Laronde [Miss World 1986 -Ed.]. None of you can stand next to them, as

regards maybe that natural outward beauty. But they can't even stand a million miles close to you with the beauty of the Holy Spirit inside of you. Amen.

Where are you going to put your emphasis? Where are you going to place your value? When is it going to get important to you? Because God doesn't judge you by your body, in any case. So when you put interest on your body, take care it's a spirit that's upon you to attract somebody because it doesn't attract God.

And Jesus looked past – through the rich young ruler, right down into the engine room. He looked past those priests with moral bodies, never sinned, never drank, never smoked. He said, "You are whitened sepulchers full of dead men's bones." He looked past the long prayers, looked past all the great offerings, looked past all those things. Do you see what we are talking about? The Word doesn't look at any kind of outward business. No way! But how many of us, that it's important when we stand in front of a mirror, unless it is fixed good, we won't leave? Then what about when He puts the Mirror of the Word before you and tells you, "Fix that. Fix that. Fix that. Fix that. Fix this and fix it now! Don't go back home with it. You come to the church, fix it in church while the Mirror is before you – men and women alike." Do you see where we are?

In that hour now, Her true position God was beginning to reveal to Her. She would have to live under the inspiration now of that revelation. I was giving some of the meanings of the names. Let me finish with that.

So catch the Book. The Book is dealing with, from Chapter 1, the rejection of Vashti; Chapter 10, the persecution. Between there is the plot to destroy the people by the enemy, and how the bride comes through an election, calling, anointing, and placing and is given the authority to deliver her people in a time of judgment. It unfolds from the rejection of

Vashti 1963, right down to this very time, in the Hour of the persecution here. It's taking place. I'm just giving the structure of it so you can study it on your own too.

And Zeresh also means a 'star.' Do you know that? Esther meant 'star' and Zeresh, Haman's wife who was inspiring him and was the one behind the picture telling him, "Build the gallows. Get out, go before the king," she also was a star. It was two stars, but one was a fallen star, beautiful outwardly but wicked in her heart. And Esther was a star. She was a little out of orbit, but she got set in her course after because the stars were given for signs and for seasons. And when Modecai preached on it, he preached about the mystery behind her own life. Amen! Her name first was Joy, Hadassah. But then the king gave her a new name, Esther, because she was to have a ministry of the Morning Star. In the darkest time, she was to reveal the mystery of the Morning Star. And here she was, he said, "You are a star, Esther. You were put here for signs and for seasons. And how do you know you are not the sign for this time, for such a time like this?" Hallelujah!

Haman means '*he who prepares*'. Oh my! Haman: '*he who prepares*'. I wonder what Abaddon and Apollyon are preparing. I wonder what all those private councils in the Vatican and all these things are. I wonder what all – The pope is busy in his ministry, what is he preparing for? See? He who prepares.

Mordecai, a '*little man*', but he packed a great message. Hallelujah! They told Bro. Branham that at one time. Bro. Branham said, "I am a little man but I pack a big Message." Amen. Glory! Mordecai means '*a little man*', but what a message he packed. Amen.

When he threw that punch, (brother) Esther said, "Oh God, don't hit me so hard."

He said, "You would love me for it when the squeeze comes." Amen! Glory. Hallelujah!

So the King rejected that beautiful woman because that beautiful woman didn't really want the Word. Her beauty was only outward. But He is giving us faith and inward beauty. Amen! Hallelujah! And from Joy, He made her a Star. Amen.

Let's go on a little bit again: IF I PERISH, I PERISH. I want to read something here quickly for you. This will... You know I had this sometime last year, it's a little article. I buy books from Bro. Mamaly. He prints the Spoken Word books and he sells them. But he is way ahead of the Spoken Word Publication itself. And one of the sets of books they sent for me (either the people from Tucson, I think it would be the brothers from Tucson maybe, they do the posting), this article came inside of it. I always kept it there. I read it once, it didn't mean anything. But when the Lord began to deal with me on the message here... My! Is that the time? Okay, just let me... I'm closing, right. I'm closing.

When the Lord began to deal with me on the message, it struck... I will close on this point right here—it struck me that now is the time for these things. Because you see, the way I follow the Word, I try to probe sometimes but if nothing is giving, I'll leave It right there, have faith in God, say, "Lord, what's next? What is happening?" See? Then when the time comes and It starts to come—and all the time It just comes. You are not looking for It, It starts to come.

Right there, I say, maybe it's the time now for the things locked up inside of here to awaken us now to certain elements that are going to soon become visible to our eyes, and then we must be in a state of readiness. Because I was watching the burnt offering, how the enemy... it was getting dark and the enemy was fixing to strike. The three powers were uniting to devour the land. And in there, something unseen was

happening to Gideon, right? He had to bring the burnt offering and these things.

And here is the same thing now, Haman now with the plot to destroy the people. But here is Esther now also going through a spiritual experience, where she has to come to the place of full surrender. The situation required that she must not even have fear of death. Before she could even talk about authority, she had to lose that fear for death. And it showed when she was confronted by the Word, she had a battle there of uncertainty. But when we saw the inspiration of Mordecai what he... the angle he laid the word in. He laid the word in a certain angle. It's a certain way he put It: "How do you know it's not for such a time like this?"

Because remember you are called after they rejected Vashti. Remember when the King wanted to choose a Bride, you are called in the Endtime Evangelism between the Opening of the Word and the Preaching to the lost. And your experiences unfold right down to this very Hour, and during that time the King had given you personal attention where He confirms to you and proves to you, you are the Queen. Though you have not really manifested the kind of authority that goes with the Queen, but yet you know because the King has done that to you, put the Crown on your head, put you in the Royal Apparel, given you those Garments to let you know you are the Queen, so you could live now, not as a Jewish maiden but under the revelation of the position that you are the Queen, you are the second fold Mystery after Ahasuerus.

The next one is the Kingdom. 1963 to '65 the Seven Voices of the King revealed the Mystery of Ahasuerus and the Secret in His mind. Is that right? Then His Kingdom stretched from India to Ethiopia throughout over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, covering all the nations, kindred, tongues, and tribes. Amen! And He is going to have a Queen who is going to sit

with Him on His Throne. Isn't that the promise: 'On the Seventh Day, you will sit with Me on My Throne? You will rule over the nations with a rod of iron. You will be Queen at My side when I come as King of kings and Lord of lords'? And between those two times was a mystery of a Bride, a Super Church who was called after they rejected Him.

These Scriptures are only proving back what has been preached to you is the Truth, you know. And it confirms to you that we are those seeds manifested. And as seeds, you stand tested. You go through your pressures, don't buckle, stand right there. If God started you on the journey and you are in a strait, you don't know where to turn, how to go, stand flat-footed like Job, no inspiration, stand anyhow!

David said, "I believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living (amen); I would have fainted."

Joseph's feet were in fetters of iron in the dark dungeon with men with their evil natures. But he wasn't going to be perverted to their acts. He stood under the influence of his Word visions. Amen. "I'll come out one day (amen, hallelujah, glory!) because that part of the vision isn't fulfilled yet, and it is already revealed to me. I see myself doing it already." Amen! So he had something to take him through the night, and then it began to break day.

You know Bro. Branham said, "It's like families, you know," and like this church family here too. "You notice like in families you have a day and a night, it gets dark, rainy, sunny." He says, "It is a law of contrast." And then afterwards it kind of breaks into day again and the sun comes back out. You are going through that, you are going through trials, tests, and different things. See? And sometimes the little children get scared in the dark, the young ones just born under the Word there, oh they get hysterical, you know. They see some little ghost, some little kind of funny thing happens, you say, "Be calm, be calm, all is well. The

day is going to break again. God is a God of continuity.” Amen. See?

So watch. Let me read these things quickly because I want to put the message on this. I was determined to lay the message in here, with the plot that is happening right now and how the plot is being uncovered. Now under the Seventh Seal, Mordecai uncovered the mystery of iniquity. He uncovered the money proposition. He uncovered all these things, how it is going to come through economics. He uncovered how the Bride will go through the persecution but She will not be destroyed. The king could not change his word; God does not change His mind about His Word. It has been spoken that there will be a Squeeze. It has been spoken that there will be a persecution. So He says, “I can’t alter it, but what I will do, I will get you ready so that when it comes, you will face it.” Hallelujah! You will smite them with the Sword. They will not have victory over you and God will not reverse the conditions. Hallelujah! Glory!

When they went before the king, he said, “I’ve done all this. I can’t change my word; according to the Persian law, it is unalterable. (Amen!) The same way Vashti can’t come back, I can’t change that but,” he says, “I will give you an anointing; seal it with my ring, write it in my name. Warn your own people, get them anointed, get them ready. When the Squeeze comes, watch the Third Pull then. You will smite them with the Sword that proceeds out of your mouth. Hallelujah!

