

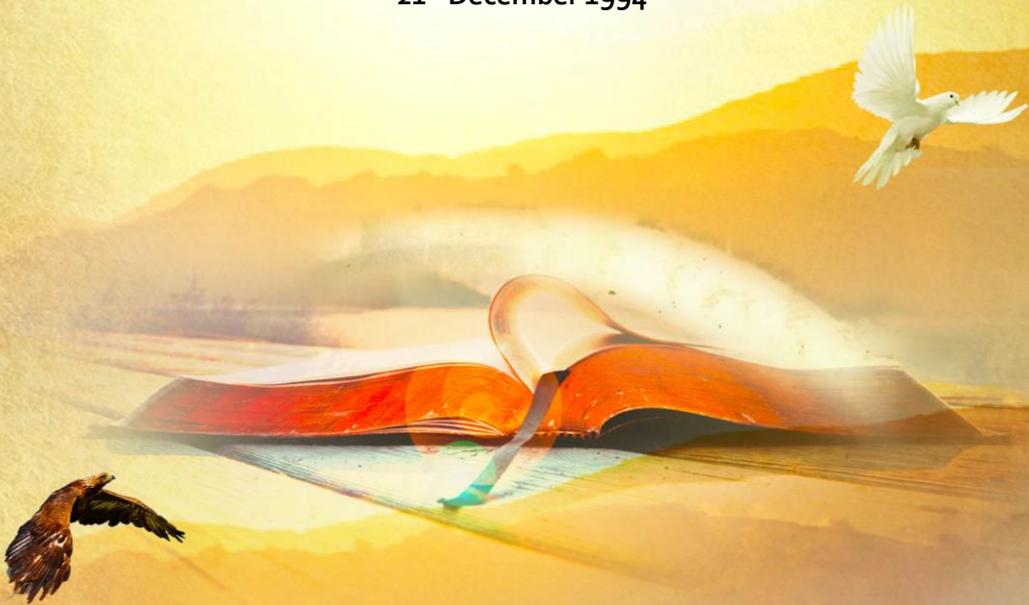
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## **FOREWORD**

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## **Excerpt:**

In Heaven, God had one who could do everything except create but what did that one in Heaven do? He began to tell a tale; not that the Devil has a tail but the tale he told. He was given a mouth and wisdom to speak flatteries, to take the kingdom by flattery. And when he came in by flattery, he became a dragon afterwards. What did Lucifer do in Heaven? The first move was to conquer the laity – Nicolaitanism. Then bring them to a corrupt form of worship – Baalamism. And then the doctrine of Jezebel killed everything that did not agree with him. He declared war in Heaven. That was the depth of Satan in Heaven.

What happened on the earth? It started with the Serpent, the same way; the antiChrist spirit conquered the bride, Adam's wife. Then Cain, the false prophet came forth. Watch it. AntiChrist, false prophet, beast – Nicolaitanism, Baalamism, the doctrine of Jezebel; same thing, the depths of Satan. Then he comes; the false prophet came to the false religion and then Nimrod went and built his Babylon and brought the whole world, and would kill everything that wouldn't bow to that Babel. Is that right? Now, watch it in Heaven, watch it on the earth. [Pages 32-33]

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[Song #318 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...bow down before You  
Heavenly Father, we appreciate You*

Holy Spirit what a comfort You are  
*Holy Spirit what a comfort You are*  
Oh yes, He is tonight. Thank You, Jesus.  
*Holy Spirit what a comfort You are*  
Oh, You lead us, You guide us  
*You lead us, You guide us*  
Oh, You live right inside us  
*...inside us*

*Holy Spirit what a comfort You are.*

Oh, we thank You, Jesus. Praise His wonderful Name. Glory and praise be unto God. He's worthy to be praised. Hallelujah! We bring a sacrifice of praise into Your house, tonight, Father. We offer it up, Lord, as fruits of our lips, giving praise and thanks, oh God, that it might be acceptable in Your sight. Hallelujah! All glory be to God in the Highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna. Hallelujah! Praise His wonderful Name. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Blessed be the Rock of our salvation. Blessed be the Rock of our salvation, tonight. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Let's bow our heads in prayer as we look to Him tonight.

Father, we thank You tonight for this blessed privilege to be gathered in Your house. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the

house of the Lord". Oh, gracious God, to know we have a meeting place; a place, dear God, where You can come down and be at liberty, oh God, to move and work in the midst of Your people. The nations have rejected You, the world has rejected You, this generation has rejected You, Lord. Lord, where two or three are gathered together in Your Name, there You are in the midst, and gracious God, here is a place tonight, Father, that we can come, oh God, within the confines of these walls. Father, You can consider it Your domain, where You can come and take the sovereignty over each and every one of us that is gathered here, knowing we gather for one purpose, dear God, that You would condescend in our midst.

Oh, gracious God, Your great program spoken of in the Scriptures and it has been revealed to us in these last days, the things that You desire to bring to pass in the hearts and lives of Your elected children, that You can have the pre-eminences, You can have the oversight, You can have the leading. You can take full control, dear God, (hallelujah) of every life that would come, dear God, offering themselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto You, knowing that that is a reasonable service, that You can come, dear God and work a work, dear God, that You said You will do, oh God, in this Hour.

Gracious God, we come in humble submission tonight to Your revealed will. We come asking that You would blot out our sins, our transgressions. We come asking, dear God, that the holy, precious Blood of Jesus Christ would be sprinkled upon every heart, upon every life, dear God, that believes in the finished work, oh God, Father, that believes in what that Blood of Jesus Christ has made available to us; that believes in His cleansing Power, tonight, oh God, that we could come under the Blood, oh God. Father, we could come unto the waters of separation and be in Your Presence in this place of worship, where the Holy Spirit can

speak to each and every heart, where You can minister grace unto the hearers. How we thank You for that, Father.

We pray, dear God, that You would look down in our midst tonight and even at the needs; that You will see in the hearts of Your children that they are looking unto You and believing, dear God, that You will meet that need tonight. Lord God, I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, that faith will rise in every heart, that every heart and every prayer will be so centered, oh God, upon Your Divine promise, Lord, upon what You have promised to do for us. And God, may at the end of the service, when they leave this place, they leave rejoicing, they leave praising You because of the assurance that the Holy Spirit will put into their hearts, dear God, while they sit in Your Presence tonight.

I pray You take these few thoughts You laid upon my heart, God, knowing that it is going to take the unction from the Holy Spirit to open It up, to make It real, to inspire It to our hearts, dear God, that It might give us the insight, Lord God, that we need to see in this Hour into Your great program, into the prophesied promises, into the thing that You foretold would come to pass in this evil Day, in this evil Age, oh God, when this great adversary that we have is like a roaring lion, trying to devour whom he may. Oh God, how he's going to come in and take the kingdom, oh God, how he's going to set up himself as God; how he will deceive this generation, if it were possible even the Elected would have been deceived; how they will worship him ignorantly, oh God because he has blinded them with a perverted gospel. But we thank You, Lord, for the liberty that You have brought to our souls (hallelujah!) with the true Gospel being restored. You said that this Gospel shall be preached into every nation and then shall the end come.

Oh God, we thank You, Father, for the Truth that You have sent by a Prophet, a vindicated Prophet, dear God. We thank You for the Seven Seals that You have opened up and uncovered the schemes of the enemy. We thank You for the Faith that has come back to us, oh God, turning our hearts back to the Faith of the fathers, dear God, preparing us and making us ready for Your Coming.

Lord, I pray tonight we will receive such overcoming power through Your Word that is being ministered to us, dear God. We will take a stand in this Hour, having done all to stand and we will buckle down the armor of God, Father; oh God, as we hear the Trumpet giving a certain sound, causing us to prepare for the battle, oh God. Father, we will buckle on that Armor. We will hold that two-edged Sword, oh God, and Father, we will go forth in faith, determined, oh God, to cut our way through to every promise that You have made in this Hour. Grant it, dear God.

May You have Your way in our midst. May You lead us and guide us into everything that is to be said and done tonight. May no man be seen but Jesus Christ, only. May You be the Principal Theme of this service. Grant it, Lord. May You be exalted and may You be glorified, and may You be established in every heart, dear God. Hallelujah! Grant it, Lord Jesus.

Bless everyone that is within our gates: the strangers, the visitors; all of them, oh God, that have come in here tonight with a need in their heart, looking and expecting from You to receive something. May they not go away disappointed but may the God of all grace and peace pour out a blessing tonight, Father; oh God, that we'll long remember this night for what You will do in our midst, dear God. We ask these things, believing that we are in the Coming of the Lord. We ask these things believing that this is the Day that the Lord has made and we shall be glad and rejoice in It, that we can ask what we will, oh God, and know,

dear God, that You will perform it, Father. Oh, may You grant it tonight, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and we ask these blessings, amen, and amen? Thank You, Jesus.

Praise His wonderful Name. We have a little dedication. would like to leave it for the end of the service. Just open up your Bibles. I would like to welcome you to the house of God to service tonight; all that is gathered in. I'm certainly expecting the grace of God tonight.

We just can't seem to come out of these Scriptures since the last few services. It just keeps opening and opening and it just takes me back to some things I had preached some years ago and it just makes me appreciate the Word of God so much more. No matter how many times you read It, It is just like a new Word. You saw that, on Sunday, how real It was and I just want to pick It up from there again.

Turn to the Book of Jude. I was speaking on some of these Things in Princes Town last night. We truly had a wonderful time. The Holy Spirit moved in the service and, it seems like there is something right here that God wants to give us in this present Hour. The Book of Jude, we are going to read from, verse 3.

I want to get away, past the Old Testament but I just feel so... it is so necessary to background so that you can keep the continuity of It because I know for things like this, we should have three-four straight days of service. When you preach It Sunday morning, you come back Wednesday night, you just get to do so many different things in your mind. When you come back to speak, some of the people look at you kind of blank, they want to know... then they catch, "Oh, yes, you were talking about that." So it helps if you could background It and I hope I can cover It quickly.

