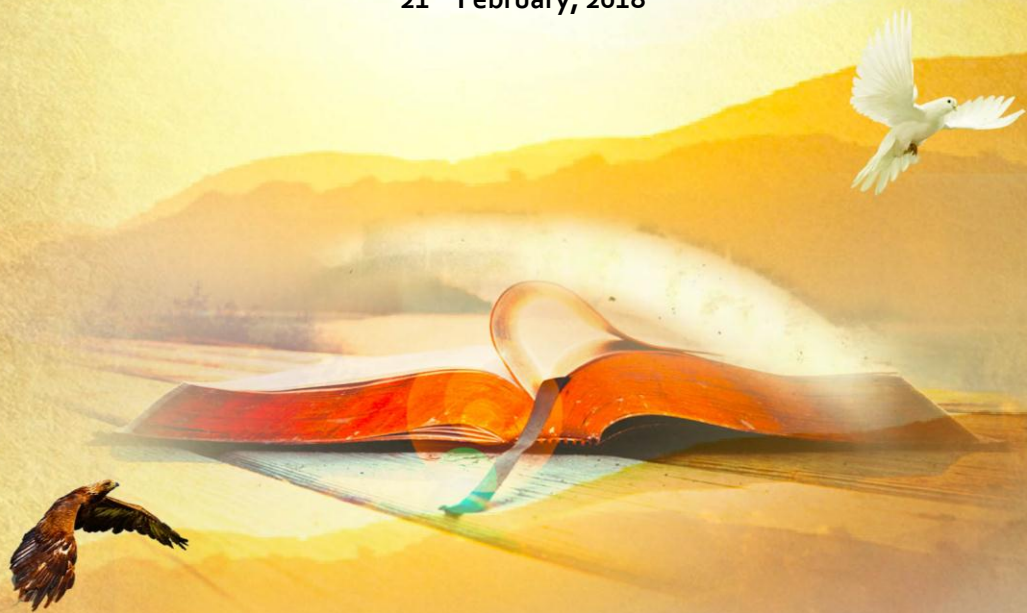

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Excerpt:

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A lot of people live their lives... What I am saying here is, life is a stewardship and that everyone would have to give account for their life: how many days God gave them, how many opportunities, how much health, how much grace God gave them, how they used these things. These are not things you take for granted. [Page 11]

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That's a mansion He's built for you and me.
Oh, let's sing the chorus again. That's a promise.

From the earthly to the heavenly
From this body to my theophany
From this old pest house to my
Father's house
That's a mansion He's built for you and me (2X)

Praise His wonderful Name. We certainly want to welcome and greet everyone that is gathered here today to pay their last respects. We consider it a very special time when we can come in the house of God and we can look to this One, Who is the Resurrection and the Life; this One Who is the very Creator Who has come down in these last days and opened up this Bible, just as He said He would do, that we might be illuminated; we might have an understanding of what life is all about; what our journey, our departure, our remains...

I was just speaking outside a little while ago, while some were taking a viewing and I was just whispering to one or two, I said, that's the body that Anthony and Betty produced. Anthony had a sperm and Betty had an egg, and that body was formed in Betty's womb, many years ago. And while the baby was even being formed (as we heard in the eulogy) and not yet come

forth, the mother was praying and calling her name, Joanna. That's Bible, to those who know the Scripture; the mothers in their labor, in these things, they groan out the name.

But as we look at the remains today, that's not our sister that we are talking about, because we are body, spirit and soul. The parents could produce a body, but they can't produce a soul. The only reason that body is there, it's because God wanted that soul to be expressed in this earth, that she might be born in that family and that she might grow, and that she might fulfill her purpose that God sent her for. When we understand immortality in the Bible, she is not going to be mammy's little girl over There. Not at all.

So as we gather today, we want to be understanding that we are here in the Presence of the living God; the very God Who planned the birth of each and every one of us; the very God who ordained the family that we would be born into, where He would choose that a body would be prepared for us by the sperm of our father and the egg of our mother.

Think of it. Out of millions, the doctors would tell you of sperms and eggs, so tiny, you would have to see them through a microscope, yet there is a Divine Intelligence that guides that sperm to that particular egg to form this body. This is a body that she dwelt in, because in this great school of life that she had to go through; a life that God had planned for her when she came here, that the things that she could learn about God in redemption and not a theology class, but in the course of her earthly journey that God planned for her. You are in your class, right now. You are going through yours, right now.

Death comes in all forms. Some people die in their sleep and they say, "Well, I died a good death." Back in the first Age nobody wanted to die a good death, in their sleep. All the believers, they wanted to be a martyr for the Lord Jesus, to give their life, when they

saw how He laid down His life as a Sacrifice. Paul: they warned him, “Don’t go to Jerusalem, you will die! Bonds and affliction await you.”

He said, “Don’t weep and break my heart. Let me finish my course with joy.”

Peter: when they went to crucify him, he said, “Don’t crucify me right-side up; crucify me upside down. I am not worthy to be crucified like my Lord, Jesus.”

Stephen: when they were stoning him and he was bleeding, he broke into a realm of vision and began to pray for the people; so influenced by how Jesus was on the Cross praying, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

These things are put in the Bible to teach us and awaken us and illuminate us as to what life is really all about. It is not how long we live, it is what the quality of our life is. It is what the understanding of our journey is. This is the reality.

Some people live ninety years, ninety-five years; they put them in the newspaper if they lived a hundred, but if that life had never accepted Jesus Christ, if that life had never come to know the Cross, if that life had never come to walk with the Saviour, what good was that life?

This is a good day to be here. We have our church gathered here, a big part of it, and we have many friends and families and different things. This is not the kind of service today... I don’t feel impressed to preach like a funeral. I feel to preach the Word of God. As a people, I hope it doesn’t go long that it detains you, but I want you to understand.

And I am not preaching so much for old people, I am preaching for young people because this is a very nervous Age. This is an Age where people don’t understand that the bottomless pit is opened and demon powers have come out; and people don’t understand the torment and the haunt that many people go through in life. You go into Ward 1, and you

go into St. Ann's [Psychiatric hospital -Ed.] you'll see the psychiatric ward filled with people – good people, nice people.

You see nice mothers walking the streets; they can't make a living for their children. They're sitting by the pavement; might have been a young, beautiful girl in school, might have been the heartthrob of many young men, and here she is out here in the street, drifting, because of what life is in this Age. Because the things that young people are faced with today, their parents and grandparents never faced when they were even forty and fifty. They are facing these things right in the secondary schools. These are things that are upon us.

As a minister of the Gospel, I feel very much impressed that this is a situation that has very important lessons. This is not a situation to whitewash, put aside, try to hide, keep an image. This is a situation to bring out Truth, to reveal God, to give strength that the Light could shine, so we'll know how to walk, we'll know how to live, where we could live with conviction and purpose in this Hour.

I trust that I am not misunderstood for this. If I am, I'll just bear the reproach and move on because this is Truth. This is the times that we are living in. May God help us today and give us an open heart to receive the Word of God, that when we go back out through those doors, we go back out a better people. We go back out more conscious, more awakened, more aware of what life is.

Many people here are raising teenagers. Many people here have found children on their hands, that, they left their father's and mother's home, long years before that. And some are there, and they look at it and they don't look back and see, "Is that some of my problems? Is that some of my father's and mother's problems? Is that my grandparents' problems?" If you know the Bible, it tells you the sins of the parents go

to the third and fourth generation. [Deuteronomy 5:9 -Ed.] But people are not awakened to this, they don't look at that. They say, "I live my life; you live your life." But you determine a big part of that life by what you leave for them to go in, and what our ancestors left for us, by the grace of God.

May God help us today. I will just ask you graciously to bow your hearts as we approach God in prayer.

Beloved Jesus, we bow in Your Divine Presence. We are so grateful to have a God like You. One of the titles given to You in the Bible, speaking of You in the form of the Holy Spirit, is called the Comforter. And You said... the God of peace, Who gives us the peace of God, You said, "I'll give you a peace that passeth all understanding; bring you to know and experience a love that passeth all knowledge: elective Love, unconditional Love."

Love: not that we first loved You, but You first loved us; not what we have to go through in this life. We don't look to these things because You, Yourself told the Church, "I know your suffering. I know some of you will have to give your life. Some of you have to go into imprisonment and these things."

You knew these things and You said You know it, showing us that dark skies are no sign of Your approval, neither are bright clear sunny skies, Lord, Your approval or disapproval. But dear God, we learn that whatever You allot in our lives, it is by Your Divine wisdom and we must learn Your purpose. We must seek and strive to understand Your purpose for us in this life.

For as Moses said in the Psalms, he said, "Teach me to number my days and apply my heart to wisdom. My life is like a handbreadth, like a flower that comes up in the morning and in the heat of the day it fades away; by evening the petals have fallen off and are gone."

“What is man that Thou art mindful of him?” David said.

Job, looking back at the brevity of life: “A man born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.”

Oh God, this only happens here on earth, the place where we live in a terrestrial body. We come into a terrestrial body, a body of flesh here on earth. We leave it, every one of us, whether we go to Heaven or go to hell, we leave that body here in the dust. We came in as a soul and we leave as a soul, whether we go to a theophany or we go to a place where we are just souls in torment, or just souls, Lord, waiting for the second resurrection.

But dear God, we desire to know and understand more clearly Your will and purpose for our lives, because we believe it would help us to live better, to live more conscious, live with greater purpose, live in a way not just for ourselves, but we can be a help and encouragement and a godly influence to many others. Did You not say, “Let your light so shine that other men could see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven, for you are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world”?

