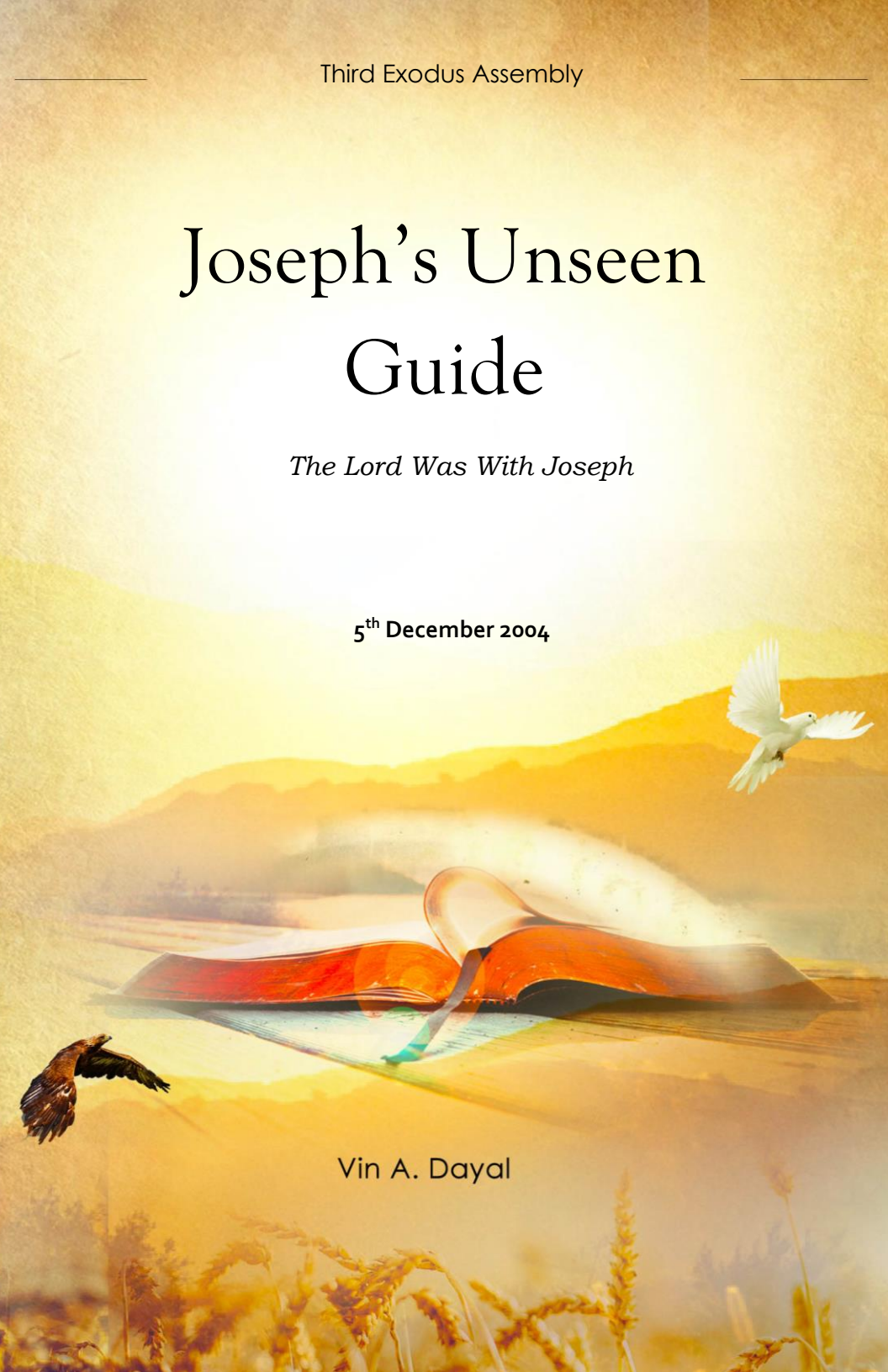

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Excerpt:

This Unseen Guide. Why did Moses do all those things he did? An Unseen Guide – Somebody Who could speak to him at the Red Sea. Why did Joshua do what he did? Somebody was speaking to him at the Jordan and saying, “Do this and do this and do this.” It wasn’t for everybody; it was for him. They were seeing the results coming out, but it was God Who was communicating it, because he had a Guide. It could not be done without a Guide. Elisha had the robe and everything, but he realized, “I still don’t have that One Elijah used to be talking too. I can’t talk to this robe here. I have it on, I’m looking Elijahish or whatever it is.” But the thing is, “Where is that God? Where is that Presence? Where is that Anointing in my life? Where is that Supernatural? Where is that unseen Power?” “They endured because they saw Him Who was invisible,” the Bible says. [Hebrews 11:27 –Ed.]

Moses endured. Endure; to endure, to persevere, to take all that the enemy is throwing and to still keep going on and not faint under it. Why? It’s because they saw Him Who is invisible. Sometimes you can’t see a brother or a sister but you could see Him. And that is your consolation, friends. That’s your consolation, because there’s a fellowship. There’s a fellowship. There is a contact there. [Pages 45-46]

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[# 943 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...and the honour,
Lord, we lift our hands in worship
as we praise Your Holy Name,
You deserve the glory and the honour,
Lord, we lift our hands in worship
as we praise Your Holy Name.*

*For You are great;
You do miracles so great,
There is no one else like You,
There is no one else like You.*

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Oh, just give Him praise and thanks. He is so gracious. He is so matchless; there is none that can compare with Him. He is the All in All this morning. Amen?

We have a little dedication. We would like to invite the couple to come, new-brand parents, our precious Bro. Mitra [Bro. Mitra Boodoosingh -Ed.] and his wife Sis. Joanna, first baby. How happy we are for them. Looking at him, he was walking with the baby bag this morning and just so proud, and the mother holding the baby. You know, it is just so lovely when you see a family coming into being; God's great creation, God's

great work, another little family unit that God is putting together to reflect this great Family in Heaven and on earth. Amen? Praise His mighty Name.

The Bible says: [Psalm 128 -Ed.]

¹ Blessed is everyone that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

² For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

³ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

⁴ Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

How beautiful it is. It says: [Psalm 127 -Ed.]

³ Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

They call her Adaliah Grace. 'Adaliah' means, 'God is my refuge.' Amen. It's certainly a lovely name and a lovely meaning and I'm sure it expresses their experience, what they feel, that God has been a refuge. I believe the entire Bride of Jesus Christ has been so glad in this Hour to have this refuge revealed to us, in a time of judgment, in a time of...

We also have another one, coming in a little late, but better late than never; second time around, Bro. Randolph [Bro. Randolph Hudlin -Ed.] and his dear wife. Amen. [Congregation applauds -Ed.] God bless them also. Amen. And this one is Shadrach Joseph, a boy God has blessed him with. So now he has the pair, both the boy and the girl; and God bless them. God just knows how to... You know, you see brothers like Randolph and they becoming fathers, having their wives and their children; it is strange. You know, it's... But it is beautiful. Do you know what I mean? It is beautiful.

He was growing up there in Marabella I guess, and serving the Lord, and coming along in the service of

God, having a desire in his heart that he was going to be married one day, and then it happened. God just knows how to provide the right person. And him and Sis. Marilyn, both of them have been with us for so long, way back in Barataria, and I'm really happy for them this morning. Amen. Growing families, it is so lovely; it is so nice. Amen?

So, we just want to pray and ask God's blessings. Ladies first (amen?) for this precious, little, darling girl here.

Gracious Father, as a church family, we gather around our beloved brothers and sisters, these two fine couples standing here today with the offspring that You have blessed them with. And God, it thrills our heart; it makes us feel so happy for them dear God, because we can enter into their joy and know how they feel so blessed. They have labored; they have served You faithfully. They desired to settle down in life, have the right mate, Lord, one that they can share their life with and build a home and a family, and God, You did just that for them, Father. You know how to answer every prayer, meet every request, make every Divine promise so beautiful in the lives of Your children, in the designated season and time, Lord, that they can be encouraged to live for You and serve You and know that Your promises are true, and to glorify You, and to lift up Your Name.

Today, to see Bro. Mitra and his dear wife Sis. Joanna coming into the house of the Lord, and Lord, coming with their little newborn baby. It's such a beautiful thing, Father, to see, oh God, how he labored and served, and our sister sacrificed and labored. Then You brought them together Father, and You caused love to beat in their hearts and they've come through their times of trying and testing oh God, but today, no doubt oh God, they are settled and satisfied; joyous on this occasion, Father. Lord, I hold in my little hands Father, the precious blessing that You

have blessed them with, and now coming, Lord, by faith to offer it up into Your great hands, Lord, Your everlasting arms.

Dear God, I bring little Adaliah Grace; 'God is my refuge,' her name speaks out. And truly oh God, You are their hiding place and their shelter, their protection, their security, Lord, where every provision has been provided for, for Your children that You'll bring into that refuge Father, where they are safe and secure, leaning on Your everlasting arms. And so dear God, this has struck their hearts and they didn't want just a name, but they wanted a name that would identify and reflect, oh God, that this spot and this experience can be marked, and as this child would grow, they would grow in the knowledge and in the grace, they would grow in power and in strength; they would grow in peace and comfort, Lord, to know that You have been this to them, Father.

God, I know what joy that can bring, Lord, when we see You revealed, when we see Your hand at work in our lives, when You give us identification, when You take our experiences and You put it in the Word, and You bring settled peace to our hearts, Lord.

So Lord, as we bring Adaliah Grace, we place her into Your mighty hands today, offering her up unto You for a life of service. Lord Jesus, we pray that You would receive her, even as You gave her, oh God, and Lord, that You would order her upbringing oh God, and You would provide, Lord, all that is required through the influence of Your Holy Spirit in the lives of Your children, and they would raise her up oh God for the purpose for which You have sent her, and Lord, that she will grow in this purpose, and Lord, that she'll reflect this vocation and this calling oh God, even upon her little life, Father, and that she would live to Your honor and to Your glory; she would brighten up their home, she would brighten up their lives; she would be

a special blessing that binds the two hearts even stronger, to beat as one, Lord.

May, dear God, she prosper in health and may she prosper in every good thing Father, that You have ordained in her life, dear God. May she be safe and may she be secure from all harm and all danger. May Your watchful eyes ever be upon her, dear God, and may Father, she continue Lord, to shine forth Lord, in all Your glory. May she have favor before God and before man. Grant it Father, we pray. We dedicate her today for a life of service in the precious, lovely Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thank You, Lord. We thank You, Lord, for our precious brother and sister, Lord, that stand here today. Lord, we are grateful for their identification and the stand that they have made. The brother growing up here, Father, and not having parents, Lord, like an orphan a big part of his life; going through times of loneliness, eating at different brothers' tables, and enjoying, Lord, what time of fellowship he could have with them, but desiring one day to have his own home and to have his own family. And Lord Jesus, how You came, Father, and Lord, You did this great, mighty thing for him. How You moved in his life, oh God, and how You made him such a blessing, oh God, in the church and among the people.

Our sister, Lord, being persecuted, Lord, so much Father, in the early days, and for the Message, and coming here in the Assembly and being among the believers. But dear God, how You proved to her that this is Your Truth, this is Your servant; this is Your Assembly, oh God. And Lord God, today she can stand at the side of her husband, Lord, and they can see Your great, tender blessings raining down upon them, Lord, and making them fruitful and prospering them, Lord.

Today, they bring their little boy, Shadrach Joseph, Lord, for dedication, and Lord Jesus, knowing Father,

that they desired a son after having the daughter, and God, how You even are mindful even of these little blessings in the lives of Your children, oh God.

Lord, today I pray Father, as we offer him up to You for a life of service, that dear God, You will receive him as we place him into Your great, everlasting arms, oh God, that You will ever watch over him and keep him, Father, Lord, in Your Presence, that he will grow under the influence of Your Holy Spirit and Lord, that You'll order his steps and guide his steps, Father; as he grows in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, Father, this influence will so govern his life, Father, dear God, that he can grow up, Lord, to fulfill the purpose for which You have sent him for. May You grant it, Father.

Bless our precious brother and our sister, Father. May You ever provide and supply their every need, both naturally and spiritually oh God, that Lord Jesus, they will be lacking in nothing, Father. And dear God, may You give them health and may You give them strength oh God, that they will fulfill all their days, Father, upon the face of this earth, raising their children, Lord, to Your honor and to Your glory.

Lord, we commit now little Shadrach Joseph unto You in the Name of Jesus Christ, dedicating him for a life of service and praying that, Lord, You would protect him, Lord, and Your Presence will always be with him to guide him through his earthly journey. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we thank You for him and we dedicate him for a life of service, amen.

Amen. Let us just bow our hearts in His Presence as we commit the rest of the service into the hands of the Lord this morning, knowing that He is faithful and He is gracious to us. If you have a special request today standing here, even out in the islands, you that gather around this precious Word, whenever we stand here, we stand here so mindful of not just the visible audience but even the invisible audience, knowing how

we care for each and every one that has been called out in these last days to form this great Bride in this region, this great, universal Church that is fixing to be raptured, and God calling from every different walk of life. And this great Jehovah God Who is in our midst, how He's mindful to meet every need, (He promised that He will do it) and to prosper His children; prosper every little Assembly that is raising up, meeting every need amongst them.

Let us just have faith and believe as we take these requests into our hearts, knowing that wherever God's Word is, that's His covenant with His people. And wherever His children are gathered abiding in that Word, and that Word abiding in them, He said, "If you abide in Me, and My Word abides in you, you can ask what you will." This very Word that is the symbol of the Holy Spirit, the very revelation of this great One that we serve, the very Word that created the Heavens and the Earth; and we are part of this very Word this morning, and out of this Word comes forth our every need.

God has supplied our needs down through these years and has promised to be with us, even until the end. So, let's just have faith and believe: whether it's healing, deliverance, desiring the Holy Spirit; you have decisions to make, you need His leadership, His guidance; you are hurting, you are going through great, hard times of trials and testings, it is our Absolute that we can tie our souls to. It's the Anchor that holds in the time of the storm. God is mindful this morning. So, be encouraged. Let us lift our eyes and look unto Him, the very Author and the very Finisher of our faith.