The Bible says when those things began to come even before the attack of the people, and it began to be released among the Jews that the king now was going to get them ready to meet the challenge and the king was for them, the Bible says there was joy, there was feasting, there was gladness. In every province, their mourning had turned to joy. He took off their garments of mourning and put on garments of praise.

Hallelujah! Oh, happy days were there again. Glory to God! Amen! They had come through a hard time, a weeping time, a wailing time, a lamenting time in birth pains: "If I Perish, I Perish." They had to go through that time but then joy came in the morning. Hallelujah! Amen. Before they even smite them with the sword, they were already getting happy when the good news... they got the bad news first: (my!) The squeeze is coming. It is set for a certain day.

Look at the publication. Our children feel the pressure in the schools, our husbands feel the pressure on the job, the wives feel the pressure at home. Oh my! We feel the pressure from the churches and the state. What is going on? In the home, there is a lot of pressure and tension. Oh my, there is mourning, birth pains, praying, breaking through that thing to keep your head above the water. Amen. But then a season now of 'fear not little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom'. Hallelujah! There is a Man here that can turn on the Light. Fear not little sister, it is getting dark but the Chief Engineer flipped the switch on in every church. Hallelujah! Revelation 10: 8-11 flipped the switch on and scattered the night away in every little local church. Amen. Get ready for a Daybreak (hallelujah), the Ministry of the Morning Star reflecting the power of the coming Son, His great Presence and Glory.

Began to turn on – they knew when the enemy came, they would be ready for them. The Bible says (brother!), God put the fear of the Jews upon them. The enemy was on the run instead. Amen! Do you think while Haman was plotting his scheme and doing all those different things, he thought that when the real thing came, the church was just in the minority, and they who had everything scrolled down and put into legislation would be on the run? But two hundred million devils would be on the run. Strong is the Lord Who executed His Word. Hallelujah! Oh! They would

be shouting: "The Sword of the Lord! The Sword of the Lord! The Sword of the Lord!" Hallelujah!

In that Hour, you watch and see what is going to happen. Amen. Hallelujah. Oh, I just believe It, I believe It, I believe It this morning. God's Word is too plain. It's too true.

Did those things really happen, from after the rejection of Vashti down to this very Hour? Did those things happen that way? That great Mystery not seen in the Ages, not one of the churches in the Seven Ages, could have placed themselves in that because Vashti was not yet rejected. The Seven Voices of the King (hallelujah!), the Secret in the back part of the King's mind wasn't given out yet. He was waiting for the Last Day, then It was revealed to the Seven Chamberlains what His real objective and His real goal and His one purpose was. Did He forerun that by a great healing revival showing His excellency, honor and glory, and riches? Did He go forth after that to choose a Bride?

It was a mystery of a calling: election, calling and anointing and placing, and with all those things, she had great mind battles in that hour. And when the Word demanded that she do that, she started to wrestle with It, maybe got a little complacent. Maybe she was kind of, not under the inspiration, got so taken up with other things: the ladies and ... she hear, that she wasn't going back into her history to keep her faith anointed. She had forgotten the way God had brought her down through the years. She had forgotten the earlier days when she was a little Jewish maiden wandering the streets with Mordecai, (brother, you know,) when they were in bondage down there in Babylon. Then, after the Medes and the Persians had come and taken over, they were now under Medes and Persian dominion.

Then when the people went back to their homeland, they were still around there. See? And all their experiences while they were coming up, things were

hard. Her father and mother died. She was growing up like an orphan. But “I will not leave you comfortless.” Hallelujah!) The Comforter has come, you will not be orphans. That is what it means in Greek: “I will not leave you comfortless. I will not leave you as orphans.” A messenger, a Mordecai, was on the scene with a revelation. Amen. He had great hopes for that girl. One day (amen), maybe she will rise to be a great star. She had a fine spirit. She had an excellent way about her. She had the potential he could have worked with. Amen. Hallelujah.

Then maybe on that day when the king’s servants came looking for a bride for the king, they were under the inspiration of the king’s desire in that hour. They were about the father’s business. They were looking for character. They didn’t care whether it was an old little home. They didn’t care whether it was a nice, big bed she was on, or whether she was sleeping on the floor. They were looking for the attitude in the spirit. They weren’t looking for the high heels and maybe how her hair curled up, and how many rows she could plait it in. They were looking for a meek and quiet spirit, which in the king’s sight is of a great price. They were not looking for a twisting serpent’s walk. Hallelujah. They were not looking for a little... like those girls who were trying to attract the ranch boss’ son, coming with all their big fancy selves and making all their big impressions and carrying on, and very pushy and pushing up themselves. No, sir! Amen. Busy washing the wares in the back. Amen. Let me say ‘washing the dishes—doing the dishes’. Glory!

You know, I said that in Canada one time, I was preaching and I said, “And they were washing the wares.”

And they said, “What is washing the wares? They couldn’t understand what ‘washing the wares’ was. A lot of people were lost with what I was saying. They said, “Oh, doing the dishes, she was doing the dishes

in the back.” Amen. You see maybe dishes and so on are chinaware, but wares are enamel cups and enamel plates. Hallelujah! Glory! She was having a good time in the back. I know the days when we used to put the hot water in the condensed milk pan and shake it to take out the last of it, and pour the water in the cocoa pan. I know those days, you know. It’s there I came from, you know. Hallelujah. He was not judging me on how I held my knife and fork and how I drank my tea. No, sir! He was watching her heart. Amen. Regardless of her condition, she was hungering for God and wanting to live a better life. Hallelujah! Amen. Glory. Amen. My, my! Amen.

I want to strike, “If I perish, I perish,” but I have to read this to bring you to “If I perish, I perish.” Let me read it quickly. Now listen to this. This is one from Arizona. I will read one from Trinidad here for you and put the two together in a little while for you to see.

He said, The Vatican... This was put in the Tucson Republic papers on religion and it was an article from the Vatican city, and it was printed on May 3rd, 1986. Now, this is 1986. I want to take something where the Prophet spoke in 1963 when he began to see and perceive what Haman was up to. I want to begin to speak to Esther and tell Her what is happening, and I want to show you how it began to materialize and become printed press and legislation and all these things already. And here we are on the verge of the persecution and the New Ministry has been revealed, then there must be people.

Esther had her time of consecration; she knew “I can’t go in the king’s presence for the sceptre without consecration,” so she went fasting and praying. So her time had come for consecration before she sought authority. She had to come to a complete surrender to the Word and overcome her mind battle and get victory over self, and come to the place where she could go in there on obedience to the Word and not what she

thought. She was going through a period of the Word filtering her thinking, but it took the Word a certain way, to the certain qualified group, to filter their thinking to get them into that condition. You see?

The Vatican on Friday exhorted Roman Catholics' preached worldwide...

Is that what It says 'in every province'? It started in Shushan but then sent it around the world, worldwide.

...to work against the proliferation of religious sects and cults [that means – proliferation means 'the rapid increase'] ...of religious sects and cults, saying such groups can disrupt families and society and be destructive to those who join.

Now, one or two, the Devil makes them come in here, then strikes them with some madness or something. Then they say, "You see they are sending people mad in that church." Somebody goes and lives unclean in the church, and they pick up devils and start to produce some insane manifestations and behavior. And then they say, "You see? I know in that church it has all kinds of strange things going on." See? Then somebody was a Catholic, maybe was an acolyte in the church, different things and then they come and they hear about the Message and they realize they are in Babylon. And they began to see themselves now called out of Babylon. And then somebody says, "You see? That was my mother's church, that was my grandmother's church, and these people come and take him out of the church."

I remember the day when Bro. Brian Rolingson; his father and his uncle came. And his uncle came and pulled out a certificate of some preacher, took it out of his back pocket. Only to find out, he was a backslidden Pentecostal. But they were so scared: "The boy gave up going to Jamaica and taking the scholarship. What kind of church did he get himself in there, and all kinds of strange things are happening,

when the boy was doing so good in his education and he met these people?” And people see those things and don’t understand it.

They don’t see Paul saying, “The way that is called heresy, so do I worship the God of my fathers now.” They look at the Bible; they don’t know the Bible. So what happened? They say, “These people are disrupting families. They are breaking up families.” So they begin to tell their churches:

...the churches begin to work, [worldwide now] against these things that are rapidly increasing. A seventeen-page study released by the Vatican study says sects and cults are too diverse, to be defined simply and clearly but noted that local Roman Catholic Churches around the world view as a serious matter the inroads made by said groups.

