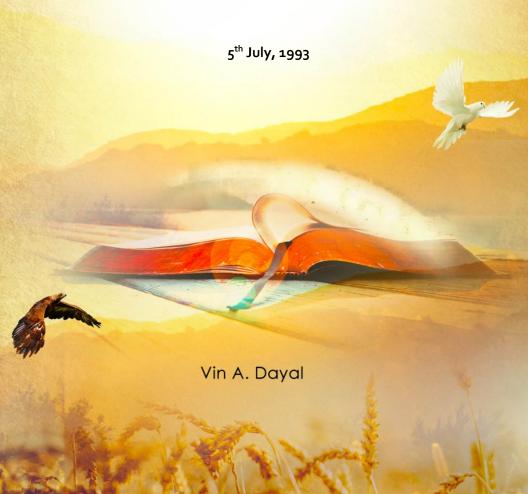
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FOREWORD

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You feel a calling in your life. The Prophet says, "Hear how God prepares a minister." On the message Influence when he's talking about Uzziah and Isaiah, Isaiah had a calling in his life but he got close to Uzziah. He had such great admiration for Uzziah that he began to put confidence in the flesh and he began to get away from his calling. And then one day Uzziah began to get lifted up. God had blessed him greatly but he couldn't stay humble. He began to feel self-secure because he had been blessed; because he could do anything and then God had to correct him. He tried to get away from his calling. He was a king and he wanted to go and offer sacrifice as a priest and the Levites took the Word and they corrected him by the Word but he wouldn't submit to the Word. He said he'll do it anyhow and God struck him with leprosy.

When Isaiah saw that, he went into the temple and he began to pray. He was in desperation. He saw the judgment come upon a man who was greatly blessed; a man who had influenced his life greatly; a man who he didn't expect to receive that kind of judgment. And while he began to pray in the temple a vision broke. God gave him a specific vision in order to teach him something. God wanted to teach him that a true servant, one who is called, their eyes must be on God. And God showed him a vision of Himself in all His glory and a seraphim in His Presence and this seraphim in the Presence of God had two wings over his face, two wings over his feet and he was flying with two wings.

A person can't see a vision of their own accord; their own ability. The same way we can't dream a dream.

That vision was given to him in relation to his situation so that he began to look at that vision. He cried out in repentance because he saw his eyes was on an earthly king and not on the Heavenly King. And after he saw the Heavenly King he saw a true servant in the Presence of the Heavenly King; how a true servant conducts himself.

And that seraphim, the two wings over his face, spoke of reverence; the two wings over his feet spoke of humility and the two wings that he flew with spoke of action. So God was showing him he has to be in action with reverence and humility. And Isaiah by seeing that began to see his condition and began to compare himself with the Real Example. He saw his own shortcomings so he repented. He made a confession. He said, "Woe is me; I'm a man of unclean lips." [Isaiah 6:5 -Ed.] And the seraphim took a coal of fire and put it upon his lips. After he made confession, cleansing came. The Prophet said, "We can only be cleansed after we make a true confession." And after he was cleansed the voice of God said, "Who will go for us?" And he said, "Here am I Lord; send me." [Isaiah 6:8 -Ed.]

He was prepared and then sent because he had seen the true vision; not to fly with six wings just full of action. Sometimes we see a lot of ministers just full of action but no reverence, no humility. See? We must have reverence because God is a holy God. We must humble ourselves to the Word because pride is the thing that caused the devil's fall. That was the Seal up in Heaven. That's what happened to Uzziah. He looked at his own beauty; he looked at all his blessings and he fought with God. He couldn't humble himself to the Word when he was corrected. So God didn't want Isaiah to be influenced by that kind of influence. He showed him the True Example.

And the Prophet said, "That is the influence" because that was how the Prophet himself was prepared and that is God's method of preparing a servant to do Him a true service according to His Word. If God called you to do Him a service and you have a calling in your life, there must be a confession of our condition, of our inability. We must see that we are not even worthy to be called to begin with. If we think in our minds why did God take so long to call me? I'm standing here with all this ability and God is ignoring me! And we behave like if God needs us but God doesn't need us. It's the grace of God that comes to us when God called us. It should humble us just to think that God would call us to make us handle His Word to dress His Bride. And when a man could make his confession there will be a real cleansing. And he said, "God only cleanses His people by fire, fire off the sacred altar."