And so dear God, we want to be that, Father, that our lives would bring glory and honor to You, that would cause men to stop and look and examine and realize that behind that simplicity, that humility, that poverty or riches, sickness or health, whatever the condition be, there is the Spirit of God working out His Will in the lives of His children.

Teach us Your ways, dear God. Bless Your people today that are gathered in Your Presence, all that are streaming throughout the internet across the face of the earth. May You just have Your way, Father. May You get honor and glory. Lead me in Your Truth, dear God, that the things that You have impressed upon my heart to speak (seeing the necessity of these things, Lord), give me the grace; give me the way to say It, that

It would not be misunderstood, but It would be grasped. It would be appreciated, whether It finds us in certain places that we feel, Lord, God, that we are in a wrong place but yet, we would be appreciative that Light has come to help us to walk in the place, where we should be.

Take full and complete control now. We commit ourselves and the rest of this service into Your all-sufficient hands, believing and trusting in You, dear God, for we ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Praise the Lord.

I would like to just ask you to bear with me a couple minutes on your feet again, just for the respect for God's Word. I just want to read the Scripture and let you have your seats. I want to read out of 1st Samuel 28. If you don't have a Bible, you can just listen; I guess, maybe they are going to put it on the screen as well to help those.

1st Samuel, chapter 28, verses 15 to 20. This was a king, a young man who didn't expect to become king, and he was chosen by God to be king. It's a story concerning a man named Saul in the Bible, and this is the last few days before his death. It is strange that before you die, God can give you supernatural experiences to bring you to an awakening that maybe you never had all the days you lived on the earth. But this man in his last few days, as a matter of fact, the day before he died, he had this great experience.

Verse 15:

15 And Samuel said to Saul,

And if you know the background of the story, Samuel was already dead and gone on, a few years and Saul was king, and the nation was under invasion by the Philistine armies. And they came in very shrewdly: they penetrated the land, they set up their military installations, and there was no hope of Israel being able to overcome and come out of that situation unless there was some form of Divine intervention,

because the enemy came with an intent to destroy them. And Saul was trying to get a word from the supernatural realm from God, but he just couldn't get it.

It's difficult when you are at your worst, when you are at your lowest and you need to hear from God, and you are trying to contact God and you can't seem to get through. Could you imagine, your life is in danger somewhere by the roadside, the car turned over; you can get your phone out and you are trying to call home, you're trying to call your husband, trying to call your father or mother, trying to call 999, trying to call emergency – EHS [Emergency Health Services –Ed.] and you find that when you look, you've run out of battery? And when you look, you see death before you and then you find the line that you are trying to get a hold of is busy. And you realize, "I have but a few seconds to live." and your whole life is passing before you. What a situation! Many, many, who have lived on this earth and gone on, can tell you about things like that.

And so, Saul was here; he was trying to bring up Samuel. He wasn't going to the witch for the witch to tell him anything. He wasn't looking for the witch for information from the witch. He didn't believe in the witch, to begin with, but he knew the witch could contact Samuel and he knew Samuel could tell him, past, present, and future, as Samuel did before because he is a prophet and prophets live in this realm.

So it's like, I'm asking an evil woman to say, "My mother is right in that building there, could you go in and tell her, her son is outside and I need to see her?"

Well, she goes in and says, "Your son is outside, lady."

And the mother at first, looks at the woman who is telling her; she says, "Why would my son ask such a woman to call me? He knows I don't associate with

those kinds of people.” But the mother decides to come out anyhow.

Well, this is a case: he goes to a witch and a witch now which is one who knows necromancy, the laws of necromancy to contact the dead... because in those days when they died, the body is in the grave but the soul is in another place.

Her body is in the coffin right now. It has not even gone into the earth, yet but her soul is neither in the coffin there or it is neither on the earth somewhere. Understand these things. I want you to understand these things. If you never understood these things, I want you to think in these places.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed;

Saul said he is distressed and he gives the reason why he is distressed.

...for the Philistines make war against me, [and then he said] and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more,

“I am sore distressed, the Philistines make war against me, God is departed from me, and answereth me no more: four things. Look at the situation and now that is going to be compounded; not relieved. He is looking for relief out of the situation. He is looking for help out of this situation. But now, he is going to get news from the one he called up to help him out of the situation, which is going to compound the situation in a greater way.

What am I trying to show you? What a human mind can go through in times of great distress, when everything around you is dark and you are trying to reach out for help, and you can't get any help because the ones around you are insensitive of your condition and how far you have reached.

Understand this very close; it is going to put all of us, especially in this church, and family into a place to

look and see if we had looked close enough. May God help us. None of us would like to be there, but it just happens. So maybe in this situation, God wants to talk to us about certain things because His coming is at hand.

Peter said it again, what he was told. [Peter John, brother of the deceased –Ed.] He quoted the words today of his departed sister, not the ones that are present with him. He could have told you many things about them too, but he quoted the one that is already departed.

He said:

...[God] *answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee,*

“This is why I am calling you, Samuel.” In other words, “I’ve come to knock on your door and wake you up from your sleep. I didn’t want to disturb you, Samuel. I saw a ‘Do not disturb’ sign on your door, but I have no other alternative because my situation is really desperate, and when I look around there is nobody else who could access the kind of help I need, but you.” This is the situation.

This is not a bad man looking for something. This is a man in a situation and his life – and not his life alone, the whole nation’s life is depending upon it because he is king. Watch.

¹⁶ *Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee,*

After he said, “I am sore distressed, the Philistines make war against me, God is departed from me and answereth me no more.” Samuel said:

...*the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?*

¹⁷ *And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:*

So when the Word came to him, he said, “Not only that too, but God already took the kingdom from you.” What a situation!

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A lot of people live their lives... What I am saying here is, life is a stewardship and that everyone would have to give account for their life: how many days God gave them, how many opportunities, how much health, how much grace God gave them, how they used these things. These are not things you take for granted.

People pay more interest in their money. People pay more interest in their education. People pay more interest in their property, but they fail to watch their life. They leave all of what they paid attention to and they leave this world without it, to go out unprepared. Like God told Hezekiah, “Set your house in order. You are ready to die!” So, we come to places like these in life.

¹⁸ Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

¹⁹ Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines:

Notice Samuel didn’t socialize, Samuel didn’t fellowship. “Hey, long time I haven’t seen you, Saul, so how are you doing? How are the children going?”

How's this and that and so on?" No. He is coming up from the Other World, back here, to tell him something. And when he is telling him, his journey, Saul's journey isn't finished, but it is about to be finished. His book is about to be closed and put on a shelf and he is about to leave this earth too, but Samuel is giving him a certain amount of understanding. What would that knowledge do? Though the time is short, he could fix all of that right there. Though that time is short, he could fix all of that right there! Watch.

19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: ... to morrow... [the time]

Tomorrow, not today, not the day after, not next week; tomorrow

...to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me:

What a consolation! After Samuel told him all of those things, "You are an enemy of God, God departed from you, this and that and so on," he said, "but tomorrow you will be with me here." Isn't that something? To show what you do doesn't determine where you go. It's if you were chosen back there to a place.

If you plant a grain of corn; it's a grain of corn. A big branch might fall on it, it might grow like this for months. [Bro Vin shows the slanting manner in which the plant could grow. -Ed.] Then somebody sees it, they lift the piece of wood off. They put it... they tie it back. They water it. They mould it up and it is going again. It may have fungus that wants to come and eat it down; somebody passes and sees it and they spray the fungus off. Do you understand? It is unto an end.

That's why the Word said: *All things work together for good to them that love God.* [Romans 2:28 -Ed.] She is leaving us with something, for me to preach this today and this would go down to help many around the

world. And this is going to put Light in the Bible and make people think in places their minds don't normally go! And this Light would help people evaluate themselves and their lives and their condition before God in a greater way. Understand this.

...to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

First, the Lord will deliver Israel (that is the armies) into the hands of the Philistines.

Then, "Tomorrow you and your sons would be with me."

And then, the Lord said, "I'll deliver the host of Israel." This is now, the people in the nation; they also would be delivered to the Philistines.

There are three things in the prophecy here, mentioned. I pointed it out to you, so you can see, he now knows, "Oh, my God, I am going to die tomorrow. This man, when he speaks, his word comes to pass. When I wasn't king, this man saw me, this man anointed me; this man put me in office. My trouble started because I disobeyed this man's word." You understand? "And I know there is only one person I can go to, to tell me the truth and it's this man. And now, this man is telling me, I have but tomorrow to live. This is my last few hours here remaining and not only me, all my sons too, are going with me."

It came to pass exactly like Samuel said. But I want to show you, on top of all this depression, this now is being added to him. How does a man live the rest of his hours? What condition would his heart and mind be in? All these things in the Bible are not Old Testament stories but are written for our examples. It is to teach us about life because this is the Book of Life. Every one of us passed in places like this and that is why we can identify where we are.

20 Then Saul [this news] fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

Let us pray one more time.

Father, take these words, Lord; help the people to relax, not to become tense, but let what they hear be evaluated and analysed with a clear mind, so that they would know how to apply It in the places in their lives that would help them to see Your will more clearly, and how to come into a place where they can walk closer with You. Would You do it, Jesus?