Why do you think you are being monitored? How come this little unorganized church, nobody knows about, could rent out the whole Crown Reef Hotel, chartered three BeeWee [BWIA, the national airline -Ed.] flights and we don’t know about them? Who are those people? They go to some little house. What is going on? In this hour of recession, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to do these things. It baffles them. It creates suspicion in their minds. Anything happens today, they say, “It had to be drug-related – drug-related. Maybe it’s some front or something going on. It’s a cult or something. Find out what they believe.”

I remember years ago something came out. It says if you had any three, you were considered a cult. And they put out about twelve things and we have about eleven. Believe in, one man is right (alone), you know, have little codes of ethics like feet washing, and all these different things, paying tithes and offering, all kinds of different things that they had, and we have it all – believe one man alone is right and everybody else is wrong, and these types of things.

Now, hear this now: *As the Vatican official told the Associated Press that the Rev. Sun Moon communication church and fundamental evangelical denomination, active in the United States and Latin America are among those bringing converts from Catholics. [They are concerned about losing their people]. "We are not condemning anybody, rather we want to analyze why they (the sects) are succeeding and take action to deal with them," said the Rev. Pierre Duprey of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity. Some groups have used such techniques as brainwashing, sexual enticement, monetary gifts, or promise of bodily healing...*

He said, oh, he went up there and said he got healed, so he's joined that church now. "You were deceived and hypnotized."

They say, "But my child was going good in school, the girl was getting ready for A-Levels [Advanced level GCE examinations -Ed.], and now she says she's not furthering her education and she's done with all these things. It's like she got brainwashed. She's listening to a tape in the room at night and gets up at 2 o'clock, she is only praying. Look at the child getting thin, not eating. What is going on?" It's all these kinds of things happening now, you see? They say, "They are being brainwashed."

Yes, they are being brainwashed. Their brains must get washed. They need to be washed from all the filth of Satan's education and civilization. They don't only need their brain washed, they need their heart washed, they need their feet washed, they need their inwards washed in Water. They need their heads burnt off on the Altar, they need their fat consumed into ashes; they need all that too, not just washed alone. Amen!

Thursday night when I came in, I met Bro. Simon outside; he was talking with this man. I understand Sis. ... and they invited him. I don't know if he is here

in the service this morning. I just came in the service at the back, so I just shook the man's hand as I saw him talking with Bro. Simon. Bro. Simon said, "This man, you know, Sis. ... invited him." So I came (he went inside), consecrated myself and came out to preach, and began to preach in the service. And I couldn't keep back my message because of strangers in the service, so I began to preach the Word. I went on and began to think: "I said this man must be thinking that, that man is some dictator. He must be some Jim Jones [James Warren Jones: American mass-murderer, cult leader -Ed.] or something." I said, "He must be saying, 'What kind of place is this?'" Do you understand what I mean? Because, you know, the world wouldn't come here.

So they say, ...sexual enticements, monetary gifts or promises of bodily healing to win followers, said the document, drawn up by Duprey's office and three other Vatican departments. It was based on responses from the other local churches to a 1984 Vatican questionnaire.

They sent it around the world for people to give a report. Do you know everything that was happening in every country—and through the confessional box the priest was the most informed person, and then they have direct contact to the Vatican and they relay that information every day; that is the most informed place in the whole world? And when they give their report constantly, it shows them what is developing and what they're up against. Then they know how to make their long-range plans to combat all these different things. They know exactly where to put political pressure, where to create religious pressure, where to cause issues, different things, where to bring trouble with the union, where to cause inflation and devaluation.

Look there in 1st Kings 21, when the Lord revealed those things about Jezebel, how she was signing the things in Ahab's name, sealing it with Ahab's seal.

Many times they come, “And the United States of America (you know) is saying so and so and so.” It’s sealed with Ahab’s name, it’s sealed with Ahab’s seal, but it’s Jezebel saying it. America has no plan, they have bowed down. They have been bewitched because they rejected Elijah to listen to a witch. See?

That’s why you see... Look at how God began to uncover these things. And I was showing you the other night there, Thursday night, how it’s going to come through the political channels. Now, I may not be around, as well as—I may be in prison. Anything could happen. I don’t want to be adventurous, to go to prison. I’m not going to look for a prison. I am already a prisoner of Jesus Christ. But if God will have me to go to prison for His glory, to go and preach to some souls in prison, it’s alright or to bring out the Philippian jailer at the last minute, it’s alright. Do you understand what I am saying? But right now, you find that we are watching what is happening, how the thing is moving up to that place, and we know it’s going to come to a place where... I want you to know from the Word, not what this one says, that one says, somebody’s idea.

That is why these Things have been uncovered: your part because Esther. But it shows you where your destiny is coming from, why you are being desperate, why you’ll need to have authority now; why you need to spiritually turn around and die to yourself now because that is coming! It’s not trying to force a burden upon you and get and beat you down like a zombie, and you don’t know why you are doing it. It’s showing you what is happening; it’s uncovering the whole thing to you. It’s giving you the source where your faith could plug in and be anointed too, to understand how God is working in your life; how these things relate to your present experience so that you would not be left without understanding. That is why God is doing these things.

This is not a thing to rejoice and say, “Whoop boy! That thing about Esther, boy!” This is not that, you know. And then everybody starts to talk about Esther like how they stand up and talk about the burnt offering, “Boy, the burnt offering, the burnt offering, the burnt offering,” and nobody is burning. The only burning they are burning is the other kind of burning. *“Burn, burn, Holy Spirit, not a carnal spirit. Holy Spirit, burn in me, set my soul on fire, not my flesh.”* See? Possess your vessel in sanctification and honor.

All of them are devils, you know. It has the insane devil making you eat out of a rubbish pan. There’s the carnal devil that makes you lust. There’s the cursing devil that makes you curse. There’s the drinking devil that makes you drink. So when you are getting that kind of thing, take care, you might be under demon oppression; next thing could be demon possession. When it gets down in your heart and in the control tower, then it is controlling your flesh; your feet don’t feel to come to service anymore. Your eyes get sleepy to read the Word and every time you see the TV, you could sit down there for hours. Do you understand what I am saying? It’s a demon getting down in your heart; the fowls of the air.

“The sects appear to offer simple and ready-made answers to complicated questions and situations, simplified and partial versions of traditional truths and values, a pragmatic theology, a theology of success,” said the document.

The Vatican does not use the term sect or cult to describe mainline protestant churches,... In other words, they say they don’t call like the Baptist, like the Methodist, like the Pentecostals, like the Lutherans, they don’t call them sects and cults to describe them. They say ...*which it calls communion or sister churches.* But like us here, we are a cult, we are a sect: Branham’s cult, Branham’s sect, something like that. You see?

The document said sects with Christian roots “could be those groups which, apart from the Bible, have other ‘revealed’ books or ‘prophetic messages.’”

“They never preach without it from the pulpit, and read from it, those little green books, and brown books, and white books. I went to a service and that man spent an hour and a half reading out of that book like that is the Bible, and said that is the revealed Word. They have the picture up on the wall, and they even have an image.” When you look you can see all kinds of things, you know. The Devil could show plenty too. You can’t see the big image you have inside of you, but you get troubled with all kinds of things in the church. And when the Word sees your image, you can’t take corrections about your image.

It said the attitudes and methods of some of the sects “can be destructive to personalities,

“I see a certain time, her hair well combed up nice and she used to wear some good clothes and different things, and she’s going to that church now, if you see her coming out of there, dragging flat shoes and wearing a long dress. Boy, I tell you, she has no personality again.” Because ‘personality’ was to shop at Penny Commissiong’s place [clothing store –Ed.] and to wear a Pierre Cardin suit or to have a Bally shoe, that was her personality ‘long time’ and to talk a lot of words that you don’t even understand to impress people, and smoke Rothmans’ cigarettes and drink vodka. That is demonology; that is not personality. And when the Word destroys their personality, it is pretty well destroyed. May it be so destroyed, it could never rise anymore. Amen. The only personality you want is the Person of the Holy Ghost.

...disruptive of families and society, and their tenets far removed from the teachings of Christ and his church.” The phenomenon “develops fast, and often quite successfully.”

“I noticed that little church there; they used to have a little waiter for a pulpit and a little thing in a shed, and look at them today. I tell you they rose fast. And all those people, they stole them from the denominations, some were Baptists, some were good Methodists, some were good Pentecostals.” See?

Now Haman, what Haman couldn't take... Now, I want to show you something. Esther, Chapter 3, which I haven't touched yet, right in there, after the time while she was being called, the king was confirming to her, her true position, how the king was seeing her now, not how she saw herself and how the people were seeing her, how the king was seeing her. During that time, she began to live under the inspiration of those revelations.