So many ministers in the pulpit today who are just filled with theology, they make theology out of the Message. They come with their educated guesses; they come with their well worked out explanations; their intellectual conceptions. They make theology out of the Message. They are dead and the congregation is dead or they're filled with emotion and they work up the people in emotion. But life comes through a specific channel. Abraham had the right seed but Hagar was the wrong womb. When the right seed went into the wrong channel it brought forth a perversion, an Ishmael but couldn't become heir of the promises. David had the right ark but when he put it on a cart in the wrong channel, it brought death. So having the right Word is still not everything. There is a channel, a correct channel that the Word must be in, in order to bring life.

[Question]

"Here we see in the book of the original faith on the end some, where he speaks about Moses, and Moses not waiting for the special gift to the ministry. I don't know where it is but I have not.... Somewhere at the end he spoke about Moses. He spoke about the issue and then he spoke this word that we must wait for the specific... Do you know it?"

[Question]

"Concerning also to the minister in the Word, when for the special gift for the ministry?"

[Bro. Vin answers]

Well in the Book of Romans chapter 12, it says, "He that is called for a ministry let him wait on his ministry." Verse 3! You want to read? One of you read or we will read or you want me to read and he will translate. [Translator reads the Scripture in Russian. -Ed.] No go right down to 8. Okay in verse 7 speaking about the ministry:

> ⁷ Let us wait on our ministering or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Verse 7!

[Translator] But you have different words. We don't have words like this.

[Bro. Vin] "Let us wait on our ministering." Also in 1st Peter chapter 5—chapter 4!

[Translator] Can I read it?

[Bro. Vin] Read from verse 10 and 11 and 12.

[Translator reads in Russian. -Ed.]

[Bro. Vin] Okay so in verse 11 he is saying, "If any man ministers, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth." And Romans 12 verse 3, the end of verse 3 says,

> ³ ...according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

And if we look at Ephesians 4 verse 7 it says,

⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

We all have our measure. Measure means like if you take a ruler and measure something or if you take a scale and you weigh out something. It is in relation like when Joshua was dividing up the land in portions. As Israel was being placed positionally in Canaan's land, so we are being placed in the Holy Ghost. And Joshua, the Holy Spirit, is dividing up this inheritance of the Holy Spirit giving every man a measure and a man could only minister according to his measure. The measure

that the man is being given is in relation to the work the man is called to do.

If God called a man to be a mechanic, he would have to have the tools to do mechanical work. If a man is called to be a tailor God wouldn't give him mechanical tools. He would give him a sewing machine. So every man has his own work. Pastors, evangelists, teachers, who are called to exhort; then there are gifts of administration. There are different types of gifts: healing, discernment, speaking in tongues. There are all different kinds of gifts: playing music, painting.

So we realize then that a man could only function in the capacity that God has given to him. A man may just have a local ministry. A man may have an international ministry; a man may have a ministry to help in a local assembly; a man may have the ministry to be over a local assembly. Sometimes a man's calling and measure is to be a faithful help in a local assembly but ambition may want to make him an international minister or ambition may want to make him go and start his own church somewhere.

So a man must understand from God what his calling is. Somewhere in the man's journey God can change the man's ministry to higher levels because each true ministry will have three pulls: first pull, second pull, Third Pull. All ministries have that. On the message, Voice Of The Sign Bro. Branham speaks about it and so we realize then there's a lot that goes with your ministry. The same way like when we speak of the Holy Spirit the Pentecostals say, "The Holy Ghost!" Bro. Branham said, "When we're talking about the Holy Ghost, it's a lot that goes with it." He said, "It comes like saying engine," he said, "but then there are coils and plugs and pistons, that go with the engine."

So when we say 'the ministry', there are so many areas that go with the ministry. So if we just say 'the ministry', preaching, we might just have in our minds, go in the pulpit and try to be lightning and thunder but

it's not like that. If you look at the wise men—another great message the Prophet preached, *God's Gifts Always Find Their Places*, [1963-1222 -Ed.] listen to the thought. He is expressing a certain thought. He said, "God's gifts always find their places." He's talking about gifts and he's talking about placing of the gift and the gift comes from God and they always find their right place.

He said, "These wise men were in Babylon," a type of the world. We were in the world but there was a gift in us. But the gift served no purpose in Babylon. The gift is put in there to identify the Word for the Age but the gift cannot find its right place and know its true purpose until you see the star. But when the wise men saw the star, the messenger for the Age, the star led them to the Word made flesh. They had to follow the star because the purpose of the star was to guide them to the Word.