We thank You, dear God, for how You dealt with Joanna and what You have left here for us to speak on a day like this. Because had not these situations existed, these Truths could remain right there in the Bible, and in an Hour like this, when the whole world is nervous, when men's hearts are failing for fear, when, dear God, hell is being created on the earth and gross darkness is upon the earth and upon the peoples, Lord, You can say, "Arise and shine, thy Light has come," to lighten the path of many who are walking in the dark, that the Word can be a Lamp unto their feet and a Light unto their pathway. They can come to know You – the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and they can find rest and peace. May You grant it, we ask, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

Well, we are here to pay our last respects to our beloved sister. Joanna John...Joanna Grace John. And we took this reading and I want to take another reading also out of Matthew 27. You know, I want to bring suicide into focus, and I want people to understand that suicide is not a sin without forgiveness. This is Catholic teaching that tells you... but in the Bible—the Bible teaches no such thing. As I asked the question the other night: which is worse in

the sight of God, to kill yourself or kill somebody else? To kill yourself or kill somebody else, which is worse?

Now, think of this. Death is not always... You know, people who died, people who are killed and these things, you know, all killing is not evil. You say, well, "Brother, the Bible says thou shall not kill." Well, David killed Goliath, and Israel killed their enemies. And God told Joshua, "Go and kill everything; oxen, and ass, and people, and everything else." Because, even in today's court, you can kill in self-defence.

Killing in war is sanctioned by God: David fought his wars, Joshua fought his wars; Israel fought his wars; the Judges, God raised them up to fight wars. And so, all killing is not evil. Killing by accident in the Bible was... Grace; a city of refuge was provided by God so a man who killed somebody by accident could run and find safety.

So, when we look at killing, sometimes people, you know, their minds don't understand, and people live under so much misinterpretation and are influenced by so many rumors. And then people are quick to run with rumors and misinterpretation, they don't search the Scripture to find Truth. So then, they become a slanderer of other people. They've come to a place where they go now and they speak things and they try to bring a defamation on something that they do not know about.

Suicide is not an unpardonable sin. You say, "Can a person who committed suicide be saved?" That is in the Bible; they can be saved. And that's what I'm going to show you today. Not in all suicides a person says, "I hate God. I hate myself. I hate my family and I'll take my life." It's not so.

I'm going to show you, we are in the greatest battle ever fought and the battle is in the mind, right here. And demon powers come and they haunt and torment people and not everybody is born with a strong will.

I'm going to show you some people's strengths are in different places, and their weaknesses are in different places. The Bible teaches us that. Abraham's sin wasn't Moses' sin. Moses' sin wasn't Joseph's sin. Samson's sin wasn't Abraham's sin. They were all different. Everybody is made up differently. Everybody has his own strengths and his own weaknesses. Common sense can show you that; you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure that out.

There are certain things some people can do easily and you can't do it. There are certain things you can do and they can't do it. A fox could run from a cheetah, and from the time he finds that hole, he can run into that hole and the cheetah can't get inside the hole after him. And he could stay inside the hole and laugh at the cheetah and ridicule the cheetah because the cheetah can't come into that hole. So everybody, God gave them their sense.

God put the same deer, more like a domestic animal, feeding on the grass, with a tame and timid spirit, and God put it in the environment with a hyena, with a leopard, with a lion, with a cheetah: predators, who would go after that deer as food. But God didn't give that deer ferociousness to withstand the attack. God gave the deer a sense of smell and that deer could smell him from a distance. And as long as the deer lives in that sense, he cannot get that deer because that deer is protected in its God-given sense. It may look insecure against that threat, but as long as it abides in the place...

You might be a little, small believer, but as long as you abide in the Word of God, as long as you find your place and your position in Christ, all of Heaven is behind you there. And people may look at you on a human level, but you have a Divine protection from God because the Bible says, "The Angel of God encampeth round about them that fear Him." [Psalm 34:7 -Ed.]

So why do people commit suicide? There are six suicides, six specific people who committed suicide in the Bible. And all Scripture is given by? [Congregation says, "Inspiration." -Ed.] It's written for our examples and it's profitable for what? Instruction, for doctrine, for teaching, that the man of God will be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. [2nd Timothy 3:16-17 -Ed.] This is the Book of Life. And the first time you see a truth in the Bible that's the root of that truth; and every other truth that is given is to unfold that truth. So suicide is not a thing outside of the Bible, and God put it in the Bible so you can look in the Bible and you can see what these things in the Bible mean. It's a great thing.

I'm going to show you two men that committed suicide here; one is Saul and one is Judas. One was a king, a man chosen by God, anointed by a prophet, set in position, given a kingdom by God. And Judas, he was foreknown of God, he was chosen of God.

You say, "He was not chosen."

He was not chosen? Jesus said, "Have I not chosen twelve?"

Go back in your Church Age book if you are a believer. He was foreknown because in the Psalms, David said, "He that eateth bread with me will lift up his heel against me." [Psalm 41:9 -Ed.]

Hundreds... Eight hundred years before Christ, David was seeing that in vision and speaking that. "He, my familiar friend whom I went into the house of God with is going to do this." So when you look, you see those things. He also was an apostle no less than Peter, and James, and John, and all of them. They were all equal apostles because they shared knowledge in the Mysteries of God. He had power to cast out devils and do miracles and these things just like them, but he was born the son of perdition so that he might fall and go to his place: Acts 1. I'm saving time so I quoted the Scripture for you.

Matthew 27, verse 1 to 5. Judas went back among the Pharisees and he was so disappointed with himself. I'll show you—because what I'm trying to bring to you is, why do people do this? Why do people get themselves into a place where they commit suicide?

When Judas made a bargain with the scribes and Pharisees to give Jesus over into their hands so they could kill Him, he thought he was swindling the scribes and Pharisees. He didn't plan he was doing that to kill Jesus, you know. He thought he was swindling them some money because his weakness was money. Let me just read the account.

² And when they had bound him, [speaking about how they bound Jesus that they might put Him to death] they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

³ Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.

He carried back the money, threw it for them because he realized at that moment, Jesus Who... when they had tried to stone Him, throw Him over a cliff, He used to just disappear and go. So he was thinking, well maybe Jesus will do the same thing. He thought it was a trick. So when they did this, he could say, "I delivered Him into your hands. If you let Him go, that's your business. I kept my part of the bargain. You have to keep your part of the bargain."

Only to find out, when he did that, they took Him and they crucified Him. He went and hung himself. He went and hung himself! The Bible in Acts 1 says that he fell, that he might go to his place. Samuel told

Saul, “Do you know where your place is going to be tomorrow? Here with me. You had all those problems, but your place, you’re coming here with me.”

Two men: this one is chosen by God, foreknown by God, is given an apostolic ministry by God, is part of the twelve, is close to Jesus, of the same tribe. And then this one who shared knowledge of the Mysteries, he goes now and he dies by suicide.

The suicide now is: what is it that caused him to kill himself; shame, embarrassment, humiliation? He was a man who could bargain with somebody’s life for money. He was a man that was shrewd. He was a man, the Bible says, he used to steal the money. He used to hold the bag in the church.

And he could come out with a smiling face and talk virtuous and say, “To what purpose should we give all this money to waste? We could do things for the poor.” showing like he was interested in spending the church’s money right. He could have that kind of brass face and yet at the same time when it comes to this here, and he saw embarrassment because of what he did – how he betrayed Him. This Man was innocent. But he was playing tricks with somebody’s life, and now he was not fully conscious of the One whose life he was playing that trick with, until it dawned upon him, “This is the innocent Blood; this is the Lamb of God!” When all that revelation began to hit him, he realized he can’t handle this! How is he going to come out of this situation? You were in a trusted position. You walked... The shame, the embarrassment, the humiliation; the mind, the mental system collapsed under the strain, is what I’m coming to.

I’m showing you why people commit suicide. Why did Saul... I’m going to read a little part of Saul’s experience here for you. Saul’s picture comes to us in the battle. Do you know why? It’s on the battlefield this girl died. She died on the battlefield. She was

engaged (like all of us who are conscious) in the greatest battle ever fought, right here in the mind. But the Word has to be mighty to pull down strongholds, and have a readiness to revenge all disobedience, and bring every thought into captivity. [2nd Corinthians. 10:4-6 - Ed.] This requires skill.

Paul said, “Put on the whole armour of God that you might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil in this evil day.” [Ephesians. 6:11-13 -Ed.] He talked about an evil day and that’s the Day we are living in. The evil day is when the pit is opened and all those demon powers are loosed in the earth.

People who do not know the Word of God, they just find the world is getting bad. And old people who lived in a past generation say, “But look at the children of this generation how bad they are. We couldn’t do that. Look at what those young girls are doing. Look what this is doing. But look at the things they have on the internet.” and they think like that. But when you know the Word of God, the Bible tells you that actions you’re seeing in people are not their own mental thing; that’s demonic oppression, demonic influence. That is spirits invading and taking over in the lives of people, and these people are people who become captive and fall in defeat in this battle.

There are many casualties in this battle. From my little experience, I see many who don’t have the *whole* armour...the *whole* armour; they have little parts of the armour. And then I see many who are not trained to fight, who don’t even know who the enemy is. Because when you see somebody fighting their brother and fighting their sister, you know they don’t know who the enemy is.

Then you realize now, that their mind is being turned, because the powers there, they can’t get it out of their mind, and they’re coming under the influence of those inner voices that are destabilizing the mental system here. You’re walking in your own ward in St.

Ann's [psychiatric hospital -Ed.], dressed up and going to work. Somebody gives you a bad drive, you're vexed, you spew something in the car or you turn down the glass and you shout, or you give them the middle finger or something, and you know, because there's road rage and stress on the road and the tension and the pressure.