And brother, you know, the Jews were faring well everywhere in the provinces. And they weren't under any oppression like when they were taken into bondage way down in the beginning. Now things had eased up; they had a lot of freedom of religion. So what happened? Esther, Chapter 3 starts with a change of the political order of the day. Haman was elected the new Prime Minister. Read it in the Bible. It started off with a change of the political order of the day. And he began to move about with a lot of pomp and grandeur, and it was being well respected and complemented by the upper levels and the people who considered it, dignity being restored and all these things are going to be set in order, and all the wild foolishness is going to be set aside. And when they passed, Mordecai passed that like an old rubbish truck; Mordecai behaved like he didn't see it. And he [Haman -Ed.] couldn't handle that.

So they began to question them; they said, “How come you are not bowing down to these things?” And he became under investigation and even interrogation until (read it in Esther 3) they began to monitor their activities. And when they did make their report to Haman, they said, “Do you know what is going on?”

There's a whole set of people inside of here, they do not bow down to you at all. They don't respect you. They are not impressed and they have a lot of things to say, 'Things are getting worse,' and all kinds of different things – negative."

So Haman now... there was a small confrontation, nothing big at the time, but it was enough to start Haman now getting sleepless nights. And this thing started to become an obsession and he couldn't handle it, so he began to work through political channels to seek a way to find legislation. And he didn't want any talk or healthy discussions, he wanted to get it in writing. And he pressed in Parliament to get it in writing to revise the religious acts of the constitution for the safety of the society; since we have so many menaces and a lot of things we can't really put our hands on because we don't know, what is their background, where they come from, and a lot of the religious bodies too are getting trouble with it.

So they said, "Alright, we are going to put a decree out," and they say, "We want this to be given immediate attention, it's an urgent matter. Because, remember you need our votes because we are fully behind you and if you cooperate with us, then you have no fear of being a permanent authority in this land. Oh, that was good, church and state could clap together. And that is exactly how it happened, it started off with a change in the political order of the day.

And you know something, it happened between January... Esther went into the presence of the king when he put those things on her head between January and February, in the first month—not in the first month. Let me see if I can get that clear for you. In Tebeth—because in the seventh year of his reign the king had loved Esther. The king's love, his great mystery of love expressed towards her, was being fully revealed to her as he began to give her personal

attention, and decked her in all these fine things to show his approval and confirm to her that she is the chosen queen—and it was in December and January.

And then when Haman began to move into operation, it was in March and April the legislation began to move. Read it in your Bible. Take the Jewish year and turn back in your Bible if you have a Bible (a Scofield Bible especially) to Leviticus 23 there, you will see the Roman calendar corresponds with the name of the Jewish year and the time it was.

Notice this Book gives you precise, precise details. And it is very particular in the description of how and through what channels, and how quickly things develop, and what type of effect it has on the elect, who begin to recognize where it was going to head up to and how it was going to end up being a persecution for them. And, recognize what was the message to the bride in that hour to give her the anointed faith that was needed to lay aside everything and go into the king's presence to have that authority to deliver her people. And it's there we are placing these things; it's there we are placing these things. [Let me give you one from Trinidad here, quickly.]

[Quote cont'd -Ed.] So, *“Almost all the local churches do see the emergence and rapid proliferation of all kinds of 'new religious or pseudo-religious movements, groups and practices ...as a serious matter, an alarming matter,”*

And they send out to the body to say: “Find out about these people; get it quick. We want full information on all of them; what is happening, how they operate, what are their teachings, what is their influence, so when we construct our laws, it will be designed in such a way to squeeze them out and pressure them into bowing down to us and becoming part of us under our headship; or press them out of their jobs, press them out of their schools, press them out of their homes,

press them out of life itself, existence [if they could] until they are all pressed out.”

This is the one from Trinidad. One of the brothers gave it to me about a month or two ago. A preacher from the Presbyterian church, some Rev. Arthur Yorke: (And I am just going to read this and close.) *The preaching profession is the most abused of all the professions in Trinidad and Tobago. Something must be done early to restore it as the most honorable and noble of all professions. Those belonging to this profession must maintain the honesty, sincerity, commitment, and excellence, and the highest moral and spiritual values with which it has been associated for centuries and which is lost over the past ...*

Okay, so I agree fully with that, a hundred percent: a man's preaching, let him live what he is preaching. How many ministers in the Message, we could say don't qualify because of that: three and four wives, adultery, fornication, can't stay with the Word, saying Bro. Branham, have a big picture (all of us), criticizing denomination and all kinds of different things? Do you understand what is happening? Let me tell you, they are agents of the Devil planted in the framework of the Message to create the kind of attention around local churches so that they could be monitored, they could be hated, and a plan could be devised to wipe them out. And those people will end up eventually selling out their birthright for a morsel of meat too.

And let me tell you, you could be right in here and take the mark of the Beast because the mark of the Beast is to reject the Holy Spirit. And when you reject the Holy Spirit—and I proved that to you when I preached the Vials; when you reject the Holy Spirit, demon powers take you over. You will sit in church for a while but when the real pressure comes, you will go out in the world. The Devil in you that is incarnate in you will take you out because you have no control over it. Exactly so. So it's a very serious Hour.

So he says here: *Those belonging to this profession must maintain...* [right] *There is the belief that one must be able to perform miracles...*

Forgetting the status of a preacher, he is dealing with these kinds of beliefs now, which a lot of these Pentecostal people propagate. Do you see? Do all work miracles? No. But these are signs that follow them that believe. Alright.

There are those who accept persons as preachers who claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit even though they have no knowledge of the Bible and are trained in public speaking.

They think if you speak like me, using a set of bad grammar and different things, you know, and shout and hit the pulpit—I was reading where he said, ‘hit the pulpit’ and different things, you know. You get enthused so... They say ‘Ah-men’. They are more classical about it, you see?

So he said: *It is not easy to qualify for the preaching profession.* The man is going to lay down some qualifications here now, and listen to what he is saying.

The first requirement is one must have a sense of being called by God and a willingness to commit oneself to God’s way. [Very good.]

Outside of the church, there is no call to ministry.

Well, there are gifts in the Body, there are gifts outside the Body. We know they are not going to have any ministry in the Body if they don’t have the Holy Ghost, outside the real Church. Alright.

So he says: *Someone will make the point that Paul received his calling to be a preacher on the road to Damascus...* [You see how those fellas are smart? They studied the Bible, you know.] *...outside the church, because he was not one of the twelve apostles.*

And this is true because Paul had to receive the approval of the Church for his work and missionary activities. He means (Acts 15) where they called Paul to

the council in Jerusalem and said, "Alright, go now and don't preach about this, and don't preach about that, and don't preach about that." You see? So they said, "You see the church where it started? That was the head, and any other preacher coming in after them, they have to give them the sanction."

All self-made preachers and pastors with no mandate from God to preach His Word, they are self-appointed imposters and are not called of God. They have called themselves and are a disgrace to the profession.

Bro. Branham warned us, he said, "Many have invaded the pulpit without a calling." So you see how much truth these people have in what they are saying? But you see where their thoughts are leading towards? Because then when they show that their argument has weight, by pointing out the people who live wrong and say they believe the Message and God called them; the people who pull for money and hit people on their heads and throw them down and tell them, 'when you fall down and you mumble something you are sealed' or 'when you see a light you are sealed' or 'when you get a Seven-Thunder baby formed in your mind (what was growing), you are sealed', all these different things because you can't bring the Word to show those things.

So the Devil has all kinds of things, not only playing with a right spirit. I'm just trying to show you fanaticism could... Luther had to keep sane amidst the fanaticism that followed his message. Alright. This is what I am getting at. Don't get in a bad spirit with people, you know.

The second requirement is that one must subject himself or herself... Do you see where he says himself or herself? Which is a requirement for a preacher. ...to the training which the church provides which is always of the highest standard.

Do you think all those Pentecostal women will say that we are right about women can't preach, and really, they know they could preach better than half of us? It's true.

I remember when I was in Africa, those brothers put on a tape and I knew it was a woman preaching. And brother, as far as what I was hearing, she outpreached every minister I ever heard in the Message, as far as how she sounded on the tape, very explosive, very dynamic. Not what she was saying so much, but you know, what people go for. And it was really astounding of the kind of influence and the response and everything she had.

And then the brothers said, "Do you know who that is?"

I said, "No."

He said, "That is a woman preacher."

Well, the voice didn't even reveal it was a woman preacher because it was a husky male voice. You see?

The training is given... [Here is the training for being a preacher.] ...is given in universities and seminaries of theological colleges in various parts of the world. One must never forget the twelve disciples received their training on the field of work from the master for three long years. They and others were sent out by him two by two on a training session. Those who have [not] had a good training, including years of study and discipline in spirituality and morality are not fit for the work of preaching. Such preachers will make up for what they lack by being over-dramatic in their preaching...

