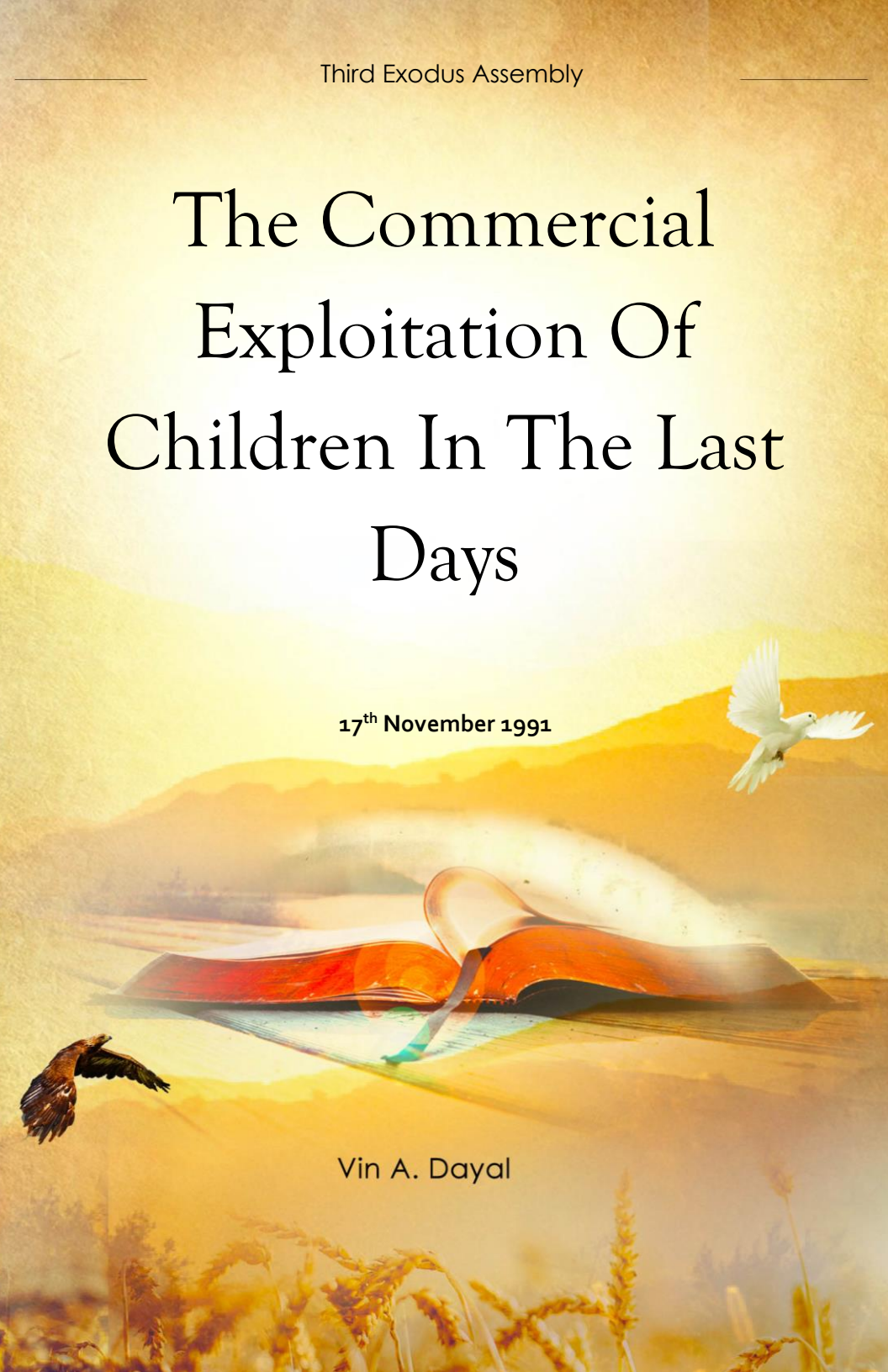

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[#352 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

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Amen. Why don't we lift our hands and sing it with thankfulness this morning, worshipping Him? Hallelujah.

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Amen. Let us just pray.

Father, we thank You, for You are rich in mercy, rich in grace, Lord, and You can look down upon us and see, Lord, that given the opportunity to serve You, given the privilege, Lord, to see Your precious Blood that was shed for us, to see Your great Love expressed on Calvary, that we, Lord, would come in humility and surrender our lives unto You, and live for You, Lord, and that by our living, bring glory to Your Name. So You extended that mercy and that grace unto us, for You so loved us and gave Yourself to be the propitiation for our sins, not desiring, oh God, that we will be separated from You but that we will come back into union with You.

And so, this morning in Your house, we come with hearts full of thanksgiving and appreciation to express, Lord, our gratitude in sincerity because we confess that we have seen what You have done for us. We have received it into a heart of faith, and Lord, we come in full surrender that You might take our lives and mold it and shape it into something that will bring glory and praise unto Your Name.

I pray, dear God, if there be one today who have not seen that Love expressed, who have not seen this great Sacrifice, that Fountain that is filled with Blood, the Fountain that has been opened up to cleanse us from all sin and unrighteousness, that Lord, they will have the opportunity to do so today and in seeing it, they will come to be washed and to be made clean. For You said if we walk in the Light as You are in the Light, the Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, cleanses us from all sins, and we'll have fellowship one with the other.

Bless our gathering today. May Your great, Divine Presence be so richly felt in our midst. May Your Holy Spirit, Lord, just touch us and draw us, who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness into a closer walk with You. Grant it, Father.

We love You and appreciate You, and we thank You for this day that we can come into Your house to be gathered in Your Name, to hear Your Word and to worship You. May You just get glory. And may Your great Love be shed abroad in every heart. We pray and we ask these mercies and blessings, in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, amen.

Amen. God bless you. You may have your seats.

Just move these couple of microphones to this side for me, please. [Bro. Vin speaks to someone -Ed.] We just have a little betrothal that we would like to get into. You know, these things sometimes, they can become lengthy and we didn't want that to happen and we just thought that it will be nice if we can just get into it right away this morning while everyone is just still

fresh, and even the family and relatives who are also assembled here to witness this special time in the lives of their loved ones. Amen?

I would like to call forward our Bro. Ricardo St. Hilaire, this morning. Amen. [Congregation applauds -Ed.] Amen. I know it is a very special occasion for him. And also, many of you would like to know who the beloved bride-to-be would be, and we want to ask our Sis. Susan Ross to come forward. [Congregation applauds -Ed.]

I trust that the Lord helps me; I don't want to cry here this morning. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh -Ed.] Amen. So I am very happy for what God has done in the hearts and lives of our precious brother and our precious sister here. You know, they have been with us for many years and have even been very fully occupied in the service in the house of God, our brother being one of the song leaders and our sister teaching the Sunday school, and of which we are very grateful for their contributions to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen?

And you know, this is not a new development, this is... They have been, I should say, waiting maybe about, it's three to four years. How many years is it? [Bro. Ricardo answers, "Three years." -Ed.] About three years. Three years that he has been there waiting, praying, believing, and she has been praying and watching and seeing how things were going to develop.

And we had quite a number of talks separately that was, until recently, we really began to speak together. And I'm believing that it is the will of the Lord, and even the parents and the family being happy for them and giving their approval also, that it is certainly a very blessed moment.

And you know, I always desire, especially for the couple, that it would be a special moment for them, one that they can capture in their hearts, not being nervous and not being tense before the people like this and all these things. Sometimes you get to kind of

going through the formality of a little ceremony, and you missed the inspiration of the moment that you planned and looked forward to, and trust that it was going to be very special to you.

We are happy for them and we are here as witnesses, but down through the years, when they look back at this moment, they will cherish this time and it will mean something to them, especially if this morning, right here in God's Presence, He will just shed abroad His Love in their hearts in a greater way, and just move in a very simple way among us here to really knit their hearts together, and even the love and the prayers that they can feel of the saints and all their friends and loved ones around them witnessing this precious moment that is very important to them in their lives.

Because this is just the first climax. But you know, the betrothal is a very important thing in the Bible. In the world they call it 'engagement'; in the Bible, they say 'betrothal'. It's the same word. It just speaks of when two people are making their pledge of love, making a vow in good faith to each other that they believe that God has drawn them together into this union; into this relationship. Because no man could really marry a person; it is the vow that they make to each other that marries them. And they make that upon good faith by a Divine revelation that they believe that God has dealt with them in their hearts.

They haven't been victims of matchmaking by people, maybe, who desire for them to come together or there was no political maneuvering behind this union, maybe (what should I say?) to produce, maybe, a certain class of people or establish a certain type of home or something; it is just God in His sovereign grace working in the lives of two people that He created, sent into the earth for a Divine purpose; called them to serve Him at this stage in their lives. He saw it fit to give them the second greatest blessing

outside of salvation, which is a faithful wife and a faithful husband that would add greater joy and happiness to their hearts and their lives. So, we are very thankful for that this morning.