Then you go in the office. And then you go in the office now; somebody is interfering with the things on your desk, that you don't like, and somebody's doing something and then that's a next thing again. And then by the time you get back home in the evening, you're all worn out, mentally drained and tired. During that time you're trying to take coffee, you're trying to take different things that can kind of bring you up a little bit and give you some mental alertness. But you find with the stress and the pressures, it's more than coffee you need.

Watch something here. I showed you Saul, when he was being told all of this, when he knows the pressure. You don't go to meet a witch to ask them to call up a prophet if it's not necessary. You are the king; you have a cabinet, you have counselors, you have advisors, you have your military generals, your Joint Chief of Staff, you have your different people there – Minister of National Security; you pull them together and you discuss what your best options are. “Maybe we'll take the diplomatic route. Maybe we'll try to get the Philistines to come and negotiate at the table and say, ‘We don't want to go into a hot war. Let's have some diplomacy. Let's discuss this thing because too many people will die on both sides.’”

Every day it happens. Every day in the nations it happens. People have to sit down and engage one another and discuss trying to find a peaceable solution to a matter that could get volatile and become explosive.

In your own life, after you sit down there and you're taking in, you're taking in, you're taking in, and you are a kind of introvert person who doesn't talk much, and after a while, you get to a place you start to do some strange things. And your mind gets in a zone, "You see me, I'm not taking this. I will do for this person." And then you're watching some kind of movie or something and then you're getting more anointed and more influenced; because it's violence and you're seeing things there. And you start to talk like, "I could wipe them out. I could give somebody... I could go and buy a gun; I could give somebody and pay for a hit." you know, and you're going down all kinds of roads. Now, do you think you're sitting down and thinking up that? No. This is not mental, friends.

There is the unseen world. And when you get conscious of the unseen world... Where do thoughts come from? Where do your thoughts come from? That's a transmission to you. You say, "My mind told me to do that." What is your mind? That is just a term people use because they can't describe and they can't give any definition to where it's coming from. Because they're unconscious of that realm, they say, "My mind told me" or "I felt to do this" or "Well, I don't know, I just did it. I don't know why I did it. It just looked like the thing to do at the right time."

Christians don't live their lives there. Christians look at things closely. But yet sometimes, though we are Christians yet we have people suffering around us, not physically. It is easy to recognize the person with a rash on their face, with a skin disease, with something, you know, with a kind of demeanor, you see that kind of countenance, and they're sad and they're down, and they're depressed. And then you see some; it's just in the eyes, but you can't read the eyes too well. And then you're not going to talk to the person because you are the kind of person that says,

“You see me, I’m not asking anybody anything because that’s their business, and I’m minding my business.”

Where do you think you’re getting that thought ‘minding your business’ from? That’s a next kind of devil telling you that same thing, because the Word says: “Love one another. Bear one another’s burdens; the strong to bear the infirmity of the weak. Think on the things of others.” Doesn’t the Word say all these things? But some people now, well, they’re set. “I don’t talk to anybody; they have to come to me. If they come to me, then... I’m not going to them.”

And sometimes Satan could take a bunch of Christians who have eagle belt buckles, Malachi 4 bumper stickers, all kind of artifacts to show they’re in the Message of the Hour, and then you find that they can’t deal with little things right around them, because when they look, there’s no real spiritual discernment. They don’t realize the chain is as strong as its weakest link, and they fail to realize, “If you know it, how much more the devil knows it.” Because you’re only with the person in church or maybe share a handshake, or you turn around and greet somebody, but that devil knows where they’re living. That devil’s in the house, that devil knows where they’re working, that devil knows what’s going on, and that devil there is on their case because that is the opposition.

That devil knows, “They’re not on my side. They’re on the Lord’s side and they are the enemy, and we can weaken them and we can paralyze them and we can hinder them. That’s our job to keep them down. Never let them become a threat to us!”

Battle, warfare: *Putting On The Whole Armour Of God*. [1962-0607 -Ed.] *God Versus Satan* [1962-0531 -Ed.], *Wisdom Versus Faith* [1962-0401 -Ed.], *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* [1962-0311 -Ed.]; we are being taught these things. Then *How Can I Overcome?* and in there he tells us, “Recognizing the devil at every one of his tricks.” [1963-0825M Para. 105 -Ed.]

And Paul said, “We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, spiritual wickedness, rulers of the darkness of this world.” [Ephesians 6:12 -Ed.] Darkness is ignorance. There are people managing the masses and keeping them ignorant through mind control, through misinformation, through directing their attention to the media that they think is the source of true information, and they’re being influenced with the political ideologies and opinions of others who just want to use the masses for support in their own agenda.

But a believer who wants the mind of Christ to walk in—I’m coming down to the place to show you: in this world, in this Information Age where everybody’s on their cell phone, everybody’s on their iPad, everybody’s on the internet, everybody’s on social media, everybody’s on WhatsApp; some people have three and four different email addresses and different things; it’s so much to manage and they’re living in that world of information. Do you think they could be aware of the war and how the war is being fought, and what is their role in the war? Do you think they could be sensitive to somebody right there, who needs some encouragement right now?

And sometimes when there is insensitiveness and people lack encouragement, when they check out their encouragement compartments, they’re dry. When they check out their criticism compartment, it’s full. Everybody could pull a criticism and throw on somebody, but they’re short on encouragement because they have a low concept of the Body and a low concept of the warfare. We are helping to create casualties by insensitiveness and misunderstanding the warfare. Because anybody who’s really conscious of how the enemy works, and the Scripture here, where I’m showing you, how does a king, a man in charge of all these forces; a man could get so

misdirected until he comes to that place? But I'm going to show you when he committed suicide, it was not like a man who just said, "I'm going and end my life, yes. I can't take it anymore." No.

People can take their life or do things to harm themselves, even though they don't take their own life because they're not able to manage certain things up here as they should. [Bro. Vin points to his head -Ed.] They're not decisive enough.

And then we have people walking around now as fountains of knowledge and then, they can't see the weak and the suffering right among them. If it's somebody who comes in a wheelchair, "Yes, that brother is sick." That doesn't need any discernment.

You see, any physical, outward sickness, anybody could see that once they have eyesight. But when you see a person now, getting more introvert, going through some depression, you hear the pessimistic thing coming in; when they speak it's more negative than positive, you know their level is low; they're smiling less. You start to see symptoms; you know that is the results of something internal going on and you should get there to enquire, "Is there something we can do? Is there something...?" We don't wait.

Sometimes we wait for news. Somebody has to say, "Well, the person told me don't tell anybody, but they confide in me so I'm telling you, let us do something for them." So what we want to do; bring cake and ice-cream for the body, not giving them the things for their mind where the problem is. And we say, "We love you. Here are some cake and ice-cream. Have a good time. Come this evening; we're going to watch some photos from the last trip." or something. It doesn't work.

If we are growing up in the faith and we are kings and priests, priests can be touched with the feeling of the infirmities of others. Priests can intercede and stand in the gap for others, but you can only stand in the gap for others when you tell. But if part of the

sickness is not talking, shutting up everything inside and you say, “Well, they didn’t tell me so I don’t feel any guilt. They didn’t tell me anything.”

So the only way we know is when somebody talks; and if nobody talks we don’t know. How do you know at the traffic light you are supposed to stop? How do you know to take a right turn? That’s talking! You mash your brakes. No police is around, but you mash your brakes when that light turns red. Because once you’re on the road, all of these things are signs; like symptoms saying something to you. It’s the same way you can look in people’s lives, isn’t that so? [Congregation says, “Yes.” –Ed.]

I don’t want you to believe that I’m talking down to you, but you see I’m trying to say, if we have the Word what are we given the Word for? Are we going to walk around and say, “We are the Bride; denomination is false. This one, there. We are this. We are that”? This is what you get from people: something to inflate their own spiritual ego and lift them up, but nothing to really put them in service and be more sensitive to each other to strengthen the Body, which is our sacred responsibility to one another.

But you see, when you’re cold and lukewarm you can’t even think there yourself. Because to think on the things of others, you have to be living in a place where you’re raised up in Christ and you are seeing, and you have a measure of revelation that gives you stability that you’re living an overcoming life, so you could look now and that out of your virtue, you can give strength and power. After you are converted, strengthen your brethren. [Luke 22:32 –Ed.] And that’s why most times, people don’t strengthen one another because most of them are not converted. Because once the Spirit that converts comes into you, that Spirit is the Spirit that maketh intercession (the Holy Ghost) for one another.

So it says here in 1st Chronicles 10... No, we're talking about Saul. I showed you Saul, so this is the next day. He got up hungry, tired, weak, and afraid. The interview with Samuel wasn't a pleasant one. He didn't leave rejoicing, "I saw the prophet! The prophet talked to me. Hallelujah!" He knew, "Oh God, death sentence is on me, I'm going and die today." How... "Before that sun sets I will be a dead man. How it's going to happen? I don't know how it's going to happen, how I'm going to die."

The mental anguish increased a hundredfold. Do you think he went out into battle looking like...? When a man is accustomed to war, and a man knows the enemy is up against him, and a man is patriotic to his country and his cause, even though things are hard—as they say: when the going gets tough, the tough gets going. Do you think he would stand up to the troops and say, "Fellows, water more than flour; I think today we're all going and die, from what Samuel said"? Even though Samuel told him that, he did not know if he could tell all those men that. I doubt he told all those troops, "All of us are going to die today, everybody." I doubt he went and told them, "Me and my sons are going and die today in this battle. We don't know how as yet, but it's going to happen because the prophet's word, since he was a child, never fell to the ground." It says:

¹ Now the Philistines fought against Israel;

Now as I speak, this is a natural story, but these things are shadows and types of spiritual realities. This is somebody dying on the battlefield. I'm saying she died on the battlefield. She died in the war!