And now the gifts move from Babylon to Bethlehem and Bethlehem is the house of God's bread and the Bread of Life had come from Heaven and was on the earth. The Messiah was on the earth. The Seventh Seal brings Him back to the earth that the Messiah is here. And there are men on the earth today, who are gifted men; who have seen the star for the Age and they have followed that star and now their gifts are revealing the purpose that the Messiah is on the earth for because the Messiah was on the earth in that first coming.

The gold says He is Deity. The gold—one man had gold, frankincense and myrrh. That gold spoke of Deity, that this is God. That frankincense spoke of Him in service and the myrrh spoke of His death because the frankincense was used in the service and the myrrh was used as something to embalm the dead. So the gifts that the men brought were appropriate gifts. Other people might have brought a lot of gifts afterwards. Some family might have known that Mary had a baby and they brought some herb tea; some might have brought a booty. [A baby's sock. –Ed.] They might have

brought different gifts but those were not appropriate gifts. The true gifts would reveal the purpose and the mystery behind the life of the Messiah. And so there are many kinds of gifts today but those gifts don't reveal what the Messiah is on the earth for but these gifts will unveil the mystery of the Messiah. They are appropriate gifts.

And so those men were protected. The Prophet said, "God protected them." They couldn't die until that gift served its purpose. Bro. Branham tried to commit suicide on two occasions and he couldn't die. He said, "God was protecting the gift." That gift was to open the Seven Seals to bring back the full Word. If he had died we would have still been in darkness. But that star had to come to lead wise men to the Word made flesh.

So if there is a gift in you, God has brought you to Bethlehem to see the Messiah, to see the Word. If the man who had myrrh felt that, "I don't have gold" or "I wish I had that brother's gold" or "I wish I had that brother's frankincense," no! Frankincense couldn't reveal the death. Gold couldn't reveal the death. Myrrh had to reveal the death. Each gift was different but each gift was needed.

You see this is the finger God put it there because the body needs it. This wasn't because God had some extra fingers and didn't know what to do with it. This was part of the original design. See. This was designed and placed there because the body would need it. It may not function as often as this finger; it may not be used as much as the mouth; it's maybe unrecognized many times. People would more look at the ears and the nose but yet this is needed. It's part of the Body; it's part of the Bride and the Body would be incomplete without it.

So a man shouldn't have any inferiority complex. Sometimes an inferiority complex could make a minister feel intimidated and he finds himself completely dissatisfied and he has no peace and rest because he feels he's not pleasing God and he's living

under a strain by trying to be six meters when his measure is four meters. With all the struggle and strain he will never become six meters but if he understands his four meters he will have rest; he will have peace. He will not struggle; he'd be able to function and give a hundred percent just like another man who is doing a hundred percent. What God is interested in is that everyone gives a hundred percent. But if a man has six meters and is only giving twenty percent and a man has four meters and is giving eighty percent, the man who has four meters is pleasing God more. So the ministry there's a lot of things in the ministry and it's a growing experience.

In my own life when God called me He called me from the world. I had no religious background or training. When I came to the Message and I felt a calling in my life and had about eleven people preaching to, today the church has about six hundred people. I've travelled around the world preaching, yet when I came in I struggled and strained because it was so hard to preach. I didn't understand the law. I tried to run from it many times and it seems like God wouldn't let me run from it. I felt that there should have been books in the Message to explain to ministers how to function; how to deal with things in the church because I felt so incapable of being able to deal with the responsibility. It was God's grace that began to show me it was there in the Message; it was there in the Word.

If you read what is called the Pastoral Epistles of the Bible, which are like Timothy, Titus; Paul, who was the prophet-messenger of the Age, was speaking to Timothy and Titus how to set the churches in order; how to deal with the problems; how to be a faithful minister because Paul was the wave-sheaf of that Age. He was the pattern of a true minister. He is the original pattern and Timothy and they could have looked on him and understood. And when God revealed that law to me then I realized that Bro. Branham is our Paul and we

are his Timothies and his Tituses. And so we try to look at him as our example of what a real minister should be. And then I began to see when he preached certain messages like *Influence*, *God's Gifts Find Their Places*, *Why It Had To Be Shepherds*, [1964-1221 Ed.] *God-Called Man*, [1958-1005e -Ed.] *Doing God A Service*, all these different messages, I began to see he was laying things in there for us; certain principles that will help us understand our growth and development in the ministry. And as you begin to walk in it God comes and honors His Word and your confidence grows where you know what the will of God is and how to serve in that revelation of God's will.