I would like to read a little portion of Scripture as we get started. I think we have a song, a couple of songs, so we will have one before and we are going to have one after. So, I would like the sisters to get ready to sing that special song of love, because these are moments of love. These are not moments for seriousness and tenseness; these are moments for love and relaxation and happiness. You know, there is joy of the Holy Spirit, so you just want to get in that kind of frame of mind.

Many times, when the prayer line would come through, God's servant would say, "Okay, just begin to believe now," and sing '*Only Believe*' or '*The Great Physician*', to create the atmosphere for healing. Well, let us just get in the atmosphere of love and union and marriage and sweetness, and you know, the missing rib being restored and all these different things. Let us just think about these things, and you know, Rebekah coming to Isaac or Joseph and Mary, and Boaz and Ruth. Let us just get in that kind of atmosphere, by God's grace. Amen?

So one of the Scriptures here in the Book of 1st John 4, I would like to read, It says:

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out all fear...

There is no fear in love. If two people love each other, there is nothing to fear. This family has nothing to fear, friends have nothing to fear, they have nothing to fear, because whenever God sheds abroad love in the hearts of people to bring them into union, fear cannot stay in those hearts.

... because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Amen?

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

So, a girl, maybe, sometimes things could happen, I guess, she may see a certain person and may respect them, may admire them, may think that they are one of fine standing and an interest could develop but I don't think she goes just loving him and he hasn't shown any interest in her as yet. I don't think that is proper and scriptural.

But I believe that when the man wants to choose a wife and sees her and desires her and so on, then she will know if there is something in her to respond to what has been projected to her. Is that right? Because the Bible says, "He loved us first and gave Himself for us. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Is that right? Then when we see His Love towards us, our heart responds to that. Well, if that was Perfect Love there, any true love comes in that pattern and in that order, and that is why I would like to read that.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out all fear: because fear hath torment.

If two people come into a relationship of love and union and marriage and you have any little seeds of fear in there, it is going to have torment. Amen. And two can't walk together except they agree. And it is going to take the Love of God, same kind of Love, to unite, to bring that agreement, because fear hath torment but Perfect Love casteth out all fear.

And in the Book of St. Luke also, one verse I would like to get from there. St. Luke 12, it also says, verse 15... This is the Lord Jesus speaking again.

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Could anybody dispute or question the wisdom of the Lord Jesus, the One Who is Love, the One Who is Life; the One Who is Light?

... a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

And you know, I was thinking, in the light of coming into this little betrothal here this morning, we who are nationals of this country and might be acquainted with the news that is reported in the media, you know, there are just two cases of marriage, I should say, one would be common-law and the other one that they had there, was where these two people, these two marriages or relationships, ended up in such disastrous conditions.

One was with this girl who came out of such a fine wealthy family, so educated, beautiful young lady. She went to Bishop Anstey High School, excelled in sports, come from a family of the finest surgeons that the country has known, a great, well, upper-class family and then... You saw it in the newspaper, where she poisoned herself with Gramoxone [weed killer -Ed.]; hit the man on his head with a piece of wood or something, tried to inject him too, and it end up so disastrously, and it was such a shameful and disgraceful thing.

I could imagine the bishop or the priest or whoever it was from the funeral, what he had to say. But he said, "Well, she came, and she wanted to take the first communion before she went away to establish her big business," which is one of the big hotels in Mount Irvine, somewhere up there, and had such a great clientele of overseas people and fine people who would come down to the Caribbean for health purposes and so on. You know how these things are and it could be polished up so nice, but yet, look what it ended up to be, friends. Look what it ended up to be.

And then, this other man who had his quarrel, then killed this woman here, maybe by accident or whatever, and then dismembered the whole body and tried to get rid of the evidence that resulted out of the quarrel.

One of the two most important things... The most important thing in these two relationships was, there was no evidence of real Christian faith and acceptance of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

So, sometimes we look at nice arrangements, acceptable by society, it looks good in the eyes of people, suits the social people's taste or something; it all 'falls through' [fails -Ed.] because we live in an evil world, full of pressures. And nine out of ten of the best marriages that have the best food and the best dressed groups and everything else, ends up in the divorce courts; have extramarital affairs and it ends up just to be a bunch of people living at the same address after a while; turns into heartache and grief.

And sometimes things like this are looked down upon and despised or not held in high esteem because maybe, it doesn't have the fine robed choirs, maybe it doesn't have the trained clergyman, maybe it is not out where the finest people in society attends, but these things are done in truth, and these things are done on the basis of God's Word, and these things are done with the identification of the Holy Spirit operating and moving in the lives of people who live devout Christian lives under close scrutiny and examination of the Word of God that requires a marriage to be a holy union, and desires that the people who come into it, to be responsible, and then to love each other in such a way that the love will not be 'eros' love.

You know, in the English language you say 'love' and it could mean anything. And it is such a cheap way that the film industry has watered down the true meaning of love, and has made it into a sexual affair – a romantic night somewhere out under the influence of some spirit or alcohol or out in some country club or something, dancing to some music or something and they try to make it something like that. And they give that type of picture.

But when a woman would love to raise a family, would love to have children, would love to have a secure home, would love to have a husband who comes home to her in the evening, who she can talk to; when a man wants a wife, who will not be running around outside there but he could come and meet her in the home, raising the children, (see?) one that will be loyal, whom his heart could safely trust in, who he will have no fear of spoil, then you find that—we realize we cannot look to what Hollywood has presented to us as a pattern.

So many of the young people are being deceived and influenced by that – by just some boy coming and saying, “I love you.” Because the young men are so cultured today.

I remember in my time, boy, you had to cough and choke and almost get tears to even say ‘love’, that little four-letter word. It was so hard to come out. And I am not that old a person. And then to see how this word could be so used in an exploitative way, when young men have selfish intentions.

And then young women, you know, their minds are just brainwashed with all the glamor of this modern society that they just kind of close their eyes and maybe think that they are going to see stars floating all around, and hear bells or whatever it is, when these things happen, only to find out it is not really so, friend.

We know it is not so. Many of us here that have passed that way, know it is not so. That is from fantasy land. That is Walt Disney’s imagination or something out there; *Sleeping Beauty* and the charming prince comes and kisses her and wakes her up or Beauty goes over to the Beast and he turns from a beast into Prince Charming. That doesn’t happen, friend. That doesn’t happen at all. No, sir.

Who could find a virtuous woman? Her price is far above rubies. When a woman looks for a husband, she

wants one that she could respect, and could lead her, and she can have confidence in, and she can be in submission to because God gave him to be her head. So there's got to be something...

And I believe that these two people standing here, they know these things. They have been taught these things, these things have been revealed in their hearts, they have been established in the Word and they stand for these principles. They may not have a strand of gray hair... Yes, they have a couple. But, you know, young people get gray today easily; hybrid foods and everything else. So nevertheless, life does not consist of the abundance of things that a man possesses.

Marriage is for love. Love, as described in the Bible, there are three kinds of love. There is '*phileo*' love... In the Greek there are three words: one is '*Agapao*' – God's Love; Divine Love. Then you have '*phileo*' love – like parental love; the love a man would have for his wife in the natural. And then you have sexual love, erotic love – '*eros*'.

And Hollywood has taken '*eros*' love, lustful love, and portrayed it in a classical way to glorify sin; to seduce the minds of young men and young women and deform them, deceiving them into thinking that they are living in this great, nice life. But God brings many of us to a rude awakening so that we can know the reality. And when we realize that we have the imitation, how we desire the reality. Not that we could jump from relationship to relationship, but we can come straight to the Divine source, '*Agapao*' Love, that is found in the Lord, Jesus Christ. And when that Love binds you, that is an eternal mate in Glory.

That is not one for a few years of convenience, that is one, that while the wrinkles come on, the hair gets gray and the beauty fades away, he could say, "Honey, you don't be bothered about that. Don't study about taking any facelift and go to join the health club and start to jog and all this fitness." He says, "While your

beauty is fading away, my eyes are becoming dimmer, honey. I remember you just the way I saw you.” Because his heart and his faith is not resting in her beauty but in the loyalty of the vow that they made to each other in true love. Amen?

So, as the sisters would come and sing this little song of love, *I Always Will Love You*, and with all the love that you could feel in your hearts by the Holy Spirit today, sing it for your sister and your brother and may it be... [Bro. Vin speaks to the couple -Ed.] Do you mind holding each other’s hand, the right hand?

Young people, in Third Exodus Assembly, you don’t have to look on the screens, you don’t have to keep watching television or reading those ‘funny’ [strange -Ed.] magazines that try to poison children’s minds and young people’s minds; you don’t have to try to study what it is like. In the house of God is the place where real love is taught and expressed.

You don’t have to go to a nightclub to find out what love is, or in the cinemas in the dark rooms or in some party or in some car parked up in some dark place to find out what love is. Love is not to be ashamed of. Real, pure love that God put in the hearts of His children is something to be put on display, especially in an Hour when there is so much imitation and make-belief today.