My little title of this is "**FALLING UPON YOUR SWORD IN BATTLE**" FALLING UPON YOUR SWORD IN BATTLE. And my little subject is "***Be Courageous and Fight to the End***". *Be courageous and fight to the end.* Don't fall on your sword, be courageous and

fight to the end. But I'm not condemning people who fall on the sword because it is insensitive to even say that when you don't even know the depth of the anguish.

For you to understand what I'm preaching, you have to go and study these six records of people who committed suicide in the Bible; and see why God put it in the Bible and to know, all Scripture is given for instruction and teaching and doctrine, that the man of God would be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. After you understand that, because each one will show you how and why they did what they did. Because it's written there to understand what these people go through in their minds. It's not just telling you what they... The death is the result, but the conflict in the mind is the thing that does that.

They reach to a place where they see, "Who could I go to? I have nobody I could go to." Do you know when people among you, look at you, need help and realize they can't go to you? Like when Jesus watched that big fig tree there and there was no fruit on it; He cursed the tree. He said, "No man eat from this anymore."

We want to be living in a way, when people look at us they can see, "I could go to him. He keeps... He doesn't go and talk what I tell him, because he is interested in helping me. The last time I talked to this one, they told that one; they told that one. This one: I heard somebody talking about me, about that and the only person I told is that person, so how did it get there?"

So after a while, this compounds the thing more. This is why I'm saying, we... (This is not just about her. Her book is closed); we who are here and the nature of this situation. And this situation, when it came to me, it made me realize, no, there is something in this. It's a deep, deep lesson in this, just like when

I preached on Jephthah; it's a deep lesson in these things.

It's not the kind of message you like to preach, but when it comes, you realize the wisdom of God that brings things to make us walk in places to get into a closer walk with God, into a greater understanding, into more sensitiveness to one another's needs, and to understand better our role and our function as part of the Body of Christ to other members of the Body. It says:

1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons;

The Bible here... I'm reading 1st Chronicles 10, if you have a Bible and you want to follow. This here is showing the war and the rage. It shows how the Philistines followed hard. In other words, they targeted Saul and his sons. Samuel didn't tell them to target them, you know. But Samuel knew the enemy's plans, so Samuel was speaking the enemy's plans to them like Elisha used to know the battle plans.

So Saul went out there, he realized, "The battle is going on; we're fighting since this morning. It's about midday, we're in the afternoon. Hey, nothing has happened yet." All of a sudden when he reached a certain hill, he (only) sees an armed unit coming at him, and archers and different things. And when he watched those archers, he knew, "They are the marksmen; they are the elite marksmen there." And he knew, "My boys and I are targeted. We are being hunted down."

Like they hunted down Gaddafi; like they hunted down Saddam Hussein and called it democracy after, but they were going to steal oil. And they took the gullible public who was not looking in the Bible, and

who was just eating what the media was offering and messed up their minds.

But watch something. When he saw that, he said, “Oh God! This is what Samuel said. It’s really coming to pass!” Do you know what was happening there? He watched some of the strong men of Israel, (already slain, they took them down) who used to be like a defence. And now, he was running for his life and the archers started to shoot, and he took about four–five arrows already. And he realized, “I’m not going to survive this. I’m not dead yet, but I’m not going to survive this.”

I’m carrying you into Saul’s mind. I’m carrying you into: *As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul... My soul thirsteth...* [Psalms 42:1-2 -Ed.]. When the blood is rushing out of the body and the wild dogs are coming and they’re gaining ground, and that deer realizes, “If I don’t get to that water brook, I’m wild dogs’ food today. They’re going to devour me!”

And so Saul realized, “I can’t...” That is where a believer gets in their life. They reach a junction in their life and the enemy is all around them, and their mind is bombarded and they can’t think, and their faith is being weakened inside, and they don’t have friends to go to. In times like these people need real friends, not cosmetic friends; not friends who want to get close to people for their own advancement and their own benefit, but friends who stick closer than a brother when the times get hard. Friends who will stay with you and pray with you, like David and Jonathan had a friendship that passeth the love of women.

She had come into those kinds of places. This girl was born with a weak mental thing. In one place she was strong in certain things, but she was introvert and she didn’t talk and let out much from the inside. And then somebody who saw her had to know how to relate. But you see, some people are not flexible; they

are not adaptable. They relate to people one way and they become just quoters of the Word: they quote a Word for you; they quote a Word for you. Nobody is being touched with the feeling. Nobody has a little time to sit down and spare. Nobody has a little time to listen to some of the story, to hear. Nobody has a little time to enter into the infirmity where they can pray the prayer of faith.

Everybody likes to judge and criticize and analyze from a distance and come up with their own opinion, and *that* in the midst of the battle is where you see people falling. And then afterwards, they justify themselves and say, “I knew that. I knew something like that was going to happen.”

And they’re not examining themselves to see, “What could I have done about that? We are in the same house.” Until it comes like your own enemies are in your own household. Because you’re looking for friends in the household and you’re not seeing a friend, a shoulder you can lean on, somebody you can talk to, you can open up yourself to. Because why? We live...

We’re so busy with social media and imaginary people and all these different things; that the real people here are suffering, while all these things are a waste of time that is not helping anybody. Somebody is looking for more popularity, looking for more self-advancement, looking to see how many more friends they could make, looking to see how many hits they could have in something and then you realize now *that*, even in the mental realm, is desensitizing a lot of people as well.

I’m trying to carry you into the mind of why somebody loses the joy of living, and why somebody starts to withdraw, and why somebody feels it is no use to go on living, and why somebody reaches to a place where “I want to give up,” because when they

look around, they don't see people to turn to, yet they're seeing hundreds.

So they become a person who will go in a room and lock themselves up and look at a movie or something, and it's something that they like; something that they could enjoy. And now they're relating to a virtual person; they're relating to a fictitious story or something. But that is where they're trying to get a little peace of mind and solace and encouragement and so on, because the real people around them can't seem to fit or relate.

We want to be people, that, if the Word is in us, we have to know why God put the Word in us, why He called us. But people are like, "Well I was a sinner, I got saved!" To do what? So look.

² And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

Because they were targeted by the enemy forces for destruction. When you see the enemy comes among you and targets certain people—this family here is a family of a father and a mother who served God faithfully and raised these children down through the years and were like pillars in the assembly here. Their father was a man you could've called up at *any* hour of the night to go *any* distance, to help *anybody*. He never had much and what little he had, if you needed it, he would give it to you at the discomfort of his own family. Because he was so moved to want to live the Word. Do you think Satan will say, "Okay, they're gone: Anthony and Betty are gone; Paul is gone. Now, they're not in full strength; what we couldn't do in their father's days, we're coming after them"?

You say, "Satan doesn't do this." You don't know him too well. Where does revenge come from? Where does hate come from? Where to track down... Where

do serial killers come from? God? All of these are characteristics of him: vendetta!

*³ And the battle went sore against Saul,
and the archers hit him, and he was
wounded of the archers.*

Now, remember Samuel said, “You are an enemy of God. God is departed from you. God tore the kingdom from you.” All of this... “And now you’re going to die tomorrow.” And all of this was happening. What was going on with this man, was he happy? Do you think the man was saying, “Praise God, I’m going to Heaven, glory to God”? No.

The one consolation he had, (when you go back in those words) “You will be with me here. You fell; all of these are some of your mistakes pointed out to you, but this has nothing to do with you coming Here, because you were chosen to be Here to begin with.”

And Judas, he was born the son of perdition. And no matter how good he did—and you can’t find he did any big set of bad things, because he was chosen to be an Apostle; he was chosen to be in Jesus’ company; he was chosen to hear all the Mysteries when He was speaking in parables to the Pharisees and Sadducees, but when they left, He opened it to His own Apostles; he was there knowing all of this. He was there; given power to go out and cast out devils, and heal the sick, and raise the dead, and do these things. He was chosen and foreknown, and given a ministry, and was a big duck in the puddle as all the rest of them, the Prophet says.

And then the time came, he must fall to go to his place. [Acts 1: 25 -Ed.] And look at it. He didn’t think it was going to be that. He didn’t think he was actually betraying Him. When he realized, he said, “My goodness! What have I done?”

When the shock and the embarrassment of a mistake comes, some people can’t handle disappointment with their own selves. Some people

raise their standards so high and their values are so strong that when they break one of those, they go plunging down because of their self-disappointment. Nobody knows about it, you know, but to them, it's hard to live with themselves after that because they pride themselves as being up here.

But this is revealing to us, human weakness because human beings like to think they're strong, but human beings are weak. It's God Who is strong. It's when Christ comes in: Greater is He that's in you. But if He doesn't come in there, you can't overcome anything. Because He overcame, we are going to overcome by His overcoming Spirit coming back in us. There is no overcoming anything without His Holy Spirit in us; *That* is given to us to overcome.

⁴ Then said Saul to his armourbearer,

Now he was wounded and he was bleeding, and hear what was coming in the mind now. "They're coming, they're just right over that hill. By the time they come here, they will catch up with us!" And he told the armour-bearer, "Kill me. Kill me. Take your sword. Run it through me, quickly!"

He said, "I can't!"