Lord, You know how we love You, Father. You know the standard we have taken, and the identification that we have made, and the great confession of faith that we have expressed in Thee, oh God. Our trust is in You, Lord. Our faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of

Calvary, Saviour Divine. Now hear us while we pray, and take all our sins away, oh God; blot it out completely, Father.

May Your blessed Holy Spirit move in our hearts and stir our souls to look to Your finished work and have confidence that in that work, all that we have need of has been achieved, has been supplied, has been made available; has been released unto us through the coming of the Holy Spirit in these last days to make these things known. And in You calling us and revealing to us our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and placing us, oh God, even under this very Token of this Word, oh God, Father, how we can stand here with faith knowing that this Sacrifice is all-sufficient and whatsoever we have need of today, we can believe that we have received it, and we shall have it.

I pray that Your blessed Holy Spirit, Lord, that covers us in this building and across this region, oh God, where we are gathered together in one mind and one accord in the Name of Jesus Christ, may the Holy Spirit minister sovereignly, individually, oh God, collectively, Father, to Your redeemed and called-out children. May, oh God, whatsoever they believe in their hearts, looking unto You expecting to receive and confessing with faith oh God, these things, that You will supply it according to Your riches in Glory. And then dear God, Your children across the face of the earth, Lord, the extended Bride of Jesus Christ, the Church of the living God, the ransomed Church, that You have purchased with Your Blood, that are gathered together, oh God...

Knowing that these are trying times, these are dark times, oh God; these are times of great conflict when all Hell is against the Church of the living God. But Lord God, knowing that we can pray, Father, and oh God, as our prayers come up through the Blood of Jesus Christ, oh God, You stand there ready to

intercede upon our confession. You are the great High Priest that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. You stand there, oh God, the great Michael, the Prince, oh God, to stand on behalf of the children of God this morning, to deliver every name that is written in the Lamb's Book of Life; to bring great exploits, oh God, to pass, Father, where two or three are gathered in Your Name; where oh God, where two or three can agree as upon touching anything, knowing it shall be done; where the Word is mighty to the pulling down of strongholds, oh God; where the Word, oh God, Father, the promises of God are being pleaded, oh God, in Your great Presence, and You stand there, Lord, to bring it into effect, Father. And so, we pray that It shall be done today Father, as they believe and they confess, Lord; as they expect to receive in the Name of Jesus Christ, may they find that You are faithful.

Lord God, may they receive these things through the ministering of Your Spirit, Lord, even as we are gathered in Your Presence and under the influence of Your Word today. Direct our paths, Father, in service. And God, may there be not one feeble one when we come to the end; there will be not one that will be lacking in anything, for it is written, oh God, in the Scriptures, Father, "You shall supply all our needs according to Your riches in Glory."

Now Father, take the few thoughts; open our eyes even as You will break the Bread of Life. Open the Scriptures and open our understanding, for so it is written in the Bible, when that resurrected Christ came in the midst of His children, He broke the bread, their eyes became opened, the Scriptures were opened; their understanding was opened. Oh God, what a joy it was for them Father; they knew that the living God was in their midst. It changed everything, Lord; it scattered all gloom away. Let it take place again, in the

Name of Jesus Christ we ask It, for Your glory and for Your honor, amen. Amen.

I would like to invite your attention this morning to the Book of Genesis. I would like to read out of there, Chapter 37. I just might finish out the year speaking on Joseph, and who knows where we will go from here. But we're not just looking for something new, but we rejoice when God can hold the church in a place and our faith, our understanding, our focus, can all be governed by the Holy Spirit, and all that God desires to give to us and do for us.

I was just pondering yesterday on what I should speak and just like in a little twinkle, Something just came to me and I thought, I will just speak there. Maybe, sometimes you look at something to speak; it's not maybe too big, it's not too, you know, the type of thing that really makes us gasp, but sometimes it might just be the thing in our lives that we need to be reminded. And we certainly want to say something that can be of benefit. Reading from verse 23, Genesis 37:

23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren...

His father had sent him to go and look for them. He went to Shechem and he didn't find them. He came to Dothan and he found them.

...that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

You know how people's anger or jealousy can try to strike at what might be the object that stirred this jealousy or this anger, or caused them to be envious, or for them to find fault with him. And the father had given him a coat, a coat of many colors. Like I was reading last week for you, the great significance of colors. There is one original color, that is white, and out of that comes seven colors, and out of those seven colors, all other colors came. And that represented God and this great sevenfold revelation of Christ, and the

robe was a type of the Holy Spirit. But it was only natural back there. It was a natural coat.

23 ...[and] they stript [him] out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him.

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

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

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

Because that was their plan – to kill him.

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

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

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

An 'officer,' it means like 'a minister of state,' and the 'captain' means, he was like a principality. He was the head of the guard, and the guard was really who was in charge of the prisons and so on. And he was like the great man over it, maybe like a man of national security or something, or some great role that has to do with the security of the nation and so on; defense system.

Then Genesis 39, verse 1:

¹ And Joseph was brought down to Egypt...

I want you to see that, you know, how it's written in the Scripture. Firstly, he was cast down in the pit; then they had to pull him up out of the pit, and then they sold him. And now he was brought down into Egypt.

...and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

You know, all Scripture is given by inspiration. Sometimes you might think it's English, but the word there, 'to bring down'... Because it's mentioned twice there; three times so far – they brought him down into Egypt. And the word there means, 'to go down, to descend, to decline, to sink down.'

² And the LORD was with Joseph...

And this is what really struck me: 'the Lord was with Joseph.'

...and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

³ And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

Well, that speaks something of Potiphar because, you know, for a big man in that great rank and position, who would have slaves that you would buy off an auction block, just to do menial work around your place, it takes a certain observation to observe something special about this young boy. Because remember, he was only seventeen years old, and to start to put things into the hands of a seventeen-year-old slave that you bought for some money, it means to say that you had to take him under close scrutiny and examination and consideration.

That's why, sometimes you find things in young people, if you have the eye. You may see a lot of things that some may say, "Ah, young people." They are young and maybe first thing, inexperienced, novice, you know, untrained or cannot be trusted, or flighty. But then sometimes, you can take note in young people and see virtue and see things of value, and see marks of distinction that denote a high calling, gifted in a certain way, and realize that God has a hand. Sometimes you hear what they speak, you see their mannerism, how they answer, how they conduct themselves, how they carry themselves; it catches your attention when you have that eye to observe.

Remember, Potiphar wasn't now going to have an estate. He already had a big estate. This was just another slave; this was just another investment. And so, his master saw that the Lord was with him. This man could see immediately what his brothers couldn't see. Do you understand what I'm saying? He lived and grew up with them and they couldn't see anything in him. Yet, this man quickly, a man so great, could spot something in him.

*...and that the LORD made all that he did
to prosper in his hand.*

The man was realizing, whatever this boy put his hand to and did, it was being successful, it was increasing and it was prospering.

*⁴ And Joseph found grace in his sight,
and he served him: and he made him
overseer over his house...*

The Bible says, "He that is faithful in the least, can be faithful in more." [Luke 16:10 -Ed.] As he began to observe this boy and his attitude, he began to lift him up, lift him up, increase his authority in his house, bring him to a greater position; promotion. If you want to get promoted with God and in the things of God, show faithfulness in God's service, show diligence in God's service, show prudence in God's matters; show

you are attending to God's things and you are willing to sacrifice and put God things first. A person like that, God can never leave down because every time a person was like that in the Bible, or every time God lifted up a person like that in the Bible, was one of such. Look at Joseph; David keeping care of his father's sheep. Look at Joshua, close to Moses. Look at Elisha pouring water on the hands of Elijah. Watch those things in the Bible and you see how God can lift people up.

⁵ And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake...

What a great thing that was – a man who could have seen something in one of God's children and begin to have respect for that man and begin to treat that man right, God started to bless the man for that. Watch the Shunammite woman in the time of Elisha. She saw a man there; she treated him right. Look at the blessing that came. Those are patterns in the Bible. Those are lessons; life's lessons. You see that, you try to find out... It's not going in the bush and praying and trying to fast and beg God. No, no, no. Just sometimes, simple; just quick to observe, quick to do things; quick to have a certain attitude.

...and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

This man became prosperous, not because he was good in the stock market, or he had good investors, or he had good, financial managers; not because of that, you know. This man prospered in all that he had in the field and in the house because he started to show respect and kindness and reverence, and treated right, God's blessing. You see, this is the key, friends.

Bro. Neville [Bro. Neville Roderick -Ed.], you know, was praying there, Friday night—Wednesday night in the meeting, at the end of the meeting, and he was talking about the blessing in the church, and the blessing on families, and the blessing on the people because of the Word that they respect. You see, everything is in the Word.

Why are we blessed today? We received a man in whom the Word was in. Did you get that? When we received this Message and the Messenger, that Word was Christ in him! That's why, you see the people who received organization, watch them. They have to pull and beg and everything, and scheme, and all kinds of raffles and... And when he came, he was condemning those things, and said, "That's not the way to handle God's business." Because they were trying to raise money through raffles and soup suppers and bingo in the church and all kinds of different things, trying to get... He said, "God's thing is not like that." And he began to teach them God's ways and God's principles, and God began to bless it.

Now watch here in the Bible. This is Genesis. That is your Seed. You could find everything in the Seed.

⁶ And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat.

All that man knew what he had, was the bread that he put in his mouth. In other words, it shows such complete trust in the hand of a faithful steward who was so diligent and taken up in his master's affairs and not trying to use his position to advance his own person but to honor his master.

You heard me preach on the parable of 'the unjust steward' (right?) – the man who was selling the man's oil and wheat: Luke 16. And then he said, "Give account of your stewardship," and he put him out of the stewardship. But watch here, he [Joseph -Ed.] now

was using the things of the master to advance the master.

Like us: God gave you something in your life, you don't use it to advance your own person. God give you a little gift, you want to run out there, sing in the world, sing here, sing there, do this, go out on Sundays, do that, do this thing here; you could never get prospered and blessed by God. God gave you something, firstly, you recognize the Giver and then you honor the Giver, and you use it in the place, because God's gifts find their places. And God's gift—and the place for God's gift is in God's house, Bethlehem, house of God. Did you get that? God's gift is not for Sodom and Egypt. No, no, no. God's gift is for the house of God. You see that commercial spirit. See?

⁶ And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

Verse 19:

¹⁹ And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying,

This is after—between verses 6 and 19, you have the story of his temptation with Potiphar's wife. And now, Potiphar had come and was interrogating him.

...when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

²⁰ And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph...

Again, this is the only place, from chapters 39 to 50 that It says, "The LORD was with him." And It says it four times – twice in Potiphar's house and twice in the prison house. And these were the trials between his father's house and when he came into his position in

Pharaoh's house. But the only two times—four times it's written. And it's the only place, in chapter 39, it is written, 'the Lord was with him.' And the Spirit used it four times. And I believe, that is what struck me. That is what struck me, and I'm trying to see if I could preach on that.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison...

Now, here was a man going to prison on a rape charge. Here was a man going to prison as a foreigner coming to tamper with a high dignitary's wife. The yard boy, in other words, wanted to get inside the governor's—the captain's bedroom with the captain's wife. You could imagine the kind of punishment that was going to be meted out. You could imagine the kind of scandal that was. And the man came and met his wife in tears, and met the boy's clothes. And they found the boy naked somewhere, hiding somewhere, where the servants tried to run him down, and they held him. And the boy was trembling when the master came. And then they, maybe put a good whipping on him, and then put him down in the prison where the prisoners were bound. But inside of there, a man began to give him authority and lifted him up in the prison.

It's strange what God can do in your life. You see, I want you to see this morning, it's not by might nor by power. To raise up and to put down belongs to God. This is the same God Who blessed Nebuchadnezzar, made him the great tree to feed everyone, and then He is the same God Who put him down and made him eat grass. Do you get what I'm saying? And so, you don't try to, like work through politics to get into power and then when you get into power, you become a big 'I' and

you are walking with your head stuck up in the air or something. No. You try to please God and let God raise you up.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seats. Turn with me to 2nd Corinthians, Chapter 4. I would like to speak this morning on, **“JOSEPH’S UNSEEN GUIDE”** and for a little subject, **“The Lord Was With Joseph.”**

These men were seeing the Lord with him but I guess they weren't seeing any Pillar of Fire hanging over him. I guess they had no camera to take out any Cloud twenty-seven miles high, but they knew the Lord... And watch that 'LORD' – it's capital L, capital O, capital R and capital D. That's this great Creator, the self-existing One, the great Jehovah Himself, the covenant God. When it's written in all capital letters like that, it's speaking of Him. And that's how the Hebrews—you know, they wouldn't want to call that Name; they so reverence that Name, they would express it, 'Adonai' – differently. And you'll find, that would be like capital L and the rest is just common letters. But when it's put here like that, that's what it signifies.

They were seeing this God who was with him. And if they were seeing as unbelievers, the Egyptians, were seeing God with him, how much more he, the covenanted one, knew God was with him. If people can see God is with you, how much more you should know that God is with you. Do you get what I'm saying? But

then, when you are in certain circumstances like what he was in there, that's the time you'll feel God is not with you. And that's why I think it's outstanding because that's the time people feel forsaken; that's the time people feel abandoned. You are trying to stand for God, you are trying to serve God and you end up in things like this, and everything is against you, and you can't help yourself out of the situation, and it seems that all the good that you did, it seems to be of no avail. But it was in those times it was written, "And the LORD was with him."

I believe that, you know, God put it there like that because as we read it, we can see. It didn't say that when he was having the visions, God was with him. It didn't say when he was all over Egypt, God was with him. It didn't say that. The time it is written God's with him—not that God was not with him in those times; God was with him from the beginning, through his whole life. He was born for a purpose. And because he came on the earth for a purpose, God was with him down through life's journey to fulfill that purpose.