And our Bro. Ricardo and our Sis. Susan has fallen in love. They love each other. And they are here today united in love; the love that can unite them, coming to pledge that love in a little ceremony here that they will live true to each other, and they will do all that they can in their ability. And when their love goes to its final point in the grace of God that sent this love in the first place, it is going to keep them, unite them and see them through every trial, every obstacle, because they don’t just look to each other’s human strength, they look to the Lord Jesus, Who have brought them together.

[Sis. Arlene Weston and the saints sing, #82 - *I Always Will Love You* - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amen. Isn't that precious? Makes all of us feel good. Doesn't it? Amen. [Bro. Ricardo repeats the vows after Bro. Vin reads Hosea 2:19-20 -Ed.]: *I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in justice, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.*

[Sis. Susan repeats the vows after Bro. Vin reads Ruth 1:16-17 -Ed.]: *Where thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death part thee and me.*

Amen. Let us just bow our heads and close our eyes as we have a word of prayer with them.

How we appreciate You, Lord. How we appreciate Your Presence, today. Truly, You honor the faithful, them, Lord, who have separated from the world to serve Thee, to walk with Thee, to live for Thee, and Lord, You Who have provided and supplied their needs in giving them health and strength, that even today they can stand, look in the eyes of each other, hold each other's hands and feel the love that pulsate in their bosom for each other, and knowing that You are the Author of it all.

You have blessed them with salvation, Lord. You have made them examples among Your people, bright shining lights that You have sent forth in this evil generation, to shine; to show forth the Life of Christ. Then dear God, You have come and joined their hearts together, working out of Divine Love, bringing them into a union, into this relationship which they are establishing.

And I pray, dear God, even as they stand here, making their pledge of love, being betrothed to each other today, that this love will continue to grow and

develop and fill their entire being, that oh God, that they will find the beauty of Christ being revealed even in a greater way in this relationship which You have joined them in, Lord.

Bless my Bro. Ricardo and my Sis. Susan today. God, You know the desire in my heart for them, and all these in the Assembly that are now praying for them who have seen their lives, who have seen their labors of love, who have seen their dedication to Your service, among whom they have walked unblemished and unspotted and have come here today, Father, even as examples. May their lives continue to grow, both in favor before man and God, in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus, continue to be transformed, Lord, into that Christ-like character that will continue to shine forth, and show Your Love and Your beauty.

For we live in an evil world, dear Lord, and the people are being deformed into a hideous condition, being stripped of anything that is right and honorable and things, Lord, that were sincere and honest and of virtue, is now being cast down to be old-fashioned and being laughed at. But Lord God, may these holy virtues be preserved in them, and continue, Lord God, to live and develop and shine forth to show that this generation is not without a witness that You still live in Your people.

You still give examples of true love just like it was back in Bible times that we have seen in Isaac and Rebekah, and Abraham and Sarah, and Boaz and Ruth, to name a few. And down through even in the New Testament, Lord, Aquila and Priscilla, and Joseph and Mary, and right down in this 20th Century here, Lord, You still have young people that would live upright, walk in truth; keep themselves in holy decency. We thank You for them.

And we pray that You will bless them and bless the union, that Your Holy Spirit will continue to lead them

and direct them, and Lord, what You have done for them and will do for them even as You promise in Your Word, that if we seek first Your Kingdom and its righteousness, all other things will be added.

And I pray, Lord, that the hearts of their loved ones and their relatives will have no fear. They will know that this is wrought in God, it is appointed by God, and You will calm their fears and drive away their doubts, if there be any, that they could have joy and great expectations for them, to know that You, the God of Truth, have ordained this and that it is for Thy glory.

May, now that they have been betrothed, they walk with the responsibility of two people, Lord, engaged, and may they carry about themselves, Lord, with the same holy decency, knowing that this is not a license to live immorally or to go forth into anything that would be uncomely or not pleasing to Your Holy Spirit to defile themselves in any way, but that when that day appointed for the wedding would come and they would return in Thy Presence before Thy people, Lord, they can come sincerely with faith.

And that first kiss Lord, will be when that veil will be lifted off her face, because that is how it should be in Your Word. But Lord God, knowing that they should be together and spend time together, and share and discuss and plan and make arrangements, may Your Holy Spirit lead them and guide them and grant them the wisdom, and may Your Spirit that have kept them, continue to keep them, Lord.

There is such a great need for true examples. So many times, what is lifted up before the eyes of the people, what the people look at many times, is not even the things that they ought to be setting their eyes on as examples, and then sometimes the very things that they need to look at and the ones that they need to look at, are overlooked. But I pray, dear God, that

they would be examples in the true virtue of what a true Christian example ought to be.

Fill their hearts with true love for each other, Lord, that they will be faithful always to each other, and faithful to You and that in this relationship, it will draw each other into a closer walk with You, into a greater faith, that even as the years go by, they will mature and become into such oneness that will show, truly, the oneness that is to exist between You and Your Church. We thank You for their lives, Father, and we pronounce Your richest blessings upon them, in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, amen.

Do you have the ring? [Bro. Vin asks Bro. Ricardo for the ring -Ed.] I always like to have the opportunity to hold it, admire it, maybe say something about it but it is truly radiant and beautiful, glittering gold and diamonds. What is this, a ruby? A ruby. Amen. Just what is fitting for a real princess. Amen. The princess of the house of Ross and the prince of the house of St. Hilaire, (amen,) coming into this holy union today. You have the honor. The privilege is yours. And don't do it too quickly; I think they want to take some photographs.

At this time, we would like to have Bro. Weekes. So, precious saints, all their friends and relatives, we would like to announce that now our Bro. Ricardo St. Hilaire and Sis. Susan Ross is formally betrothed in the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. May God ever bless them. Amen? And this little song that they requested, will be sung in honor of this little ceremony here and on their behalf. So after this, then we will turn over to our regular service. God bless you.

[Bro. Anthony Weekes sings, #513 - *Many Waters Cannot Quench Love* - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amen. So, we appreciate that very much, (amen,) by God's grace and His precious Love. Let us all stand to our feet. Well, the time is about gone, so I just have a little, few comments to make and we will dismiss. So I

just will read the Scriptures and make a few comments. Turn with me in your Bibles to Genesis 37.

[Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ... coming to pass in this Hour.

And now, dear God, as we would endeavor to turn and open up the Word of God and read from It, we pray that You will give us out of It, something, Lord, that will cause us to see the Day that we are living in, the condition that it has deteriorated into and why Your Coming is so imminent. And what grace You have shown unto this generation by sending forth a Message to prepare a people and take us out before You burn this earth with fire. How we appreciate You and love You for it, to know that we have the opportunity to escape the wrath of God that is to come upon the face of this world.

Bless the few words. The time has already passed; may it be precise, right to the point, and may it be of edification to Your church, believing, oh God, that You have dealt with me in a special way to give it to me, carrying it here, burning in my heart. Help me now that it will be delivered in the Spirit in which You gave it, and it will bring the enlightenment that will cause Your people to see the reality of Your Word. Grant it, Father. In Jesus' wonderful Name, we pray and ask it, amen.

So quickly, just for a few moments and we will be dismissed, so let me just read. I would like to begin reading from verse 23, Genesis 37. Genesis 37, verse 23, breaking right in to the story of Joseph and where he was having some problems with his brothers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Verse 36:

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

So it was the second time he was being sold. And Genesis 39, verses 1 and 2.

1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian...

A real high-ranking government official here.

... bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, who had brought him down there.

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

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

For the next few moments, I would like to speak on a subject I would like to entitle, **“THE COMMERCIAL**

EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN THE LAST DAYS”. THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN THE LAST DAYS. And you are going to find out, just as I found out myself, it is such a startling thing. And I must say, I had no inclination, I had no idea about this, in the way that the Holy Spirit presented it to me after waking me up about 4 o'clock the other morning.

You know, I was, kind of, in a dream and then I got woken up. And then I felt that the Lord was waking me up, so I went in my office to sit down and study a little bit. And in sitting down there and trying to, you know, keep myself awake a little bit, I said, well, I am going to read first and keep myself awake, and then maybe I am going to pray a little bit and the Lord may want to talk to me.

So, I picked up a book and began to read and it happened to be *Demonology*. And you know, God does things in such strange ways. And in reading about demonology, I came across how the Prophet was talking about these mediums. And the thought struck my mind, (I guess many of you have read it,) you know, we have a lot of these missing children coming up in Trinidad now, which is just like overseas. And now that they are trying to find these children, they begin to seek the assistance of mediums, because they realize, they don't know what to do.

And you know, parental love could drive people to do a lot of things. It behaves in so many different ways when it is confronted with so many different conditions, that it expresses itself as a real—you know, you could see the nature of the love then, and the extent that they would go for their children.

And I began to think of, you know, how they were consulting mediums, which are like people who can see into the other realm; people who, maybe, could get into a trance or break into a vision. And it was given a nice write up in the newspaper. Oh, it was good. Here

it was a combination of the legal powers, the law enforcement officers, working together with the assistance of spiritual powers, the mediums, and they are trying to locate some missing people, which is to sort of appease the grief being experienced by parents who have suffered the loss of their children being abducted and taken away and don't know their whereabouts. Some could offer rewards; some can't.