[Question]

"Are we going to have question about the explanation on the Seven Thunders?"

[Bro. Vin] The first remark I want to make concerning Seven Thunders, on page 327 and 328, that is in the English in the Seven Church Ages book, Now this messenger of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do two things. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: He will reveal the mysteries of the Seven Thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the Seven Seals. It will be these Divinely revealed 'mystery-Truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers. Exactly so!

So right here we have the Prophet whose ministry it was to reveal the Seven Thunders giving us a definition of what the Seven Thunders are. He said, "He will reveal the mysteries of the Seven Thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the Seven Seals." What are the Seven Thunders? My opinion, your opinion, this brothers' opinion, this other brothers' opinion will just be our opinion. But the Prophet whose ministry it was to reveal the Seven Thunders he says, "The Seven Thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the Seven Seals." The Seven

Seals sealed up the entire Bible and in the Bible there was a plan of redemption.

The entire Bible is the expression of one goal and one purpose that God had and through the lives and acts of believers He has expressed that one goal and one purpose.

That last quotation came from *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* [1963-0728, para. 17 -Ed.] where he said, "The entire Bible is the expression of one goal and one purpose." And Jesus Christ is the principal Theme of the entire Bible. So taking that statement as a foundation as we approach these Seven Thunders to throw some light on these revelations contained in the Seven Seals. With that I am going to read the introduction to the *Church Ages*.

He said, Though this volume will concern itself with various major doctrines (such as the Godhead, Water Baptism) found in Revelation, chapters One through Three, its main theme is the setting forth of a detailed study of the Seven Church Ages. This is necessary in order to study and understand the rest of the Revelation, for out of the Ages come the Seals, and out of the Seals come the Trumpets, and out of the Trumpets come the Vials. Like the first burst of a Roman candle, the Church Age came forth with a mighty initial illumination, without which there could be no further light. But once the brilliance of the Seven Church Ages is given by Divine revelation, light upon light follows, until the whole of the Revelation opens wide before our wondering eyes; and we, edified and purified by its Spirit, are made ready for His glorious appearing, even our Lord and Saviour, the One True God, Jesus Christ.

The Book of Revelation is Seven Church Ages, Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, Seven Vials and are all sealed up with Seven Thunders. And when those Seven Thunders utter its voices out of the Ages we will see the Seals, out of the Seals we will see the Trumpets, out of the Trumpets we will see the Vials. The whole

Revelation will be opened to us. That is why the Prophet says, "Any man who claims he has the revelations of those Seven Thunders must tie the whole Bible together" because the Seven Thunders, those seven voices, are revealing the revelations contained in the Seven Seals and the Seals sealed up the whole Book. The Church Ages were under the Seals; the Trumpets were under the Seals; the Vials were under the Seals, so when the Seals are really given by revelation, the Book will make plain that the Book is one plan of redemption. It's a Book of redemption. Part of the plan is called Ages; part of the plan is called Seals; part of the plan is called Vials.

Everything in the Book of Revelation began in Genesis. [Blank spot on tape] ...which are the mysteries of the Seven Thunders. This is what will really turn our hearts back to the faith of the fathers. This is what will literally turn our hearts back to the faith of the fathers. This will prepare us and make us ready for the coming of the Lord. When we read this Bible, we will see those Seals, those Trumpets, those Vials, those Ages, all the way from Genesis coming through to Revelation. Revelation 10 is revealing to us the time that the Seven Thunders are being uttered in the coming of the Lord when that Mighty Angel came down from Heaven, Who is the Lord Jesus and He has the Book opened in His hand. It is no longer sealed because the same Book that was sealed in Revelation 5 is the same Book that is opened in Revelation 10, because it was promised in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to sound the mystery would be finished.

In Revelation 6 the Book is opened in symbol form. When the Lamb broke the First Seal, John saw a white horse but it was not revealed. The mystery was still sealed up in a symbol. When the Lamb broke the Second Seal, John saw a red horse but the mystery was sealed up in symbol. The Book was opened but in

symbol form. But in Revelation 10 according to the last day promise the Book is to be opened in reality form. Now what was in symbol form would be made plain. The revelation will come forth and these Divinely mystery Truths—and since it was mystery, it couldn't come through a reformer; it couldn't come to some group of people, because the Lord will do nothing except He first reveal His secrets to His servants the prophets. [Amos 3:7 -Ed.] It will have to be a prophet to receive the Word that was sealed in the Bible and bring forth the revelation because God has no higher order than prophets when it comes to revealing His Word.