Verse 3 [Jude 1 -Ed.]. You help me and you pray for me tonight.

<sup>3</sup> *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend [or seriously fight] for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

<sup>4</sup> *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>5</sup> *I will, therefore, put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.*

<sup>6</sup> *And the angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

<sup>7</sup> *Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

Now, I hope you catch It as we read It. This was about thirty-three years or so after Pentecost and here the Church was a fallen church already because he is telling them to contend for the Faith that was once delivered. And the Faith was the revelation of Jesus Christ that Elijah revealed to them. John was Elijah, who came at the end of the Old Testament. Jesus is the Word. Elijah revealed the Son of Man to them. The Church was built upon the revelation of the Son of Man and a few years after Pentecost, it was a fallen

church just like in this Day: the Son of Man is revealed, Elijah has come at the end of the Old Testament and the Seven Seals opened up, and about thirty-something years here after Pentecost, after the opening of the Seven Seals, the loosing of the Holy Spirit, watch the Church; many are fallen. That's what I've been preaching – many stars are falling. Many have fallen, but there are some who were holding their place.

Well, Jude was one holding his place and he said, "Contend for the faith," and he gave them examples. He picked up the first Exodus, how they did not continue in the Message. He gave them a second example in verse 6: The angels who kept not their first estate. Now, all these examples were relevant to people departing from the Faith. In other words, he wants to show the people why they should contend.

He said, "Look at them who were in the Exodus, who came out under the prophet's Message, they didn't continue on and they died." He said, "Look at the angels in Heaven; positionally placed, but they fell and they couldn't keep their estate." He said, "Look at them in Sodom and Gomorrah." Now, what was happening in the church, Jude was seeing it like what had happened in Heaven; he was seeing it like what was happening in the exodus. And really, it was because they were in another exodus and the battle that was in Heaven was now happening on the earth, in the church.

Then he saw it was like Sodom and Gomorrah, he said, "In like manner (see?), even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities round about them; in like manner." So even Sodom and Gomorrah were in like manner to these people falling. How? Because those men in Sodom didn't keep their estate as a man, they went after strange flesh. They didn't keep their habitation.

When God made a man in Eden, He gave him an estate and God didn't tell him to go with another man. God gave him a wife, a woman but in Sodom, they had departed from the natural way of life and they went after strange flesh. A man started to go with another man, women started to go with women, and God destroyed it. And Jude also saw that, in relation to what was happening in the church. He said, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah [that was the third example] in like manner also..." like the others.

Let's turn quickly to 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, Chapter 2. I'm just praying God helps me because I'm tired. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter: 2. Let's take from verse 1.

*<sup>1</sup> But there were false prophets also among the people...*

Peter is expressing his revelation, now. Now, Peter was the one with the keys. Peter was an apostle. Peter was full of the Holy Ghost. Peter knew Elijah had come. Peter knew the Son of Man was revealed. Peter knew they were in the Faith, just like Jude. Now watch something. Peter said there were false prophets among the people. Balaam was among the people. Hananiah was among the people. Zedekiah was among the people. See?

*...even as there shall be...*

He is giving you past tense and is giving you future tense. He is looking back and he is looking forward.

*<sup>1</sup> But there were false prophets ... even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them...*

Jude says they are denying the Lord, even our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*...and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

*2 And many shall follow their pernicious [or destructive] ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*

*3 And through covetousness shall they, with feigned words, make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

And he goes and he gives some examples. The first example Peter gives concerning these false teachers, who are bringing the damnable heresies and destroying many, he thinks of what happened in Heaven.

*4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

*5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah...*

In other words, God never spared it. He didn't spare it in Heaven and He didn't spare it on earth. So that is why Peter is showing you something consistent in God's nature, in God's attitude to that type of thing. God doesn't spare it.

*...but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

*6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that [afterwards] should live ungodly;*

And did you notice how the same Spirit on Peter was the same Spirit on Jude? They were talking about what was going to come among the people and they looked at the same examples. They talked about Sodom, they talked about the angels in Heaven. The Holy Spirit was directing them in the same places

because they were anointed with the same Spirit, that Lion anointing, in the first Age. And the White Horse Rider was riding and God was raising a standard. And they were different apostles that were part of the standard; that God was bringing the true teaching to combat the damnable heresies that ungodly men were bringing in among the people. Alright. So that should be... I'll let you have your seat.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, help us tonight, Father. Lord, I'm already worrying about the time. Let me not worry. The service is not mine, it's Yours; what You want to speak, You speak. Sometimes we study and we want to bring things, Lord. I'm just asking for Your will to be done, Lord Jesus. You lead and You direct. You are the great Composer. I bring myself into humble submission to Your will. Let Thy will be done. You know the needs and You know how You desire the service to go. I'm only Your servant. You just order my steps that it would bring glory to Your Name and assistance to Your people. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. Let's just move on from there and keep the Bible... Turn... let's get Ezekiel 28. Now, if you notice, both Peter and Jude writing here in the First Age, they were catching, by revelation, that the battle was no longer in Heaven. They understood that the battle was now in the realm of human beings in the church.

Ezekiel 28—because Jude said, these angels... We want to just pick them up a little bit before they come into the realm of human beings so that you could understand something about them when they were in the realm of spirit. Then since they have not changed, after they disobeyed God, from what they were: they were angels but then they became fallen angels. And from that time, they were fallen angels until this time,

they are still fallen angels. There is no redemption for them.

We want to see what they were and how the fall came, so we could see what Jude was applying in the realm of the church. Because when the grace of God was being turned into lasciviousness and people were denying the Lord Jesus, it wasn't angels in Heaven denying the Lord, now. They already did that. Now, it was people on earth, who were once baptized, confessed the Blood of Jesus Christ, sang the praises of God, worshipped in His Presence who began to deny the Truth and turn away from the Truth. And then, they were no longer in their first estate; they were changing the Truth into a lie, now. They were perverting the original Gospel. They were injecting their ambitions and their desires in the Gospel to achieve their own self-will. That's what they were doing. Men wanted to be an archbishop, men wanted to be a superintendent, men wanted to be all kinds of different things, so they were injecting their ambitions into the Gospel.

Now watch. When self gets into the Word, you're going to see all sin begins in self-will. Ezekiel 28, verse 11.

*<sup>11</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me saying,*

*<sup>12</sup> Son of man take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.*

Here, the prophet, Ezekiel is looking beyond the king of Tyre. He was only a human channel, that Satan was already doing something in that Age that was reflecting what was going to come in the last days. It was in amateur form back then, but the prophet, with discernment, was speaking to Lucifer, the Devil himself because watch how the conversation goes. He says:

*...Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.*

*<sup>13</sup> Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...*

As I say, that is not the one here. He is not talking about the one in Genesis. He's talking about the one where he was first.

*...every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, [and] the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.*

*<sup>14</sup> Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so:*

If you understand the order of creation in the realm of angelic beings, you will know, to be a cherub was higher than a normal angel. There were angels; there were seraphims; there were cherubims. He's not saying he was an angel. He's saying "You were the anointed cherub that covereth." He was the guardian, the one that stands at the throne there.

*...and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*

*<sup>15</sup> Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

*<sup>16</sup> By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*

Look at the judgment, the spirit of judgment in the words; the very Spirit of the One Who created him.

*17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty...*

Watch what caused his fall: pride, his beauty. It meant he was looking upon himself. He began to come under the power of self-admiration, like Narcissus in the Greek mythology, who was looking down in the pool of water, admiring himself and then drowned in the very pool. Like this world, today, taken up in self-admiration, just trying to refine 'self' and culture 'self' and upgrade 'self' and keep making 'self' more refined and everything else, until they admire themselves in such a way that they don't see any fault in themselves. They don't see any shortcomings in themselves. And, watch.

*17 Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom...*

Now watch. He was perfect in beauty, full of wisdom but look at what the beauty did and look at what became of their wisdom.

*...by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*

*18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy merchandise; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.*

Let's turn to Isaiah 14; pick him up again and see more of what brought his fall. If you know what caused them to fall in Heaven, you will know what caused the stars to fall on the earth because when they come into people, they only express their nature through human beings. That's all demons do.

You have a lustful demon, it will use your body to fulfill its lustful desires. You have a lying demon, it will use your tongue to tell the lie instead of the Truth. You have a proud demon, it will take your spirit and instead of it being humble, it will lift it up and exalt it to be arrogant and proud. The demon, when it takes control of the person, it only expresses its nature through the person. See?

Now, remember, this is demonology, wisdom, knowledge, discernment of spirits and then I picked up *Demonology* and *Discernment of Spirits* (and we can't come out of *Demonology* yet) to show you this is the Age devils are becoming incarnate.

Verse 12. Here Isaiah, the prophet now is picking him up.

*12 How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

*13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*

*14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

You see that's what he was saying. Now, right here in the words 'I will' is where sin was introduced into the universe. He was perfect in beauty, full of wisdom until iniquity was found in him. Right there in the words 'I will' it shows that he was a free moral agent. He wasn't a robot. He could choose.

God didn't make the Devil. Remember that. God can't create evil. If evil came out of God, then God had evil in Him to express evil. Know this, you can't get a clean thing out of an unclean thing. You can't get an unclean thing out of a clean, either. A good tree can't bring forth corrupt fruit. The same spring can't bring

forth sweet water and bitter water. God is Light and in Him, there is no darkness. That is why the Bible says: he was perfect in all his ways, full of wisdom, perfect in beauty; perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him. [Ezekiel 28:15 –Ed.]