This man carried his armour from a young boy. This man used to come and polish the man's armour. This man used to put on the armour for his master going out into the battle. This man brought the man's tea for him and the man's food for him. This man was a man close to him. When he went out there to stand in the battle, this boy stood at his side with all the... "Do you want a spear? Spear! Javelin? Javelin! Bow and arrow? Bow! Here is your bow. Do you want your sword? Here is your sword." He was standing there to give him any weapon he needed. He was the armour-bearer.

And now, he is telling the fellow, "Kill me."

"You are a father to me! Look at where you took me from! You brought me close to you! You gave me an

honored position! Many men in Israel are jealous of me because I'm right next to the king! You trusted me that I wouldn't do you anything! I drink your coffee first, when they bring it, to make sure they don't poison you. Kill you? I can't!"

He said, "But I'm dying."

He said, "I can't live with this on my conscience if I kill you." And Saul tried to explain to him, "They're going to get me and they're going to abuse me." He said, "You know what those Philistines do. They will cut my head off. They will nail up my body on the wall. They will carry my head around all the Philistine cities." He said, "This is what they're going to do with me. Then they're going to use me, and all the bowmen will just shoot arrows at my dead body there. Don't let them do this to me. They're right there!" This is the man... the result of suicide is *that*.

That is where people start to say, "They killed themselves!" Insensitive. They have no clue. They never even got into the mind of the depression, of the pain, of the disappointment, of the hurt within a person. Let me tell you. Some people...

You see, you know what causes blindness in all of that? False self-evaluation. People think they're up here, but when you hear the Word like this, you realize... If you could go under the chair, you want to go under the chair. Because when you look in the Mirror and you see; yes, you are one who runs and says those things too. And then you start to see the condition... Don't mash up that glasses. [Br. Vin addresses someone in the congregation -Ed.]. When you see the condition of your soul, yet the Spirit of God is in us –tabernacling Deity. God above us, God with us, and God in us should make us, where we can feel for one another.

What is it that she went through that she lost the joy? What is it that she went through that she couldn't find friends anymore? She couldn't find

anybody to talk to. What is it when she wanted to walk in the night and go under the tree in the night and start to talk to God? And then you would see she was losing sleep. What is it?

Then somebody could be just insensitive and say, "That's some old Baptist thing. You think you have a message? What are you trying to play?" No, it is something there. But when you come with that attitude, who wants to talk to you about their inner things? Who wants to talk to you? They will get better help from a psychiatrist in the world and yet people condemn a psychiatrist. And that is the problem. And when you see those things, you can't tell people that, but you see, this happened so God can take us to a place to understand Him and His people. Because I'm showing you here that Saul was saved. I read it for you the other night when Samuel told Saul, "You will be here with me." He said, "If Saul is lost, then Samuel is lost too because both of them are in the same place."

You see sometimes when we get there and we say "The Prophet, the Prophet, the Prophet," we realize, the Word, to take the Word just like that; especially when you're wrong and you're trying to find a way to edge pass, and sideways, and not to face that Word and put your hand up and say, "I was wrong. Lord, change my attitude. Lord, give me a deeper sincerity. I see myself. I see I could have been different; I could have been better."

Now watch. So the battle went sore.

*⁴ Then said Saul to his armourbearer,
Draw thy sword, and thrust me through
therewith; lest these uncircumcised come
and abuse me.*

You see, Saul knew the methods of the Philistines. He knew what they did to their enemies. Did you see how they dragged Gaddafi? And they dragged him, they dragged him; and then those men with the

cameras. [News photographers –Ed.] And Hillary Clinton and they were saying, “Yes, we came and we conquered! Yes, Gaddafi has to go!” so they could put their dominance upon this when this man was trying to help the people in Africa. But then the western people control the media, so they’re giving their spin on it to mess up minds on this side of the world.

Because the man said, “Why do we have to be governed by all these people? Why can’t we, the African states come to together? We have water, we have money, we have everything to help our people out of poverty.”

Do you think after all the years of colonization, they’re going to walk out and leave all those mines with all those minerals and these things and say, “Okay, you all have a good time. It’s your land”? Come on man! Get next to yourself. Read the Bible. You see, but you still have to know truth in there. You still have to know truth inside of there; what is truth.

So when Saul sees this now, he is saying... (And the armour-bearer saw Saul)

...for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

He was already wounded; about five arrows, maybe one by the heart, maybe one by the lungs, and he was bleeding profusely. And he was saying, “I’m not coming out of this. There is no physician here to help me and it will take me a while to get to the hospital, and all Israel is being slaughtered on this battlefield here; what is my position?” He was not thinking, “I don’t love God.” The man was dying; he was going. In other words, that is what they call today, ‘pull the plug’. He was on life support system.

This fellow here said, “No, no, no, I have you on a life support system. I’m praying here for you. I’m praying here for you.”

He said, “Your prayer isn’t going to work because the prophet already said **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, I’m

coming here tomorrow.” He said, “But give me an honorable death. Don’t let them cut up my body and drag my head in every Philistine place.” That is what he was trying to do.

So sometimes you look at what we call suicide; you just hear the word suicide and you go on in a kind of frenzy. Read all six in the Bible, and read where they fell on the sword in the Bible, and why, and how men were doing these things. And then I got into Saul’s mind to show you, the reason he was telling them to do this, it’s because of what was going on. He saw the enemy.

Do we have an enemy coming hard after us? [Congregation replies, “Amen” –Ed.] Are we the Bride? [Congregation replies, “Yes” –Ed.] Is all hell against this Truth? [Congregation replies, “Yes” –Ed.] You see this quotation... You see, this is what gets me sometimes, riled up, because everybody have become quoters. It’s only quotation, quotation, quotation. And then you look for reality in people’s life, substance, and when you look you could hardly find substance.

⁵ And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

He realized, “Oh my God! Will they do that to me if they catch me? No, I’m going with you. I’m with you, close to you all my life.” He fell on his sword too and both of them fell there and died.

If you believe in the Catholic Church, it says their souls are lost. [Bro. Vin chuckles –Ed.] You understand. Watch your Bible. Watch your Bible here.

⁶ So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

⁷ And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

That is the last part of the prophecy: Israel will be delivered; you and your sons will die and the host of Israel. It says:

7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

Everybody took off and started to run together and left everything; fleeing homes that they built, gardens that they planted, everything! Because today it was a bad day, a dark day for them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain,

Catch this, okay. So the battlefield now was just littered with dead bodies, and now, with the Philistines coming to go through and take all valuables; they were coming to strip the slain. The other fellow had already passed and gotten the bracelet and the crown and took off, and made up his own story. But the Philistines were coming the next day to do the same, because it was they who defeated Israel. That other fellow was an Amalekite.

...that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

They were now finding that out. Somebody might have said, “Yes, we hit them” that is if the person who hit them remained alive in the battle too. So when the Bible says, “They found them, Saul and his sons dead on the battlefield...”

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

That is what Saul was afraid of. They did like this [Bro. Vin imitates someone sawing –Ed.] and they severed the head off the body, and they took the armour, the

king's armour, and they carried it and said, "Look, the king who looked to the God, Jehovah." They said, "Put it in Dagon's temple." Like when the king of Babylon had taken all the vessels and carried them in his temple too, to honor their god, that their god gave them victory over Israel's God.

They were honoring an idol above the Living God, the Creator, because of the weaknesses of the church and its condition, in that Hour in the battle. He said, "The battle is hot and heavy. Michael and Lucifer are on the battlegrounds, and the promise is to the overcomers. And they overcame by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."

There are people, in this Hour, who (while the battle is raging) are not running from the battlefield, are not looking for some quiet place, are not like (let us say) "Let others go" and stay in the corner somewhere; who are on self-preservation. These were men patriotic to the cause, and to die in battle and shed their blood for the achievement of the principles and the goals that that nation stands for, the cause that they stood for, they knew it was a worthy death.

Jesus laid down His Life, "No man takes My Life, I lay it down." He laid down His Life as a worthy death for us, as a Sacrifice. See if that suicide... That is the fullness of suicide. He said, "What shall I say; save Me from this Hour? For this cause came I unto this Hour. Let Me drink this cup." [John 12:27 -Ed.]

Do you think Paul was going up there...? Why did they want to die? Did they have a death wish? There are people who believe in certain things too. So sometimes... all deaths have stories behind them because there are many ways man can die. And many people want a peaceful death, because why? Fear is making them want a peaceful death.

Now, some people are afraid of death. Now I am closing. I'm closing up here now. I want to show how some people are afraid – fears; a lot of people are doing

things through fear. Through fear they're praying for things, to avoid things. Yet Jesus talks to us about death. He told Moses, "Time to die." He told Paul he will die in Rome. He told Peter by what death he will die. God tells us. Everybody doesn't have the same death. People died in so many ways in the Bible.

Bro. Branham knew he was going to die. He said, "It will be in my car one day. They're planning to kill me" – in a dream they had.

Now, look at David. I want to read something for you about David to show you how David did something so great, so wonderful, about Saul; David who was anointed, the man after God's own heart. In the circumstance, I want to show you how David saw the whole matter, that David wrote a song to honor Saul. In 2nd Samuel, when David realized that Saul was dead, Saul's head was cut off, Saul's body was fastened... Saul's armour and head were in the temple of Dagon, and all the Philistines in every city were rejoicing of the great victory that they had over Jehovah and His people. When David comes, this is a song expressing his sentiments to Saul and Jonathan.