They said, "They have nothing to say so after every word they say, they say ten hallelujahs, 'Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.... Jeee-sus! Let me hear you say, Jeee-sus! Let me hear you say, Jeee-sus! Hallelujah, hallelujah!'" you know. They say, "He hasn't said anything yet. Say something." They say, "Do you see? He is not called to be a preacher. He has

nothing to say, but he's trying to be overdramatic and work up the people into a religious fervor."

... moving up and down gesticulating more than necessary, choosing sensational themes, dressed in the latest styles, drawing attention to themselves, raising their voices, and pounding the pulpit with their fists.

[Listen.] *The preachers who are worth their salt will maintain a high standard of preaching because they are trained to do research, and historical surveys in the Scriptures.*

They will tell you, "This book was written so and so and so, and it is not really one of the inspired Books of the Bible, but it has great poetic knowledge." He's doing a lot of research. This is what is happening, you see?

And then some preacher will say, "You are telling me Esther is a Book of history? Esther is really a prophecy for this day. We are Esther."

He says, "That man, if he had known his Bible, Esther is the last historical Book of the Bible. From Joshua to Esther are the historical Books." You see? "He's Esther? A man, he's Esther, He must be a pervert?"

That's how it sounds to them. And they have the language to humiliate you in public. And they want to get you on TV, you know, where you are crude and you don't have any personality before the camera, and you really can't talk in a situation and you don't know how to answer your questions. And you are kind of waiting for inspiration, and the atmosphere isn't conducive for inspiration, and if you don't have inspiration, you are in trouble.

That is why Jesus said, "When that hour comes, don't take any thought, the Father that speaketh will be speaking inside of you," like Stephen back there. But you see, Stephen and those fellas had the Holy Ghost and were full of power. They didn't live any backslidden, halfway life and when that hour came,

some demon might speak through them when the hour came, where they might stutter and stammer and fumble. You see?

The third requirement is that a preacher has to be under the authority of the church at all times. He's licensed and ordained by the church to be a minister of the Word in sacraments. A person who puts up a building or tent fills it with people, is referred to as their pastor, and is his own boss is not a preacher because he is not subject to the authority of the church.

They don't agree that the local elder is the highest authority in the Church. You have to be... have a headquarters somewhere, and you must go up to the regular conventions of your head when they call the 'conclave' or whatever it is. See?

He is lord and master of all his actions, rules in his own dominion, and lifts up whosoever he wishes and puts down whosoever he chooses.

They feel the pastor can't fire the organist. They feel he can't fire the deacon or the trustee. They feel he can't do that. In the early Church... so, they begin to differentiate and try to find political ways. See? And this Message restored to us here, It condemns that denomination is actually Nicolaitanism, Balaamism, and the doctrine of Jezebel all wrapped up into the depths of Satan. But they now, believe that what they do is based in the Bible, and they see through that eye and you're a dictator, running a Jim Jones show. You see? And no man in the States [United States of America -Ed.] can tell you how you should preach down here; you are supposed to preach what your headquarters believe in the States.

Now a lot of people in the Message will agree to that too because they 'ring up' [call -Ed.] Bro. Billy Paul to find out if they could do so and so and so. And then 'ring up' certain ministers, who they think walked with the Prophet to find out if they could do so and so and so.

And I call that the Devil, and I believe it's of the Devil. It is of the Devil once it is contrary to the Message.

I always say Joshua didn't have to go and see Eleazer's son, and David didn't have to go and look for Samuel's son. It doesn't have that in the Bible. Can I ask Bro. Billy Paul about these Things we are preaching here? Nothing against Bro. Billy Paul, but I am just trying to show you, people make people authority by fleshly relationships. See? When you are speaking that, you are not speaking against the person, but you are speaking against the thing that tries to lift these people up as the authority in the Message. The King had spoken; that was the final. The Seven Voices of the King had thundered and that was the full authority coming forth.

There was a fourth requirement also he says. [He said,] A preacher must conduct himself in and out of church and his character and his name must always be admirable and impeccable. This must not only appear to be so but must be so. [Amen.] Such a person outside his jurisdiction and in the jurisdiction of the church [talking about the same preachers now] such a person draws people to himself and not to the Lord as he claimed to serve. The genuine preacher seeketh to store up riches in heaven and not on earth. He lives a simple life, using resources of the church in the service of suffering humanity. There is a fourth requirement which is to adhere to the code of ethics of the profession. Every profession has a code of ethics, and the preaching profession is without exception.

Now, a lot of denominations, they're selling—these Pentecostals are selling handkerchiefs for a hundred dollars. Every service is two minutes of Gospel, and ten minutes pulling for offering: have this special offering, have this special offering, have this special offering, have this special offering. And all they are preaching is money and, “God loves a cheerful giver,”

and, "If you sow, expect a miracle. Plant a seed, a faith seed." And they have their money-designed messages.

I challenge anybody; in all the years, you never heard that preached, one day, inside of here. You give, you don't give, God takes care of His work. God doesn't beg for money. If you have the Holy Ghost you will obey the Word – simple. So, listen here.

It says here: *The code of ethics must be followed throughout seminary life and until death. Those who have not attended a university or seminary of physical knowledge knows\ nothing about such a code and that is why the self-appointed preachers are making a mess of the profession. To supplement the code and to ensure the profession reaches the heights it was in the past, some suggestions must be made especially to remove the quacks.*

So they began to see the proliferation, the rapid increase of all these sects and cults, and here are some of the laws that they are propagating should be passed in the Senate to keep the thing clear.

Look, I am taking one from the States [United States Of America –Ed.] where it's going to come from, and I'm taking one from Trinidad which is one of the provinces under those things. Alright. And we are taking that it comes directly from the Vatican which is the head of the whole thing. Okay.

Laws must be passed for preachers to be licensed on the completion of their theological studies. Enroll in a special seminary then you will be able to preach at the completion whether you ...

It sounds very good. If every other type of work you have to be academically qualified and be proven by the authority of those fields as being qualified, then why not preaching? Because when we get the head of the Catholic Board, the head of the Anglican Board, the head of the Pentecostal Board, they are already wearing turned-back collars.

I came to this Message, people told me, the one from Gallus Street there, Rev. Nelson, that he used to believe this Message and he believed all these Things, and different things. And this man wears a turned-back collar, and he is the head, and he is a big bishop. What is it? Devils incarnate, selling out their birthright to the world; refused like Vashti when the Seven Voices came to them and they can't come back in the King's Presence, so they've become a witch dancing to rock and roll music, overshadowed by the world, and an Esther has been called.

Now, watch. And all these so-called—Prophet Laloo and all these different kinds of people, turning water into wine and all kinds of nonsense. Who could turn more water into wine than us here? They want to turn water into wine; it is here you turn water into Wine. See? Brother, and the older this Wine is here, the better It gets, bubbling and fermenting. This is not the Hour for natural wine and water and then everybody has to close their eyes while you are doing it. Why can't they open their eyes while you are doing it? A bunch of imposters, and then they are living all kinds of rotten lives and these things. You see.

Secondly, it must be an offense under the law for a person to preach who is not licensed.

How many know Bro. Branham said it is going to come down to that? He showed it in the Word, and he's a Prophet with vision and these things, and here It's coming to pass. Did Modcai see it when it began to materialize? What was Esther doing? What was the effect it was having on the people who saw the hour had come? She had come to that place: "If I perish, I perish." It was not a statement of frustration, "Well if I die, I die, I can't serve God again." That was not that, you know. That was: "Wait a minute, it's true. I was called at that time."

Look, God gave us these revelations. He put the Crown on our heads. Look, we see the Word and see

our name in the Book. Look, our life matches these things. This is the hour it is promised there will be one more ride. I'm going in this hour, if I perish, I perish. When I see the cause (amen) my life is worth nothing: for me to live is Christ, for me to die is gain. Hallelujah! I would rather die. I am willing to lay down everything to see His Word come to pass. Amen. I'm convinced. I'm concerned for my people. I'm going in. Amen. We must have it to get this Church raptured out of here. Amen.

She had come to that place. It was an expression of victory over self. To die was gain, to live was Christ. It was the mystery of the purpose why she was there, being lived out there in that hour.

The license must be renewed every year on the recommendation of the church to which the preacher belonged and which recommended him in the first place.

So in case he's not living right, in case he was in any racket, in case he goes different to the precepts of the church that he started off with, then they revoked his license after one term so it becomes null and void.

A fee must be paid for a preacher's license.