But to every mother, her child is precious. And when she feels that she has lost connection with her child due to, maybe, unforeseen circumstances or circumstances that she is unprepared for, she may find herself in a situation where she doesn't know how to deal with it.

And as I began to think about that, it struck me of an article I was reading in the *TIME* magazine, which I mentioned to you that I felt that the Holy Spirit had attracted me to, (not having read the magazine for quite some time, though I have it piled up on my desk,) but when I came across this article, (and some of you, I guess, might have seen it,) one that is called *The Global Baby Chase*. You know, it is one of the recent editions: *The Global Baby Chase* [1991-1104 -Ed.]

And they were dealing with the situation of people who are childless, desiring children. And in there, they brought it out how people will travel to the ends of the earth, be shut up in hotels, going through so much bureaucracy, to be able to get children that they can adopt. And then at the same time, there are people who are auctioning off their children at the highest bidder, where they believe that their children could go to a foreign land and live in a better family and who could get food and clothing and everything else.

And in all of this, the Spirit was dealing with me and causing me to see the hardness of the hearts of the people in this Hour, because that is what I have been preaching on, *The Hardening Of The Heart Of Laodicea*, and showing that God, after He judges the people and

their hearts begin to become hard, then it is getting time for God to pour out His wrath upon them.

And then I cited the article also, that recently where this young boy just drove into this restaurant with his pickup truck and shot down twenty-one people or twenty-three people in cold blood. And he had such a hate for women inside of there and he was just banging away and he was shooting them, and people were running and hiding and scared and everything else.

And then all the psychologists and psychoanalysts, they began to take the case and study the social behavior and then use that as an example or as a firstfruit to see what the young people of this generation are being cultured into. Then that shows us what the world is coming into and then when we compare the behavior of the young people in this Hour and some in a previous Age, we see it is such a vast difference.

And then they realize the social changes, the cultural changes, the changing of the society and all these things that are coming in, is what is responsible for bringing the people in a condition where it seems that they are being dehumanized.

But it is not strange because the Bible did say, "In the last days, the people will be without natural affection, traitors, heady and high-minded, lovers of pleasure; lovers of self, more than lovers of God." And we also find that Jesus Himself said, "When iniquity shall abound, the love of many will wax cold."

People are going to see people being shot down, people are going to be seeing them bleeding on the highways and say, "Me, I've just reupholstered my car seat; I can't afford to pick up this man with all this blood. You see, I'm late for work, man," and leave them bleeding there and dying. Human life is going to become so cheap. People are going to be able to, maybe, put a gun to somebody's head and blow their

brains out if they don't take off their sneakers and give them because they like the pair of sneakers, or they like, maybe, a certain outfit that they are wearing.

This is to show how people have so lost the real value of human life which God became Man and shed His Blood for, and for two thousand years, has been trying to woo the hearts of men to see His Love, to see the price that He put on human life; to bring them into a saving relationship, not willing that any should perish. But yet people have made life so cheap that they would put the value of a pair of sneakers or a shirt or something that they may like, at a higher value than human life. What is responsible for that kind of thinking?

Now, THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN THE LAST DAYS. And this article here, was dealing about the gray and black markets in child commerce, profiting off the flesh trade.

Well, many of you went to school just like myself, and some are still going to school, and we all did a little bit of history, and whatever we could remember, we remember they had the slave trade. And in the slave trade, we saw how people could have gotten things so highly organized. And in a primitive society back with primitive means back there like they had, they were able to manipulate societies, destroy cultures, take people and move them around the globe by the millions from one continent to the next.

Now you may think that doesn't take any set of organization and skill and great human effort and resources but you just try to plan a trip to three countries and see what it is going to take you. See if you are going to get there easily.

And you are talking about whether it is moving people by the millions, rooting them out like plants from their homeland, from societies and cultures and family units and spreading them into the world and colonizing and recolonizing many countries that they

strategically picked, that they might extend the influence of their culture and their power and their language and everything else, where they could come into a place to control the world in trade and economics and all these things. History bears that out very strongly.

And then came the proclamation of Emancipation, then came the signing of the treaties, then came the abolishing of slavery, and then came a more civilized way of dealing with humanity, or so we were made to believe.

I am going to prove to you, by the Bible, slavery never was abolished. I am not talking about just slavery of the mind alone, I am talking about profiting off the flesh trade.

Oh, I tell you, it astounded me when the Holy Spirit broke it open in the Word, and I said, "My goodness, look what is happening in such a disguised manner, so highly organized, great executive planning, million-dollar trade on a global scale, moving millions of children and people and women around the world through legal channels protected by law."

You say, "What are you talking about?" In our Scripture, we picked up a scene, the evidence that slavery existed; that the human being was just another commodity along with balm and myrrh and spices. We saw it. And we found out that Egypt had a great slave market. And any of you who study history, will know North Africa there, Egypt, Morocco, all those places, was where the great, big slave markets were thriving.

Well, turn with me in the Bible quickly to another Scripture: 1st Timothy 1. Now I am just going to speak for a few minutes and close because I promised that, but I just—maybe if I can get across my main thought to you, then you can pick it up from there and we'll pick it up later on when we have more time. But this is a message, also dealing with the hardness of the hearts of the people but pointing out one of the evils of

this evil Age, showing why we so strongly believe that this is the Hour of judgment, because the Seven Seals were revealed to uncover the enemy's scheme.

We were made to believe that all the other commodities that they traded in remained legal but the trading of human beings was abolished.

So, in other words, "If you are coming down to Egypt the next time, Ishmaelites, you can't bring any human beings with you to sell. Just bring your spices and your balm and your myrrh; it is abolished."

Well, what about if they come and say, "Well, you know, this boy is an orphan in an orphanage, and he has no parents and we are going to give you legal papers, so that you can grow him up in your home."

It may look legal, okay? 1st Timothy 1, verses 8 to 10. Paul is writing here. This is in the middle of the Bible now.

⁸ But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

⁹ Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and [the] disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

¹⁰ For fornicators, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers...

Or 'kidnappers' – the more modern word.

... for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

So here in verse 10, Paul was speaking about kidnapping because it existed back in that time too – men-stealing. Because when Jesus was on the earth, in His time, slavery was established throughout the world. The Romans had occupied Jewish territory; they had them under dominion. They were not like

slaves but the Romans had slaves. Onesimus was Philemon's slave. See? Is that right? Then Paul talked about the Lord's freed-man. People had bond-servants, had slaves and all these things because it was an accepted thing in the society. It was regarded as the normal lifestyle.

But the point we want to bring, is that it still exists today. Well, how am I going to take that quite in the middle of the Bible and say it is here today. Turn with me to the Book of Revelation, Chapter 18, verse 9:

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

He was talking about a city here that is to be burnt. She is designated as 'her'.

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is her judgment come.

She has been tried, she has been found guilty, she has been condemned, and here, the judgment is executed upon her.

11 And the merchants of the earth...

Now, we are getting into something here – the merchants of the earth. We saw them in Genesis already.

... shall weep and mourn over her; and no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

These merchants of the earth have merchandise, things that they trade in – commodities.

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all kinds of vessels of ivory...

And, you know, ivory is a big thing in the world today. They are trying to stamp out the ivory trade. Ivory doesn't grow from the earth, you know; you slaughter the elephants to get ivory. So these merchants are trading all this ivory. And do you know one of the things that ivory is used for? Beads in rosaries. Now this city here trades a lot in ivory. Watch.

*... and all kinds of vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,
13 And cinnamon, and incense, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine...*

All of these things are used a lot in services, (right?) religious services today.

... and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and horses, and chariots...

Maybe not like the kind they had long ago but the kind that General Motors and Chevrolet and Datsun and they produce today. That is horse and chariot still, but just in a more mechanized form. Transportation systems are what they are, (okay,) these big corporates here.

And read the next two commodities.

... and slaves, and souls of men.

What is that? Apart from oil and wine, and flour, and linen, and wood, and frankincense, souls of men and slaves? And this place isn't burnt yet? Amen. Alright now. So, from our Scripture reading, we see that the flesh trade existed in the beginning of the Bible. We took it in Genesis and that is... Genesis is what? Your seed chapter. Everything that is in Genesis is in Revelation. Those men had balm, spices, (right?) myrrh, and the souls of men. Over here it is similar. Alright?

Now watch. Then in the middle of the Bible, it was still in existence, and then we find out it is present with us here today, at the end of the Bible. But the

thing is, when we look around today, we don't see this business of the flesh trade being carried out in the bold manner with which it was carried out in ancient days, right up until the 19th century when they had them on plantations and these things, where they could whip them, when they carried the name of the slave master, when they had no rights, when they were treated like animals, when they took men and put them with women to breed bigger and stronger slaves; when they broke up families. How don't we see it in that form anymore? Yet the Bible shows us, it never went out of existence.

Now, I believe the Bible because Heaven and earth will pass away but this Word will never fail. Now the question is, if when we look around, we cannot see it, where is it then? Did the Bible make a mistake or was that Scripture already fulfilled back there?