That's why when they went to kill him, the same time, the Midianites passed and Judah got the idea, and said, "Don't kill him. Look, we can sell him." And they realized right away, "It's true. They are coming. We can really get some money off this thing. So that's a good idea. Because if we kill him, we will get nothing." So God was with him right there to save him from being killed because he couldn't die; he was born for a purpose. Did you get that? But you see, that's the time people feel forsaken.

Now 2nd Corinthians 4, verse 8. It says:

⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed...

Troubled: to suffer tribulation. It has a strange meaning here in the Greek. The word 'thlibō,' it also means, '*to press as grapes; press hard upon.*' Like how they used to trample the grapes and crush it. Because

when they crushed those grapes in the winepress, that's where the juice came out of the grape which is called the blood of the grape, and then that flows into what you call a wine vat. From a winepress it went into a wine vat. And then in the wine vat (it's a receptacle that collects the wine juice)—and then from there, they bottled it in skins that they had, wineskins, and they had it there. And that wine would ferment. And you know, wine is a thing, the older it gets is the better it gets.

So here, the word that is being used there is as one—it's like grapes being crushed. It also means, '*to suffer tribulation; to be afflicted.*' And It says:

⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

'Despair' is '*to lose hope.*' So even though we go into all kinds of difficulties and these things, and come into like doubt and come into wondering, yet we don't lose hope. What keeps that hope alive? Every circumstance is designed to bring doubt to the things you have spoken, to the things you have confessed. Everything that needs to be brought into place that would encourage your faith and seem to help you believe that the things you are confessing can really come to pass or has a possibility of coming to pass...

He talked about this great vision that he had, and how they were bowing down to him. And he was looking forward that this would be fulfilled, only to realize... Here we are seeing him in a pit. The next thing, we see him, he was cast down into the pit; then he was brought down into Egypt. And in our Scripture, as we closed there in chapter thirty-nine, he was down into the dungeon. And he was constantly being taken down, down, down, going lower all the time. And that was the depths of his going down, because from there, he began to start to come up. Out of there, he began to come up.

You know, it's like... These are principles in the Bible. It's also spoken of Jonah, how he went down to Joppa; and then he tried to buy a ticket to go down to Tarshish; and then he went down in the boat. And then It tells you he went down in the sides of the boat; and then they found him down in the bottom of the boat, down in the hull. And then from there, they threw him overboard and he went down into the ocean; and then he went down into the fish. Then It tells you, the fish went down to the bottom of the ocean. And then It tells you, he began to pray. Why? It's typing Christ. It's typing Christ. He Who left the Highest came down to the lowest. And it was showing forth the humiliation of Christ. Because Jonah coming out of the belly of the fish was what? Christ's resurrection. Joseph coming out of the prison was what? Christ's resurrection. And when He had resurrected, He ascended. He ascended far above the heavens, where there is a Name given above every other name, which I preached for you last week.

Watch God: sometimes, when His purpose is to raise you real high, He takes you real low. If you don't intend to be raised too high, He's not carrying you too low. But if His purpose is to take you real high, He takes you down real low. And that's God's way, friends. And so here we see Paul writing about his own suffering and the suffering of the Church. He said:

...we are perplexed, but not in despair;

We don't lose hope. He said that we are:

⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; [and we are] cast down, but not destroyed;

I'm applying that to Joseph and the spiritual Joseph, because it is the spiritual Joseph I'm really preaching about.

⁸ ...troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, [yet] not in despair;

⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

They threw him down. They cast him into the pit. They cast him into the dungeon. They took him down to Egypt in chains, yet he was indestructible. He was indestructible. Why? You can't destroy the Word, friends. The thing about him was the Word. The Word was in him. He was part of the Word. He was God's Attribute expressed in flesh in that Age. He was not just, a man and a woman had a child. No. He was God's Word for the Age. He was God's channel of communication. He was designed and gifted to catch the Mystery of God. His life had a Divine plan. His life in the Bible told you about his dreams and his life ended with the fulfillment of his dreams. And his whole life that was recorded shows you how God worked to fulfill what God revealed to him about himself, because he was a perfect type of Christ. And when we look at it, we realize, these things in the Scripture...

Look at Paul and they in that first Age. Christ in them was the Mystery. Christ in them was the hope of glory. And with this Mystery of Christ being formed in them, this spiritual Joseph, they saw how that Life was growing to perfection, how the Church was coming into Perfect Love, Perfect Faith, and the way God was passing them to bring forth this. As Paul said, "He travailed in birth that Christ be formed in the Church." He said that God separated him from his mother's womb to reveal His Son in him that he might preach Him to the Gentiles. And so, here:

⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

¹⁰ Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus...

When they hated him, that was Jesus' suffering. When they rejected him, that was Jesus' rejection. When they humiliated him, that was Jesus'

humiliation. When they put him in the pit, that was Jesus. When they sold him for pieces of silver, that was Jesus. When they put him in prison, that was Jesus. Do you get what I'm saying? His whole life was Christ. Christ was being expressed through him.

Now, as I told you last week, this is the Hour when the Bride is to be exalted. The Church that God started on the day of Pentecost is to be exalted in this Age. This is the Age of the Marriage. This is the Age She's coming to be joint-heirs, even to half of the Kingdom. This is the Age they go back to Eden. This is the Age where He identifies and unveils His Bride. This is the Age he said that we have had churches, churches, bride, brides but there was to come an Age that there was going to be a Bride in the Bride Age. This is the Age where the Queen, She's going to share the Throne with Him. And so, all these things...

This is the Age, the Hour is come for Her to be glorified. But watch how in this glorification, this exaltation of the Church in the last days, where She is going to put back on immortality... It wasn't in Paul's Age She put on immortality. It wasn't Irenaeus, or Martin, or Columba, or Luther, or Wesley, or the Pentecostals to put on immortality. It is in this Age when He appears with His mighty Angels in flaming fire, (2nd Thessalonians 1), when He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all them that believe, and to fulfill the work of faith with power. That's this time.

But watch and see how that measure of suffering that God left, look how conscious, even in that first Age, they were. Because remember, the Church fell away after that. And now in the last days, the same Message has come back to us, the restored Word, and now the whole plan is opened up to us. So we can look now and see the value of what we have experienced, that it was not things that were designed to kill us, because it couldn't kill us. You are born for this.

You may think... A coward dies many times before his death. "Oh God, I will die; I will die. I can't take this. Lord, I can't take this, Lord. Lord, pressure burst pipes. Lord, this is the enemy." No, no, no. These things can't kill you. If you know you are called, if you know you are chosen; if God has given you a revelation...

Now remember, all this here, he had a revelation given to him first. When God gives you a revelation, then He can test you according to your revelation. He doesn't test you more than you can bear. And the capacity which you can bear will be determined by your revelation. Do you get what I'm saying? But when you can bear things, it's because God has given you a revelation that strengthens you, gives you prevailing power; the gates of Hell cannot prevail against you. It gives you faith to master all circumstances; that's the Word in you. But when you break under pressure, when you fall apart in this, when this happens to you and you get discouraged, you get perplexed, you begin to get into doubt, you get troubled on every side and you get so distressed that you want to give up; you start to react. He said, "No."

⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; [he said] we are perplexed...

That is in the mind now. This is in the mind now. He said:

...but not in despair;

⁹ Persecuted...

And you are seeing no help: no brother, no father, no mother, no sister, no friend, no pastor; no deacon.

...but not forsaken;

But not forsaken. He was separated from father. He was separated from mother. He was separated from brothers and sisters. He was separated from nephews and cousins and everybody else. He was separated from home. He was separated from country, and he was down there, a foreigner in a land, with this charge

upon him, shut up in that dungeon down in the bottom of the earth down there. And It says, "But the LORD was with him." Brother, he had One with him!

You see, sometimes people only know security with a bunch of people and that robs them of deeper fellowship with God. But God has to bring you to places of aloneness (amen) so He can begin to show to you the unspeakable Gift, what It means; that when you have God, you are in the majority, and all of Heaven is behind you. Amen. God needs to bring His children to this kind of realization.

The four times when It says, 'God was with him,' it was down in Egypt. In the beginning of the story, he had his brothers and father with him. At the end of the story, he had his brothers and his father with him. In between there, he was alone. He was alone. But in the alone time, God was with him.

You see, it's easy to face certain things when you have company with you in it. You are shipwrecked on an island, and you are alone there, and you have to start a fire, you have to find food, and you have to go through that jungle to try to find food. And you don't know if there are snakes, you don't know if there are wild animals; you don't know what is there. And then you are wondering. You can't cook, and you don't have matches to light a fire, and you don't know how you are going to survive. And you look at the time and you say, "Now, at home, it's about time to eat." And you are accustomed in your house to somebody bringing food for you. Or, if you have money in your pocket, you go and buy something to eat. And here you are and there isn't anything there. And you start to know what it is to be alone. At home, you put on your lights when it gets dark at that time, but there are no lights to put on there. Do you get what I'm saying? It doesn't take you long before you start to go out of your mind.

But there, when It said, "And the LORD was with him," that has meaning. That has meaning, because it

is telling you now, this is not just something that was written there. It was written in relation to what he was going through. It was written to show why he mastered those circumstances. It was written to show why things were turned around when he was there. It was written to show the resolve that he had to know, "God is with me. I don't have any brother here. I have no sister here. I don't have any friends to help me. Nobody is even sending any emails or letters to encourage me. But the thing is, God called..."

God told Abraham one time, He said, "God called you alone." And God made him separate from everything. Why? God wanted to get him to the place to know, "You serve Me. I'm your Master. I'm your God. I called you. I brought you into existence and I want nothing between you and me. Thou shalt have no other gods besides Me. No friend, no wife, nobody could raise up in your life beyond Me. I must be preeminent in your life first. Then after this, any blessing you get, you know it came out of Me. I gave you a wife, the second next best thing. I gave you a home; I provided it for you. I supplied..." Why? Because you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. It comes out of that.

You don't get in any place where you are bound by this one, and this one has a pressure on you and you are obligated to this one. And then this one is expecting you to give back certain favors because they gave you certain favors. And then it's conflicting with God's leadership and God's will in your life because you are now caught between somebody who has a pull on you and who you are obligated to and God Who purchased you with His Blood, and you belong to Him. And then you say, "Well, I can't go now because, you know, my boss said so. And I can't go now because my wife said so. And I can't go now... I can go when I get a vacation or I can go when you hear..." And now God's things become a certain way. Why? Because

there are all these other powers in your life that threaten your existence, and you bow to their authority so many times.

Then sometimes when God has to test you on one of those, and say, "Okay, the job is going in jeopardy now, but I want you to do this and that and the other." And if you can't say, "Well, God gave me that job," you start to study your pension and your gratuity. "I'm coming up for retirement just now. I have this to get over here." So God can't test you on that at all. Your test has to be other things. God doesn't have that kind of control in your life. And yet, we know He wants preeminence. We know that's the objective. We know that's the achievement. We know it comes down to a place... "Well, I will hold onto it until the Squeeze comes." And when the Squeeze comes, you say, "Well, I can give it up now. I'm ready for the Spoken Word." But there is no training there. There is no training there to trust God. There is no training there to believe God. You see?

Don't be a fanatic, okay? But when I'm speaking this, I'm speaking this in general. Next thing, you come and tell me, "You know, I heard you preaching on that and I left my job." [Congregation laughs -Ed.] I'm saying, if He's dealing with you and if He has to test you there... If He tested Abraham, "Offer up your son," why can't He tell you to offer up your job? And then when He sees you are willing to obey Him, He says, "Okay. Don't bother. Don't leave your work. I just wanted to see where your heart was. Now I know. Now I know. Now I know you are ready." Do you get what I'm saying?

I'm trying to show how things come. I'm trying to jolt places to show people how they live in their comfort zone, and they don't realize they are in their comfort zone, and they are watching people outside their comfort zone. While they are in their comfort zone, they are watching through the window of their comfort zone and they are watching people. And they are trying

to find, this one should be like this and this one should be like that. And their nest isn't being ruffled at all. Their nest isn't being shaken. See? But you see, the thing is, when you are walking with God, friends, this God of the Bible that I know, you walk with Him daily. You walk with Him daily. And that's what I'm trying to preach here.

¹⁰ Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

¹¹ For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake...

You could see that in Joseph's life.

...that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

¹² So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

He said, "God sent me. What you think you did to me... No, that was to bring life. That was to preserve the life of many. That was to save." But he had to go through that to become Saviour.

Now this is what I'm saying. We use the terms: 'finish the work by and through the members of the Bride,' 'co-worker in the work of Redemption to finish up the plan of Redemption,' 'finish up the Bride's commission'; and that sounds like a teaching, but that is really Redemption. That can only be done by kinsmen. That can only be done by intercessors. That can only be done by people who are part God and part man. God and man have to be in union to do that, because God and man were in union in Christ Who came to save; Who became an Intercessor. And He couldn't intercede if He didn't become man, because when He became man, He understood all the things that man goes through so He could become an Intercessor, a High Priest who could be touched with the feeling of their infirmities, because He was tempted in all points the same way. So even though He is God,

He had it by knowledge, but He didn't have it by experience. Until God became flesh, He knew what it was to be tempted in flesh. Do you get what I'm saying?

So God put His Own Self to be tested, to be humiliated, and took it. Because when the angels and they tried to do something, He just cast them out and never went for them. But now, for man, He had to come down there and take it. And through the things He suffered, He learned obedience, (now watch) and He was made perfect, the Bible says, through suffering. [Hebrews 5:8-9 -Ed.] Not that He wasn't perfect; He was perfect in His character. Sure! But this suffering, this humiliation to meet the requirement, to bring this redemption, it wasn't just going through some things for a day. No. But this work that's being done, is being done for two thousand years. This is being done for the whole Church and not everybody was going to be in the first Age.