A good way for more revenue; nice, attractive for the government too, you see? Diabolical to get rid of the people, and attractive to get the government's favor too (see?), and smart enough for them to establish themselves as the real authority running the whole program.

He said, "You can't envision it right now, how much religion is controlling politics, how much the church is controlling it." He said, "But you will see it after a while."

Do you know what caused it? Haman couldn't take those people not bowing down to him and giving him the kind of respect, and different things, and trying to say they have their own religion that forbids them to

do those things. When they go to court, you hear them say, "Well, we don't swear."

They can't take that many times. "How do you mean you can't swear?" They want to rough you up and embarrass you in the court. "What happened, your religion is so different? Everybody comes in here. And then let me ask you a question. Are you all registered?"

I'm glad God got me fixed up with the tax people, yes, a long time now. That is one headache off of me (cleared). Because I tell you a lot of people when things start to clamp down... And did you see what happened right there with the tax thing right there recently now, again? Remember I preached and showed you around that time, how they tried to trap Jesus with the tax business down to the last fold of the Ministry.

And you see the four—twenty-one million missing. It means to bring in certain types of laws to govern revenue and these things. First, they let off the hook on people; a little bit to make them feel kind of sweet. See? Because it is a play for support. The real confidence to start to move is to know you have their backing. See? The man down there can't read all the high plays, so he's glad that he's not getting taxed, so he's happy. More whisky, more fete, nicer times, better threads [clothes -Ed.], that is all he's concerned about. You see?

They say, "Let us see how much money that preacher makes when the month comes. This one's working in the oil fields, this one's working in the Red House, this one's working with so and so, this one's working so and so, this one is a manager, this one has a business here, and everybody gives a tenth. Check out, divide it, so and so and so." They say, "Well then according to our bill here, for the past five to six years, you have five hundred people in there, four hundred are gainfully employed, alright, prison for you. You are robbing the government. Corruption is real here." And

when they are done painting their picture, you are a menace to society.

The media which is being... They plan to have their own media in a little while. And then the Catholic Church, I'll show you how they control all the media. When they are done painting you, they will be the Bride of Jesus Christ and you'll be the great harlot. It's coming. That's why I am telling you this message may be a little long, this morning. I'm trying to make use of every moment of the time to show you what is coming.

Many of you inside of here who find this way, and this that way, and this the other way, and this the other way, let me tell you, if you know you have little things to clear up, try to clear it up. Pay up your debts. Many of you people are in so much debt, try to start to pay every cent.

Go back and read *And Knoweth It Not* [\[1965-1508 -Ed.\]](#) and *Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word* [\[1965-1508am -Ed.\]](#) When Bro. Branham was speaking about the Second Ride, he put it right inside of there. He said, "Pay up your debts, something is fixing to happen." He's talking about the Second Ride, "Pay up your debts, don't let anything keep you out," and he begins to lay out all those things there. Then he came back; somebody misunderstood him about whether they should owe their rent.

Don't think of foolishness in this Hour. Let me tell you, some of us find ourselves in a lot of bad situations and we want grace to come out. We wish we could get grace and we wish God could forget it, and wish for a lot of things. Well, let me tell you, if you have been hearing the Word and you have had opportunities and God has made provisions, and you didn't use those provisions when you promised you were going to use those provisions to see about those things, then you are without excuse. You have been guilty of deceit.

I'm not saying that because a lot of people owe me too; I'm saying that because it's Truth. Because I am owing God and I want to pay my debt to God too. Amen. You see, the carnal man sits there and says, "He's preaching that because I owe him." No, you are carnal, that is why you are thinking that way. All this Word and that's what you are thinking? A demon just jumps in all of a sudden like that after all this Word, or you are not willing to be submissive to every Word? Do you see what we mean?

I'm here seeing Bro. Isaac came in and preached like a mad man almost, and talked about rolling delinquencies and paying your debt and all kinds of different things. And many must have thought I told him something, but I never told him a thing, but he is an old banker. He was an old bank manager before he started to preach full time. So what environment you are accustomed to is how you get your revelation. That is why he could use all these terminologies about rolling delinquencies. I never heard about those things before. You see?

So he was leaning to talk about sin and different things, but when it came through that channel, many people were getting hit too. And that's why, you see, when those things come, it's the little things you leave undone. Because remember He said, it is better you don't vow than to vow and don't pay. And if you are greater than Jephthah, look at the vow Jephthah made, and look how he was willing to pay that vow, much less dollars and cents. Tell me you have the Holy Ghost, the same Holy Ghost. Tell me you love God. See? You're talking about a Burnt Offering, talking about the inwards washed in Water; a lot of people love money.

A lot of people have debt—and let me show you a scheme. You have a debt here, you can't pay it, but you are going to borrow from the next one. And you are deceiving that one, making them feel it's the first

time you are borrowing, and you have no way to pay the first one. So this person is lending that you that with good faith they are going to get back their money because they don't know. Because if you tell them really, you're owing the other person, you know they wouldn't lend you, so you are trying for them not to know. Now, that is trickery. That is trickery.

New ministry? New creation first, brand new man first; old things are passed away. Amen.

A preacher committing an offense of dishonesty, immorality, or preaching doctrines to which his church does not subscribe may have his license canceled on the recommendation of his church. The offerings received in his church should be used for stipends for pastors in accordance with a scale approved by the government, social welfare work, and humanitarian purposes.

Give your tithes to the old lady around the corner. Feed the poor a day gives you a sense of offering to the poor, you are doing charity work, to be considered a church that is really interested in helping your society and your community. Have a little fun to beautify your environment if you are doing, well, church work or want to have influence on the people that you want to lead into spiritual things because cleanliness first and then godliness after. You know how they come up with their things.

The law should require all churches to give a proper audited financial account of income and expenditure.

We could do that in this church, you know, because let me tell you, Bro. Punch there, he's like... and those brothers, they account for every cent. They could do that in this church; the government could come here and check these books anytime. That is the truth, I'm not saying that here as a bluff; it's the truth.

I tell you I pay tax every three months; every quarter. Yes, a quarter is three months; every three months. Over seven hundred and something dollars is

how they pay it there. I don't know if it's a new thing for me now. See? You never see me asking for this or trying to preach for money, and trying to get frightened or anything. No. Because I preach it first and live it after. I have to live it after too. Consider not... The birds neither sow nor gather in barns. I don't go around saying—because I am the pastor, use my 'pastor' [office -Ed.] and different things to borrow from you, and borrow and borrow and these things, no; no way. When it comes to money, I have a kind of pride when it comes to money and things like that. You will never see me – I would rather go hungry and hold my belly and drink some water. That is me. I am that way.

Some people can't see somebody pull out some money from their pocket, and see a little more there that they think it's too much for the person. Only to realize all of a sudden they have a need. They had no need until they realized the person had a little more (excess) than they should normally have. And let me tell you something; when you all make a lot of private transactions among yourselves and private money, and then bad pay and get deceived from all kinds of crooks in the church who come and pose as Christians, don't come to me afterwards to try to tell me your woes and your problems. Tell them to go to the church.

And if you would pay your offerings, half of these people would not be begging around the church. And then God came and showed us with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit how to set the thing in order. Somebody needs something, don't be ashamed and beg here and beg there and say, "Nobody bothers with me," ask somebody. Your children need some shoes, this one has a baby and they outgrew the shoes and they are good shoes, ask them for it or somebody has it there, let them bring it. And put your name on the board, "I have a need. I need some shoes for the children." Or, "I need this or something, or the other. I need my

washing machine fixed.” Well, we have a brother who could fix washing machines.

“I need my stove repaired,” instead of “the stove’s not working good. I’m frustrated,” you’re behind your husband, “I want a new stove,” and you know he can’t even buy a new stove because you see the paycheck every week, but you’re fussing for the new stove. All these things God showed us what to do, and let us keep doing that; that is the right way. That is the right way. There is no shame in that. Pride could keep you out, but there’s no shame in doing it.

The Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs should be established by the government... The Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs should be established by the government to deal with all religious matters including the conduct of preachers in conjunction with their churches.

They find that that church in Baratavia makes a lot of noise, and they would be shouting and playing loud music after 8:30 pm in that residential area. And there are a lot of sick people right around the church there who are almost a nervous wreck, and they can’t even listen to their television program and see *Dynasty* [television series -Ed.] in peace. So let us try, you know, let us try to get them to finish their services at 8:15 pm; otherwise, they would be breaking the law. “What is all this long preaching? They feel they are more spiritual than everybody else? And half the time, the people there sit down half-an-hour or forty-five minutes before the service even starts, to begin with, and they wouldn’t even start the service. They talk about consecration before the Word. Let them come in right there, start the service and go back home.” Because remember it is carnal men inside of there without the Holy Spirit.