What was iniquity? ‘I will’ – in other words, if God made him a robot, he had to do what God said. God made him so that he could choose his own will or he could choose God’s will. But he chose his own will instead of God’s will, and that iniquity was still in him alone. It wasn’t in anybody else because all the other angels had still belonged to God. He hadn’t told his tale, yet. He hadn’t drawn them from their place, yet. He hadn’t caused them to leave their first estate, yet.

Eve was in her right place, walking with Adam. And the Serpent, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty was there but when he began to tell his tale, he drew her from her place. She couldn’t keep her first estate. Know this. Eve was perfect all that time, walking there in the Garden with Adam until she believed that lie. Think about it.

So here he says in verse 15. He is talking about, ‘I will do this’ – five ‘I wills’. And in verse 15, the prophet tells him:

*15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell,  
to the sides of the pit.*

In other words, “You want to ascend into Heaven, you want to exalt your throne above the stars, you want to sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North; you want to ascend above the heights of the Clouds (not these water vapor clouds; Clouds like we see in this Day, angelic beings); you want to ascend above the stars like them?” See? He says, “Instead of you ascending, you will be brought down. Instead of you going to the sides of the North, you will come down to the sides of the pit.” Notice that?

Let's turn to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2. Turn quickly with me, please. Help me; otherwise, I'll keep you here until 12 o'clock, tonight. Amen. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2. You see, God wanted us to know his origin. God wanted us to know what caused his fall. God wanted us to know what he was, what his ambition was. That's why God put it in the Bible.

How could you fight an enemy; how could you recognize him at his works if you don't know what he is trying to achieve, if you don't know what ambition is driving him, if you don't know why he is telling his lie? When you know what his objective is, you can see how he is achieving it and why he is twisting the Truth a certain way, in order to achieve what he wants to achieve.

So God uncovers those things. That is why we can recognize the ecumenical move today. That is why we can recognize Satan's Eden today and how it's working. That's why we can recognize these things. Because why? We knew that is what he had in his heart before the beginning: he wanted to be worshipped as God; he wanted a kingdom. Otherwise, if you looked at the ecumenical move and never had those Scriptures, you wouldn't know what It means. You would think, "Well, it's just some people worshipping God in their own way, that's all it is," but we see him building his kingdom, getting ready to be enthroned as God.

You say, "Is that so?" Look at 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2, here; verse 1:

*<sup>1</sup> Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by your gathering together unto him,*

*<sup>2</sup> That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

<sup>3</sup> *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [the day of Christ] shall not come, except there come [the] falling away first...*

Your Bible might have ‘a’ but the right translation in the margin is ‘*the*’ *falling away* because he is talking about a definite falling away from the Faith that is going to come before that Day comes.

*...and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; [or the son of hell]*

<sup>4</sup> *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God... [watch this exalted one, again] ...or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

Who is this man of sin? Who is this son of hell who is exalted in the temple of God, in the place of God, being worshipped as God? Isaiah saw him in Heaven. Ezekiel saw him in Heaven. They saw him—John saw him in Heaven. They saw his ambition. They saw how he was cast out. They saw him come into the earth and then Paul sees him sitting there as God. He, who said, “I will be like God.” He, who said, “I will be worshipped as God.” He, who said, “I will exalt myself as God.” He, who said, “I will be like the Most High,” actually comes to the place where he does it in this Day.

And how is it being done? He is causing many to fall away from *the* Faith and gather them to himself because they are the ones who are going to worship him; the ones who denied the Lord Jesus. As long as they are in the Faith, they could only worship God. As long as you are in the Faith, you could only walk in the Bloody footprints and stay in the line of the Word. As long as they leave that Word, they are fallen! They can claim how much they are serving God, if they are not in that Word, they are not in God because God and that Word are the same.

Watch. And Paul says:

*<sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

*<sup>6</sup> And now ye know what constraineth that he might be revealed in his time.*

*<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:*

Peter said there, “They were going to come in with damnable heresies.” Jude said, “Ungodly men, turning grace into lasciviousness.” Paul said, “It’s already working inside the church.” The tale was being told. Watch.

*...only he who now letteth will continue to let, until he be taken out of the way.*

That is the Holy Ghost. He is the One who constrains these things, so that ‘spirit of lawlessness’ cannot take full control of the world. But when we see lawlessness like this, how much more lawless can it get, friends? Think. Think of how close we are to leaving.

*<sup>8</sup> And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming,*

Could Paul say something different to Ezekiel? Could Paul say something different to Isaiah? “You shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. I will cast thee down, I will destroy thee, oh anointed cherub.” The same Spirit that was in Ezekiel and Isaiah was in Paul.

Oh my. Let’s turn to Revelation 12, a bit and see. Look, John shows it’s going to happen in the last days. I want to give you enough Scriptures, so when I begin to preach a little bit, I’ll refer to some of these things so you could know it is in the Bible. Revelation 12. I’ll take from verses 1 to 9.

Now, this Scripture is very, very interesting. If you don’t fully understand this Scripture you could always

get mixed up. Because this Scripture, in one flash, It gives you an insight from what happened back in Heaven before man was created, all the way down to the last days. It starts with the dragon in Heaven and It ends up with the dragon on the earth. Right in this Scripture, It compasses all that we just read and what is still to come.

*<sup>1</sup> And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*

*<sup>2</sup> And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

She wasn't now conceiving. It wasn't now that the Angel was descending from Heaven and calling Her and revealing the prophet's prophecy to Her. It was She, already pregnated, the Baby already formed; She is in pain to be delivered.

*<sup>3</sup> And there appeared another wonder in heaven, and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

*<sup>4</sup> And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

You see how he is taking that dragon from quite there and bringing him quite here.

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

*<sup>6</sup> And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her*

*there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

We are trying to pass all these details because we are not so much focusing upon the Woman. We are thinking about the dragon and his tale and the stars that he pulled down. That is what we are interested in.

*<sup>7</sup> And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

So God is giving us another look here and including more detail. First, He's telling us about the dragon. Now, He's telling us about Michael. See? He was relating the dragon with the Woman, now He's relating the dragon with Michael. See? Why? Because He wants to uncover to us the identity of this dragon, that he will not be a mysterious dragon to us.

Right there, we see the dragon has angels, those stars that he pulled down.

*<sup>8</sup> And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...*

So right away, he uncovers him to us. It's no more a mystery. The dragon now, he tells us, is Satan, it's the Devil. So now, the same one that we read about, "How art thou fallen from Heaven, oh Lucifer?" who we see came down with one-third of the stars, he was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

Okay, let's... if you want to close the Book temporarily; we'll have to open It again but just for the time being, so that we can look at some of what we have read a little bit.

Now Jude is saying the angels did not keep their first estate. We tried to read those Scriptures to put the picture together: take what Jude says, what Peter

says, what Isaiah says, what Ezekiel says; what John says. Because each one of them was dealing with the angels in Heaven before they fell, and It was showing us how that fall took place.

It is important to us because when those angels fell from Heaven, they fell on the earth. And when they fell on the earth they came in among human beings. And then we see, from what Paul was saying, he is going to end up being worshipped because John says he deceived the whole world. Revelation 13:8 tells you... I didn't read It. Let's read it. Revelation 13: 8; reading from verses 4 to 8. I'll read verse 1, so that you will know what we are talking about.

*<sup>1</sup> And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

So here is that same Beast now. He's not in Heaven now, he's coming out of the sea now. But the Bible tells you later on, that sea means *multitudes of peoples* because John says: he is cast out into the earth and he deceived the peoples. Okay? Let's drop down to verse 4.

*<sup>4</sup> And they worshipped the dragon which gave power to the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

This beast, he's always involved in a war; (did you notice that?) war in Heaven and now he is making war on the earth, too.

*<sup>5</sup> And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things [See? He's the anointed cherub] and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

*<sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

*<sup>7</sup> And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

*<sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth [all, not some, all] shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

*<sup>9</sup> If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

So, only those people whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, before the foundation of the world are the ones who will not be deceived. Didn't Matthew 24:24 say, "If it's possible, even the Elect would be deceived"? Alright.

So, as we compare what John says, what Jude says, what Peter says, what Isaiah and what Ezekiel says, it should bring the picture to us. And what Paul says, It should give us the picture that we can see that we are in the midst of something happening, right now, because the man of sin is not yet in the temple being worshipped as God. And he is not yet making war with the saints, and he has not yet set down his mark where people can't buy and sell, but it is going to come to that, and it has to come to that in this generation.

We can look around and see, in the earth tonight, what is happening out there, how the whole world is being taken up in that deception and where they are going to come into a world-state, a new world order, that they are already talking about. And all this NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement -Ed.] and GATT [General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade -Ed.] and all these things that they are doing, restructuring the whole world's economy.

The people are thinking it's to help the Third World countries, maybe to distribute the wealth a little better and make the world a better economic place and remove poverty and these things and sort of help the weaker nations. "The industrialized nations will bear a little bit of the burden and so on; and technology is going to unite the world together and everything else. It's going to be a nice place and we are going to try to remove all the war and everything and we will have the global peace-keeping force (the United Nations)." Then the supercop (the United States Army) is going to fly across the world and just lock people up if they misbehave; like they did in Haiti and they did in Kuwait and all these different places and in Panama and different things like that. And they will not tolerate any nonsense in the world and it's something happening. And to the people, they are thinking the world is becoming a safer world.

The pope, you realize, he was given the *TIME* magazine's award for *The Man of The Year* and so on. So, when the world and the minds of the world, they look at him and so on. They try to think of, "Which man is, there...? The greatest office on the earth today is doing something for humanity, the most important person." Look what they have. Look what they see. Why? The Bible says, "He deceiveth the whole world."