Look at yourself and see, when you hear these die, do you have a song for them? Do you have something to exalt them or you kind of draw back in your thing, and you're watching, and you're analyzing? Well, all of us are being analyzed, right now. We are all under analysis. How are we coming out of this? Even me—how are we coming out of this? [2nd Samuel 1:17 –Ed.]

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son:

Lament is to feel, to show and express grief and sorrow, regret; to mourn deeply with wailing and moaning and moaning. So David wrote a song. It's a song, a lamentation, like the Book of Lamentations; Jeremiah, when he sat down and Jerusalem was burnt and he sat down in the dust and the ashes were on his

head, and he looked at the city; perfection of beauty, but look at what it had come down to. The king of Babylon moved through and burnt it flat to the ground. All the priests who thought that... like in the time of Titus, running into the temple, “God is going to save the place!” And no, God sealed His people, like in Ezekiel, He sealed His people before.

18 (Also he bade them [to] teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!

He is calling Saul and his sons the beauty of Israel. When David looked at them, he was seeing the beauty of Israel. Do you know why? He was seeing them through God’s eyes. He was seeing them through what Samuel said. He knew their destination.

20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon;

People went on social media and they tell it all through, and tell it all here, and they... Watch the Bible to show how people’s inspiration is not in the Bible; to show when a life is not rooted in the Word because it is Israel. It’s Israel.

... lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,

The mountains of Gilboa which was the battlefield where Saul died, and his sons died, and Israel died. He said, “Let no dew or rain fall on this” as she laid there; and it was a battlefield that favored the Philistines. And this is David’s song.

...the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

He said Saul died in a way as though he had not been anointed with oil. Because David knew, “The same man who anointed him anointed me.” David knew, “The same man who chose him and set him in office, chose me and set me in office. The same prophet he believed, I believed. The same prophet God sent to him was sent to me too.” This was a man, many times David could’ve touched him and he refused because he was influenced this way in his life. “He may have problems I don’t have but I cannot despise him or think I am better than him.” Because when the time came, David’s problems came out too. He went and killed a man and took the man’s wife and Saul never did that.

This is a great thing about God’s Word. This is a great thing about God’s Word. May God filter our thinking and give us a different taste in our souls and make us more like Jesus, where when we are dealing with people, we could understand. We’ll know what it is to enter into a life, into the infirmities, into the understanding.

Everybody thinks that because we all are hearing the Word, the same Word, we all are supposed to be strong the same way. There is no such thing. We are all different members, called for different things. We are all designed differently (see?) for different things.

Let the musicians come for me, please.

...for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

²² From the blood of the slain, [and] from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

He is exalting them in their life as their life had... the books of their lives had closed. He is looking back and he saw the value of Saul to Israel. He is not writing, “He hunted me down. He did this to me. It’s

good for him. He got what he deserved.” No, no, no. He saw Saul’s value in the nation, the value of his place. That is why sometimes if we are not in the right place, watching things from the right angle to see it the way God sees it, we can’t do these things. Because look at David, a man there, after God’s heart.

And he said:

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

What a thing, friends! Bro. Branham speaking here on *Demonology* [1953-0609 - *Demonology, Religious Realm* (Series, part 2 of 2, par. 94) -Ed.], he says, *Now, many of you familiar with this. Now we want to go right in, and God help us... [He said] Now watch. There was a man, Saul, who was once considered a prophet, for he prophesied with the prophets. Is that right, teachers?*

See? He knew there were men whose teaching there differed from that so he said, “Is that right, teachers?”

Now, here the man was backslidden. Is that right? But remember where Samuel said he would be. [He said] But remember where Samuel said he would be, with him, at the next day: prematurely gone, See? All right, if you won't mind God, God will take you off the earth.

And then he gave you another Scripture.

Look in the Corinthian letter there, how Paul set those people in order. He said, "First, I thank God for you, that

there's no such things among you, and so forth, ...that you come short of no spiritual gift," telling them what they was, positionally, in Christ. Then he begin to let the hammer down on them, tell them about their women preachers, and how they was doing, and how they were eating at the Lord's table. And even one man living with his stepmother, and he said to this man in Christ, "Turn him over to the devil, for the destructions of the flesh, that [his] soul might be saved." See, that's it, turn him over. The Bible said, "For this cause many are sick and weakly among you, and [many] are asleep (gone on prematurely)," because of sin. God taken you out of the way; a good sign you was a Christian if you was taken."

I read that broadly. I didn't read that strictly for her. I read that broadly in every sense to say: when you look at things, there are so many things there you're not even thinking of; because she believed. I know this girl came in Baratania as a child, and grew up all there these years and came here; became a full woman here. Yet I know of her frailty and the pressures of the mind and the way she would become withdrawn and could get introvert. And then when you see her in her deepest depression, it was not about what others have done to her, it was her disappointment in her own self; her disappointment because she was her most severe critic.

She was the kind of person; you had to say, "You can't see yourself like that. Accept God's forgiveness and move on. Accept that all of these things were pre-planned before you came here, so God could reveal His grace and love in your life."

But she had this urge; she wanted to please God. Because these children were influenced greatly by their parents who were a big, strong influence in their lives. They saw their father and mother went without and went right down because they stood for the Word; they stood for Christ. And to live for Christ was the

greatest and first, and foremost thing in their minds. They refused to compromise. They would rather suffer than compromise on the Word of God. This is the stock that they came out of.

So sometimes people fail to see these things, and when they fail to see that, they don't realize how certain people would take things so hard and be strict and strong on themselves. Why? Why would one want to commit suicide? Pain mixed with guilt and anger? Regret? Fell so deep into despair that they wanted to die? In other words, "I can't live here anymore."

There are some people who get so frustrated sometimes, living in Trinidad that they want to migrate. They want to go anywhere because they have neighbours, friends, and they feel, "I had a bad experience with these people." On their job... Maybe there are remote places in Trinidad they could go, where those people are not around. But they say, "I just want to take off from this place; go to another place." And people are affected in different ways, and when they get like that, they see, "I don't want to be here anymore. I don't want to go through this routine anymore. I don't want to have to put up with this anymore." They are looking for the exit sign. When they see 'exit' they're looking for the exit to get out of life. They're not giving up on God, you know. Some of them want to go to God because they find it is so harsh to live among men and women, especially in the Christian realm where they say, "We are Christians."

And they realize, "We all read the same books, and the way you are treating me, if you believe what is in the books, you wouldn't treat me like that." But then sometimes, they just don't have enough knowledge, so somebody else overpowers them with knowledge, puts guilt and condemnation on them and sinks them further; instead of sometimes seeing, "No. What you

are saying is right. I could do something better for you. I could draw a little closer to you.”

Wasn't this how Jesus was? Did He reproach Peter? He said, “Lovest thou Me more than these?” Did He reproach John and them? There were times He had to rebuke John and James. Did He say, “I am not carrying you all any more on the mountain; I was going to carry you all on the mountain when Moses and Elijah come, but I am not carrying you all again”? Or, “I was going to take you in the room with Jairus, but I am not carrying you all again. Call down fire and burn them up? What kind of spirit do you have?”

He rebuked them and He still carried them. Why? He came to teach them. He wanted to help them. He wanted to lift them up. He wanted them to see more clearly, that they were living below the condition of what they were really called to live. But sometimes people can't see that. They feel embarrassed if you would tell them things.

I have seen it for forty years. And forty years after, you're still seeing people there. They could have been far advanced, but in their minds, they didn't see it like that; they didn't see it like that so they did not accept it; they put it aside, they resisted it, did different things. Because sometimes, nobody wants to look at themselves and get to a place where they see deeply what they are; make a real, true self-evaluation.

Our insensitiveness and failure to recognize the mental disease eating away at the 'joy of living' in people, it's like a disease. You can see a cancer eating away at somebody, but then you can see, mentally they have the joy to live, to be bright, to be involved, to be enthused. The thoughts, the pessimistic things that come in begin to eat away at that, and after a while, they withdraw. You don't know why they left; you don't know where they went. You didn't know that it was things that people did: made jokes on them; said

things. They're hearing things being spoken about them by people they didn't expect that from.

Sometimes people say things because it is our culture – fatigue, and this, and ‘mauvais langue’ [damaging gossip -Ed.] and talk about different things, and they expect everybody to just be tough-skinned and take that; but sometimes people don't expect that to come from certain people.

Because, what defiles a person? What comes out from the mouth; not what goes in the mouth. You're trying to be the best Seven Days [Seventh-day Adventist – Ed.] and health person and different things, “I am not eating that. I don't eat this. I don't eat that.” But all kinds of things come out of your mouth, defiling you. It's not what goes in the mouth, but what comes out a man's mouth defiles him. We can wound people with our words. We can lift them up with our words. We can strengthen their faith with our words. We can break down their faith with our words.

Sometimes you see a person failing under the load; the load is becoming unbearable. The hill is becoming steep for them and they want to give up. And you are not noticing that they can't carry the load, the pressure, the tension, the nervous strain, the mental anguish, the lack of encouragement, the lack of motivation in their life that they just, begin to give up. And they are looking to just get out.

Would you in your right mind say, “Man, if they killed themselves, they deserve to die”? What is your concept? People who take their life how... Do you think you think somebody just wants to go and take their life or even attempt to take their life?

Look at the Prophet we exalt so high. Look at this man we exalt so high. And he wasn't ashamed to talk about it. Do you know why he talked about it? And then he started to explain to us. He said, “Look at William Cowper who wrote that song. After he came out of the inspiration, he went and drowned himself.”

He said, “Look at Stephen Foster who wrote those great folks songs that America has. When the inspiration left him, he took a razor and cut his throat; became drunk.” He said, “Do you think that is only with songwriters?”