Everybody plays religious and quotes from the Bible these days, you know. Everybody could say, “Well, I trust in the Lord. He will vindicate me,” one magistrate

said. The other one with a chaplet in the Holy Rosary, he said, "I've learnt to have real faith in the Lord since it's my time to trust the Lord more," and he is very penitent with his chaplet. In former days, he wore a little, sleeveless jersey with a big cigar in his mouth, and a machine gun down people's necks with his foot on their chest. Then one minute there, he's in a three-piece suit and a big fancy car or something; next minute, he's in another vesture. Do you see what is going on? But people love that – carnival. Here is a carnival – Trinidad is a carnival nation; they love that. They love parades and masquerades. They love that.

They should be set up there and these adjustments may seem somewhat radical but the point must be made again and again that immediate action be necessary to restore the preaching profession as the most honorable and noble of all.

They want it to be done urgently; put it into immediate effect. They say, "Well, you read the papers." We want to hear what the Prophet says because we can't put our faith in the papers. This is 1986 and 1987. Let me read for you in 1963 what the Prophet said.

Page 60, *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* [1963-0728 -Ed.]

And they're going to bring a persecution on pretty soon and shut up all the churches. You [will] see that. And churches like this who's not denomination, they'll use them for storehouses then. And if any man goes and offer a prayer for anybody else that don't belong to the ecumenical movement, will be shot on the spot. It's already. [The Prophet said,] It's already. That Lutheran minister, the head of it, said so. It's right here. You can read it right here in your magazine. It's right.

He was quoting from a Pentecostal Magazine like I am reading for you out of the papers here.

Don't make any difference what they say, that church'll stand true in this light. She's already proved it

back yonder, and she'll do it again in the face of everything.

That Esther, She will come in there, "If I perish, I perish." Amen! Hallelujah. She will strike that spot under that Message though that minister has to blast her fears, though that minister has to rip down the veil of self-will; though that minister has to pull down every imagination and stronghold, though that minister has to wash those inwards with Water; though that minister has to make Her lay that head on the altar, but watch that Church hit that spot under that Message. She will know: For such a time as this She was left back for the Last Ride. Hallelujah! For such a time like this when the cycle comes back around, She will know.

...It's the Word of God. And all ecumenical movements and everything else will be gone. She is going to be there without spot or wrinkle. Right. She'll stand there.

There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light, pg. 53 [1963-1229E -Ed.], he says:

Now, they, "We're going to close up." You have to be one of them, or not. You're—you're either into that, or you can't do anything, can't even buy or sell. That's it. You're daresn't to pray for the sick. If you are caught ministering to any sick or any person with any spiritual thing in there, you are subject to a federal law, to be executed. That's exactly right. See? You know that. That's right. It's in their papers.

Let me show you. It was in the Bible before it came in the papers. God had put it in a little story in a type, in a mystery for a space of time after the rejection of that false church on the seventh day, before the persecution. He had put in that time, in a little season there, in a type, how they're going to work to get it into writing to bring this persecution to wipe the people out. And look in the anti-type on the Seventh Day after the rejection and before the persecution, aren't they living true to form to their type? Then where is Esther?

Where is that people living true to form? If they are living true to form, where is that people living true to form who will say, "If I perish, I perish", who has come to that kind of determination, come to that kind of self-surrender, come to that type of total separation, come to that type of casting out everything and having a real concern for Her people? Then Her life means nothing. If She has to give it for the cause, She is willing to do it. There must be a people to match that Hour. You can't pull that punch, can't bluff that. There must be that behavior.

That is why you see when those other things come up, they don't fit in my picture because I am looking at a picture. And I know the people by, when they behave like in the picture. And when I see those lives there, I can't put them in here. And they want me to accept that and make a provision for it. And if it's not in this picture here, then God didn't think about it as part of His community, as part of His thing. And anybody who wants to side with those things that are not like the Word is on flesh. See?

You know that. That's right. It's in their papers.

It is in their papers, it's going to become a federal law: publish it, send it out. Yes, sir! He said the Lutheran priest had already said it to his own people already, way back there. They sent it out.

You see when people come in here in the church asking a lot of questions: "Who is the pastor, so and so and so? What is going on here?" You know, "You all are in the church, what is this?"

They think they want to win a soul. They want to be the biggest soul-winners because you know, they don't have discernment to know they are spies. You don't just give out information to anybody.. You can't save the world. As many as ordained to life will believe. [Acts 13:48 -Ed.] And, no man can come except God calls him. [John 6:44 -Ed.] But when you're being adventurous, you get a little ego and a little prestige because you are

winning a soul or something, you better be careful you don't bring in the Devil in the church.

...So you cannot do it. You have to belong to the cult. Brother, let me tell you something, you better get Christ sure in your heart right now, 'cause there is a time coming where you're really going to need it. You're not then. Remember, when that seal's put on, she's there for good. So don't you do it, don't you believe that stuff. You get right into Christ right now, the Word.

I have one more here, I want to put in this because it's for the tape. I want you to listen to the tape. I want you to study it. I want you to read the Book of Esther. If the Lord leads—and may He give us the same kind of inspiration with Daniel. We will pick it up there; different places. But what is happening now, and the Holy Spirit... Jesus began to watch those Pharisees come together. He began to watch the politics between Herod and Pilate. He began to watch Titus' armies coming. He began to watch where He was being forsaken in His ministry, coming down to the end. He began to watch the prophecy of the prophets and what was going to happen, and He lived in that world.

We are talking about the ecclesiastical spirit, the spirit being loosed in the ecclesiastical realm, how those same devils that were among Hitler and Eichmann, they're dead now, but those demons are here in priests. Like that Lutheran priest we talked about who said, "Shoot them on sight," different things. Like those Catholic priests, "Put it into law." All those Catholic priests, to begin with, were the Euphrates River, then loosed the spirit through Hitler and Mussolini and them. You see? That's why you must have revelation, saints; you must have revelation.

[1964-0719M - The Feast Of The Trumpets -Ed.] *The hour that we're living, [pg. 29] the ecclesiasticals, of spirits, uniting together now and bringing them all to this one big*

slaughter, to blot out. It's already in writing here, in this nation now ...

The Prophet said it's already in writing in the nation. But we couldn't look with the eye and see it materialize as we see it now; until we see the influence coming down, until we see the Pope visited. We see the change of the political order of the day; after they visited, how things began to move. We began to see the intervention of America in the Caribbean Basin Initiative [program to encourage free trade with America to boost the economies of Caribbean countries -Ed.]. We see America's influence, all the moves. We see how things are building up. We see people changing their tone of speech. We see churches selling out, being infiltrated, even confusing many people who are under the Word. They are sitting under the Word where they are being freed and protected and sheltered and being made ready for the hour, yet people come in and confuse them as to what is really happening, really knowing the hour that we are living in, when the Word is uncovering those things to keep you one step ahead of the enemy all the time.

...that these churches has to be closed unless you're with the organization. It's a union, it's a boycott, just like the mark of the beast.

And now you see what the beast is, don't you? It's a power. And a power, a ecclesiastical power, Jesus said it'd be so close like the real thing, it'd deceive the very elected, if it was possible. But He promised to have something here for us in that day, that we wouldn't be deceived, and that's the Word, and Christ to make it manifest to us.

They're supernatural devils unseen to the eye, but you can see what they're doing.

He said they are supernatural devils unseen to the eyes. You don't see them with a big horn on their back and the long hair and things like that, but you can see what they are doing. They are like locusts coming out

there devouring the land. You can see what they are doing. You are seeing that bottomless pit open as Miciah saw it, those demons came out, they went into Zedekiah. You begin to see it. You begin to see a false teaching start in a season there, to come against the true Word, trying to make the true Word look like foolishness and it was going with the state backing. Ahab was fully behind it because he had already hated Miciah's preaching. It was too critical. It had no blessing for anything that Elijah already cursed. And he desired to be popular with the people, that's why he had his own prophets and had his own organization set up. And the Prophet said they were not heathen prophets, they were Hebrew prophets.

[So now, while these people are] *riding, making themselves ready to stomp out everything that won't agree with them, there's another group, [riding also; Michael and Lucifer to meet on the battlegrounds.*

Oh my! Do you see where he is going to come right back with this, back to the White Rock, "I'll ride this trail one more time," when he saw it – *On the Wings Of The Snow White Dove*, [1965-1128 -Ed.]? That last part of the message I want to bring, where he is going to bring on the Holy Vesture in His Word lying there, where he is the chief authority and he had that special kind of dress, showing chief authority in the final Ride. It's there, we are going with these things, but bringing it in here and showing Esther, before the new ministry had to come and lay aside everything to go in there. She had come to the place, "If I perish, I perish." Amen.