Friends, outside of God standing for us, we are just statistics. We are not even known in Trinidad, here. You live in Chaguanas and people in Chaguanas don't even know you. You live in Princes Town and people in Princes Town don't even know you. You live in La Romain and people in La Romain don't even know you. You live in Port of Spain and people in Port of Spain don't even know you. You are not important. You can't walk into any government office here in Trinidad and say something and it brings them to do what you say. In the sight of the world, we are nothing.

In God's sight, we are something because He is not just looking at our flesh, He is looking at that deposit, that soul that He put on the inside. And so, when we see what they said, that this 'man of sin'... It's going to come to that place, the Devil will be incarnate. Could you imagine for four thousand years, from the Garden of Eden when it was first spoken 'the woman shall receive a Seed'; for four thousand years, they looked for that Messiah to come? God was incarnate; came on the earth in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Saviour came and bled and died, and the work of redemption was done that mankind could be saved.

Well, the same Bible that tells us God was going to come in flesh, tells us the Devil will come in flesh, too, and tells us he will deceive the world too, and tells us they will worship him too, and tells us they will make war with the saints and he will establish his religion in the earth. And we would have been caught up in it had it not been for the opening of the Seven Seals because he became so powerful in the Dark Ages, where they took the Bibles away from the people.

For all those years, over nine hundred and something years, they fed them creed and fed them dogma. They made their pope infallible. They give him jurisdiction over Heaven, hell, and a place called purgatory. They captured the wealth of the world. Is that right? And if God didn't raise up Martin Luther, brother, to put the Bible back into the hands of the people, where would the world have been tonight? Why did God do it? Because there is a promise. In that Bible, there was a Secret. That's why God sealed It up. God told Daniel, "Shut It up. It's for many days from now. It shall be revealed in the End Time." God told John, "Seal It up, John. Don't write It. It shall be revealed in the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery shall be finished."

That's the thing that is going to open the eyes of the Elect and cause them to escape the deception that is coming on the world, that Jesus Christ will not lose those whom He has predestinated. "All that the Father hath given Me will come. No man is able to pluck them out of My hand. I'll build My Church upon (what?) revelation. I will reveal the Word to them and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them." Think of it!

"It had to come by a promise, by a Spoken Word," he said, "not in the Fifth Age, not in the Sixth Age. In the Fifth Age, I will put the Bible back in their hands. In the Sixth Age, I will spread It across the world in a missionary Age. In the Seventh Age when the Devil is closing in, then I will raise a Prophet with THUS SAITH THE LORD. (Amen.) I'll send the greatest Light that ever shone since creation. I'll send a mighty Prophet, one like Moses, one like Elijah with a Ministry like Jesus; (hallelujah!) one like Paul, caught away into Heaven to come back with the counsel of God and reveal it to the people."

Oh my! Think about it, friends, what God has promised. No matter if you're in some dark denominationalism, you're buried in some tomb, chained; your mind in chains of darkness, chained up with creeds and dogmas, your soul being killed with all kinds of rituals and man-made traditions and these things, making you cold, dead, and formal but when that Voice speaks, there will be a resurrection out of dark denominationalism. He will speak and you will come forth. All those chains will fall off your mind, no matter what false religion, no matter what ideas of man, it will fall off your mind. Because the Light, when God causes Light that shines out of darkness, will shine into your heart with the Light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ to bring you to know who He is, what Day you're living in, what

is promised, where you fit in the Bible, what is His plan for your life. God is going to bring it to you.

What a place for believers. Has that been your experience? The Holy Spirit, God rich in mercy, you who were dead, the Bible says, in sins and trespasses, hath He quickened and raised up into Heavenly Places. What are Heavenly Places? Your position, your estate; what the Devil tries to keep you from and tells you, you are a Trinidadian. He says, "You are a son of God," and lifts you up There. He says, "You are a Bride of Jesus Christ," and puts you There. He says, "Your name is part of My Name," and puts it There; shows you who you are, establishes you in your place. Oh my! He says, "That's the way I see you, little Bride. You belong to Me. You were in Me before the foundation of the world." Glory.

It's the only thing that is saving us in this Hour. It's the only thing, when all the denominational voices, intellectual voices in the last days, all these uncertain sounds, trying to deaden the effect of the Scriptural Voice of the Scriptural Sign of the time that was sent to declare the Mystery of God. He says, "Seal not up these Things because the time is at hand. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.'" [Revelation 22:10&17 -Ed.] Amen. She will say what is in this Bible. The sons of God, in the last Day, will take these Mysteries and display them to the Church. Hallelujah! They'll rise on the scene.

The Hour is come when He will bring those sons into manifestation. Amen. They will speak about what that Malachi 4 Prophet saw in the Bible; those Things in the back part of God's mind that not even angels and seraphim and cherubims knew. He kept It to Himself, but that great Secret is being put in the heart of the Bride, so that they will know something that the Devil doesn't know. They will know something about the Devil that he tried to work in self-will to get, that which was never for him. Amen.

Hallelujah! They will know that they are eternal and the Devil is a time-being and that they were in God before Lucifer. Their glory will be greater than what Lucifer ever had. They will see their place, they will see the value of the promised Word that comes to show them that place that God by grace and election has given unto them. Amen.

This great Secret, this great Secret that God had, It was in Heaven. Man was not yet created and there were going to be six thousand years of man's history on the earth. And man, who thinks he is just an earth-creature, will always be looking up into Heaven. He wants to know what is happening Up There. He looks around on the earth and he wants to know, "What took place in Heaven?" but it's not a secret.

Let me tell you, every secret is in this Book. This is the complete, entire revelation of Jesus Christ that was revealed when those Seven Thunders uttered their Voices in the last days. Friends, let me tell you, may the Message be of a greater value to you. May the Message just not be a little higher form of religion than the Pentecostal Age. This Message doesn't talk about Age and Time. This Message takes you back to the eternal Church Age. This takes us out into Eternity where we're going, friends, where time wouldn't even exist.

Watch. So God is bringing it down on earth now. And when God started on earth, He took Sunday... Romans: 1 says: [verse 20 -Ed.]

*20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that were made, even his eternal power and Godhead; for they are without excuse:*

Paul said, "The worlds were framed by the Word of God and things which are made were not made of the things which do appear." And then he said, "We look not to the things which are seen; we look to the things

which are unseen. The things that are seen are temporal but the things which are unseen, they are eternal.” And we realize that God made the spiritual creation first.

Before there was a physical creation, there was a spiritual creation because He created the angels. There was nobody to worship Him. It was just God alone, the great Elohim, Who filled all space and time. He wasn't even God, in the sense of the English word because god means *an object of worship*. There was nobody to worship Him. He was by Himself, the Eternal One, I AM THAT I AM. He was never created. God was not created. Lucifer was created, not God.

I have a good idea of why Lucifer was confused. You see he was one of the Archangels but there were other Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, all of them were Archangels. The Jewish Scriptures says that there are seven of them – Archangels. See? He didn't know all of them were God. Why do you think he wanted to fight Michael? He didn't know that was God.

Friends, don't get confused. He is not omniscient. He's a created being. He's not even omnipotent. He can't even be omnipresent. Amen! Glory! You could only know God by revelation, friend. That's why all these people still believe He is three. He knows He's one (see?) because reasoning could tell him there's One that brought him into existence. Sure. But after that, what? See? Why the Prophet never said...?

He said, “When those Seven Angels came, It revealed the Seals.” He said, “The Light came into the room and revealed It each day.” All those Seven Angels were One to him. Amen. Whether He comes in a rainbow, He was still the same Person. Whether He comes in a Cloud, It's still the same Person. Whether He comes as a Man, It's still the same Person. Whether He comes as a Dove, It's still the same Person.

When He came, Lucifer said, “If Thou be the Son of God...” He needed revelation to know Who That was.

See? Don't make him more than he is. He would like you to make him more than he is because he still wants to exalt himself, even in your temple. If the man of sin could sit in your temple and exalt himself in your temple and keep you in unbelief in that temple, (see?) he would like that.

Now watch. So then, God started in His physical creation, and we took Sunday, how He brought up marine life. The first thing God started with is light. "Let there be light." The last thing He ended up with was what? A man in His own image and likeness. But how did He come from light to get that? He worked His way through different forms of life. He came through botany life, the first kind of life that came forth; from the hyssop to the cedars in Lebanon. He came up through marine life; from the sardine to the whale. He came up through the fowls of the air; from the little hummingbird, maybe, to the big eagle. See? Then He came through the animal; from the ant to the Serpent. He brought it through different forms of life but He never stopped creating until there was a man in His own image and His likeness. Why? He was reflecting the invisible creation.

As I said, wasn't there an eagle in Heaven? The Bible said there was a cherub with the face of an eagle. It says there was a cherub with the face of an ox. There was a cherub with the face of a man. There was a cherub with the face of a lion in Heaven, even before the material creation was made because He is the Ox, He is the Man, He is the Eagle, He is the Lion of Judah. Is that right? He is the Lily of the Valley, He is the Rainbow Trout, He is the Dove, He is the Eagle.

So, different forms of life were revealing this One as He was gradually unfolding Himself; gradually letting out Himself, not giving the full revelation all at one time. He was slowly letting Himself out in botany life, let a little more of Himself out in marine life, let a little more of Himself out in bird life; let a little more of

Himself out in animal life until He stood there as a man.

I read the quote for you, which I will not take time to read, out of *Countdown* [1962-0909M para.31 -Ed.]. He said: Everything on earth reflects what is in Heaven; all things in the natural type that. He said that's why God stopped at a man because the One Who was creating was a Man and now He couldn't go beyond Adam because one had come reflecting the One Who was doing the creating.

The Serpent, the most subtle of all the beasts, God put him right next to Adam. He was right there in Eden before Eve came into expression. He stood there and he and Adam... God said, "And God made man in His own image and likeness; male and female created He them, and God blessed them." And he was looking there and only seeing one man standing up there. He was wondering in his mind: "How could God say, 'Bless them?'" He said to himself, "I could talk and Adam could talk. Nobody else could talk. I'm full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. And he is full of wisdom and perfect in his ways." See? But Eve was chosen, in Adam and predestinated to a place.