So when some of us come in this Age, what you go through and what we are being faced with in this day, those in the Dark Ages never faced this. And what they faced we never face, and are not going to face. He said, "The Church will not have to go through that kind of persecution again – killed sixty-eight million; that is not going to happen again." But then, we live in the most deceiving Age. They never lived in this Age. "It's easier," he said, "to go and give your life in the arena than to live in this Age, because in this Age, he's making you feel you are a Christian, when you are not even a Christian."

When you watch the test and see how the test falls in each Age, and the things we have to face, then it lets you know your life must enter into a deeper place. Your concept of God and Christ, the Church, your purpose on earth, must go into a deeper phase. You can't just say, "Well, I'm going to church and I'm hoping to make the Rapture." No, no, no. "I'm born

into this earth. I'm a seed of God. I see God's Word growing up in me. I see God's faith coming into me. I see God's virtue and knowledge coming into me. I see God's Life in me mastering the circumstances I face. I'm seeing God identifying Himself in me." Because the Life that is on the inside is not your father's life and your mother's life if you are born again; that is God's Life. Because only those who have God's Life could be re-born; they were seed. And it's only they who could overcome in each Age. They are the overcomers.

So the thing is, the identification is: you are knowing as you were known. You come into that knowing by your experience. And Paul is showing here to the church... He is trying to encourage the believers.

He said:

⁸ [You] are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; ...[persecuted], but not in despair;

⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

¹⁰ Always bearing about in [your] body the dying of Lord Jesus...

He says:

¹² So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

¹³ We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

If we have the same spirit of faith like Joseph, then we believe the same way he believed, we speak the same way he spoke; we go through the same things he went through. Why? This is the Age when the Church is coming into glorification. Joseph's life holds the picture of humiliation and exaltation; suffering and glory. See?

*14 Knowing that he which raised up the
Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus,
and shall present us with you.*

The same way Jesus was raised up, (and He was raised up after He died; after He descended, then He ascended) then it's the same way with us.

Now, as we examine this—and if you have been catching some of the services in a clear way, and especially last week, this life of Joseph, it revealed two things: first, the humiliation of Christ; how He had to come down. It shows to us the definite principle that there is a Cross before the Crown; there's a Lamb before the Lion. Jesus couldn't become Lion and then become Lamb. No. He had to suffer to reign. That's the principle. He had to be humbled and obedient, then to be exalted. He had to suffer and then come into glory – the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. So in our life...

That's why the glory—we know glory is promised. The Scripture says, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed." [Romans 8:18 -Ed.] Why? Because suffering in life first, then the glory that shall be revealed after. Why? Power without character is satanic; it's not fit to rule. And if the Throne is promised: you will sit with Me in My throne... In this Age, that's our promise. That's what the Church Age opened to us: that every Age had a promise, every Age had an Elect, every Age had a messenger; every Age had a message. And in every Age, the Holy Spirit is saying, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church"; in every Age. And the Holy Spirit speaking to the church in every Age was sealing away the Elect in every Age. And by that Word, it was revealing to them—the plan was releasing the anointing upon that Age.

The Seven Seals shows us that also: how there was an anointing, a lion anointing on one Age, there was an ox anointing on another Age; there was a man

anointing on another Age. And that was coming by the message being opened. But that was coming in relation to the trials and the testings and the conditions of the Age. Because every Age, God revealed the conditions of the Age. Do you get that? That is not just statistics. God laid it out so to say, here...

The Book of Revelation; Revelation, the Book of the unveiling, unveiling God's will and God's plan: that He had an Age and that Age was marked out in His Mind before the foundation of the world. He had so many people to put in each Age. He had a messenger who was going to be born in that Age and that time to catch that message. Those Elect would come to receive that Message through the messenger in every Age. And in every Age had a Seal, and only that man could receive that Mystery; in every Age. And to the angel of the Age of Ephesus, write. And to the angel of the Age of Smyrna, write. Why? Showing that the revelation is coming to one man in every Age.

So when that unfolds God's plan, now we are seeing now, look how this is the Age, we are coming to the Throne. That's our promise: "You will sit with Me; he that overcometh in this last Age will sit—I will grant to sit with Me in My Throne." That's the glorification. Here we are, we are under testing; we are under trial. To him that endures to the end. See? The Squeeze, all these things, like he told us about, the life being brought—how we are to become prisoners. And we are seeing that principle at work.

Look at the Prophet. When he saw the rejection time come, and he was totally rejected... He was being rejected from a young boy. All in the Baptist church they rejected him; went on the field, they rejected him. But when he came to the place, complete... "All man; all man has forsaken me. I stand alone now." Then watch. He said, "I'm expecting Him to crown the thing now. Now I'm expecting Him to raise me up." Seven Angels came, lifted him up; put the King's Sword in his

hand. Brother, he saw that he was dressed in vestures of 'chief authority' and all these things. When he spoke, he commanded. Is that right?

He said, "Bro. Branham, you were on the mountain and this great Cloud came and overshadowed you. What does this mean?"

He said, "Yes. Matthew 17: *Hear Ye Him*, the message I preached here."

Said, "We saw you at the head of the Lord's communion table. What does that mean? You spoke; all man understood you."

That's what was happening in this Age for the Joseph of this Age; the Age-Joseph – Christ in a son; the real Joseph in a son. Look how God prospered him. Look how what he spoke is still prospering. Look how what he spoke is going to bring on the Rapture and the Marriage Supper and the Millennium and everything; what he spoke, what came out from his mouth. When he spoke those Seven Seals, the great Secret in the back part of God's Mind was put in the heart of the Bride. Look what God was doing.

So, showing this principle of the cross before the crown, the lamb before the lion, the suffering before the glory, the humiliation before the exaltation, the descension before the ascension, the death before the resurrection, the perfect weakness before the perfect strength, forgetfulness before fruitfulness, Manasseh before Ephraim; that's the principle. And when you see, out—because Joseph is perfection. And when you see God opening this here, and opening this here for the church here, a people who has suffered, a people who has been rejected... Brother, this church has been like what you call the speckled bird, the black sheep; the hated and despised and rejected church. But with all that persecution, it is prospering, and God began to prosper it. It is prospering. Why? And the Lord is with them. And the Lord is with them. Then, the more people fight it, the more it has to prosper.

What made it prosper? The Word. The Word; the Word is in it. And that is the thing that people need to wake up to and realize.

Now, this thing struck me about, Lo, I am with you always; the Lord was with Joseph. And I began to think of how He gave us the same promise: “Lo, I am with you always. [Matthew 28:20 -Ed.] I will never leave you nor forsake you. [Hebrews 13:5 -Ed.] And the Lord was with them wherever they went, confirming their word with signs and wonders following. [Mark 16:20 -Ed.]” That’s the Promise He gave: that I will be with you and in you, even to the end of the world. And that’s a great consolation.

I believe that if we as believers—many times we get so shaken in mind, we get so troubled in spirit, but if we can come to the place to know the Lord, is with us, especially in the testing times... When it seems that he felt so forsaken, yet God was showing... And four times, God said, “And the Lord was with him.” And God caused Potiphar to see that what he put his hand to, prospered. And God was with him, and God caused the keeper of the prison to see that what he put his hand to, prospered. And God prospered the place where he was.

Now, many times we think of his prosperity, but God didn’t just prosper him in the sense of prosper like blessings, you know. Sure, that was there. The Lord was with him, not just to prosper Potiphar’s house; his life prospered. By the Lord being with him, he was able to resist Potiphar’s wife. Do you get that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” -Ed.] The Bible said, when the woman came to him and she said, “Lie with me,” the Bible said, “But he refused.” Like Moses: “By faith Moses refused all the pleasures of sin for a season.”

Now people don’t realize ‘refusing,’ it takes faith to really refuse. When Satan offered Jesus, “Bow down and worship me,” He refused that! When Balaam was offered, he couldn’t refuse. He tried to refuse the first

time, but when they came the second time, he gave in. Samson tried to refuse a few times, and when Delilah persisted, brother, against the condition, he gave in. Do you get what I'm saying? The stand is not when somebody comes to you the first, second and third time and you make a big stand, and when they come the fourth time, you give in, you know. He is not talking about that. Every time he came to Jesus, "Do this and that" – appetite for Your flesh, lust of the flesh; pride of life: "I'll make You great; all this here, You'll own all this," (see?) he resisted it.

The Prophet said, "Have you ever studied the three temptations?" He said, "There are three temptations for every Minister; there are three temptations for every church; there are three temptations for every individual; three temptations in the beginning that caused the Fall; three temptations in the middle of the Bible where Jesus overcame, and three temptations in the last days, but the Church is going to overcome to go back in." That's right. Tempted in all points, those three points, because all temptation comes out of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, because that governs the whole realm here of temptation.

Now watch. As I said, the temptation in the father's house was one kind of temptation, but the temptation in Potiphar's house was another kind of temptation. Temptation in the prison house was another kind of temptation. And so, in those testing times as we are being brought down... The Lord was with them. The Bible says, "That poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and delivered him out of all his troubles. The Angel of God encampeth round about him." [Psalms 34:6-7 -Ed.]

Friends, you see, in the very beginning God purpose when He made man, He made everything to follow man. He put man in dominion over it, and man was to be head over the chimpanzee all the way down to the

fish. Every form of life, man was to have dominion over it. But the only thing man was not given leadership over, was to have his own way. When I say, 'to have his own way', God made Himself the ruler of man. God made man to be led by God, and without God in man's life, man is made to lose his way; that man cannot find his way without God. And that's why we get the word, 'lost'. We say, 'lost and saved', 'lost and saved', because man can't find...

Man gets lost because he is made to be led by God. He gets lost trying to find his own way and he gets into slavery when he gets a man for his leader. Because man over man is slavery. God didn't make man to be man's leader. God reserved that spot to be man's leader, that when God sends a man, that is God's man. Then it's not really the man leading the people, it is God leading the people through the office in the man, and by the Word; by God's Word. That's the difference between Nicolaitanism, where man conquers the church, enslaves the church, and brings the church subject to the will of man and the program of man. And that's where God brings His Church in submission and says, "Obey all them that have the rule over you and submit to one another," because that submission is to the Word; is to the Holy Spirit in each other.

From the time a man starts to try to use the office to submit you and put you under and say, "I'm a Minister. You have to listen to me!" And he's not talking the Word? Nonsense! You don't have to bow to that, because that's a man trying to enforce his will over your will.

That's Joseph trying to tell his father, "Not so, not so; bless this boy!"

He said, "Move back! I know what I'm doing."

The Lord crossed his hands, but this was man now, trying to enforce his own will upon the will of the father. When Balak enforced his will over Balaam, and

Balaam became subject; got away from the will of God to get under the will of Balak, then God couldn't achieve His purpose He wanted any more. Why? He sold out to man. He came under the control of man.

That's why when Jesus told Peter; He said, "Launch out in the deep and put down your net."

He said, "But I fished here all night. I'm a fisherman. You are a carpenter. I know what I'm doing. We know this water." He said, "But nevertheless, at Thy Word."

Why? He knows now, that wasn't a man; that was God in an office. Do you get what I'm saying? That was God in an office. That is very close... What that means is, that's why you have to have revelation when you are around people. You have to know who you are associating with, and you have to know whether you are in God's program or not in God's program. If you are in God's program, then God set up His program a certain way. In the Church, God set in the Church, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. God what? Set in the church. And the Church is the Body and Christ is the Head. So Christ the Head works through the offices He put in the Church. And then God gives one the Spirit of wisdom, and He gives one the Spirit of healing, and He gives one the Spirit to teach, and He gives one the Spirit to speak in tongues, and He gives one the Spirit for different things. And that Holy Spirit, (that's the manifestation of the Spirit) is given to every man to profit. And that's why you judge it to know if that's the Spirit speaking through somebody in the church to you. Do you get that? That's God's Church.

You see, God's Church is not people coming and gathering under a roof, and we have the Prophet's picture on the wall, and we are saying, "We are in the Message." No, no. That's not God's Church. God's Church is an elected, foreordained people, previously marked out, brought in; set in a place. In other words,

you cannot unite any of God's children with people who are not foreordained. You cannot do that. Brother, they have something inside of them, they know, "I don't know what is going on, but something is wrong with that man." And they have a reservation, and they wait for a while, and they watch. They say, "Lord, you have to confirm this to me, you know. I'm not really going along like this, you know." That's right.

That's why the people told Joshua, they said, "Joshua, you might be a great man, and Moses said this and that and the other. You got a quote that Moses said this about you, that's fine, you know. I was not there when Moses told you that. But the thing is, if we see God with you as He was with Moses, praise God." So the Bible says, "That day, God began to magnify Joshua in the sight of the people." God had to come down now and do things like He was doing there when Moses was there. And when they saw that, all reservations went; all reservations went. And that's God's way in the Bible.

That's why, when you see somebody, you know, want to fight somebody because they don't want to be in subjection to them or something... I'm not talking about disrespect; I'm just talking about if they have reservations. When people have reservation, and you have the Holy Spirit and the Word, you know, pray for them: "Lord, open their eyes. Lord, give them confirmation. Lord, let them see. Raise them up. Let them know this is the Truth; this is Your Word. Make It known to them." You see? You don't go and fight them to see, because they can't see. And they can't have faith, unless God deals with them in a way to give them faith. That's why you see people get carnal sometimes with the Word, because there is a desire sometimes to see people subject to you.

That's why God helped me down through the years, I believe. Brother, I don't fight over people. People have their choice; people have their place where they want

to go. I don't make that any issue with me at all. I thank God for that. I have a rest and peace concerning that because there is no ambition to want to control everybody or have everybody in your church. Because the thing is, if God sent you, God has a people for you to preach to, and to receive what you are saying. And whether that is two or two thousand, it makes no difference. God had Noah to preach to eight. So, it's not like a big congregation thing. It's what God called you for. And the thing is, you being faithful in what God called you to do; you want to be faithful in that. And that's what we are striving for in the Assembly here. That's what we are trying to see, because there's a faith that comes; there's a rest and a peace that comes in knowing that God is with you.