That message in that hour, it wasn't yet quickened to her. She had come to the kingdom for that purpose, but in a season there, it began to open up, she was raised up for that purpose. "What shall I say; Father, save me from this hour? For this cause, came I unto this hour." Amen! The Hour has come that the Bride should be glorified. Amen. She was failing all the time to relate her experiences to what was happening in the

environment around her, but then Modecai's message, brother, it thundered in there and it tied the thing together. It broke the spirit of fear and the mind battles and she went in. She went into consecration and then she went to receive power.

Isn't that the Hour God has placed us in, to consecration? The Message came back around to break those things, cast down reasoning, put your head on the Altar, all these things; let it be burnt to ashes. You come to a place, "If I perish, I perish."

We used to sing a little song long ago: *If I perish, I perish, but I am going to see the King. Through hard trials, tribulations, persecution, but I'll be faithful, for I am going to see the King.*

I was thinking about it and Bro. Harold could—you know, he knows it. So I just want, maybe you could stand and get ready to sing it. Do you see? Remember the Word that has been spoken to you this morning. Go home; read about It. Think about It: Is this the Word? Does It mean this? Is It plain? Are those ten chapters in Esther really from the rejection of the Pentecostal church to the persecution, showing you from 1963 to this time what had happened in the Bridal economy, and in the political realms?

Has that been your experience as a believer walking under the influence of the Message? What is your reaction? Is it like Esther before Mordecai came around with that message and commanded her when she was trying to put up an excuse when the Word came and met her in that condition? Though she—because she didn't see she should be desperate, she shouldn't really get into that kind of way. And she was trying to... She said, "Well, you know the king; you can't go into the king's presence," and different things. She was talking without a revelation of the purpose she was there for, with that intellectual. See? But the message came back around in another season again and when it blasted forth this time (brother), it shook

the dust off of her. Brother, it began to blow out the flues and set her life in order. It began to put her into a gear; it brought a commitment in her and put a real revelation of brotherly kindness. She didn't care about her life afterwards. She said, "If I perish, I perish' but the cause is more important than my life here."

How many people will say—well, you're going to sit down and live a good life? You want to maybe drive a good car. You want to live in a nice home. You want to wear nice clothes. Is that your ambition? Do you see the Squeeze coming? To keep on with that ambition, you will have to take the mark of the Beast. So don't think you are in the Message, in the King's house, you are going to be safe, "You too [he said], you too even in the palace." And if God has to raise up the deliverance from somewhere and start a revival in some other church, God will do it. Amen! He said, "Deliverance will arise from somewhere." If all of these are backslidden here and God has to send a man from Zimbabwe or somewhere, somebody would come thundering with the Word. Amen! It will come because God's Word will not fall to the ground.

So he said, "Esther, you shake yourself, don't get complacent. Don't even think those thoughts, that's your own ideas, all those mind battles. Admit your fears. Get next to yourself. Pinch your conscience." And brother, under that message, it put her into the gear for fasting, consecration, and then she was recognizing her position. She went in, acting upon her own inspiration.

I can't say it better than that. I tried to put it out there in a way that you could see what I am talking about; laying out the structure of the Book that you can see what time, for six thousand years in God's economy, that that is really happening. And showing why it couldn't be understood by the scholars, why they put it in the Bible not even knowing it, but yet it held a secret for the Bride.

But when that time came, she didn't hear the king's voice through the seven chamberlains calling her into his presence; the messenger was not around. She was going in now for the authority on the revelation: she was raised up for that, she was left back for that, she had a part of the mystery to live out; she was going to fulfill that part. It's that channel that opened to her where she went in to receive the authority.

A lot of them are waiting for Bro. Branham to come back. It's not going to happen. She has to go in there on her own inspiration because after Vashti was rejected, before the squeeze, there was only Esther and the king. Do you see what is happening? Do you believe? Do you really believe? Do you see those things in the Word? You see It?

How many say they see It this morning? Let me see if you see It – if you see what I am talking about? Do you see? Praise God. I trust... That was almost like a hundred percent, but if you say you see It, then I have to admit you see It. Because I can't tell if you see It, you have to see It through your own eyes, and if you say you see it, you see It. And if we all see It then what an Atmosphere we are going to be in. Do you realize that those Things are speaking about this Hour?

I said, Ahasuerus, Revelation 10:1 – Esther, Revelation 10:8-11 – Mordecai, Revelation 10:7, all these things are all there in the Scriptures. Zeresh, Revelation 17; Haman, Revelation 13, it's all happening to bring the persecution. The star, fallen star; gift, gift outside the body, it's all there.

It's not a story, it's happening. His people – it's taking place. When you walk, know you're in Royal Apparel. You come into the King's Presence, come into the service in the Royal Apparel. Know that is the One, the King wants to see you dressed in: His Word. Come with the Crown on your head. Recognize your position. He will speak to you as the Queen. You come in here

as some Jezebel or some Orpah, or something, and behave and live like that, you speak like Orpah.

But when he looked, she found... In his sight, what he saw was the feminish spirit being revealed in another body. He saw the matching piece to himself. He saw the mystery he wanted to display on the seventh day when he had sent for Vashti. He saw it personalized here, what he was thinking when he sent for Vashti to show her off to the world to say, "This is her."

Bro. Branham said, "One of these days, the King will reveal the same thing, 'This is Her!' (amen) when He unveils that Masterpiece to the world." Amen. And notice, coming down from the rejection to the persecution, the king was working through channels to do things. It was Esther who went forth there to face the challenge but with the king's backing. Do you understand what I am saying? It's the Bride doing it now. It's the Bride doing it. It's you doing it. And that is why when we see these Things, what a people we should be! You say you see It. I accept it.

Let us be like Moses in the Bible. I am going to call this pulpit, I'm going to call this Pyramid; they started off with this Masterpiece: the Hoffman's Head, the Cloud, the Pillar of Fire as witnesses against you that you said you saw It this day. If you ever—let me say it this way: not 'when you', 'if you ever'. If you ever begin to walk away from what you said you see, I'll call you back to remembrance.

Remember years ago I did that in the church here? Because when we do these things in the Presence of Almighty God and we stand there and we see His Word face-to-face, we realize how close these things are. Why couldn't we see this all the years? Why is it there when we read It, and we get a little inspiration from It? But everything is uncovered, the Seals were taken off. Everything is there naked before our eyes, we see what we are talking about.

I didn't get what I wanted to say to the fullness of IF I PERISH, I PERISH, but I'm going to keep you in It for a little while because I want to strike that in there real good, the way God gave it to me. But I wanted to background the scene for you and then put you in the scene. So we kind of lay out a lot of the scenes and experiences, but then the results of that should say, "If I perish, I perish", which was the victory over self. It's an exclamation of victory. She could talk that way now because there were no reservations. Withholding nothing, she was going in. She was willing to put her life for the cause. She saw the move of the enemy. She understood by... Do you see the power of revelation? Look at the power of revelation in her life there. It is the power of revelation preached to her: she is raised up for that, showing her the mystery behind her life made her do that – the power of revelation.

Then if the same thing is preached to you, It will make you behave the same way. We cannot beat our type. And when God puts It like that for us, we tie into the Scriptures; we tie into an Atmosphere of Jesus Christ, present tense. Amen.

May God richly bless you; fill your heart with good Things. I believe this is the Hour for revelation. God is dealing with people; different ones—talking with, testifying of the blessings of the Holy Spirit. You see God just moving people into seeing. Some: sickness, suffering, wearing them out almost while they move; God, breaking them down to push them into a channel of revelation. Many don't even understand it right now; things happening in their homes, little hardships, pressure on their job. The enemy, trying to hold their minds down on earthly things to make them feel that somebody is against them, this and that. But God is breaking up the crust of the world to really deliver them.

It's happening now. Just stay in the channel, stay under the inspiration, stay in the Word. Don't just let

It pass through, fellowship with it, pray over the Scriptures. Don't get tired of reading It and hearing It more than once and twice, stay in It until It becomes real, until It becomes alive, until It begins to get you happy. When you see It a certain way, It begins to get you happy. Because, why? It started to ferment. You're talking and you want to laugh, and you're happy, and you're excited. You're saying all kinds of things before you could finish saying It out. Because why? You can't hold It.

Like when Elihu was talking to Job, he said, there is a Spirit that gives inspiration. It's like wine that wants to give vent and can't find vent to give. Amen. That is what happens when the King wants to bring His Queen. He wants to bring you and display you. Don't you realize, in the Book, that is what the king wanted to do? Don't you realize the king was finally satisfied in that hour when he actually saw her coming there because that is what he wanted to display? It was personalized before him.