She was already blessed with all spiritual blessings when she was chosen in Adam! She was placed in a position of dominion, yet not expressed. She was put right in the throne: "Let them have dominion." She was put right there with authority to rule and when she came she wasn't going to come under the Serpent. She was going to come to a place of co-equality because the first couple, they were co-equal. They were joint-heirs but the Serpent didn't know of that hidden Mystery. He didn't understand It. He didn't understand It; God kept It to Himself. Not even the son, Adam, fully understood It. It had to be revealed in his own time.

So the time when God would put him to sleep and bring the one who is to share his throne with him into

expression – well, all that time Adam and the Serpent would talk in the Garden. They were the only two who could talk. They were the only two who could talk a language. The Serpent had a gift of tongues, but he had animal life. He had the gift without the Life of God but Adam had the Life of God with the gifts of God. See?

That Serpent was standing there, the most beautiful of all the creation—God changed it when He came to the human race. The male was the most beautiful; male deer with the big horns, the male lion with the mane, male horse; male peacock. Is that right? Watch all the creation; the male in the creation is more beautiful than the female. And that word ‘subtle’ *ma har* in the Hebrew, it means *to have a knowledge of the principles of life*.

Josephus [Roman-Jewish historian -Ed.] says he was a servant to Adam and Eve; he used to live with them. You see he was the link. God brought him up higher than the animals where he almost had a soul because he came to the woman and said, “Yea, hath God said.” And he was so confident because he knew that she was not even in expression when he heard God telling Adam, “The day you eat of that tree, you shall surely die.” Eve wasn’t expressed yet. In Genesis 2:17 God said, “The day you eat of that tree, you shall surely die.” Genesis 2:18, God, said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.”

Then he could have told her, “I was there long before you came. I was called. That day when he named all the animals, he called my name. It’s then I knew he had something more than me. I was kind of convinced because I could speak in the same tongue, but he didn’t miss one time.” He said, “And then he was in the image and likeness; when you saw him, you saw the Father.”

He was the expressed image of the invisible God. He was an amateur God with dominion on the earth. He

had power to create. It was given to him. And the Serpent, he desired a place of dominion and so he came after the wife of Adam. Now, what was God doing? God, on the earth in His material creation, from the fall of angels bringing it down to the fall of man, He was showing what really took place in Heaven that could be understood now, in a visible, material form.

This one, who is the Serpent—the Serpent means *the shining one*. Lucifer means *the shining one; light bearer, son of the morning*'. And here the Serpent was like Adam's right-hand man, that Adam could say, "Go through the kingdom. Go through my kingdom, Serpent, shining one, oh great exalted cherub, who stands at my side." He says, "Go and see how the animals are doing and report back to me what is happening." Oh my!

He could get among them there and say, "You know, Adam and I were talking today and we thought it was a good idea to check up on you fellows." Do you see? Because why? He was given that place.

In Heaven, God had one who could do everything except create but what did that one in Heaven do? He began to tell a tale; not that the Devil has a tail but the tale he told. He was given a mouth and wisdom to speak flatteries, to take the kingdom by flattery. And when he came in by flattery, he became a dragon afterwards. What did Lucifer do in Heaven? The first move was to conquer the laity – Nicolaitanism. Then bring them to a corrupt form of worship – Baalamism. And then the doctrine of Jezebel killed everything that did not agree with him. He declared war in Heaven. That was the depth of Satan in Heaven.

What happened on the earth? It started with the Serpent, the same way; the antiChrist spirit conquered the bride, Adam's wife. Then Cain, the false prophet came forth. Watch it. AntiChrist, false prophet, beast – Nicolaitanism, Baalamism, the doctrine of Jezebel;

same thing, the depths of Satan. Then he comes; the false prophet came to the false religion and then Nimrod went and built his Babylon and brought the whole world, and would kill everything that wouldn't bow to that Babel. Is that right? Now, watch it in Heaven, watch it on the earth.

Then, when God came down, as we took Sunday, and He came to the Serpent, this exalted creature who had the knowledge of the principles of life, who wanted to take dominion, who wanted to come into the realm where Adam was. He left his estate. He didn't keep his habitation, and he went beyond because God established a boundary for him. As an animal, he had no right to go with a human being but he wanted Adam's bride, just like Lucifer wanted Michael's angels. And just as in the beginning, he began to tell a lie.

When he had that self-will and he began to express his self-will to the rest of the angels, he was taking them away from the will of God to bring them under his own self-will. "Then the rest of the angels," John said, "his tale (did what?) drew them." Drew them where? Away from their first estate. He drew them and then cast them down. He drew them away. They didn't keep their habitation. And when they fell, what did they become? Cancer, (is that right?) tumor, leprosy, typhoid, vulgarity, emulation, strife, contention, lying demons, sorcerers. Is that right? They were deformed into another species when they left their habitation; they could not remain in their original condition.

What happens when a woman leaves her position as a woman and invades the domain of a man? She cuts her hair, puts on a man's trousers, (is that right?) sticks a cigarette in her mouth (sure); wants to go and do the work of a man. Why? She becomes perverted.

What happens to a man when he grows long hair, puts bangs and curlers in it? He wants to go and work in the kitchen? Sure. He perverts himself in spirit.

What happened to the Church when the Church fell as an apostolic church and then fell into politics, and then fell into business, and fell into different things and became an organization? It became a deformed species because it was no longer in its original habitation and it cannot cross back. It cannot cross back.

When you see people want to live anyhow, do *this* and do *that* and do the *other* and they refuse to stay in their place that God has made them; when they get discontented in their place, when they get discontented in the way that God ordained them to serve Him, and try to go beyond the boundaries of the place that God put them in, they become perverted. They become deformed, they could no longer maintain their originality. Something happens that changes them, they become a fallen creature. They are changed into another species.

Look at the Serpent; he fell like lightning. From the head of the animal kingdom, he was cast down: "Because thou exalted thyself above your own realm and wanted to get up in the realm where Adam was, thou shall be brought down."

Adam could have told Abel and Seth, "I saw him fall like lightning." It didn't take him a few years to change from a Serpent into a reptile, no, sir. All the beauty, all the wisdom, everything was corrupted. From the moment he saw... he began to 'make it up' and say, 'Yea, you shall *not* surely die.' From the time he injected that '*not*' he expressed the iniquity that was already inside of him. Amen?

I'm making a jump here but I am going to fill in if I could. Turn to 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 14. That is the place I want to get to tonight and pick up Absalom a little bit and see what Lucifer tried to do in Heaven, what he

tried to do on earth, what he tried to do among Israel, what he tried to do in the Church, what he's doing in the last days, what he is trying to do with individual believers. He doesn't change, friend.

Let me tell you. If you are in the battle against the Devil, he just has one objective: to incarnate you. And the first way to incarnate you is to get you away from the Word, conquer your mind, bring you into a corrupt form of worship (exactly), take you out of your ordained, God-given place; pervert you in spirit. Exactly. What he does to an individual, he does to the Church. What he does to the Church, he did to the angels in Heaven. What he did to Israel back there with Jeroboam, Baasha, Ahab, Jezebel, is exactly what he is doing today.

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 14, you got that already? Amen. Quickly, we're going to look at this here. You see the reality of the Scripture. I have a little Light in me so I know you have. And when you get a little time, which I wouldn't have to do for you tonight, if you had done your homework, to read and get a little background of Absalom. I'm taking verse 25, Chapter 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel.

*25 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty; from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.*

Watch this great, beautiful creature who is going to go for the kingdom; who is going to go after David's flesh and bone; who is perfect and no blemish in him until iniquity would be found in him. And he pulled down many stars from their place. Watch him.

*26 And when he cut the hair of his head, (for it was at every year's end that he cut it; because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he cut it), he weighed the hair of*

*his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.*

See how he admired himself? Every time he cut his hair, he weighed it. Nobody had hair like him. See?

*27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar; she was a woman of a fair countenance.*

They named her after his sister.

*28 So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.*

*29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king, but he would not come to him; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.*

*30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.*

*31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?*

*32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? It had been good for me to have been still there: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.*

Look at this rascal. He had killed his brother, Amnon, in revenge. I don't have time to read. For two years he carried that revenge in his heart. He planned deceit: pulled the boy out there when they were shearing the sheep and killed him. He ran to Geshur by his father-in-law; stayed there for two years. Then Joab worked a little politics to get him back but David

wouldn't let him come in his presence. And this boy so wanted that preeminent place, he set fire to Joab's field because Joab was kind of ignoring him, in retaliation.

When Joab came, he said, "The reason I set fire to your field, what am I doing here? I want to be in the king's presence. If there be iniquity in me, let the king kill me." Because the king was supposed to kill him: an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. He killed his brother in cold-blooded murder but the father didn't destroy him. The father didn't exercise the penalty of the law and yet he is saying, "If there be iniquity in me, well, let him kill me if I go there then. If you think..." Do you see? Exalting himself.

*<sup>33</sup> So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.*

*<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after this...*

Watch him: away for two years, banished; came back in a few months, didn't get to see the king's face; worked his way, used his violent nature to force the issue. And from the time he came into the king's presence and the king kissed him, which was a sign like acceptance...

[2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15:1 -Ed.]

*<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.*

You see? Watch the pomp and the grandeur. Deuteronomy 17: 16 tells you, God had told them no king should multiply horses and do these things, but he saw that down in Geshur. That was what those heathen nations round about Israel were doing. That is how those kings moved. You watch in the Bible; the king would ride on a donkey. Even when Jesus came, "Your King cometh unto you meek and lowly on the

foal of an ass.” But those other kings, when they had inaugurations and so on, (boy!) they used to have big pomp and glamor and everything else. See?