That's why you hear the Prophet said; he said, "Now if He doesn't come tonight, we'll just close the service." But he said, "Now He's here, and I take every spirit under my control." When that Hand touched him now, he said, "If this boy does not rise within two minutes, run me out of Finland as a false prophet." There's a confidence in something when God is come. He said, "Billy, I'm not going to fuss." He said, "I'm going to guard the Mercy Seat," when all these Ministers were up there, you know, questioning him. And God had said, "There's a trap set for you. These Ministers plan to question you on your doctrine." And he went up there and the Pillar of Fire came. He said, "He is here now." He said, "Now, does anybody want to come here with your Bible and stand here?" There is Something that comes when He comes.

When that Spirit was on Moses, Moses said, "Stand still, you will see those Egyptians no more." When that Spirit left him, he started to bawl, "Lord, what must I do? What must I do?" after he had prophesied the thing already. Like John, "Go back and ask that Man." When the Spirit was upon him, he said, "I saw and bare record, behold the Lamb of God." That Spirit left

him. And you realize, man was not made to function without that Spirit. When man is trying to do things without that Spirit, they are bluffing themselves. And that is why a lot of people mess up a lot of people and mess up their own selves too. They try to presume that the Spirit is there.

Moses said, "Where are you all going? God isn't with you all. You'll have to flee from the enemy."

They said, "We have the Ark, we have the Ark!"

Brother, they were running from those Amalekites and Philistines.

Hophni and Phinehas and they were under real pressure in the battle. They said, "Let us go and get the Ark." They were running for the Ark and ran back out, and brother, all Israel shouted. They said, "Whoo! Look at that thought; they got a good thought there. They came out with the Word." But they had a box with two stones; had no Glory. They only had mechanics: "In the Name of Jesus whom Paul preached." See? It doesn't work like that. That Spirit has to be there.

You see, God's promise is God and man: I will be with you. That's how His Will is done. "Without Me, you can do nothing." [St. John 15:5 -Ed.] That's the Dynamics and the mechanics! When He comes, He'll guide you; He'll be the Guide. God told Moses, "Behold, I will send My Angel before you, to keep you in the way and bring you into the place I've prepared for you." Man had gifts, man had signs, but he didn't know that place, he couldn't get there, he couldn't provide for those people; he didn't know what to do. But when God said that, he said—after a while, he said, "Lord, if You don't go with me, I'm not going up." He said, "Lord, if You don't go with me, I'm not leaving this place!" When man comes to meet that Spirit, and knows that Spirit, and yields to that Spirit, they realize their powerlessness without that Spirit.

Samson went out like other times, thinking that the Lord was with him. And she said, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you," and he ran out there. Brother, they had spears and swords all around him and he couldn't defend himself, because the hair was already cut and gone. The Lord departed from him and he didn't even know it. Do you see what we are talking about?

Friends, you... I don't just want to give you Bible examples, I gave you enough already. I want you now to say in your life, where you are walking, you Joseph, in your trial, are you walking in that dependence? Are you walking with that sensitiveness? That the One who said, "I will be with you and in you, and lo, I'm with you always. And the Lord was with them, wherever they went"... And that Voice is there; you are waiting for those instructions, "Lord, what to do here?" That dependency upon Him.

We are finding out: look at the way that God moved in Joseph's life, yet it was not like Moses by the Red Sea trying to challenge anything. It was not like Joshua fighting the battle and pointing to the sun, but yet it was a man walking with God too. Yet it was a man sensitive of God. Yet, it was in a man in deep trials, and maybe even deeper than Joshua was with the whole Israelite army behind him, or Moses with the whole called-out church behind him. The man was alone in a prison. Do you get what I'm saying? It changes the way you think sometimes.

Sometimes you get these Pentecostal ideas about 'Power of God', you know, 'Power of God', and they are stumbling and tripping over God all the time, and looking for the 'Power of God'. They don't have the eye to see, God is with this man; God is with this man. Whatever that man puts his hands to, it prospers. Whatever situation comes, that man has a Word for that situation. Whatever comes difficult, Something in there speaks. That answer comes in that receiving set

to say what to do and what to apply here. They can see the rain pouring down from Heaven, but they can't see the water coming up where the ditches are dug. He said, "This one doesn't have any wind or thunder and lightning shaking. This one, you just dig, and you'll see the water coming up. Quietly, it's coming up. It's coming up."

People—a lot of people don't know the silent God, the silent power of God, the God Who works in silence; the deep things of God, where you are walking now; where the Bride has the Mind of Christ, in a different Age; where She sees God. She understands Her every move is predestinated. She understands as the elected, called, anointed and placed... She understands nothing is going wrong. She understands there is nothing to fear. She understands that God is the Author and the Finisher, and She's walking. Why? She is the only one who lives in the Age of the opened Book. She can see what all the shadows were, and it's plain here, and She's walking in it today. What a great thing, friends.

God told Moses, "And this Angel will keep you in the way." He needed a Guide to bring him from where God was taking him out of, and to where God was bringing him into; He needed a Guide to bring him to his destination. Now Joseph had a destination in view. He had a place of exaltation, where God was going to exalt him in that Age.

Now, do you realize that from a little boy, the Angel said, "Don't drink or smoke little boy, little fellow, carrying that water for your daddy." He said, "Now, you don't drink or smoke." He said, "There's a work for you to do when you get older." Brother, the most sublime Scripture in the whole Bible – the Lamb stepping forth to take the Book. All creation, all redemption depended on that! And this little boy was packing that water and He said, "Don't drink; there's a work for you to do when you get older."

Brother, that happened in that church, Eighth and Penn Street, which was a lily pond. He said, "Think," on *The Fifth (Seventh) Seal*, "You might have thought This would have been revealed in the Vatican." [1963-0324E The Seventh Seal, para. 305 -Ed.] He said, "Think of what you listened to this last week. All of these things were hidden before the foundation of the world; it came right out of this place that people didn't even know, that some people didn't even know it existed. The critics said, 'It will be a garage in three months.'" Think friends. This is the difference with faith.

When Joshua was going forth, God said, "Be strong and of good courage. Have not I said unto thee, be strong and of good courage?" He said, "For no man shall be able to stand before you, all the days of your life. And the Lord Thy God shall be with you wheresoever you go." That was the commission. And here it is friends, every time they are called, He's speaking that.

The Angel came to him in the cave and said, "You are going to go with these two gifts, and I will be with you, and not even cancer will stand before you." The Angel came to Joshua: "And I will be with you." The Angel came to Moses: "And I will be with you." Jesus came to the apostles: "And I will be with you and in you, and I'll never leave you." God came to Jeremiah: "Go, and I'll put My Word in your mouth, and I'll be there with you. I'll make them wood and make your word fire." Is that right? God came down to Moses: "I'm come down and I'm sending you Moses. I'll go in you. I'll be with you, and you'll bring them back on this mountain here." Think friends.

When God calls you and is preparing you and sending you, it's all based on the fact that He is going with you. When Gideon offered the burnt sacrifice, and the Spirit of God came down upon him... He's fighting up all the time with the fleece, but then when That came down upon him, then he went forth: "The Sword

of the Lord, and of Gideon." When God is with you, that's the difference.

Oh, let us learn His ways today. Let us have faith friends, to see that many times... Sometimes our lack of understanding does not hinder God. Do you know that the Prophet preached a Message called, *God Unhindered By Unbelief?* [1962-0128M - Unbelief Does Not Hinder God -Ed] If you stand up and say, "The sun won't rise tomorrow! The sun won't rise tomorrow! I don't believe it can ever rise." He said, "That sun will come and rise and leave you right there getting hoarse, saying the sun won't rise, because God had already set it by a law in the universe to rise every day."

Sometimes, when people would testify of the Word... You say, "I don't believe that." That doesn't make it not real. That's your unbelief. Your unbelief will hinder you, but that thing will go on still. And many times when your eyes open to see it, you say, "Boy, you know, God is really doing something." No, no, no. The testimony should have been, "My eyes are now opened to see what God is doing." You are giving the wrong testimony. Your testimony sometimes blinds other people. And most—ninety percent of the people testify like that. When their eyes are now opened to see something, they say, "Boy, God don't bet He's doing something. God is doing something, yes. God revealed to me what He is doing, you know." No, no, no. Your eyes are now opened. That was so. Because when you really check back in the Word, that was so before the foundation of the world. That was so from the time the person was born and called and put in their place there.

From the time—when God dropped down there and that Pillar of Fire came over that crib, brother, God saw Seals opened already. The child was born; he couldn't die. To prove that he couldn't die, he tried to kill himself twice; it couldn't happen, because he was born for that. And that first revelation, every time God

came to the boy, it was about that same work. It was just an unfolding of that one thing. Every time God came to Joseph, Abraham—through the Bible, no matter who it was, Moses, it was that one thing that God gave that kept unfolding.

God does not have two and three things in a man's life; one thing in a person's life. That's why, make your election and your calling sure, and you walk in that line of the Word. You make decisions; sometimes you make a wrong decision, you stop there. You get out-of-step, out of the rhythm, you have to get back in continuity. You find back the place where you drifted off in your mind. You can't retrace the steps physically, because you can't relive what's already past. But in mind, He said, "Get back to your first Love. Repent and get back to where you fell from." You can do that. Is that right? But you cannot go and relive it. No. It's passed. You go on now with an understanding, "I made mistakes; that isn't going to happen to me anymore. I examined why I made those mistakes. I saw where I drifted away. I fortified myself. I've put up my guard. I've strengthened my bars. I've fixed my foundation right and I'm going forward." Yes, that's right. And I'm telling everybody on my side, "Don't let that happen to you at all." I have become a big warning post: "There is a ditch there, you are going to fall into it. Be careful. Don't go too close to that edge, it's not solid." And you are moving on by the grace of God. Amen. Yes sir! My! [Congregation applauds -Ed.]

This Unseen Guide. Why did Moses do all those things he did? An Unseen Guide – Somebody Who could speak to him at the Red Sea. Why did Joshua do what he did? Somebody was speaking to him at the Jordan and saying, "Do this and do this and do this." It wasn't for everybody; it was for him. They were seeing the results coming out, but it was God Who was communicating it, because he had a Guide. It could not be done without a Guide. Elisha had the robe and

everything, but he realized, "I still don't have that One Elijah used to be talking too. I can't talk to this robe here. I have it on, I'm looking Elijahish or whatever it is." But the thing is, "Where is that God? Where is that Presence? Where is that Anointing in my life? Where is that Supernatural? Where is that unseen Power?" "They endured because they saw Him Who was invisible," the Bible says. [Hebrews 11:27 -Ed.]

Moses endured. Endure; to endure, to persevere, to take all that the enemy is throwing and to still keep going on and not faint under it. Why? It's because they saw Him Who is invisible. Sometimes you can't see a brother or a sister but you could see Him. And that is your consolation, friends. That's your consolation, because there's a fellowship. There's a fellowship. There is a contact there.

Look at those three Hebrew boys. It seemed that when they thought they were—it looked like they were forsaken, and it got so far until they threw them in the very fire, there was One standing in the fire with them. And the Lord was with them in the... Nebuchadnezzar said, "Wasn't it three men we threw in the fire?" He said, "I'm seeing a fourth Man in that fire with them!" There was One inside of there with them. And because of the One Who was there with them, it couldn't burn them. It only burst the bands that were upon them. It wasn't as if... Sure, their faith brought Him on the scene, but it was Him Whom they had faith in. It was Him Whom they were in contact with. It was Him who had given them revelation to stabilize them and hold them.

Don't you realize that He Who has called you out under this Word, and is speaking this Word, and is working in your life, and is bringing you to an awareness that you belong to Him, don't you realize that you should start now to see, look at the grace, that He has come down so personalized, brought it down so real, brought down the Word on an individual

basis to you; a personal revelation of Christ in your own life?

Daniel in the lion's den, He was there with him. Jonah in the belly of the fish, He was there with him. Do you believe He was in the fish's belly with Jonah? Who kept him alive for three days without an oxygen tent and everything else? That's right. He was typing Christ.

Now watch. In the prison, they shut up Peter in the prison. The whole church—separated from the Church. They had killed James already. No brother, no sister, no wife, nobody; in the inner prison, dungeons, but He was there in the prison with Peter. Couldn't Peter say, "But Lord, You were in the prison with Jonah, and You said, You will never leave us nor forsake us. And Lord, we know it is Your Word inside of us that You sowed and Your Holy Spirit that came down in the upper room, in us. And Lord, You came, You gave me the Keys. And Lord, You spoke to me that day." Couldn't Peter go in those things? And couldn't the Church know, "Lord, Peter is Your servant. Lord, You gave Peter Keys. Lord, Peter is the head of this Church here, and we need him. They took James. They can't—we are not letting them take him." A Church praying, Peter praying; the Holy Spirit went into the inner prison and took him out. Peter had faith in that because he saw God do that before. Now that is the time you might think you are forsaken. Think of it.

Look at Paul in the storm. Fourteen days, no sun, no moon; nothing. Brother, some of us might be eighty-two years here; have you ever known of a time in your eighty-two years that there were fourteen days that went straight consecutively, and you didn't see sun or moon, in a storm? Think of it. And inside that storm, when the Angel came... Now catch this. The man was in chains. The man was a prisoner. The Angel said, "Be of good cheer, Paul. You have to bear

witness of Me in Rome. And all that sail with you on this ship, I give them to you.”

God didn't say, "I'm sorry that your chains are hurting." No, no, no. In other words, God said, "I know your tribulation. I know your tribulation. It is important for Me that you stay faithful in these chains here right now. It is important for Me that you go into Rome, a prisoner. It is important for Me. That is part... Do you remember when I said, "This man will suffer many things for My Name's sake, but he shall be a light to the Gentiles? And now you are delivered into the hands of the Gentiles. Your own Jewish people delivered you into the hands of the Gentiles. Just..."