And so this Prophet, Malachi 4:5, Revelation 10:7, was to bring forth this Message. And he being the Seventh Messenger to the seventh Church Age and the messenger always comes at the end of the Age. So after the Seventh Age was run out, (and the Seventh Age is the Pentecostal Age) and after the Pentecostal Age, the last denominational Age is run out, the Book is to be opened. And those Seven Thunders are coming at the end of the Age. The Seven Church Ages were the time of intercession where He was Son of God but at the end of the seventh Age when Christ is put out of the Church (and the Pentecostal Age put Him out,) then He was revealed as Son of Man. And Son of Man is a conjunction, an interval, a conjunction between the Church Age and the Millennium. Son of Man is being revealed between Son of God and Son of David. Son of God is the Church Age; Son of David is the Millennium and between the Church Age and the Millennium, in that interval, He is opening the Seventh Seal Book in reality form to reveal what went on in the Seven Church Ages, to gather the Bride together to take them in the Rapture.

And Revelation 10 is between the Church Age and between the Millennium. It's between the Church Ages and the Millennium in an interval. In that time these Seven Thunders are coming forth. It is the day of

redemption. Redemption is being revealed; not intercession now, redemption! When you see the Son of man coming in a Cloud, look up and lift up your head because your redemption draweth nigh. It's a day of redemption. The redeemer is coming with the Book of redemption. In the day of redemption, He gathers the redeemed whose names are in the Book of redemption. And in that Book lays the entire plan of redemption but now it is opened and those Seven Thunders are bringing forth the fullness of the mystery of redemption; a Message of redemption to the redeemed in the day of redemption.

Like in the jubilee, the jubilee was in the fiftieth year. After seven Sabbath of years, it was run out in the fiftieth year it's a jubilee trumpet. It was proclaiming redemption that you could go back to your family, go back to your inheritance. You came out of the walled cities. And Seven Thunders are bringing us back to our full redemption, to the manifestation of the sons of God going back to the Garden of Eden, our inheritance. Come out of her My people! Come out of the walled cities, the organization and go back to your full inheritance.

So those Seven Thunders are the fullness of the Message of redemption. It is the fullness of the Word. Adam and Eve broke one word and it took them out of the Garden of Eden and when Jesus came in the middle of the Bible He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And at the end of the Bible He said, "If you add one word all the plagues shall be added; and if you take away one word your name shall be taken out of the Book." So how can we go back to Eden without it being every word if one word broken took them out of Eden?

And so that Message of the Seven Thunders brings back the fullness of the Word; the Word is in its entirety. Here is the Sower, the Son of Man; here is the Seed, the open Book in His hand; the Sower and the Seed; the Spirit and the Word, the Dynamics and the Mechanics; the Redeemer with the Book of redemption. He has the Title Deed in His hand – the last Adam with the Title Deed to our inheritance coming to take the last Eve to the Garden of Eden. So these mysteries of the Seven Thunders are those Divinely revealed mystery Truths contained in the Seven Seals.

Let me now just put a few Scriptures here that will help crystallize and make more real this plan of redemption. If you look in Genesis, Enoch being translated into Heaven is a type of the Rapture. So the Rapture is being revealed in Genesis. The last half of the seventieth week, Joseph's making Himself known to His brothers. The mystery of the Seven Trumpets is in Genesis, the Day of Atonement when they began to weep and cry and Joseph will tell them, "It's alright. I forgive you," that was the Seventh Trumpet; that was the Day of Atonement; that is the last half of the seventieth week but It doesn't call it the Seventh Trumpet in the Book of Genesis. That's a revelation.

The Sixth Seal, the wrath of God being poured out God was destroying the earth. In the days of Noah, Divine judgment for those who rejected the message, God doesn't call it the Vials in the Book of Genesis but that is a Vial. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Christ and His Bride in the Millennium; His restored Kingdom is right there in Genesis. The resurrection, Abraham and Sarah came back young, received the promised son, It doesn't call it that but yet those things are there in the Book. When Cain was marked and sent out of the Presence of God, the mark of the Beast but it doesn't call it that there. The Antichrist spirit, the white horse rider who deceived Adam's bride with a false interpretation of the Word, It doesn't call it the white horse rider, the First Seal but yet it's there. So we can look and see the Church Ages, the Seals, the Trumpets, the Vials, those Thunders are all in Genesis and it comes through the Bible. At the end of the Age when the whole revelation comes into plain view, in the days of the Seventh Angel, he is revealing these things to make a people ready. That is why these Seven Thunders are the Divinely revealed mystery Truths contained in the Seven Seals.