From the time he got accepted back, he started to bring himself... Watch.

*<sup>2</sup> And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate;*

That was the Assizes Court, the judicial Assizes where Lot was in the gate; where Boaz and the elders were in the gate.

*...and it was that, when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.*

*<sup>3</sup> And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.*

*<sup>4</sup> Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit [like a lawsuit] or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!*

Watch. Watch the subtlety. He’s trying to find fault with the administration of the king. He said, “I don’t think there is anybody deputed to handle these matters, that’s why you are traveling from so far and nobody to see you. You come from so far.” He said “I don’t understand what they are doing here, you know, but I’m kind of ‘biding my time’ [waiting until something develops to my advantage -Ed.]; I’m kind of watching it. I hope it gets better. I will pray for you.” He said, “But if I was in charge,” he says, “man, I tell you, I will handle all these matters here quickly, man. You don’t have to suffer like this.”

Watch. Look Lucifer, friends. Watch the tale; watch the tale, here. Watch the Serpent; perfect in beauty

and full of wisdom. Watch Lucifer: perfect in beauty and full of wisdom, until iniquity was found in him. Watch the picture. Look, how he goes to the throne.

*...Oh, that I were made a judge in the land, that every man who hath a suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!*

*<sup>5</sup> And it was that when any man came [near] to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.*

Pretense in that way, showing he is so concerned; showing that he is so interested in the affairs and the needs of the people.

*<sup>6</sup> And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.*

He didn't earn it, earn their respect and their commitment by a dedicated life, by faithfully serving, by being loyal and carrying out the principles of living a virtuous life before them; he stole their hearts. He manipulated their minds by the tale he was telling; by insinuating that there's not proper administration: "I'm interested in your needs, but my hands are tied. If I had more leverage I could have helped you in a better way."

While he is pulling down one, he is exalting himself. He is presenting himself as the solution, where he will make a change in things. Watch.

*<sup>7</sup> And it came to pass after forty years...*

Not forty years of Absalom; I don't know if it's a scribal error or if it is another... In the Greek Bible It says 'four years' or, this could be forty years after David was anointed.

*...that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.*

*<sup>8</sup> For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode in Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.*

Look at this man. He ran away to Geshur when he killed his brother for fear that a penalty would be executed upon him. He said, "I made a vow I'll serve the Lord," and so on. And he is telling the king now after he stole the hearts, he says, "I made a vow while I was in Geshur. I want to go up and pay this vow," you know.

*<sup>9</sup> And the king [arose] said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.*

*<sup>10</sup> But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.*

Get a picture of what really happened in Heaven, here. You see, the Bible did not explain what happened in Heaven. Lucifer said, "I will ascend. I will exalt my throne. I will ascend to the heights of the clouds. I will be like God. I will sit in the mount of the congregation on the sides of the North." He was cast down because there was war. He pulled one-third of the stars with the tale he told and he fought in Heaven to take it over, in rebellion. It dropped down in the realm of human beings on the earth and then it started through the Serpent, that shining one, right next to Adam. And he went right to the bride, too because that bride had come into expression to take the place of rulership.

Now, watch something. Remember, in Heaven there's a place Lucifer wanted but that place was not for Lucifer; that Secret in the back part of God's mind where He and His Bride will be on the throne. Here was the King and here was the Kingdom, but there was no Bride. And the shiniest one, Lucifer... But that

Bride was a hidden Mystery to be revealed in a certain season, that angels, nobody knew.

Watch.

*10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.*

*11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, who were invited; [so] they went in their simplicity, and they knew not anything.*

*12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel, the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.*

*13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.*

And let's just turn a little bit here to 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18, verse 15. Watch this one who was exalted, how he was brought down to the sides of the pit; who was perfect in beauty until iniquity was found in him.

Verse 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18:

*15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.*

*16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.*

*17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the [woods], and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled everyone to his tent.*

Watch and see, perfect in beauty, full of wisdom but iniquity was found in him. What was it? He wanted to exalt himself above the stars of David. He wanted to get to the place where he would sit in the throne and

rule. And what did he begin to do? He began to steal the hearts of the people. And how did he do it? By finding fault with the administration in the kingdom. He strengthened himself on the discontentment of the people. He built upon people who were expressing discontent. He said, "You have a good matter, but that is how it is these days. Better could be done but things need shifting around."

Lucifer, all the while, was pulling the stars from their place, breaking the unity between Michael and His angels. Now, remember, David represents whom? Christ. David means what? *Beloved*. He was the champion who fought the dragon, delivering the people and so on, (is that right?) anointed by a prophet and so on; placed inside of there. But watch. God made a covenant with David concerning (what?) the throne.

Now, Absalom knew that the throne was there, the seat of power. He didn't fully understand, neither did Adonijah, that Solomon was the one God said would sit on the throne. Solomon was alive all there, you know. If you read 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12 was David's sin, then Solomon was born. Then 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15, what we read here, was Absalom bringing his rebellion, but Solomon was the true heir. It was revealed to David, who was going to be the blessed and only potentate. But David kept it to himself that Solomon, the son, did not even know about it. Do you get the picture?

They asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom come?" He said, "The Son doesn't even know. The Father has that for Himself. He will show in His own time, who is the blessed and only Potentate. It's not for you to know the times or the seasons when He will restore the Kingdom to Israel." Is that right? Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Watch, friends. It was a secret and because they didn't know the secret, they thought something was up for grabs. It became a temptation. They thought it

was only a seat of power. If they had only known the secret that it was always spoken in the Davidic Covenant; the son of David, God called him Jedidiah. Jedidiah means *Beloved of the Lord* as God revealed by the prophet, Nathan, he said, "Go tell David, Solomon is the one." But David didn't speak it. David kept it to himself. The father kept it to himself. The son didn't even know what was happening, it wasn't revealed. And during that time, (watch!) he went after the throne.

I'm going to close here. I don't want to ... I'm going to put a pause. I just want to bring that thought out, so you can see how this Mystery in Absalom, perfect in beauty, not a blemish in him but then watch, iniquity was found in him.

What did he do? He began to pull down the stars of David. He began to divide and conquer. Why? He had ambition to rule, to have dominion. You watch and see. He was given a mouth to speak flatteries. He came in but like a serpent, like the Serpent in the Garden of Eden, against David's flesh and bone. Because those men said, "We are your flesh and we are your bone!"

When a king was inaugurated his kingdom was like a wife to him; his subjects as a wife. That's why Jesus gets married to the Bride at the Wedding Supper and then they come to reign on the earth: Revelation 19. The King and His subjects, His redeemed subjects come back to reign in His Kingdom when the kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. But what is that? That is the battle that started in Heaven, friend; it ends up as Armageddon. That is the same battle.

All through, it's the same battle but in this Hour, it is only unfolding what really happened. Jude saw it in the Church. Peter saw it in the Church. The Prophet said, "What is happening right now?" He said, "Lucifer right now is building a kingdom which is going to

outshine Christ's little bitty flock." [1963-0728 Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed para. 548 -Ed.] Is that right? Oh yes.

When you find it's difficult to stand for the Word; when you find it's difficult to stay in your place; when there are all kinds of things to corrupt your mind and shake your mind and get you troubled in spirit, and you start to wiggle off the road and get under man's influence, you get under *this* influence, get under a worldly influence, get under *this* here, then what is happening to you, right there? What do you think is happening to you right there? What do you think is happening to you right there? You are showing your place, you are showing who you are.

Why do you think, with Balaam, it was the unpardonable sin? They already had a vindicated prophet who brought THUS SAITH THE LORD. To follow anything else was eternal separation. Why did the sons of God, in the days of Noah, fall when they went with the daughters of men? They left their estate and they went with the wrong race. And the same thing happens in the last days when they go to organizations; when they go to these things; when they get under human leadership instead of the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Learn it in the Bible, friends.

You say, "What about Michael's Angels?"

How are you keeping your place? Under what kind of pressure are you standing there? Absalom, (look at it) how did he draw one-third of them? How did he take the kingdom? There are only three temptations. It was in Heaven; it was on the earth; Jesus had to face it.

I'm finished. Let me just deal with those three temptations and close. That's how those men fell. If you fall it is because of three temptations: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. What did he break the unity with? He promised them power. "When I set up my kingdom, Ahithophel, you will be the man in charge."

I don't have time to go into it. I'd show you, Ahithophel, he also was a type of Lucifer. He had five 'I wills' too. He wanted to go after David and destroy him.

And Hushai said, "No, no. I don't think you're able. That man, tonight he is like a bear that is robbed of her whelps in the field." He said, "He would not even be with the people tonight. He is in a pit there, waiting for some man to come, angry as ever." Brother, I tell you. He said, "And you know those men he has there are mighty men."

Absalom said, "The counsel of Hushai is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." He said, "I think we're staying."

Oh, brother! Let me tell you, friends. Look at the three temptations: the lust of the flesh – Absalom pulls that flesh, there. Everything about his person was appealing, not his character. The people ignored his character for his beauty. You have nothing you could find in the record of Absalom in the Bible where he had anything about God in him.

The first words spoken when he heard Tamar was seduced by Amnon, he said, "Amnon was with you?" He said, "Don't say anything. Hold your peace." He killed Amnon and that made him heir to the throne because Amnon was the older brother. Like Cain and Abel; Cain killed his brother and rebelled against his father.

I could go into this here tonight (It doesn't stop) to show you, friends, what is happening right now. See the Bible. Let It uncover our spirit. Let It bring our spirit through the thinking man's Filter and see what kind of spirit we have; if you have a Word spirit. Let's see our beauty, our pride, our wisdom, the thing that we want to exalt ourselves with, the things that want to lure us out of our place, things that make us feel kind of special; things that are going to bring our

downfall to the sides of the pit if we keep doing it. Watch and see.