Didn't Jesus' own people deliver Him into the hands of the Gentiles? That's right. And weren't the Gentiles the ones who brought down the crucifixion on Him? That's right. And here... Why? Because the prophecy was Christ to be the Light to the Gentiles, but Christ now was being revealed in him, and here now, he was that Light going, and he was delivered into the hands of the Gentiles. Now he was going for the Gentiles to execute him. Yet God was there with him and he was able to overcome in the midst of what he was going through.

He said, "The Angel of God came to me this night. He spoke with me and He told me such and such." He said, "Now, come fellows, sit down; let's eat." And the Bible said, he said, "Because you all have not eaten for fourteen days." Men on—hard ranked sailors were so in fear for their lives, they were fasting for fourteen days. He said, "Let us have something to eat." And he broke bread and he prayed with them, to quiet them, because of the Presence of God with him.

Friends, I believe, the Bible that says, "The Spirit and the Bride say come," and this Head that has come back to the Body in these last days, and this Evening Message that loosed the Holy Spirit, and this Angel of God that encamps around a people, I believe in my

heart, there are Elect that are walking with a conscious realization of the two worlds; of the unseen world. They are conscious that they are living under the influence of God, because their revelation has anchored their souls that they are called of God, they are anointed of God, because they see the evidence of that God working in their lives. That God identified Himself, because He said, "In that day you will know I in you, and you in Me." And the only Person to bring that knowing is the God Himself. Do you get what I'm saying? It is His work to make you know, He is in you.

The Lord was with him. It's written, "The Lord was with Joseph," for us to read, but it wasn't written for Joseph, "The Lord was with him," because Joseph would have known that. Because some Intelligence told him, "Do this, this way; don't do it that way," and it started to prosper. "And do this, this way," and it started to prosper. "And do this, this way, and don't do it that way." Something was revealing to him, "This can't prosper here. Transplant this and put it over here. Change this around. Work this way. Move this man from here. Fix this here. There's a problem going on here, that's why this thing can't be blessed. Take this man; this man belongs to the field out here. Move this man over here."

He was in charge of all of Potiphar's things, and he started to bring new administration. He started to set things in order. He started to look at this God Who designed nature, teaching this boy. And everything was working. Potiphar's finance was being blessed. Potiphar's servants were being blessed. Potiphar's livestock was being blessed. Everything was being blessed, and the whole thing was prospering all around the boy. Until all Potiphar knew was the food in his own—that he had to take care of in his own hand and put it in his mouth. There was Something there.

Every time you read, you hear the Prophet say, "That is the same Voice that talked to me since I was a little boy." He said, "That's that One." He said, "I know that Presence, and when that Presence comes, I know that." Why? One day in the woods after, He said, "Go back in the blizzard," and he went back in the blizzard. He said, "Why would I disobey that? That's the Voice that spoke to me all these years." In other words, that's the Voice that told him about the Angel coming. "That's the Voice that told me, He'll be with me, the One I met in the cave. That's the Voice that spoke to me as a little boy. That's the Voice that spoke to me on the river and said, 'As John the Baptist was to forerun the first coming...' That's the Voice that speaks to me in the night, in the meetings, and tells me this one is sick with that, this one is sick with that, pray for this one, bless this one; leave this one. That is the Voice that directs me. That's the Voice that said, 'Scofield's thing there, that is wrong. The Seal is this.'" That same Voice. That same Voice.

When he went in there and he spoke the storm out of existence, then the Holy Spirit came and tested him with the three deers. He said, "Bro. Evans' own is here, my own is here, and this brother's own is here." He said, "I could get all three." But he said, "No, no, no. I made a promise to God." Look where a man was walking. Friends, look at the sensitiveness.

You see, though the Word said it, there are certain things that happen in a person's life to get them that tender before God, to get them wanting to please God that way. It's something—it's the way God does... As our brother was saying there on Friday night, he said, "He has a way He touches me, and when He touches me, oh God, I'm so in love with Him;" when Bro. Shervon [Bro. Shervon Joseph -Ed.] was talking. See?

It's something; it is a way God deals with you as a believer, that if He speaks to you softly, if He speaks to you sternly, He shows you something, there's a way

He does it that you know, "But that is the Lord talking to me; that is the Lord dealing with me." Whether you are reading out of a book, you know sometimes, "But that is the Lord telling me that." Whether He comes and talks through a brother or a sister, you say, "The person doesn't even know God is using them to talk to me right now. Oh God, You are talking to me so clearly through that person." And they know that too. They say, "Because that person doesn't know that about me at all." See?

Friends, you see this is what... It says there, "And the Lord was with him." Then the Voice said, "The never failing Presence of Jesus Christ shall always be with you." In other words, "I will not leave you nor forsake you. I'll be with you."

I know there were times when I had to do things, make decisions, step out; hard things. And it is because you can believe. You know when that Voice is speaking to you. How could you be in the Word and grow up and come through the things you've come through, and be a fanatic? Do you think that I'm a fanatic? Do I sound like a fanatic? [Congregation says, "No." - Ed.] I am not a fanatic. See? And yet, to have confidence in this God...

Yet, where I'm standing, do you think I have a lot of people that support me, (I'm talking about outside the church) backing you and believing what you believe? I have a lot of people fighting me. Yet, there's no fight in me coming out to fight back that. What is it that has me settled that I don't want to fight back that? What is it that has me so secure that that can't make me feel insecure? That people are beating you up and you are laughing, and you say, "Well, they threw Joseph in the pit." He never reacted. He never fought up, and kicked and bawled. He wouldn't even tell the Midianites that they were his brothers, and they were selling him, because he was studying, the father's name would be brought to shame.

When Potiphar came and Potiphar's wife talked all her things and he came and got licks and got thrown into prison, he didn't say, "Your wife is lying, and there is an adulterous spirit on your wife, and this and that and the other. You don't know what goes on behind your back." He didn't say a word. He took that and went into prison. He wasn't fighting those battles. He wasn't fighting those battles.

Do you know what the trouble is? When you don't have that security, you fight all that. You are always fighting all kinds of things. Why? Because you think you have control; because you are not conscious many times of Him there with you. Because when you are conscious of Him there with you, there is no fighting anymore. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." You don't have to fight in this battle; this battle is the Lord's battle. The Prophet said, "If I'm going to fight it, God can't do anything. If I can stand back, watch what God comes on the scene and does." That's what you want, friends.

You see, you don't want to take things into your own hands. Like David; David said, "No, the Lord told him to do me that – spit on me. The Lord told him to do me that. That's okay. And I deserve that to begin with too. If I didn't get myself in the condition I got myself in, that couldn't happen to me. They would have feared to even come close to me to do that. But it just shows, God took away the hedge, because the hedge that used to be there, I stepped over it. Right now, I'm trying to get my heart right with my God. I don't have time with all that. I want to get... And if God takes, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. I have to go through this for a season, but right now, I just want to know, my God and I have fellowship. That's what is important to me: my God and I have fellowship. I'm not studying any reputation. I'm not studying what I have. I'm not studying what the court wants to do with this. I'm not studying why this man wants to do that

in my life, because my life is not even my own. I live here by the grace of God.”

Sometimes, it can even make you feel that you are reckless and you are irresponsible. When you get that dependent upon God, it makes you feel you are reckless and irresponsible. Satan says, “You are dotish [stupid -Ed.]. What happened to you at all?” No, no, no. But you see, that’s if you have something to win in this world, friends. The Prophet said, “We are not of this world. Let them fight for what they want in this world; we take the back seat.” He said “Our Kingdom is coming. We have already confessed we are pilgrims and strangers. We have already come out of this world. We are not part of this kosmos.”

We are not living for any future here, because here has no future. Here is already judged and condemned and can’t come back. Here already had a trial and was indicted. Here are already souls in prison awaiting execution. This is death row! But we have received a Kingdom that cannot be removed. It raised us up to a next order. Brother, we’re going to a Land where we’ll never grow old. We are going to a Place of Eternal youth. Amen! We are heading for Glory. We are already called out and under the Token. That’s right, friends. We’re eating our Bread in haste with our loins girded up and our feet shod, our staff in our hand; our ears attentive to the sounding of the Trumpet, to hear what the Trumpet is sounding out.

Look at Elijah. You never saw that there was any Angel with him standing there calling down the rain out of the sky. You never saw any Angel standing there. But when he was running from Jezebel, God came, and God started to give him cake and water – the man in his most neurotic state. It seems like you should have seen God then, and the glory and power of God. Even when he went on the mountain, and the whirlwind and the lightning and the thunder and all those things were passing, and the earthquake, even

all that, but God was in the still, small voice. Do you get what I'm saying? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

The time, the place, the manner in which God chooses to show Himself and manifest Himself to the servants He has called, watch the way God does that; watch the way God does that. That is why sometimes, we want to run and tell the world, because we want the world to know, "God is with us. And it is God we are seeing, and you better listen to us, because we have the Word of God." God is not in that kind of business. God wants to take you even a little lower than that, where He could guide you and say, "Go down this road, turn in that street, go in the fourth house, go in the downstairs apartment and ask for Mr. So and So."

Like He told Ananias, "Go and find Saul in the way that is called Straight." And He told Philip, "Go, and you will find the man down in Gaza." That is where God wants to carry us. But we want to run about and tell the whole world, "God is with us. And if you don't accept this, and Bro. Vin and they, and the church up there...and you have to come to Third Exodus Assembly," and that kind of business. But God is not in that at all. God is not in that; by a million miles, God is not in that.

No, friends. You want to be in the place where your heart gets to the place, and you know the Lord is with you. And when you know the Lord is with you and you are conscious He's with you, you don't want to act in self. You'll say, "Lord, what shall I say to him? Lord, stop me when You said what You had to say, and let me go on my way after." And you start to show confidence in God and start to be sensitive to God's leadership in your life.

Friends, when the Lord is with you, He causes what you do to prosper. When the Lord is with you, there is power to refuse what the Devil wants to offer, and there's power to witness for God too. He said, "Will I do

this wickedness against God?" That's right. That's what God wants, friends. Do you believe that? [Congregation says "Amen." -Ed.] You see, we could view our trials two ways: from the human side and...

Wow! Let me close. [A brother says "Go on, go on." -Ed.] That's the first glance I took at my watch and didn't realize—I couldn't believe it was that time, the way you are sitting there so glued, and you are right there with me, you know. But quickly...

You see, temptations are one of the greatest tests of life; it is one of the greatest tests of character. Do you know what temptation does? It transforms innocence into virtue. You might be innocent. You might be innocent. Eve was innocent, but when the test came, she marred her virtue. Joseph was innocent, but when the test came, brother, he proved he had virtue; he proved he had character. It proved that that character could go to work. And it proved what his association and relationship with God meant, that he was not going to sacrifice that on an altar of self gratification. It proved he had principles and convictions that went deep, that he will not harm someone who had been kind and generous to him. He couldn't repay a man evil, who did him good.

"How can I touch you?" He said, "Your husband, look at what your husband..." He said, "There's not a man in this house greater than me. The only thing your husband didn't give me, is you." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] "Such trust, such honor, such confidence that your husband put in me, he elevated me. He bought me off an auction block and he made me so great. Not even his own family has authority in the house like me." Think of it. He said, "Will I touch you? Are you crazy? What kind of man do you think I am?"

Brother, not one day, you know. The Bible said, "And she came to him day, by day, by day." And then she decided—on this particular day, nobody was in the

house, and she realized she was going for the jugular vein. She was not waiting to ask anymore, she was going to throw herself on him. And brother, she maybe had already stripped herself, and she launched at him! And he was out of that clothes. This time, nobody had to strip that clothes off of him; he was out of that clothes, and he was gone. You see, sin is not being tempted; sin is when you yield to temptation. Jesus was tempted in all points, and yet without sin.

This last thought here: how are we viewing our lives, our trials, our experiences; our day-to-day dealings? How do we view it? There are only two ways you could view it: from the human side or from the Divine side; see it through God's eyes or see it through your own eyes. I believe faith... Reasoning is when you walk by sight and you try to see through your human eyes. Faith lifts you up above that, because wisdom versus Faith, that is the battle; those are the two sources people live by. Faith is when it's revealed to you that all things work together for good, (election and calling) and you know you are chosen and predestinated unto a certain place, and you are the called according to God's purpose, and all things work together for good to accomplish that purpose, because you are His workmanship.

So, from the human side, Joseph was suffering. He could have said, "These brothers of mine; these envious, jealous brothers caused it."

"Joseph, how did you end up in that pit, boy? How are you only suffering like this today?"

"Boy, you don't know the kind of brothers I have."

You know, people like to go along and spread that kind of thing. They like to bad-talk [gossip -Ed.] their brothers, bad-talk their parents, bad-talk their friends; bad-talk everything. Every little thing they get, they try now to go and start some form of enmity and put down somebody, and get against somebody, and build up a

resentment, because they feel it's that person doing that to them.

He could have said, "Look at me in this prison here; this lustful woman. I was working good in the house; the woman was harassing me day and night. The woman had no decency." And he could've gotten so bad and bitter, and seen that she was the cause of getting him...

Now, here I'm still in my thought: "The Lord was with him;" this Unseen Guide I'm talking about; the Guide Who guides us through life's journey and brings us to our destination, so we don't come up lost. He was ordained to come to an exaltation. We are ordained in this Age to sit on the Throne with Him. And we who have been called, it has been revealed what Age we are living in, what Message we've received, what character is being formed in us and what promise we are coming into.

Do you believe this is the Age for the Rapture? Do you believe you are going to the Marriage Supper? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Why do you believe you are going to the Marriage Supper? It's because you believe you are part of the Bride. You believe you are part of the Bride, because outside the Bride, you aren't going to the Marriage Supper. It's the Bride who is going to the Marriage Supper. And to be the Bride, then you were always part of the Bridegroom. Eve was in Adam, and she was taken out at an appointed time. Her identity was in him. She was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh. So that means, you were chosen in Him, blessed in Him, and was expressed in the designated season to have fellowship with Him and to come into co-rulership with Him over the Kingdom. That is what the first bride was.