We see plainly, human beings, in the Bible, were a commodity. Even Abraham had some slaves. God told him, "The slaves that you bought with your own money, you circumcise them in your house too" – Genesis 17. In Genesis 14, he took his trained servants, born in his own household, and went on a military expedition.

Remember in *Ben-Hur* [a movie -Ed.], (some of you saw *Ben-Hur*,) Ben-Hur had his slave. Right? They had their own house slaves. They bought them. An owner could set them free. He had freed them too. Then you saw, the Romans had slaves rowing the ships; in the galleys, using them as power, rowing power, for their transportation systems; for their battleships. Is that right?

It showed men devised very ingenious methods on how they can use this commodity in a diversified way: for social reasons, for business reasons, for industry, for politics; for military purposes.

It is in the Bible. We are going to prove that. If not, this morning. So if it shows then, that slaves and the

souls of men is a very lucrative commodity along with wine and flour and all these things... Because it is a lot of wine that is being sold, a lot of sheep in all the restaurants, a lot of cattle for all the beef supplies...

Every time you eat beef, it comes from a cattle, unless it is soya beef or something. But every time you eat a piece of beef, a cattle dies somewhere or is slaughtered in some abattoir or something. Amen. Any time you have minced meat or you eat a hamburger, it is a cattle that died somewhere. Do you understand what I am saying? Okay.

So, all these things are big trade. Maybe you might not be around the places where it is happening and you have not studied closely what it takes, on a big scale, to feed the whole world but as we look at it and see, it is big business. So, it is a very lucrative thing.

But here the Spirit of prophecy is tying all this merchandise and the merchants of the earth, (not the merchants of Trinidad, not the merchants of the Caribbean, not the merchants of South America, the merchants of the earth,) to a particular city. Well, it has to be a city who has global influence. Is there such a city on the earth?

And then also, we found, in that city, she is going to be burnt one day. In one hour, her destruction is going to come. It is foretold in the Bible. The same way It had foretold Christ's First Coming, the same way It foretold His Second Coming, the same way It foretold the Message in the last days, It also foretold the destruction of that city. Why? Because It said, "In her is found the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus Christ." The Bible even geographically points out the city, saying that it is a city seated on seven hills. And check and see if that city has a global influence and deals with the merchants of the earth. Amen.

So if this commerce in flesh is still in existence but not in the visible ancient form that it existed where you auction off and the people walk around like if it is

a cattle stall and say, "Open your mouth. No, he has five rotten teeth; I don't want that one. Too many problems: will complain of toothaches, feeling sick, can't work; in the night, he is going to wake me up in the house bawling for pain." All of a sudden, someone passes, and they hit you a sudden lash in your belly or something and the person falls and collapses: "Undernourished; too weak; can't work; unprofitable."

Then they may have one, and they say, "This one can talk Latin, and this one can talk Greek, and he knows a little bit of," maybe, "Hebrew too." He says, "My, this is a cultured slave. This one, I can use in the house. I wouldn't use this one in the field, I wouldn't use this one for breeding purposes to breed other slaves or something, but I can use this one in the house to serve; train him how to walk, how to bow when he comes in my presence. When I bring my dignitary friends, I have my house slave. I'll snap my fingers and he'll come." It was the way life was in those days. Okay?

Now watch. I am just trying to make it a little dramatic for some of the little children here so they can follow me. So, if it is not in that visible form then... You don't go to a auction like where they auction off furniture or a garage sale and you see some slaves. No. People say, "Owner leaving; a few slaves to buy," you don't see that.

Now watch. Then how is it being carried out? Is the Bible wrong? Did the Bible make a mistake? Is the Bible, maybe, meaning spiritual slaves? It is really a spiritual illusion to the text here or is it actually saying that that does take place? Well, if it is being carried out, it has to be in a more disguised form. It has to be in a way where it appears to be legal and acceptable in the eyes of an unsuspecting public. Wouldn't it? So when you look at it, you can't call it slavery. When you look at it, you can't say, "This man owns all these people."

Do you know they use political prisoners today? Now when a prisoner is captured by the enemy, that is a spoil of war. You are a spy and you come into somebody's territory and different things, they hold you and capture you. They realize that you are useful to your government because of what you know. But you have become their property; they are not going to let you go. No government can claim you because you have some files of the person there for very malicious purposes. So then, what you have to do now, they begin to use them now as a commodity: "Well, you have five hundred of my own in your jails too; I am going to trade you this one for them." Now recently, a lot of people—hostages are being freed that were held for years.

Now when you change the label, it is only language, you know. Like they were saying, "Resettlement of Jews." Right? "Relocation; autonomous Jewish camps." It is just language. He said, "Don't call it ghettos, don't call it death camps; call it autonomous Jewish settlements." Legal minds know how to put it.

So, they relabeled all these things. Because when a person is in prison, they can't ask to eat what they want, they can't go where they want; they can't do what they want.

And then at the same time, you have all these big European soccer leagues, where they come... They call it talent scouts. They come down, say in the Caribbean, and they watch a game. They are watching certain abilities possessed by certain individuals and they are going to market it for a certain price. And the person has a manager that they call his P.R.O. man [Public Relations Officer -Ed.] or his manager, and his manager is making negotiations to have this person get a contract, a professional contract.

But he is going forth in an arena for sport, to entertain people who own the league and own the stadium. And he will not be able to do what he wants

because they paid a certain amount of money for him and he is a commodity that belongs to them, and if they want to trade him to another club, they'll trade him over. But in the form of entertainment, it is nice, until everybody today, every young boy free and everything else, they want to go and play day and night to develop their skills to attract the eyes of a talent scout to be owned and become club property, to go out to entertain those who are hungry and thirsting after entertainment in the arenas.

Isn't it the same spirit from back there? When they found certain ones, the Romans found certain ones that had certain skills and certain abilities, they didn't just put them off in the fields and everything else. No. They took them and trained them in different skills: chariot riding, fencing, swordsmanship, different types of warfare and so on, and then they used them in the arenas.

You have all the big boxing promoters and these things that they have, what do you think those things are? It is still the same spirit but it is being operated now in a different form because the society has been so changed that these things become legal and acceptable and been labeled under another label.

Now, this great slave trade that is being carried out in a more disguised form and appears to be legal and acceptable in the eyes of an unsuspecting public, who never even realized that the slave trade never went out of existence, it just changed the outward texture. Because the spirit to make men slaves, never died; it is just that the methods became more highly sophisticated, well organized and packaged and presented in a different manner.

And you have a public—a society that is already cultured to accept this as a form of life. In other words, it is so skillfully woven into the fabric of the society, into domestic life and social life, that it is able to camouflage itself as it thrives, and expands, and

develops to great proportions, until it becomes a global thing.

Now, how could people... Could it really happen in this Age, that they can export millions again, to different continents like they did? When you have, let us say, a lot of those leagues going out there, people come from around the world: Argentina, Brazil, but they are out in Italy in Rome, in the arena.

Now watch. She has drunken the world; put them in drunken stupor that they have no discernment to see what is happening; to see what is going on.

Like many of you, parents, I guess, have already begun to speak to your children to warn them: "Little children, when you go out to school, if somebody calls you in a car, you don't go. If somebody wants to pull you aside and give you little things, you don't take it." Why? Because everybody with a smile out there, and a friendly greeting, and wants to look so helpful...

As I heard the story once, which is a true story, about in Disney World, this family had taken all their kids to Disney World. I think it was four children they had. Oh, when they went out there, they began to go from different places, to Epcot Center, here and there, seeing all the different things of Walt Disney. And the children were on vacation and everything else.

And then two of the children wandered off, maybe to go to the restroom or something, while the parents sat down there eating their hamburgers and their chips or whatever it was. They waited, they waited, they waited; they didn't see them come back. So they got really scared. So then they went around, looking around for them now, trying to find them and they couldn't find them.

Well, they threw up a whole alarm and everything else and they became so frantic because here they were, thousands of miles from home, out here with all their children and then two became missing like that. Then there was a kind lady who realized they were in a

dilemma, began to speak to them, heard of their plight, and she said, “Okay honey, you all go and try and look; I will keep these two here for you by the time.” Oh, she was so relieved to get some help. By the time they came back, the next two were gone.

When I heard that, my heart sank. And it was something that happened some years ago. And I tried to think, “My goodness, what if it was me. How would I feel if it were my children – to lose four in one day like that? Why? Because people look out and they see those nice children, and the first thing they see is: “I know just some people who could use a little boy like that; the price he would fetch.” See? They have just the connections to get him out of the country.

Look at Joseph – he was stolen, then he was sold, then he was secretly taken out of the country; then he ended up in another country. And his poor father said, “Oh God, well, I am going to go down to the grave mourning for my child.” And the father was a seer man, and the father couldn’t see the child where the child was. And if Jacob couldn’t see him and find him, nobody else could find him. Amen. Now you watch and see. No wonder he prayed, “Oh God, show me a vision. Show me, Lord, where the boy is; I will go right away.” But God had a purpose for the child being stolen. God had a purpose for the child being abducted and being sold. Amen.