The lust of the eyes: he put out all those great big... Oh, he could put on a little drama for the people; I tell you. He went out with fifty men, special horses, and everything there and it looked worldly enough for them to like it. It appealed to the eyes.

Then the pride of life: "Don't worry about your problems. As long as I am the judge, I will handle all your problems. I will deal with your problems, I will deal with your circumstances. It will be easy. You won't have this rigid thing upon you. Everything will be nice and sweet, you know, every man to his own order."

In Absalom, you see Lucifer's ambitions, how he tried to take the kingdom; so beautiful, taken up with his beauty, but iniquity was inside of him. And instead of him taking the kingdom and sitting there, he was eventually brought down to the sides of the pit. It's where he ended up. Why? He wanted to take something that was not for him. It was a place already appointed for one who was going to be revealed in his own time; when Solomon was going to come.

Adonijah made the same mistake. He wanted that place, too and he said, "I will exalt myself, I will be king." He was very handsome, too. Watch and see.

Let me close here. I'm going to pick it up for you on Sunday, the Lord's willing; really get down on this Absalom to show you the spirit of Lucifer; show you what happened in Heaven, in Christ's Kingdom; what happened in David's kingdom, what happened in Adam's kingdom, what happened in the kingdom of the Church and what is happening in the last days in the Kingdom. And when the battle ends up, the kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. And the ones He is coming with are called what? Called, chosen and faithful; the ones He is coming to rule with, Revelation 19. Is that right?

They were faithful to the Word. They couldn't be shaken from their place. They couldn't be bought. They couldn't be pressured.

Brother, you watch and see. Look at the two-pronged attack of the Devil, always. First, Absalom, coming with flatteries then attempted destruction. Look at him in Heaven, coming in flatteries to take the Kingdom, then declared war and attempted the destruction. Then look at him with Christ in the wilderness, in deception. When he couldn't do it, then on the Cross, he nailed Him to the Cross and killed Him. He got the church power, the political power, and united together with demon power and crucified Him.

Look at the Church Age when he started: the white horse, with sayings in deception and when it came in the Dark Ages, they killed them. Look at Cain and Abel when the Serpent came with the deception of Eve and then Cain with attempted destruction and destroyed Abel. It is the nature of Lucifer. If you see some of those behavioral patterns in your life, it's the anointing of the Devil; serious, seriously.

The Spirit of Christ: look at David, look at Adam; the same one that God used. Look at Jesus, coming down from Glory. See? Watch it in the Bible, friends. It's happening in the Hour we are in. I didn't get time to go to Daniel. With Daniel we see that man of sin given a mouth, coming and taking the kingdom by flatteries, destroying wonderfully by peace. Do you know what Absalom means? *Father of Peace*.

Watch when that man of sin comes in the last days, he will destroy, by what? Peace; it's a false peace. When they say 'Peace', it's sudden destruction. It's no makeup. If you have any Light, you could see the Bible, see what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. You will see that the Scriptures are being laid open. You don't have to figure out what happened in Heaven, friends; it's all through the Bible. That's what it has

uncovered in the last days. The angels never knew it. He says in *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* [1963-0728 para. 17-1 -Ed.], he says, the angels never knew it. That's what caused the fall. It is going to be revealed to the Elected. Only the Elect has that revelation in their hearts: you know you are a part of Him.

Lucifer was one of His creations, the Serpent was one of His creations, but Eve and Adam were part of God. Do you get that? The Serpent was a time-being, but Adam and Eve were eternal-beings. If you have Eternal Life you always had It. And if you always had It then you were always a part of God but God created many different kinds of life. And that is why Lucifer could be destroyed in hell that is created, too because hell had a beginning and hell is going to have an end. If Lucifer is going to be destroyed in something that had a beginning and had an end, he could not be eternal.

Could you imagine a time-being wants something that belongs to an eternal-being? It appeared as if he could get it. It appeared like it could be his, but God had it preserved for you.

Friends, let me tell you something tonight. You may not understand all that I'm saying. You may not be able to hold It all together. You don't have to. You may not be able to understand It in the way... because God in many ways can confirm to you, you belong to Him; you are part of Him. And when you look at your ambitions, when you look at your desires...

They were drawn away by Lucifer's tale. They were enticed and seduced in Heaven and they departed from the Faith and they fell from their estate and they were deformed into another species; same thing in Eden. Same thing with Israel when Jeroboam set up the golden calves. Same thing with the first Church Age, when Paul said they corrupted their minds from the simplicity; in that they preached not the real gospel. [2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:3 -Ed.] It's the same thing in the

last days when he's going to come, this Satan's Superman, oh, 'the right leader the world wants'. It's coming for them. Their Absalom is coming. Their Adonijah is coming. Their Serpent is coming. Their Lucifer is coming. Their man of sin is coming. Their little horn is coming; coming to be incarnate. This is the time when the battle is on, whether God would be incarnate or Lucifer will be incarnate.

God is going to come in, but only on certain grounds. He comes in by justification, sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He's not going to come in any other way. He will separate you from your sin. He's going to separate you from the lie before He could be incarnate in you, but Lucifer will come in on any grounds he could get. He will force his way in, too; break down your health. He'll target your body first, weaken your body, weaken your mind, hold you in sickness, spray you with unbelief and then get into your soul and make you an unbeliever or a make-believer. He wants to come in, too.

Remember the battle is not in Heaven. The battle is in the mind now. You might be wrestling right now with all those thoughts and all those desires all those different things. It's the Devil fighting you, trying to pull you from your place, make you a fallen star; deform you into another species. Some little rascal, some little idiot outside there, (see?) and you want to go out there and be some hero or something.

Don't let that get a hold of you, friend. Jesus Christ, here tonight, has something far greater for you the Devil could never even offer you. He wants to share His Throne with you. You would sit with Me in? [The congregation says "My Throne." -Ed.] That's the promise for this Age. The place Lucifer wanted, the Throne, He exalted His Bride in this Hour, into that very Place. And how is He bringing Her? Through marriage. Is that right? Through marriage, He's bringing her to that Place to share that Throne.

He is only going to be married to them who are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, who are part of Him. If you see He's wooing you with His love, if you see He's speaking His promise to you and you are saying, "I will" and He's bringing you into a relationship, into a holy union; He is giving you a Place that that anointed cherubim and all those angels wanted and thought they could have. He wants to bring you to It tonight. Do you receive It?

Let's bow our heads. Gracious God, we stayed here quite a while tonight; the people showing such a wonderful attitude. When we examine these things we can catch the reality, which I pray that through Your grace, each and every one could be granted a measure of grace to grasp this reality, Lord; see how the world, the beautiful world, how Satan works in beauty, causes the fall of many who go after that beauty; that beauty that is without character. Lord, how we desire character, how we desire the very Life of Jesus Christ. How we desire, oh God, to walk like You and to live like You, Lord, to be what You want us to be, to understand it so clearly that no temptation, nothing that is presented to us will be able to pull us away and make us feel discontented in the place that You have ordained us to serve; that, dear God, we won't have to wrestle with these influences, oh God, that we could walk as a prisoner of Love like Moses. He forsook the pleasures of Egypt and he took his way with the Lord's despised few. He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter and enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Oh God, give us that kind of feeling, tonight, Lord. Give us that desire, tonight.

We don't want to be like those men in Israel whose hearts were stolen by the heart-stealer. That great heart-stealer is moving around in this Hour, stealing the hearts of men from Christ, oh God, making them a heartless people. He has their heart under his control; he stole them with his flatteries. He stole them with

his false promises. He stole them with his enticements, with his allurements and his temptations that he captivated and charmed them with. They failed to look at his character to see what kind of nature was going to rule over them, and they came away from a nature which You said was a man after Your own heart.

So, dear God, we realize, Father, this dark, evil Hour that we are living in; God, as Lucifer was reflected in Adonijah, in Absalom, in the Serpent, in Nimrod, so many down through the years, that great Mystery of iniquity unfolded, showing oh God, the very wiles of the enemy. You said: In the last days, put on the whole armor of God that you might be able to stand against the wiles: the methods, the cunning craftiness; how he works in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, in the pride of life, trying to break the unity of God and man. But God, may You awaken us. Wake us up with Your Word, that we could recognize, Lord; we could have discernment of spirit; God, we'll try every spirit to see what kind of spirit it is.

Oh, gracious God, I feel the Spirit is speaking so expressly through the Word; Word upon Word, upon Word, upon Word; one straight line of Scripture showing dear God, the very Hour that we are coming into; the very battle. Your Prophet called it, *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought, Wisdom versus Faith, God versus Satan, The Contest*. Oh God, but he said there is a *Victory Day*; he showed us how we will overcome.

Lord, let us not miss these great lessons because the promise to this Age is to the overcomer, that we will come out victorious in the end. We will rise in the last days, dear God. Every form of influence, every method of craftiness, God gave us discernment that we can detect it. Seeing how he's wielding his power and his influence over the minds of young men and young women, trying to take them away from their place, making them a fallen star, trying to deform them into

another species; God, I pray tonight for those under that temptation, those that are wrestling with that evil influence.

The powers of Heaven are being shaken and the stars are falling from Heaven. But oh God, if some might be tempted to be wandering stars, coming out of their courses, where they are no longer showing the sign that they are put here for and the season that they are living in (because Your stars were set in their courses, Lord, day unto day they uttereth speech, night unto night they showeth knowledge) pull them back in that course, Father. Let them get back in line. Let them keep uttering the speech of the Scriptures. Let them keep showing the season of the Rapture, Lord. Let them be a star that is fixed in its place. Strengthen them tonight, garrison them with Your Presence, tonight. Let not that evil influence, oh God, warp their minds. But dear God, may You in grace stand between them and that temptation like a shield, like a wall of fire round about them.