[Question]

"He has one question about relation of husband and wife in eternity because there are different statements..."

[Bro. Vin] That is where I'm coming into my message this evening.

[The translator is speaking softly so part of the question is illegible. –Ed.]

"I just want to make a statement. I have two statements maybe one... The woman who is born again; the wife who is born again... Man with the Holy Ghost something like that. The wife... He is saying a man with the Holy Ghost cannot choose this kind of... Next question! Before you walk in the marriage they have to be born again. As far as I know the New Birth and the Holy Ghost is the same thing. This is my question."

[Bro. Vin] The Prophet says, "The best thing that God could give a man is salvation. Then the next best thing after salvation is a good Christian wife." So he gave us the order of priority because Christ is the Head of the man and the man is the head of the woman. If Christ is not the Head of the man, he is going into the marriage perverted because he cannot lead her anyway; he cannot understand Headship. When he comes in subject to Christ and Christ is his Head then he sees the true revelation of Headship in his life; then he can reflect that revelation so it would be Christ in him leading his wife; then he could deal with her according in the marriage; then he could love her as Christ loved the Church; then their relationship is going to reflect the mystery that a true marriage was intended to reflect because the concept of marriage in God's mind is an expression of the revelation of Christ and the Church. It's the greatest relationship; it's the greatest expression

of love that was in God's heart and it can be expressed in a marriage relationship. So Christ must be that man's Head first then the same God Who gave him the Holy Ghost will give him a Holy Ghost-filled wife.

[Question]

"It means that approaching—before we approach to this relationship, marriage we have to have certain experience of the Holy Ghost baptism?"

[Bro. Vin] Oh yes, sure! It is the original will. There is also a permissive will but the permissive will is not our example. The original will is our example. Faith will always draw from the original will; the perfect will. Desire will draw from the permissive will but faith will pull from the perfect will.

[Question]

"You are telling me that before I get married I have to be baptized with the Holy Ghost?"

[Bro. Vin] So if you are not baptized with the Holy Ghost you don't even have a revelation of Christ because you haven't received the Holy Spirit to receive the revelation and if you don't have a revelation you have no faith and if you don't have faith you can't even please God. You have nothing in your life to deal with challenges and the responsibility of marriage. You may have a lot of bodily exercise. In other words what I mean, you may have legalized sex but marriage is not intended to be legalized sex.

Marriage, you know the Bible says, "If a man is serving the Lord and then he's going to get married, if that man doesn't really have the Holy Ghost he's going to start to think more of the things for his wife than for the Lord." In 1st Corinthians 7, Paul spoke of that and the Scripture I read yesterday morning when the invitation came the man said, "I just married a wife." But a man with the Holy Ghost and a Holy Ghost wife together they will put the things of the Lord first. A true scriptural marriage is intended to bring each person closer to the Lord. Many times a boy is serving the Lord

faithfully and a girl is serving the Lord faithfully then they go and get married, their life becomes domesticated. They're no longer involved in the things of the Lord any more. They will still go to church but ninety percent of their lives just become domestic.

[Question]

"How could you know that this man—some man is living with the Holy Ghost? This is my question."

[Bro. Vin] The evidence of the Holy Ghost is being able to receive all of the Word. When we say receive all of the Word we don't just mean to agree with mentally and when a condition comes that challenges you upon that Word then you back away from the Word. But you'll be able to live that Word if you truly receive that Word because when you receive the Word, in that Word there's an ability to make you live that Word. A man with the Holy Spirit he has the ability to receive the Word; all of the Word for his Age that he is living in and that Spirit inside of him teaches him further on those Truths and gives him a clear understanding of the will of God. There's a greater development but if he receives that Holy Spirit he can receive all of the Word. knows that the old things are passed away from his life and all things become new.