Let me tell you, His eyes are on the sparrows, and He watches over us. Not one hair on your head will fall to the ground that God doesn’t know about. Amen.

Those spirits don’t die, friends, they just move from one to the next. Okay. I am trying to find a place to put a pause because I realize that I have to close.

Now watch. Everything in Genesis is in seed form. If there is child abducting, child selling, and it was part of the merchandise of the merchants who traded with these foreign countries...

These Ishmaelites and them, they were going down to Egypt because they traded with the Egyptians. And they knew the kind of commodities that the Egyptians wanted – balm. And they knew that Gilead had the balm. That was coming from Gilead. And then they knew they needed the balm because they had the arts of embalming bodies, the mummies and them. You see, it was a great trade, very lucrative.

And then they knew that all those big, wealthy generals in the army needed their houseboys because Egypt was growing to become a superpower. The standard of living was rising because they were ruling the world then. They were a prosperous country and all these people had big lands and orchards and different things and then they could buy slaves to tend it for them.

So these men were looking at the market and seeing, “Which would be the commodity that I can trade in that I can get a fast turnover and something that wouldn’t stay on my hands for long but that is in great demand?” And then they learnt the routes. Isn’t that right?

Let me tell you, trafficking is one of the most liveliest things it has right now. There is shoes traffic, there is bag traffic, there is shirt traffic, there is clothes traffic; there is this traffic. Down to everybody’s suitcase and all is going.

Let me tell you, long ago, you used to see those Syrians doing that; (is that right?) coming around the village with a suitcase. Now everybody has a suitcase. Nobody is waiting for the Syrians to come to them with their suitcases anymore, because they have built big stores. So then the people now, they get their suitcases and they are going because they know the destinations now. Because the air industries made it within a moment’s reach, and then the travel agencies and them, brother, the airlines and them, are giving credit so you can fly and pay later.

Do you know why? In this Age the spirit of money must dominate. That is the Age we are living in. Look to your Sixth Seal – the whole thing will be tied up in money. Trusting in uncertain riches. All her costliness will come to nothing in one hour. Amen.

Look. But what is in Genesis is in Revelation in a multiplied form because Genesis is your sowing, Revelation is your harvest. So there will be a harvest of the slave trade. The slave trade will be in great multiplied forms in the last days and that is exactly what this Bible said.

Then how is it being done in a highly organized manner where it could hardly even be noticed, is what we would like to see, this scheme, how this city, who thrives in these things, how she does it and keeps it so covered up. How could she move millions of people around the earth and make it look like excursions for betterment, for good purposes acceptable by the society; legal channels endorsed by governments? How could she do it? Amen.

Turn with me to Deuteronomy 24, verse 7. Just a couple of Scriptures and we will be over for this morning. Deuteronomy 24.

Are you seeing something in what I am saying? I trust that your eyes have been anointed. It never went out of existence because it is in Revelation. It is tied to a city, and that city has a history, in the past, of dealing in the sale of people. But you just can't move thousands and tens of thousands of people across the earth without it being recognized where you are taking them.

Deuteronomy 24, verse 7. God put a law here in the Bible because of the society, the type of society it was back there.

⁷ If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him...

And little boys, you follow it in your Bibles. So you realize that sometimes, you need to be a little more alert when you are walking in the streets out there, going to school.

... then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put away the evil from among you.

So if a man was found stealing any of his brethren or the children of Israel and he maketh merchandise of him... In other words, he used him as a commodity. He used him to get a price off of him.

‘Merchandise’ means, ‘*commodities of commerce, business or trade*’. That is what merchandise means. And ‘a merchant’ is ‘*a wholesale trader especially with foreign countries*’.

So these merchants have their merchandise and here we see in the Scripture, God seeing the spirit that was moving and the purposes people were being sold for and being made merchandise of and people was profiting of the flesh trade, and children were being shipped out to other countries by these merchants, who laws had connection with and doing their trade. Is that free? It shouldn’t be.

I mean, recently in the 18th century right here, (right?) in the 18th century—in the 17th century where they had all the slaves there, there were people who would make the expedition and bring them for the plantation owners, maybe who didn’t have their own boats and their own connections. And there were people they knew who had maybe a great trade agreement with raiders who would raid villages and capture people to meet the demand that was great, to set up their colonies in the Caribbean. We in the Caribbean here, are the results of a slave society, otherwise we would still have Caribs and Arawaks here. Is that right? Okay.

So watch. Turn to Exodus 21. And you study the Scriptures when you go home because I wouldn’t have time this morning. Verse 16:

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

So, this was a crime. This was a criminal offense and it was punishable by death, according to God's Divine Law. Now God keeps all of His Laws, so that is why we see this system, the Bible says, "Strong is the Lord that judgeth her." Because she was guilty of slavery. She was guilty of trading in the souls of men. She was guilty in this Age, in a very disguised form, of operating the slave trade in such a way that the public never even realized what was really happening because of how skillful and how cleverly she hid it from the eyes of the people and interwove it into society, and into domestic life and into social life and these things.

We have people right here in the church who have adopted children. Why? You were childless and you wanted to father one; you wanted to mother one. Why? Because the nature of a mother is in you. And maybe due to some purpose of God, you couldn't have, or God didn't let you have in a certain space of time. Well, then some people just went to different places. You see?

So we see then, one source of slavery was branded. Because other forms existed but this particular source was punishable by death. This source, that when you stole somebody to make merchandise of them, that was the one punishable by death.

There were other forms that was a mild form: people inherited slaves; people... Like when Israel went to Canaan land, Moses didn't establish slavery, but when they conquered the people and they conquered the Canaanites, they conquered the land, they were slaves and so on there. You read it in Deuteronomy and different places in the Bible, and it was part of the booty. It was part of the spoils of the war. They inhabited lands and vineyards and homes and all these different things. See? Then the Gibeonites who

came in and tried to even deceive Israel, they became bondsmen too – hewers of wood; drawers of water; all these things. So if you take it down through the Bible, you'll see it existed from Genesis right down.

Now one of the things we will like to show would be that slavery is still in existence today, and is still being used for the same purposes that it was used for in ancient times. Can we find out the purposes it was used for in ancient times? Sure. The Bible has it.

First, we see... The first example we read there, they were used for social purposes. Potiphar wanted one; he bought Joseph. There were many other slaves; he said, "No, I like this one." Nice, good-looking boy, young boy; look talented. If he asked him a few questions, the boy answered respectfully; didn't need much training. He didn't have to put a big yoke on him nor did he have so much fear. He began to notice, "The Lord is blessing this boy. He is intelligent. He could have administrative capabilities." Set the things in order in the home. The master came in, he said, "Fix the yard here. Do this here; do this over here." He said, "Ah ha!" He began to upgrade him. Finally, he was overseer into all that the man had.

The only thing that was kept back for the man was his wife. And she wanted to throw herself on him, but he was so loyal because he saw how the man—the honor that the man gave to him, being a slave, and the confidence that the man put in him, he said, "No, no." He said, "I wouldn't do that wicked thing. I wouldn't sin against God, neither my master." He was still conscious, he was a slave, upgraded in a glorified position with a lot of influence and authority in that house, over the man's property, but he was still saying, "I will not sin against my master." Alright?

So that was for social purposes. Then we see also Egypt... Now that is an individual level of slavery – a master-servant relationship. Then bring it on a national level now. The Egyptians saw the Israelites

multiplying and for political purposes, for industrial purposes, they enslaved them. Alright? So this slavery, we are not talking about an individual level now, but on a national level. One nation was enslaving another nation. One power was subduing another power and using them to do, what? Build their empire and expand their influence. Is that right? Slave labor; cheap labor. Give the better jobs to your own people. Sure. That spirit isn't dead; still here today.

Then we have it in a spiritual form. When it comes to the church, we found out, the church was conquered too, and taken to Babylon. You also have Israel under slavery of the Babylonians in the time of Daniel. We saw the methods. They screened them off, they took the intelligent ones, they put them aside, they used them in certain areas; they used the other ones, who were not so intelligent, in other areas. Is that right? Sure. So, I want to show that it is still being used today for the same purposes. These people own oil wells, own banks; own different things.

Because the whole thing is based on a child's need for parental love. And when a child is growing up without parents and doesn't have that parental love, and they get the surrogate father and the surrogate mother who is going to come now and show the love and the affection, it wins the child's loyalty. Because, "When nobody wanted you, I took you. When nobody cared for you, I cared for you. When nobody would help you, I helped you." And they began to win them over for their own selfish purposes where they could use them and exploit them.

Because they were able to build up populations. When you wanted Catholic populations for political purposes in certain places to shift the balance of power, you could move so much there through legal channels. When you want it for religious purposes, you could use it in certain other countries. After a while, they take them, they get indoctrinated, they get

so loyal. You say, “Well honey, after all, you know I raised you, I gave you a good life, but you could go back and live in your own country.”