So then, if he looked at that, he could say, "Potiphar, this ungrateful man. Do you know how many things I did for this man? When I came, this man had so many cattle; since that time, in the few

years, the nine years or so I stayed with him, do you know how many cattle the man has? Do you know how many sheep that man has? Do you know how many estates, when I showed that man how to buy land, make certain investments; make certain things sure? Do you know what this man has today through this man coming to know me, and I in this man's service?" He said, "And look at this man today, he put me in a prison and locked me up." Now think, friends.

Then he could say, "This butler... The next time a man tells me to interpret his dream for him, I'm leaving him right there in ignorance. I asked the man one little favor... The man gave up; the man had a nervous breakdown. Brother, he and the baker, if you had seen two of their faces. I walked up to them and said, "Why is your countenance looking so sad? What is going on with you all? I was interested. Nobody asked them anything, you know. Everybody was mocking them and ridiculing them inside of there: 'You all were trying to poison the king and different things. You all had a conspiracy in the man's kitchen.'" See? 'It's good for you all.'" [Phrase expressing joy at someone's suffering or troubles -Ed.] He said, "I came, I saw them, I had compassion; I drew near unto them. And then I realized, it was dreams they had, and they were so perplexed, they were without hope; they were in despair. And I began to lift them up." I said, "Well, doesn't interpretation belong to God? What are you all worrying yourselves about here?" And I started to talk to them. He said, "And I explained to them their dreams."

He said, "When the butler saw the baker, how they called him and they hanged him," he said, "the only thing that really gave that fellow a little consolation was my interpretation because that helped his faith a little bit at that stage. Those fellows were so faithless and under so much gloom and in such a broken state, if you heard the things they were talking about in the

prison.” He said, “And then this man was restored, and I told this man, when you go in Pharaoh’s presence, remember me. And two years passed, and that man hasn’t called me yet. I didn’t get one phone call; I didn’t get one email. That man didn’t answer me, not one day; nothing from that man. I have nothing to do with him again. I’m not trusting people again. I’m not trusting anybody in life again. You see me, I’m for myself. You try to help people; they give you the bitter end of the stick.” [Treat unfairly-Ed.]

That is it. You know, people get like that. They get disappointed; they lose confidence in people. But do you know something? He never watched his trials like that. He never saw that they did him anything. When we look at his sufferings now from God’s side, we see, it was the Potter molding the clay. We see he had to win his soul in patience. He had to possess his soul in patience; that is what it meant. We see how God was perfecting patience in him. We see how God... If he had come out there at that time, it would’ve been nothing. He would’ve always had to be obligated to this man. But God had a greater plan – God brought the king to him: they needed him to save Egypt. Only him out of the whole kingdom could have done it, and God wanted it to be done that way to glorify God. And because he lacked understanding of the plan of God at that time, and was a little nervous and impatient, he was asking human help for that place.

Now, if some of us would recall and re-examine our lives, and some of our experiences, and some of the bitter things we did with people, and some of the people we got in conflict with, and some of the people we put in our bad books, and some of the people we didn’t get along with, and some of the people who stopped being our favorite people, we’ll realize, a lot of that has been because we, at that stage... Let me put it this way; the only time you could really make enemies, is when you see things through the human

side. You could never make enemies when you see through God's side, because God's side will always show you, it can't happen to you except God permits it. God's side will always show you, that was necessary for you at that stage to teach you a lesson, and that thing was preparing you for something you had to come into. And God's Word will always show you, that's working together for your good, whether you could understand it or not. And in everything, praise God and give Him thanks; in the good times and in the bad times. Nothing is going wrong; everything is going right, if you are Elected.

That is where people get bitterness from, and that is where people get hard and callous, because they are looking at things through that side. If you have an enemy today, it is because of something you saw wrong. I'm not talking about somebody that sees you as their enemy; I'm talking about you. As far as you should be, you shouldn't have any enemies: you don't have any resentment, you don't have any bitterness with anybody, you don't have any problems with anybody; you have no force [no enmity -Ed.]. You can't talk to this one, you can't shake this one's hand, you can't do this; you shouldn't have that at all. If you have that, you are looking at things through human eyes and it's producing that kind of conflict in your mind. Only looking at it through human eyes could produce that; looking at it through God's eyes could never produce that. The only way to come out of that, you have to start to look at it through God's eyes.

That is why when they came to him, friends, he had no animosity; no unforgiveness. He said, "No, no. God meant this for good. This was God's doing. It is marvelous in my eyes when I begin to behold what kind of character I came out with, and I see what these things did for me and what it taught me, and how I could serve. And it is because of those things, now people could have confidence in me, because there's

no pride and no self and these things, because God burnt that out. God broke me and put me on the wheel and molded me over." He said, "That was God purging me so I could become more fruitful."

During that phase of his life, was God preparing him for that work? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] When God put him in Potiphar's house after God let a general buy him, and not some other cattle rancher or somebody buy him... God got a big captain in Pharaoh's palace and court to buy him. So while he was in the house, he was meeting all these officials and dignitaries. Oh yes, and he was serving them, and he was talking there, and he was doing that and he was in their affairs. He was learning all about the court and court procedures. He was mingling with people and he saw how officials carried themselves. And he was understanding the Egyptian culture at that level. Because this man was coming to even get a wife of the high priest and he would be like Pharaoh's father in the kingdom. He would be the greatest man outside of Pharaoh in the whole kingdom.

So what was looking like bad and slavery and these things, he was in contact... When he went in the prison now, look at the two men he met – the butler, the very man now who will whisper in Pharaoh's ear, "You have such a man in your kingdom, but he is in a dungeon. They have him on a false charge down in there." Do you get what I'm saying? When Pharaoh couldn't find anybody, there was somebody to tell him, "No, there is such a man. I met that man in prison. He is right there."

I remember when I went to Robben Island in the year 2000; Bro. Steve [Bro. Steve Walters – Elder -Ed.] and I. We went out to Robben Island, the prison island they have there off South Africa. We went to the cell where they had Nelson Mandela [South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader and former President of South Africa. -Ed.] and Walter Sisulu [South African anti-apartheid activist. -Ed.] and all of them in

different cells. We stood up inside Mandela's cell and everything, and I was thinking; I said, "Look at that." Because I remembered the time when he came out from the prison and became the president of the nation. And then, all the great people of the world: all the kings and the queens and the presidents of the world, they wanted; they wanted... Because this man was—all the news was about this man. And when they got this man on those talk shows and they tried to drill him and grind him and tried to make him look bad and maybe pull things out of him – if he still had that old spirit of sedition against the government, and if he had hate and he was bitter or whatever, the man was such a statesman. All the great journalists and they had to write and say, "Such character, and the way the man handled these things, and the patience, and the attitude of the man." And he began to tell them and show them, "Look at what the confinement; look at what the suffering did."

Just like Joseph, they could have stripped the clothes off of him, but they couldn't strip his character off of him. They could have stripped the father's coat off and torn it up, and tried to destroy his identity, and make him look bad, and tack on a new identity upon him now that he didn't have that coat. See? But brother, they could take the coat, but they couldn't take the character.

You see, you could have on prison clothes, and somebody could have on nice, designer clothes, and they don't have an ounce of the character you have in prison clothes. Do you get what I'm saying? It's not clothes that make the man, friends. No, no, no. Clothes don't make the man. No. It's the man in the clothes. It's what kind of man is in the clothes.

Look at him cast down in the pit, being stripped of the robe, brought down into Egypt, being sold into slavery, cast into the dungeon; being falsely accused. Have you ever been stripped of anything that God gave

you? Any honor? That was honor the father put on him. That was distinction and honor that the father had put on him. That is people trying to ridicule and break that down, so they can move away that vindication and that identification with the Father, and then make you anything they want to make you after. Do you get what I'm saying?

But no, you see, the Lord was with him; the Lord was with him. You see, man could do all that they want, but they couldn't move the Lord from him. The Lord was with him, through it all, friends. Let the musicians come for me. God was training him. All these experiences, every one, were linked together. From the time they put him into the pit, he had to go—the Midianites had to come, because it was in Egypt that he was going to come into glory. And these men were going down to Egypt to sell. Then Potiphar, captain of the guard, bought him; a high official. But that now was teaching him all the things that he needed to know about the Egyptian court and so on. Then in the prison, that was to meet the butler to get his name in Pharaoh's ears when the time came. Everything was linked together.

Man can't do you anything wrong. When man thinks they are trying to destroy you and kill you, they are only sending you closer to God, they are only sending you closer to God; they are only pushing you in God's will, if you are Elect. Your problem is when you want to start to get self preservation, and fight, and defend, and try to kill them too. No. They can't do you anything, friends. You have to start to learn that: they can't do you anything.

They thought they destroyed him when they disfellowshipped him, and it was him alone with the little church on Eighth and Penn Street, with no sponsors and a little group in a small tabernacle that could fit in Oral Roberts' garage when he built the big city of faith. And they thought they had finished it.

And then, when he died, they said, "Well, now it's done." Then, for the last three years around the world, it has risen up in every island, it has risen up in every continent, and there are people determined to carry it where it was not carried. It will accomplish the purpose, and when it is finished, everyone in the Lamb's Book of Life that's going in the Rapture, will be called under this Message. And then, those other things have rotted and have gone into greater disgrace as they keep going further and further into greater darkness, until they go into oblivion and are destroyed with the atomic bomb, like when Titus destroyed the Jews that rejected the Messiahic message, because the Lord is with it.

The Lord is with this, friends. The Lord is with this. The Holy Spirit is with this. Just like He was with Moses, the Angel is guiding us in the way. Just like with Joshua, no man can stand before this. Just like it was with the Hebrew boys, He will stand with you in the time of trial. Just like with Daniel, when all the critics came and they conspired to kill the thing because they didn't like—they found it was too blessed, he stood there in the lion's den and he shut all those lions' mouths. And the same people who were trying to destroy It, didn't realize that it was their own doom they were sealing; not destroying the Word. That they can't—they were kicking against the pricks. As He told Saul, He said, "You are kicking against the pricks." The same way, in all the stormy weather, brother, in the midst of all this, He is still here with it.

Brother, if they shut it up in prison, He's going to bring it out of prison. That's right. Under the juniper tree, being hunted down by another Jezebel, a bigger Jezebel than that Jezebel, in this Hour when she wants to close down everything and kill this thing and destroy it, that Angel is still with It also. He'll never leave this, because not only is this the Word, and not only is the Message the Word, but that same Word,

that soul in you, is also the Word. That real you is also the Word. And if this written part that man tampers with... That inside part, that's where His throne is. That's what He quickens, that's His son, that's His daughter; that's what He claims.

Potiphar might have cast him into prison; the butler might have forgotten him, and this struck me. And when this struck me, I said, "Lord, is this coincidence? It can't be. You are too unique," because we've been talking about thanksgiving. We have the thanksgiving weekend coming up next week. We won't have any service on Friday. We will have service on Wednesday and none on Friday because we are having the thanksgiving service on Saturday. We have service on Sunday morning and we have the communion service on Sunday evening. We are expecting some brothers from Guyana, from St. Vincent, from St. Kitts coming to be here as well; wanting to be here.

The service is designed for the church. The thanksgiving service is for the church. This is not for me. This is not a preaching service. I'm not coming to preach a thanksgiving message for you. No. I preached that to you already, and I preached Wednesday also. But that is designed for the church, the believer. This is participation by the whole church; anybody.

Today should be the last we would meet after church. And to you who would participate, if you are in this church for three months, you have something to say, much more if you are here for three years; much more if you are here for thirteen years; much more if you are here for five, seven, ten, fifteen years. How much more—how could you sit in a service like this and watch other people?

I was thinking—this thing struck me when I was studying last night: the butler's awakening to his ingratitude and his unthankfulness came when Pharaoh couldn't find anybody to interpret his dream. He said, "Oh my goodness, I remember my sin today!"

He said, "I remember my sin! A man helped me come out of prison and I never even told the man thanks. The man delivered me."

This butler was given faith by the revelation of the prophetic word that was communicated to him in symbol form that he couldn't understand. When it was made plain to him in that dark hour... Here he was under guilt, under condemnation, shut up in prison, awaiting sentence, and not knowing what his fate will be. But then, in that hour, a revelation of that word that he couldn't understand made plain to him, it released him from that condemnation, it took him out from under that guilt, it justified him, and restored him to his rightful position in the king's presence.

He came to realize his unthankfulness. He came to realize how ungrateful he was; how negligent he was to return thanks and to remember the request that was asked. And this expression of gratitude, when he began to speak it, is what opened the prison doors to bring Joseph from the depths of humiliation to the heights of exaltation. It was an unthankful man who had been done a great favor, having the mystery in symbol form made plain to him, revealed to him; released him from guilt and condemnation, restored him to his rightful position, and he never gave thanks. And the day he opened his mouth, seeing his ingratitude and seeing how his Joseph, who opened his mystery to him...

Our Joseph is Revelation 10:1 with the opened Book, friends, with those Seven Thunders, Who opened this Mystery, Who says you stand justified as you never did sin, Who released you from guilt and condemnation, Who opened up the prison doors of the house of hell of organization, and Who restored us to our rightful position in the King's Presence; back into service.

That man realized, "I could be more thankful." And when he began to express that thanks, the prison

doors were opened, because Pharaoh said, "What? Is such a man in there?" And that unlocked the door, and that was the beginning of his exaltation.

I believe, last week, talking about His descension and ascension, [2004-1128 - Joseph's Descension and Ascension -Ed.] I believe we have come down to the depths of descension, friends. I believe it is ascension time for the Bride. I'm talking collective, on a collective level. Individually, some of you are going through what you have to go through. Some of you are tasting the bitterness of persecution. Some of you are persecuted, but you are not forsaken this morning. Some of you are cast down, but you are not destroyed this morning. Some of you are perplexed, but you are not in despair this morning. Some of you are troubled on every side, but you are not distressed. Some of you are delivered up unto death for Jesus sake, but it's only that the Life of Jesus would be made manifest in your mortal body. This is only working for your perfection. That is He, the very Potter Himself, Who worked on Joseph, working on you.