You said: "He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps; as the mountains are around Jerusalem, so is the Lord around His people. Though one thousand may fall on one side and ten thousand on the other side, it will not come nigh thee." Oh God, hide them in the cleft of the Rock, in the Secret of Your Presence; where they can abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Let them be safe in Your pavilion, Lord. Let them be set upon a rock where they shall not be moved. Oh God, may You grant it, tonight. So many are falling, so many are unable to keep their place; God, they need Divine revelation, to battle against that demon.

We saw there were some mighty Gentiles who stood true with David, oh God, those that he had picked up in his time of rejection when Saul was running him down, Lord. Oh God, how they stood gallantly, how they stood faithfully, so we want to stand with You

Jesus. We want to stand with You and love You with all our hearts like those men loved You, Father. We saw You brought them into power: You made them rulers over cities when You came into Your Kingdom. Oh God, they were Your bone, they were Your flesh. Make us like that tonight, that there would be nothing between our soul and our Saviour. Nothing will be so valuable, nothing will be so attractive, nothing could be so alluring, nothing could be so seducing to defile us, but Lord God, may we hold our virtues sacred so that Your heart will have no fear of spoil. May we stay true to You, Lord. You said *this* Bride will not fall; She is predestinated to stand. She will not defile Her skirts of Her purity. Oh God, we see we have such a great need of revelation, such a great need of that Word that can fortify us and shut the enemy out. Grant it unto us tonight, Father.

May You stimulate that desire within our hearts to serve You. Where we are growing cold, may You fan us back Lord, that our hearts could be aflame. Oh God, where we are getting a form of godliness but denying the power, may You shake us! Draw us close to You, tonight, Lord. Let us feel Your heart beating against our own hearts. Let us feel Your Love being shed abroad, in our souls tonight, that when we leave this place, may we be so purposed in our hearts to walk true.

Like Peter and they said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of Eternal Life." Oh God, they were not like that seventy, Father; they found it was a hard saying: eat Your flesh and drink Your Blood. Like Judas, he sought power and ambition. He fell so that he might go to his place but oh God, those others, they couldn't shake them. No man was able to pluck them out of Your hand. So, dear God, bind us together, Lord. Keep us close to You tonight. Where we are weak, strengthen us. Where we lack understanding, may You inspire us and let Your Word

illuminate us. Break every evil power, tonight and let Your people experience such a liberty, oh God, that they would be reminded of Your love, that they would be closer drawn to You, Lord. Grant it, we pray.

When we leave this place, take us safely to our homes, watch over us and protect us.

As we get ready for the little dedication now, oh God, this little girl of Your servant, they call Faith and Grace. By grace are we saved through faith, not of works that any man should boast, it is a gift of God. And God, so let it be with all of us tonight. We realize that we are the Election of grace, not of works but of Him that calleth. Oh God, how that ought to make us believe You. How that ought to make us have confidence that You who began the work in us will perform it, even until the Day of Jesus Christ.

Have Your own blessed way tonight, and bless Your children. May You meet every need in every heart tonight and may You do something special, and may Your Spirit get close to them and tender up in their hearts. Oh God, may You grant it. Grant it, Lord Jesus. Let us see Calvary all over again. Let us see how You fought the dragon in the wilderness and overcame. Teach us Your ways, oh God. Show us how to do it, Lord.

Oh God, You said, "Be of good cheer because I have overcome you shall overcome also. In that Day, you will know I in you and you in Me, and greater is He that is in Me, than he that is in the world." Oh, let us know it the way You said that we should know it, Lord, and would come to know it in this Hour. We just feel that You can do that for us tonight, as Your Presence is here so close. Would you do it, Lord Jesus? Grant it, we pray. We ask it in Thy precious Name, amen.

Let us just sing: *Grace, grace, God's grace.* [Song #177  
Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...grace*

*Grace that will pardon and cleanse within*

*Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sins*

Oh, sing again, once more: Grace, Grace...  
... *God's grace*  
*Grace that will pardon and cleanse within*  
*Grace...*

Aren't you thankful for that Grace tonight, that chose you, ordained you for this great Place?

*...is greater than all our sins.*

Amen. Our precious brother and sister, this is the fourth; fourth offspring that God has given unto them. Amen. In a great time, God had given them a greater responsibility and even adding greater responsibility to the home, as well.

Maybe one of these days he'll be preaching, he'll know more of the experience of faith and grace. And that's the Christian virtue. The Bible says: this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. The Prophet says, "If we ever make it, we are going to make it by the grace of God, friends." Think about it.

As we get ready to dedicate this little jewel of God. It says [Psalms 127: 3-5. -Ed.]: [Dedication of Faith Grace Rojas. -Ed.]

*<sup>3</sup> Lo, children are an heritage from the  
LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his  
reward.*

The Devil likes to defile wombs, he likes to shut up the wombs; he likes to do a lot of things with wombs but God-ordained wombs. "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

*...the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Sometimes the Devil doesn't like us to be rewarded. God promised rewards.

*<sup>4</sup> As arrows are in the hand of a mighty  
man; so are children of one's youth.*

*<sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who hath his quiver  
full of them: [Amen]*

[Psalms 128: 1-5 -Ed.]

*<sup>1</sup> Blessed is everyone that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.*

*<sup>2</sup> For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.*

*<sup>3</sup> Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table.*

*<sup>4</sup> Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed who feareth the LORD.*

*<sup>5</sup> The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion, and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.*

First time, my eyes – it was being said... [Glitch in audio. – Ed.] ... a baby girl; I couldn't imagine what she looked like. And such a sweet little baby. Maybe you should put her by the door after service, so everybody could pass and take a look at her. I guess they will want to see this lovely, little baby. Amen. It's like the more they have them, the better they know how to make them. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. It's the hand of God.

Father, we bow our hearts in Your Presence. We are grateful, Lord, for our precious brother and sister. When we call them brother and sister, it is with such an affinity. It is with such love and relationship because of what we have seen, come out of them down through the years: the life that they have lived, the way that they have walked, and the way that they have served, Father. Truly, dear God, we know we have been made richer when You gave them to us.

We know right here in the assembly, they grew up, oh God and became man and wife, and father and mother, Your minister; servants of Jesus Christ. Lord, You have guided them and You have brought them at this stage of their journey, that they could look back, Lord and see Your goodness, how, no doubt, it will encourage their hearts because they will see the love

that You have loved them with; the way that You watched over them and the way You kept them; the way that their blessings have increased will continue to increase.

May You ever keep them faithful. May You ever keep them humble. May You ever keep them sincere and true to Thee, oh God, to Your Word. Lord, in the midst, of all adversity and in the midst, of all darkness, as the world grows darker and darker, their lives will grow brighter and brighter and they will be more strengthened and encouraged to keep standing and fighting this great fight of faith.

We thank You for giving our sister a safe delivery. How Satan would have liked through the institution of medical science and these things, to overpower them with his wisdom, try to govern their lives. Dear God, they chose to stand for You and for Your Word and let You be their Leader and let You be their Guide, trust You, Lord. Surely You see this. Surely You know, oh God, how they desire to stand, and stand true, and You gave them grace and strength and You undergirded them that they would not be shaken, Lord, be troubled in mind and in spirit that they could rest safely in Your Word. As David said: You set them upon a rock, they shall not be moved.

May You bless them, Lord. May You supply their every need. May you bless their home that they would always have peace within their walls. May their home always be blessed that those who would come in their home, Father, will know that the Presence of Jesus Christ is there. Dear God, may You bind their hearts that it would beat as one.

Lord Jesus, this little darling girl that You have blessed them with, little Faith Grace, such a beautiful little child, I just ask Your blessings upon her, Lord. Give her health and strength. May she grow in grace and beauty and stature and favor before man and God. Dear God, You Who ordained this life; this little

star, twinkle, twinkle, little star, that came out in the galaxy of this human race and the solar system of their home, let her little life, Lord, fulfill Your purpose.

We know, Lord, You said out of the mouth of babes and sucklings You've perfected praise and You've ordained strength. We see through nature how You could take little things and work a great work. So dear God, we don't know if she would even grow up to be a young woman before Jesus comes; yet, we know Your purpose will stand sure, for what You have sent her into the earth to fulfill, that You can work this work through her, whether it is something for her parents in her home or whatever purpose it might be, let it be done, Father, according to Thy Divine will.

May You watch over her and keep her in peace and safety. May Your Divine Presence always be a hedge round about her against every evil attack of the enemy, who would like to bring harm and danger to her, to bring hurt or despair in the heart of Your children in some way. Let it never happen, Father. May she always be a joy to them and a blessing and comfort.

By faith now, we dedicate her for a life of service. We place her beneath Your precious Blood where she will be covered and protected. It's Your only place of safety that we know of, where Your watchful eye will ever be upon her and where she will be sheltered in Your Presence. Grant it, Father.

Bless her. Bless her parents. Bless the home and the other members of the family, we ask, as we dedicate little Faith Grace unto You for a life of service, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

*Grace, grace:* (God bless you) let's sing this song, as we get ready to go. God bless you. See you on Friday night. Let's come and fill up with the power of the Spirit. Get into prayer if you are going to wage a good warfare against the enemy. Do you agree with that? Come out. Amen.

God richly bless you and encourage you, tonight. Let not your heart faint. No matter what Satan might throw in your pathway, if you stand for God He will stand for you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. We forsake Him, friend, but He will never leave us nor forsake us. God bless you. Nice to have you in service tonight. See you on Friday, as we sing this little song as we get ready to go. The ushers will dismiss you.

Grace, grace, God's grace.

*...grace, God's Grace*

*Grace that will pardon and cleanse within*

*Grace, grace, God's grace*

Oh, grace that is greater...

*...is greater than all our sin*

Marvelous grace of our Loving God

*Marvelous grace of our Loving God.*

[Congregation continues singing. -Ed.]











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