Remember this President of the Ivory Coast [Félix Houphouët-Boigny -Ed.], the African President of the Ivory Coast, he built this multi-million-dollar replica of St. Peter’s Square in Africa where all those African nations could gather together, and he gave it over to the Vatican? Because he was an orphan, raised in a Catholic orphanage. To manipulate confidence, (see?) you could bring other cultures. Let me tell you, culture is a weapon, language is a weapon; skill and craftsmanship is a weapon.

Then we want to see the different forms that these things exist today, how it is cleverly disguised, even protected by law; even appears to be a great blessing to society. See? And they get all the unwanted children off the streets, see that they have a home; give them some food; give them some clothing. People say, “What are you all doing for society? Do you all have any home for the aged and the poor? Do you all build any place for unwed mothers, children who had babies and have unwanted pregnancies; who were abandoned after they were used and exploited?” They take them in and show them love. See?

In the first Exodus, there was a plan for the children – they killed them out. Pharaoh killed out all. Moses’ mother looked like she abandoned her baby. This little baby that looked like an unwanted baby came down the Nile but it wasn’t an abandoned baby; it wasn’t a woman who laid her baby at the side. Pharaoh’s daughter found an ‘abandoned’ baby and cared for it. Maternal love: raised it, schooled it, brought him right up close to the throne but yet something inside the boy’s heart, he turned around and destroyed the whole nation that did that to him. Was he ungrateful? Do you understand what I am saying?

In the second Exodus, Herod moved to kill all the children again. But in this Exodus, the plot is to kill them again but it's a different kind of killing. It is a spiritual killing of the children: control their minds, teach them a certain way, implant certain ideologies in them; make them take oaths and vows to bind them completely till death. We also want to point out that that system is still using the same methods to accomplish their evil goals. They have political goals, and all these things are systems in achieving their political goals. They have military goals. Abraham, like how he took his trained servants born in his household; went on a military expedition. He knew how to use them.

And when you send them back to their homes, when they go back there, they carry this new identity, this new ideology back into their homeland. Now they can study. Now the people have some influence in a country that they couldn't formerly get into, maybe, politically but socially they could have gotten in by doing social work; by elevating the social life.

My. I tell you, it is something. It is in the Word, okay? It is in the Word. It almost astounded me when I began to see what was happening.

Then on the social level, like Joseph, for social purposes, he was being sold. And a man had a social interest, wanting a boy of a certain quality, a certain education, where he could put him in a certain position, and he saw one like that in the slave market among many slaves. Because that boy was an asset to this man.

Then the next thing we want to see is the unchanging God – His judgment for that. If it exists today, He will be guilty if He doesn't execute the same penalty. And God keeps all His Laws, so God has to kill those people because that was a crime punishable by death. And we saw that He'll destroy the whole

thing in one hour because the merchants began to weep. Is that right? Okay.

Give me two minutes, just two minutes, just to read something out of this article for you about these 'child farms'. They have something they call 'child farms' where children are being produced on a mass scale for exportation. Then they have in those third world countries where people can't even afford to give a child a bread to eat, send them to school; nothing at all; they are on the streets there like a vagrant almost, people go and buy them. If you are a rich person, you have a child that is suffering with kidney problems, you can't get a kidney donor, but if you have a healthy child that you could buy in a third world country for fifty dollars, then you can get a kidney for your child to get a kidney transplant.

Now that may sound contrary but this is not my gospel or this is not... It is being reported in the news. Child farms is where they get all these prostitutes, and they line them up there in those poor countries, they pay them to bear a child for nine months. They get fifty or sixty dollars to carry the child, maybe a shelter and a bread to eat during their pregnancy, then these people take the children and sell them for five thousand, six thousand dollars, to wealthy foreigners.

They say: *Extensive international traffic in children for adoption is big business. There are extensive child trafficking networks around the world, many major centers of child commerce.*

Don't forget the big slave markets.

And many of these child trafficking networks consist of lawyers, notaries, social workers, hospitals, doctors, children institutes...

Plenty of lawyers to work out the legal channels for you. You need the notaries, who could see about the deeds, birth certificates; all these other legal papers to get processed. You need the social workers who know the families that are starving and can't really 'mind'

[take care of -Ed.] their children. You know the hospitals where the midwifery is taking place and the children are being born and the doctors who are delivering the children.

And then the child institutes that is set up so respectably, picking up all the unwanted children when nobody wants them. People are only speaking about religion, condemning churches and doing all these things, and they are doing all their good works by helping the society, and people are attacking them without a cause. And they have all these children and it forms networks that have global child trafficking and big child commerce centers established in different parts of the world where these things are taking place.

The same way man studied the subconscious minds, how you are controlled from the subconscious, and what gets into the eye and into the heart is what is going to influence the behavior, and they use subliminal messages in advertisements; they use advertising agencies to boost up their business sales by planting the image of certain products into your mind to control your buying; to influence your buying, so they are using a principle of how God designed man, for commercial purposes. So the same way they are doing this also – the child’s need for parental love. See? Friends, it is an evil world. You see, when you see this, you realize then... [Tape skips -Ed.]

... then many of them are being sold, stolen and sold and exported as recruits for criminal gangs.

Small but growing up in one of those big cities where tourism thrives a lot, they use them for selling drugs. They recruit them. They are being sold for those purposes.

I just want to read this one. It says here: *A Baby Farm.*

Five years ago, in a resort town somewhere in Sri Lanka...

Talking about this German man and this Sri Lankan woman, where they had this operation going and the police came and they found: ... *twenty local women and twenty-two infants, some just a few weeks old. The hotel is actually what was known as a Baby Farm where foreigners looking to adopt could come and browse and for a fee of one thousand to five thousand could have their pick. The young mothers, all desperately poor, would get to keep about fifty dollars in exchange for each of the babies.*

Then they talk about: *The Hague Conference on Private International Law found that there are extensive child trafficking networks around the world. Lawyers, notaries, social workers, hospitals, doctors, children institutes and others, work together to obtain children and make a profit out of the despair of parents.*

The same way they used to go to the continent out there in Africa and bring them over here, the Europeans brought them over here, is the same way they go into the third world countries that is devastated economically and loaded with poverty, and then they export them to the richer first world countries where people take all kind of operation so the will not make any children, only to realize they want children afterwards; some with all their promiscuous living and different things and are barren and can't have children, then they want children afterwards now, so they have to adopt one because they want to mother something. And so it is.

Sure, you have a few genuine ones in the midst who really want a child, who really could give it a good life and so on, but what I am dealing with is what really happens on a mass scale and the motive behind it, and the seed that God chose in Genesis, was in the middle of the Bible and is at the end of the Bible in the last days, and that place, He will burn and destroy, and to show that the people's hearts in this Age has been so hardened. Because this thing never really

went out of existence; it only changed the outward texture. It is still here but in a very legal, unsuspecting form and endorsed by governments and all these things.

They said: *The gray and black market in children does not always involve transactions between the first and third world. In China, the government's one-child policy has created a thriving commerce inside the country for the sale of children, especially boys, to childless couples or families with only girls.*

In Thailand four thousand young boys are sold or stolen every year and shipped to Malaysia according to the coordinator of the Center for the Protection of Children's Rights in Bangkok. The boys are usually bought from Thailand estimated three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand prostitutes. In Malaysia the boys are adopted by middle class couples looking for a male heir or sold as new recruits for criminal gangs that roam the Thai-Malaysian border.

The most shocking recent cases of child buying took place in Romania, where the U.S. television program 60 Minutes secretly filmed baby brokers negotiating with parents for the sale of their infants. The word got out in the States that kids could be easily had in Romania as long as you brought enough money.

And then this particular family, they said: *When we started out trying to adopt, it was going to cost \$US 2,500.*

He said: *In the end, we paid 5,000. I can't tell you where all the money went. Someone was getting paid. These officials in the inter-country adoption to the Philippines and other countries, they said, commerce in children for now is all but unstoppable, but as long as there are poor parents who desire a better future for their children, child trafficking can never be completely eliminated.*

Then they have these areas where—they have a picture here in TIME magazine where they had these

women here, just like in the medieval times – a bag over their head and a price tag on them. Lie.

And they talk about this young girl: *was offered a job in the pharmacy in the Southwestern province and she felt fortunate to get the work and did not hesitate to accept.*

Economic conditions again, drove her to take up any job she could get.

Then her new employer suggested that she accompanied him to Beijing to buy medicine. There she found she had fallen into a trap. Her supposed employer sold her as a wife to a man she had never met before. He then took her with him to live in the Northeastern part far away from her home and family.

Young and often naive girls from the countryside are particularly vulnerable to men who abduct them and sell them into marriage for prostitution. Attractive by a lucrative and growing market in human beings, gangs specializing in abduction, have sprung up around the country.

And the spirit has hit here now too. See?

The official PEOPLE's Daily has reported that almost ten thousand women and children are abducted and sold each year in this little province alone. The practice of abducting and selling women was common in times past, but it says when the Communist power came in, it checked it but now it is loosed again.