Sure, you'll have battles in the flesh because in your soul that nature, the old nature died and he has a new nature but the flesh is not changed and there is a law of sin in the flesh that when he wants to do good evil is present with him. The mind is the battleground. He will always have all kinds of thoughts passing through the mind; all kinds of filthy thoughts sometimes. Not that he is thinking it but that is where the battleground is. Satan has access to his spirit and presents all kinds of thought there but with the Holy Ghost, he will pull down those strongholds and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

So many times a person gets condemnation because of feelings in their flesh; because of thoughts in their mind and that is why they need more revelation to bring the peace of God that they will know that is not them. They don't want to think those things; they don't want to feel that way but if you don't have revelation the devil will say, "You see, you aren't a Christian. You're not born again. Look at the thoughts you're thinking; look at what you're feeling in your flesh" and then you get condemned.

Paul says, "When I want to do good evil is present with me." In Romans chapter 7, he gives his experience when he became a Christian; the battles he went through but in Romans 8, he gives the testimony how he was able to live in victory by delighting [rejoiced] himself after the law in the inward man. And he sees that God condemned that old life when he was baptized into Christ's death and since he received Christ's Spirit God sees him as Christ so he doesn't have to try to eradicate these things of the flesh. He knows he's going to have that in the flesh until the resurrection. But God is not judging him on the basis of the law of sin in the flesh; God is judging him by his attitude in his heart towards the Word.

Bro. Branham said, "It's like a cocklebur that had cocklebur life in it but the cocklebur life was taken out and the life of the wheat was put in but it still had the sticky nature of the cocklebur though there's a life of the wheat in there." So it's like a black dog and a white dog, which one of the dogs you feed the most will win the fight. So when a man is born again and he has the Holy Spirit it doesn't mean that he doesn't have battles. It's now the battles begin but he has something to fight with. Amen.

[Question]

"If a man that receives mentally this Message is he able to say 'amen' to every word of this Message?"

[Bro. Vin] Well if he receives every word mentally he will say 'amen' mentally to every word. Simple!

[Question]

"In Revelation the 12th chapter who is this woman?"

[Bro. Vin] This woman really is Israel but she is also a type of the Bride; but prophetically it is speaking of Israel. The twelve—notice she is coming from the moon to the sun. She is clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet. The moon has no light of its own. The moon only reflects the light of the sun. The moon is like The sun represents Christ, the moon a shadow. represents the Church! And so Israel, they were under the law and the law was only a shadow of things to come. In the first coming Israel rejected the Light, the Light of the Son and they stayed under the shadow but they didn't come into the Light of the Son. But God promised that in the last days He's going to return to Israel and one hundred and forty-four thousand will be saved and they'll receive the Light of the Son which they rejected just like Joseph and his brothers.

So here we see Israel she is now come from the shadow to the reality. The moon is under her feet. She is now clothed with the sun. The crown of twelve stars is the twelve apostles. She has now received the doctrine of the twelve apostles because the Church was built upon the apostles and the prophets' doctrine Jesus Christ Himself the Chief Cornerstone. So now Israel is embracing that Word. [Revelation chapter 12 verse 2. –Ed.]

² And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And verse 5!

⁵ And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

That was Christ Who came forth then He ascended to Heaven to God's Throne; not His Throne, to God's Throne because in Revelation chapter 3 verse 21 He said, "I overcame and am set in My Father's Throne." Revelation chapter 5, He is leaving the Father's Throne

to take His Own Throne. And between that time, leaving the Father's Throne where He was a High Priest; where He was interceding for Seven Church Ages; where He was Son of God, He's leaving the Father's Throne to take His Own Throne as the Son of David and between Son of God and Son of David He opened the Seventh Seal Book to gather His redeemed subjects. So this woman here is Israel and verse 6 it says,

⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Twelve hundred and sixty days, which is forty-two months, which is three and a half years. So Moses and Elijah, two prophets are going to preach one thousand, two hundred and threescore days. Revelation chapter 11 verse 3 that is, they will bring forth that spiritual food for that woman because in Revelation chapter 12 it says that this woman was given two wings of a great eagle, verse 14.

¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place,

Moses and Elijah! Eagle is prophet; two wings. And that Eagle is the great Jehovah Eagle and the two wings of that Eagle are His two prophets who are going to preach one thousand, two hundred and threescore days who are going to bring forth the spiritual food to feed that woman in a time of Roman persecution. When the Catholic Church will be ruling the world, those two prophets must call out a hundred and forty-four thousand to bring them to the apostles' doctrine. They were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This same Message that we have, the doctrine of the twelve apostles is what will go to them.