I sit down here and have to explain to songwriters and musicians and singers in the church: when people are gifted in certain places; the mood swings, the melancholiness to get down. But all of that is for what they are called for; that is how they get into it.

And when people do not know these things and they have not looked at human life and human behavior and the human mind, and understand the working of the human mind sufficiently, then they unfairly criticize people and humiliate them and speak negatively about them. When those same persons, if they were a little more positive and had a little more love, could have lifted that person out of the same thing. If they have so much of power in their words to pull a person down with the wrong words, how much more if they get the right words, they could have lifted that person up? But you see, it takes the right heart: as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

When people lose interest and they find themselves unable to deal with the failures, the disappointments, the depression... Saul was depressed. Saul was disappointed in himself as king.

Do you think people don't stop and review their lives, and they can't fix those mistakes? They can't undo it; it is done already. And the damage it caused is caused already and now they have to live with the pain. And then they become indecisive; they become fearful because the last time they thought they were confident to do that. Now they have a mind battle inside, “Suppose... that thing might come back on me, because the last time I felt so positive, maybe it might not work again and I might cause more damage.”

Do you know what goes on in a person's mind? The real evil behind killing is the motive and the objective. Like I showed you, there is suicide, there is fratricide; there is homicide. Not only did the Prophet try to kill himself, he loaded a gun and hid in the bush and tried to kill six boys in cold blood. He tried to kill. Did you ever try to do that? He tried to go and shoot the policeman who poisoned the dog. He put the policeman's life less than the dog, to revenge the dog. He said, "Had it not been for the grace of God I would have been a murderer."

All he was trying to say, as he grew in the faith he started to understand the makeup for the ministry. He had those kinds of places mentally. He said, "I used to be like a restless wind and so had to be on the move." He started to understand his personality. He said, "Every one of us has a place where the devil could hit us. We have to learn to put the ammunition there to overcome, to know how to fight more strategically."

If you are a young person today and sometimes these thoughts want to come in your mind, and frustration, and want to make you feel you can't go along, and you have nobody to talk to, and you look around and you can't find anybody in which you can have confidence, still don't fall on your sword.

Today they have what they call mercy killing: euthanasia or something like that. I can't... I am not too educated to pronounce all these words, but the local term is 'to pull the plug.'

So Saul was dying. He would have stayed there and died but he feared the abuse, and he still couldn't stop the abuse because they did abuse him. But that was the body; while they were doing that to the body, the soul was already with Samuel in paradise.

Look at these two great ones. One was in the Message of the Hour, right next to the Son of man, and the other one was the first king in Israel, anointed by a

prophet. Both of them were called by prophets. Both of them were given authority and power and a role and function and an office by God – both of them. And when we look and see our life...

Joanna John, the remains we have here, but she is with her father and mother and her brother. She is gathered to her people. You can think what you want. I say that on the basis of these revelations that came out of the Word due to this. Because the Holy Spirit communicated these things directly, personally, to me to preach and then put in my heart, “This funeral is going to be different. Go and preach this, in this way to awaken the people to see the responsibility we have, and the sensitiveness we should have of those we walk with, fellowship with, wash feet, take bread at the table with and these things; and get past tradition and ritual and get into the place where we can live true to the conviction of the Word of God that has come to us, to live on a higher level, to live with greater principles, to live with greater understanding, to live with more sensitiveness to the needs of each other; to bear one another’s burdens truly.” Because living for Christ is the greatest joy. It’s the greatest thing; a life that is lived for others because that’s what Jesus did. “As I have loved you, so you should love one another; in that, I laid down My life for you.” We should be laying down our lives for one another.

We should start to know the value of one another before we leave here (I am talking about this earthly journey) that we will be able to look and see, we have overcome; not just to say that you have overcome smoking and drinking and gambling and these things, but you have overcome in your own self. You have overcome your own ambitions. You have overcome your own pride. You have overcome your own disappointments until you really overcome.

So from the examples and the circumstances given in the Scriptures, we could see, how and why, those

who committed suicide, how they were affected and reached to the point where they felt that there was no help for them; until they reached a place where they no longer desired to live. And they thought, “Right, falling on my sword is the only solution; it is my only option.”

We should live in a way, so that those around us will have more options than ‘falling on the sword’; that even though you see like you want to go down there, you should have somebody you could call.

Sometimes you want to be a loner. Don’t try to be a loner; you are part of a body. And in that member... If you have a coal pot with coals and you take one out and you put it here, [Bro. Vin indicates one coal set apart -Ed.] that one is going to go out; the rest is going to stay there. When you stay there, you begin to burn together and keep the fire together.

May God help us, that through this experience of one who we could have given more love, of one we could have been more sensitive to—because she didn’t die of sickness. She didn’t die of old age. She didn’t die in a motor car accident. She didn’t die by some robber coming with a gun to blow her brains out. She reached a place of disappointment maybe in her own self. Maybe to a place where you could hardly find a shoulder to lean on to draw strength, somebody you could have confidence in. Maybe you might have been rebuked so many times, turned away so many times, until after a while you kind of figure like “Nobody here loves me. Nobody here is really interested in my welfare; what is going on with me.”

Everybody have their favorites. Everybody have their people. If there are certain people who give them things; they do things for. And, you know... And maybe one like that, you know, it’s like, “I don’t need to run to...” You say, “Ah, you are in the Message a long time. You’ve been here for many years already.

You should be helping somebody.” That is not a solution. That is not a solution.

Don't be vexed with me today. Are you vexed with me today? [Congregation says, “No, sir!” –Ed.] I preached to you God's Word, right? I preached to you the Truth. [Congregation applauds –Ed.]

I say, let us rise above and see where we can do more, see where we can be more interested. See where, if we have the Love of God instead of us keeping it and saying, “I have love, I have love,” release some of it to others. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not easily provoked. Love does not behave itself unseemly. Love thinks on the things of others.

We have too much knowledge around here. Let's take some of that knowledge now and let the Love get into the knowledge, and let that knowledge work by Love. It will always be used in a way for edification and to build up each other and to strengthen each other.

Could we sing it? Be strong in the Lord... [Song #519 – Ed.]

*Be strong in the Lord,
...be empowered.*

You are on the battlefield and the battle is raging. The enemy cometh hard after you and me.

*Put on the armour that God supplies,
That you, you may be able to stand.*

We are not wrestling with flesh and blood
We are not wrestling with flesh and blood,
Contending with physical things,

Oh, may God help us. Let us stand in faith. That's our desire.

*...against the rulers of this world,
Empowered by His Spirit,
In the authority of His Name.*

Be strong... Be strong, soldiers. Sometimes you are staring defeat in the face. You are unable to change the outcome of the battle. You can't seem to make contact with your God. It seems like the Light is going out. Everything is becoming dark and you are beginning to sink in despair, in hopelessness; but don't fall on the sword, keep fighting.

Having shod your feet...

With the Good News of peace,

And girding your loins with His truth, today; the loins of the mind.

The breastplate of righteousness

And the helmet of salvation;

*The shield of faith and the sword
of the Spirit.*

Oh, be strong, soldier. Hang in there and keep fighting. Hallelujah! We'll come out victorious. This should spur us on more. Don't let another wounded soldier die. Cover them with the blanket of Love.

Put on the armour that God supplies,

That you, you may be able to stand.

Now standing complete...

...in His image.

Refusing to be shaken from your place,

Oh, and praying at all times... even while you are driving your car on the roads, these dangerous roads, you want the Spirit of God close to you.

...of all the saints.

Be strong ...

This is not just something mental, friends. It's demon powers that haunt you, torment you, constantly hissing at you, the voices in your mind, filling you up with pain and anger, regret, negative things: a spirit of pessimism. It makes you feel you can't go on; makes you feel you want to give up, but be

strong. Lift your eyes unto Him, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

I wonder if Elizabeth... Is she around? Sis. Liz, are you somewhere? Come and sing: *Don't let another wounded soldier die.* Maybe your sisters could sing with you. Praise His wonderful Name. We don't want another one to die, friends. We want to throw ourselves in the gap. May God, through this, motivate us to hold each one close, bring them closer. We must be dressed with that spiritual armour in this Hour.

The battle was raging; the enemy was coming hard and Saul looked out there and he said, "The enemy has an evil intent against me. I'm wounded in the battle." But may God give you grace, if you are a wounded soldier today; don't fall on the sword. Keep fighting. We are here to rally with you. We are here to put our shoulders to the wheel with you.

To all the family and friends, may God bless you – the visitors. We're sorry we kept you a little long. As I said in the beginning, there is something here that God has impressed upon our hearts to do.

[Sis. Elizabeth Bishop and sisters sing, #391 - Wounded Soldier - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Let's bow our hearts. I would like to call Bro. Jonathan Weston to come and pray, amen; have a special prayer for the family as well – Bro. Jonathan Weston. Let's bow our hearts in His Presence.

[Bro. Jonathan Weston prays - elder -Ed.]

Amen. I'd just like to ask Bro. Isaac to come. I guess, maybe he might have a few words to say or something before we close, and then they can give the final viewing here.

[Bro. Isaac John - Head deacon - greets the Assembly and expresses gratitude for their expressions of love and support. -Ed.]

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name.

While we get ready for the viewing here...from here we leave and we go to the cemetery right in Longdenville, just a few meters up the road, not too

far. I wonder if the sisters will come and sing this.
[While the viewing is in progress, sisters sing #1251 - A New
Consecration -Ed.]



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