Well, what do you think happened? It was bound by a chain of circumstances where it couldn't operate anymore in that form. But then after that chain was unloosed from it, it is loosed again. Just like the Devil was bound by a chain of circumstances and will be loosed again. The spirit was still there. It didn't die; it was just bound. Just like the Roman church was bound by Christian principles and they were let loosed in dictators but they are going to be loosed again. You need to understand those things. You see?

The economic reforms of recent years have fueled a 'get rich at any price' mentality. [See?] The problem of 'commodity economy' is that everything becomes a commodity, even human beings.

We want the little children to come forward. They are going to sing a little song because they are a resource, not a commodity here. God blessed us with lovely, little children, being trained up in the way of the Lord, to live for Him; to serve Him. And here in this very Hour, that we are privileged to know that we have a fine, little group being taught the Word of God, being instructed in righteousness, knows these things that are happening in the earth and who, by the grace of God, could even take a part in the ministering in the house of God that they can be a real blessing.

You don't just want to have little children stacked in a corner but they can take their part, because the Bible says, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, He will perfect praise." Amen. Jesus loves the little children. Red or yellow, black or white, they are precious in His sight. He said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not." Look what His heart was. He rebuked His Own disciples but look what the heart of this Age has come. It has exploited and manipulated and used children for financial gain; for business purposes.

I trust that you can see through. I trust to keep my little promise. I trust you can see, from the Scriptures, what is happening and the spirit that is at work and how these things, through very devious means, is operating today.

And little children, sing your heart out. Sing for the Lord Jesus; to be brave in the house of God and worship Him because we are all here to support you and worship Him together with you, by God's grace.

[The young children sing a medley of songs -Ed.]

Amen. Let us all stand. We are certainly happy for what He has done for us. You know, we were

kidnapped at one time. The Bible says, "We are not our own; we were bought with a price. He gave His life, a ransom for us." When the Devil took us, back in the Garden of Eden, held us in captivity, in sin, in his stronghold, stripped us of everything, degraded us, humiliated us, abused us, but He was determined to get us back. Amen. He came looking for us. He found us. He was willing to pay the price to free us. Today we could never be sold back into slavery again. The Bible says, "Whom the Son of Man has set free, is free indeed; that we can stand fast in the liberty, with freedom, with which Christ made us free." Amen. Hallelujah.

Oh, what it is to know that we are free, friends. What it is to know, when you see how people can be exploited, manipulated, used, abused, when you see the corruption all painted up in education and culture to make it appear so nice, this Satan's Eden, but God could lift our eyes that we can look beyond that, to see into a Land where there is purity, where there is true Love, (amen, brother,) where there will be nothing sinful, nothing malicious, no evil could exist There, amen; it is something established in Truth; in Love.

And everyone of us here this morning, we have the opportunity; we have access to that. It has been made available to us. We can come boldly and receive it for our ourselves because it is a free gift; without money; without price. Amen.

God is not willing that any should perish but that all shall have Eternal Life. Receive that into your hearts today. Look and see the Hour that we are living in. Look and see the Holy Spirit. When He went right in There and began to pick up that little text there, He started with 'the hardness of the hearts of the people'. We didn't imagine where it was going to lead and what God was going to do, and how He was going to uncover His Word, but we see the things that we have been

looking at in these last few services. It is startling, friends.

If you are sober at all, if you sit down and think and look and see what is happening in this modern Age, in the name of civilization, in the name of a better world where the souls of men and women are being destroyed, their minds are being corrupted from the simplicity, but God is still here trying to reach out to that one that He can bring you to know Him in a true relationship this morning, a relationship of Love. Amen.

Let us bow our heads and close our eyes.

Father, we love You. We are indeed grateful today, Lord, to stand in Your Presence, to have the opportunity to come into Your house and to be within Your gates gathered together; most of all to have Your great, Divine Presence here amongst us.

We pray that Your Quickening Power is quickening the Word to our hearts and making It alive, and taking the Scriptures, Lord, and uncovering the hidden Truths that is sealed in the Word, making it so present tense and letting us see, Lord, the Hour that we are living in and the things that are happening, the deceit of this Age and the darkness that is upon the people, pressing them into this hideous condition, Lord, but the blessed opportunity that we have to escape these things, Lord, oh God, and to become a candidate for the Supernatural. To have association with the Supernatural World, with the Unseen, oh, it is more than life to us, Lord.

I pray today that as Your Word has gone forth and we spend this time in Your Presence, realizing, Lord, that You are here. We searched through It; we saw Your Word open up. Our hearts have been touched. May we realize, Lord, that that is Your grace, when You would come down amongst a people like us, to give witness of Your great work in this Hour, of Your Word that is coming to pass and to shine Light for us

that we can come out of the darkness, that we might walk with You in Light, Father.

I pray that You will deal with every hungry heart, every heart that is desiring Truth, to know the reality of Your will, and has a desire to serve You and live for You. One of these days it will all be over. That opportunity will be no more, like it was back in the days of Noah when that door was shut, Lord – nothing could come in and nothing could go out. And we feel that we are nearing that time because of the condition that the world has come to, and the way that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts and in the midst of His people preparing them and bringing them into great Translation Faith.

We see the hearts of one being turned back to true love and true faith, and we see the hearts of the other being hardened – children of Light and children of darkness; souls in Heaven and souls in prison; the Election, and then the reprobate, Lord; the Wheat and the tares. Oh, that we might find out that we are part of the great ransomed Church.

While the Spirit is here to quicken and to make alive Your Word within us, for He said, “Whosoever will, let him come, and he that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out,” even as the Father draws today, I pray, dear God, that You will bring them that don’t know You and desire to, into the saving knowledge; into a true relationship. Grant these things, Father.

And Your children, may they be ever more convinced. May, as the reality of the Word strike their hearts, may they be encouraged to press the battle, to keep looking upward; to look away from this evil world and look away to Jesus Christ. And this great hope in their hearts, may it purify them, to know that when You appear, they shall be like You. May You ever keep them faithful and true.

Oh God, and I pray that even the feeble hands that hang down and the feet that is becoming lame and is

turning aside from the path, let there come Divine healing so that they, oh God, would come back on that strait and narrow path, Lord. Those that are struggling, being faint and weary in their minds, may they strive lawful and don't fight as one that beateth the air. Oh God, the ones that have become discouraged, may they become encouraged and endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

May dear God, we wait patiently, faithfully, looking unto You, Father, having this confidence that You Who began the work, will perform it even unto that Day. For they that wait upon the Lord, You shall renew their strength. They will mount up on the wings of an Eagle. They will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint. Oh God, may it be shed abroad in their hearts, today.

Bless Your children. Strengthen them. Breathe upon them, oh breath of the Living God. Let the joy bells ring in their souls. Take away all frustration and fears and doubts, Lord. May the sweetness of the Holy Spirit overwhelm and overshadow them, Lord. Lead them by Your tender hand, I pray.

Father, as we leave this place today, may we take Your Word deep within our hearts; hidden, Lord, down in there, lodged in the secret crevices of our hearts where we are walking by faith and prayer, knowing oh God, It will bring forth of Its kind, for Thy Word is Truth. Hallelujah.

Dismiss us from this place but not from Your Presence. May the great, Holy Spirit watch over us, protect us and go with us. Keep us, oh God, keep us under Your tender Love. Bring us back another time should You tarry and allow us life.

Bless all the strangers and visitors within our gates. I pray, dear God, that they will not halt between two opinions, but like Elijah said, "If God be God, serve God," hallelujah; like Moses said, "Who is on the Lord's side." May today, if they hear Your Voice, may

they harden not their hearts but, oh God, may they be willing to make a stand for You. Father, we thank You again for Your blessings this day.

Bless the deacons, the Trustees, the workers in the Assembly, the Ministry, song leaders, musicians, librarians, helps, governments, the laity, every family that is represented here; every young man; every young woman, oh God. May the Spirit of the Living God dwell richly in our hearts by faith in this Hour. Give us a greater supply that we could mount up with Eagle's wings. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and we ask this, as we commit everyone into Your hands, in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

Amen. God bless you. You may have your seats.

We just have a couple of requests here. I just want to have a word of prayer for them; I forgot to. As we sing: *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour, all the day long.*

Father, I lay my hand on these requests. Thy great, Divine Presence is here, just like You were that night last week when you healed our Sis. Marlene Bourne, who is a nurse. She came in, Lord, and sensing Your Presence, and she was healed instantaneously.

You are still that same God, alive. You spoke through Your Word, You blessed us in the betrothal, now I pray that You heal these who are reaching out to You, asking, Father, that You will grant this favor and blessing unto them. May they receive it. "Healing is the children's bread," You said. Let them be well and become strong in their bodies, in Jesus' precious Name, for Your glory we ask it, amen.

[#155 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

... *my song*

Praising my Saviour all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Saviour all the day long.

[Tape skips -Ed.]

... *is mine!*

Make Him yours this morning.

Oh, giving us a foretaste here today.

Oh, what a foretaste...

Redeemed you out of the Devil's pawn shop. Amen.

... purchased of God;

Born of His Spirit and washed in His Blood.