I believe that in this time of thanksgiving, may it bring an ushering, because this is strange this is happening at this time. And when I saw this, and saw it was when the butler was awakened to his ingratitude, when he was awakened to the fact that he had been unthankful, from the moment he began to express that thankfulness, it opened the prison doors. Had he remained ungrateful... Two years; he said, "This day my sin..." And he saw as a sin, his unwillingness and his unthankfulness. Yet he was the benefit of mercy and pardon and deliverance and restoration and all these things. A release from prison had been effected to bring him back to his rightful place and yet he had not been thankful.

In everything we want to give God thanks. I took it as, maybe some of you in the services maybe didn't get clear what we meant concerning thanksgiving service.

That the service will not be, on the day of service, everybody putting their hands up and wanting to testify; it's not that kind of service. It's a service, even before we enter in... And that's why I took Wednesday [2004-1201 - Giving Thanks From A Grateful Heart Pt. 2 -Ed.] with the Scripture with David – he prepared the place, he brought the Ark in, he set the things in order, he gave Asaph and they the songs and everything, and they gave God thanks collectively, because they understood how God had worked to bring the Presence of God, to bring the Word of God back among them, established among them (and David, elected, called, anointed and placed) and everything as a people. And the kingdom that was fought, and those that tried to withhold the prophet's word from coming to pass – the house of Saul and the house of Abner and all of that, broke, to bring the Word of the prophet that he had spoken, to pass in that hour.

That's why, one of these things is that... In many ways, the first thing in the service, all the believers, young and old, will understand better the history of the church. Secondly, people who came in at different phases will understand the time and season that they came into, and in they coming into the church, God bringing in part of the Body and putting that part in the Body in place as the Body is being formed over these years, the local Assembly here, a people that God have raised up to do a work in this region, the Body will be able to understand the value of each member, because you'll be knowing them not by the flesh, but by their praise, by their thanksgiving, by their testimony, by the experience that God has given them, and the mind of God in bringing that person to make them part of the Assembly.

The third thing that it is going to do, it's going to help us to understand really, spiritually, what God has done and is doing, and will complete among us. Then we have those coming in from outside who are part of

the work here, but like an invisible part, because they don't gather here. They are in their own islands, coming in as a result of what God did, even through the ones that God brought and awakened, and have placed, and were working through them; that had brought those.

In the end, we'll see better this God Who took a people out of Egypt to bring them into Canaan and place them; how He reveals Himself in every way among us: that He is Jehovah Rapha, He is Jehovah Nissi, He is Jehovah Jireh; He is Jehovah Shalom. As I said, some know Jehovah Shalom: He is their peace. He removed their torment and their fears, the nervous tensions, the strains and the pressures that could have broken up a home and thrown it into havoc; the sleepless nights, the agony, but Jehovah Shalom came and gave peace in the midst of the storm. Jehovah Jireh Who provides for people, and today, they can bless others, they can give to others; that God has used them. God Who made barren wombs fruitful; God Who restored backsliders, who He showed His love by going back for them, that the Body would have been incomplete without them. And in so many ways: His leadership, His way that He has dealt in healing the sick, raising the dead, delivering the captives, the oppressed...

So many were looking for a place to raise their family, to find a church they could call a home church; to feel at home. To see what God has done, friends. To be in a church that is not about politics, that is not about fighting, and all kinds of disturbance and all kinds of carnality and competition and strife; to be in a church where there is love and faith and forgiveness and humility and thanksgiving. To be in a church where a people learned to descend, that they could ascend. A church that looks to the Unseen, that has an Unseen Guide. I'm still here this morning preaching about the Unseen. For you who know my testimony,

that was the Message that brought me: *Looking To The Unseen* [1958-1003 -Ed.].

I'm preaching about JOSEPH'S UNSEEN GUIDE that guided him down from the father's house all the way to Pharaoh's house, to fulfill a prophetic vision. The same way, He has called you unto a place; He has revealed that place to you. You are beholding that Glory, you are being changed into It, and every step that you take, doesn't matter that the road is winding, it's up and down hills and valleys; going through the prison, going through the hard times, going through the deserts of experience, but it's bringing you right on to the that place that God has ordained you for. Do not be discouraged this morning: the Lord is with you. Know that for sure; know that that's the comfort, friends.

That's the thing in my life that keeps me going on. If I didn't know God was with me, I would have been in a bad place. When man forsook me, this one went that side, fought me, tried to put me down, the reason—I don't get bothered with these things. You heard me preach down through the years, "My eye is on my Master" – the One I used to talk to as a little boy, when I was four years old, five years old in the cane field; the One who I drifted away from, but came back to me in 1973. Like the Prophet saying that prayer and then trying to go to Canada; going straight to your death, but going.

Like me, I was trying to go to the Himalaya Mountains, but in Santa Cruz, Something stopped me and turned me around. I came back out of Santa Cruz as a witness. I didn't come back out of Santa Cruz, saying, "You know, I got some books and things." No. I came back out from Santa Cruz, "I have seen the Lord. I have met the Lord. The Lord has called me."

Those things, I knew I was coming into It. I remember that day, telling Bro. Sammy [Bro. Samuel Johnson - elder -Ed.] in Tarouba; I said, "You see that sun setting

there,” I said, “very soon we are going to find out what we are looking for.” I didn’t even know it was Evening Light, Sunset Message, Sunset Mountain; I didn’t even know these things yet. But yet I knew... Within a couple of months, we were in the Message. I came back there and the rest is history, thirty-one years ago; this Unseen One, this One Who saves and keeps.

You might go through hard things: rejection from brothers, temptations with women, had to battle and try to fight for your space among men of evil natures in a prison, and the little places in between; you haven’t given up; you are here this morning. You love Him and you want to keep going on. You want to recognize in simplicity, look at the lessons.

Joseph’s life was not like Moses’ life. Joseph’s life was not like Abraham’s life. He did not go and fight any bunch of kings and deliver any captives in that way. Yet, he was saving the whole world without anything like that. He saved the whole world! Abraham went and fought all those kings, and saved one man, Lot, and he went back there and backslid. Think friends. Moses did all those things and brought out some people, and carried two in. Joseph’s life was not like that. He was not like Elijah who went and called down fire and then running, “O God, I will die,” with a nervous breakdown or anything like that. No.

But yet, wherever he was, the Presence of God was there. God could afflict him and wound him, and you didn’t hear it come out of his mouth. Brothers could hate him and cut him to pieces, and you didn’t hear it come out of his mouth. He was falsely accused and shut up in a prison, and his ministry came to no effect, yet you didn’t see him behave badly and give up on God, and react and carry on, and talk about how, you know, “Look at what other people going through, and look at what I have to go through.” You don’t hear that at all. But you see that Unseen Presence blessed him here, blessed him here, and blessed him here.

I believe, sometimes, this kind of super-duper thing is what has [confuses or affects -Ed.] a lot of people that they can't stay in God's will and be blessed where God has them to be blessed. It makes some feel that it is so high, that they can't reach it too. But I believe, if you know He has called you and He has chosen you, friends, though you may not feel it in a way like, maybe getting goosebumps or your hair raising, He is with you, because God could never be apart from His Genes. His whole purpose surrounds them. He is involved in their lives from the beginning to the end, when they were a thought all the way to when they'll come back to Him. His whole purpose of making Himself known is by them.

That's why this morning, let us—if you... Let me see, how many have a testimony here? How many have something that God has done for you? And don't put up your hand for aerobics, right? Put your hand up because you know, I have something I can tell somebody about what God did for me. Let me see those kinds of hands. Well, I'm expecting that after the service, those of you who will be participating in the service... And that is voluntary. That is your voluntary will. Don't look for me to prompt you. I just wanted to know for sure that there are people here who will participate and honor God, because this is about honoring God.

This is not a preaching service; like you've come for more preaching. This is designed for that: to recognize what God has done, to look back and see, and as a church become more unified and recognize the value of each other by seeing and drawing from each other, and realize, if everybody has a testimony given by God, think of how much Word and how much experience is united right here in this room. That is enough power to raise every dead in this country, heal every sick in this country; deliver every captive in this country. Why? Because you couldn't have a testimony if you didn't

have a test, and you couldn't have a testimony and a Word made real to you if God didn't do something for you. It takes God to give you a testimony. And if God has done that for you, then that's some experience of God in your life. That's right, friends.

If we can come and honor this God Who is with us and is doing these things for us, I'm sure we will be a thankful people in the end that we did, and He'll be a happy God to have such a people who are not ashamed of Him.

I want to sing an old song. I don't know how I'm going back to some of these kinds of old songs here. Maybe I don't know some of the new ones, or it's just that sometimes you go back to some of the old ones like that, that carry your soul in places. But when I was a song leader, I used to lead this a lot: *God leads His dear children along*; number 18 in your songbooks. I called the number because I know some of you may not know it.

*Some through the waters,
Some through the flood,
Some through the fire,
But all through the Blood;
Some through great sorrow,
But God gives a song,
In the night season, and all the day long.*

While they play softly, I just want to pray and close the service here so I can leave the pulpit, and you can worship God a little bit.

Gracious Father, just taking this little message today, more in a way to speak to the people, and Lord, to try to sensitize the church a little bit to the Holy Spirit, the Unseen One in our midst, the Invisible One that causes us to endure when eyes of faith begin to get focused and can see the Invisible; the God Who is ordering our steps, directing our paths, working out His will in our lives; this great master Potter, molding the clay; this great Vinedresser, cultivating the vine,

causing us to be fruitful, making us a vessel fit for the Master's use, leading us and bringing us out that we might be placed positionally in our inheritance; teaching us dear God, what it is to be humble, to condescend, that You might raise us up Lord, to learn perfect weakness before we can know perfect strength, to know forgetfulness before we can become fruitful, to know the Life of the Lamb in sacrifice and suffering, before we can become the Lion with authority and power and reigning; to know humiliation before we can know exaltation.

Gracious God, realizing that we fail to grasp this because we look through the eyes of our own understanding. But today You showed to us that if we look at things through Your eyes, we wouldn't stumble, we wouldn't falter and faint, we wouldn't question, we wouldn't murmur and complain, we wouldn't pass the buck [shift the responsibility for something to someone else -Ed.] and put the blame on others, but we would thank You for everything because we'll see Your guiding hand, we'll recognize Your never failing Presence; we'll see the Guide going ahead of us, leaving the footprints whereby we can follow, keeping us in the way, and bringing us into the place that You have prepared for us.

Dear God, may today, for those who may have looked at things through their own eyes, and now they have broken fellowship with many, they are filled with disappointments, and they have built walls of separation; they hold memories that Lord, caused them to harbor bitterness, I pray today Father, that as the Light would flash, You would cause them to see through Your eyes, and that they could be released from the grip of these influences that have made their lives empty of the real joy and the real peace, and the real fellowship that You had desired for them, but which they had shut themselves out of, because they didn't rise up high enough to walk by faith; they

walked by sight. They looked to the things that were earthly and they failed to see Your great, sovereign grace at work.

But may today Lord, You lift this oppression, remove these chains, unburden them oh God from these things, and let this Peace that passeth all understanding, and this Love that passeth all knowledge... As You said, "Be ye anxious for nothing, but rejoice, and again I say unto you, rejoice, and let the peace of God rule in your hearts," so let it be, oh God, to all these, Father. And may their hearts be filled with praise and with thanksgiving because they were able to see You, Father; they were able to see Your great handywork; they were able to see Your purpose becoming clearer and clearer in their lives, and becoming more sensitive to Your Holy Spirit.

As the song said, "He was there all the time, waiting patiently in love," but they failed to realize that You were there in speaking distance, in hearing distance, all the time. You never left them, Lord; they left You. They wiggled off the road and their water dried up. They fell away in the time of testing. That's why You said, "The church doesn't come to the place where it ought to come to." But today, may they find that path that leads back to that Rock, dear God, and may they be refreshed once again, and may they ever follow in the path that You would lead, dear God.

We look forward and are in great anticipation for the time designated, oh God, the coming weekend, when we'll gather here to worship You. Then Lord, to end up with having the Lord's Supper, and being able to stoop at each other's feet, humbling ourselves and becoming the least; becoming a servant to minister to each other, dear God; desiring to see the things that You have imparted to us under this series, Lord, at this phase of our journey, when You caused our attention to be focused upon the Life of Christ revealed in Joseph, this Life that is being formed in us, this very

expression of Jesus Christ that we so desire to see coming forth from each and everyone, that truly, oh God, it'll be such a uniting time of the Body here, a time of deeper fellowship, a time of greater appreciation; a time, oh God, where we would worship You and praise You and lift You up, and truly become Your people, and You become our God. Lord, may You grant it, Father. We ask these mercies today.

As we stay here to worship You, to sing a little bit, and the little meeting that is to follow, Lord, may Your Presence just move throughout this audience; minister by letting Your Holy Spirit, Lord, just bathe down now, following this Word, this dynamics of the Holy Spirit. Oh God, once more Lord, let that Spirit come back, Father, overshadow each and everyone; bring the healing, bring the deliverance, bring the lifting up, bring the peace, the joy, bring the humility, all that we have need of, under the influence of Your Holy Spirit present, that when we leave this place, we'll know, Father, just like the sunlight quickens the seed and causes that seed to be germitized, and the potentials begin to come forth into expression, so, under the influence of Your Holy Spirit, let these attributes of Yours come forth, dear God. Let these potentials, this hidden resource begin to be activated within us. May You grant it, Lord. We ask it in Your precious Name, the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

[#18 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
God leads...*

...leads His...

Look how He led Moses, how he led Joshua, how he led Elijah and Elisha, how He led Paul and Silas in that prison; how He led Joseph.

*...the water's cool flow
bathes the weary one's feet,
God leads his dear children along.*

Have you been through the waters? But it didn't drown you. You've been through the flood, but you sailed on the top of it; brought you over into a new land. You came through the fire, it only burst the bands that were around you. Oh my! The fourth One was standing there with you. You came through the Blood, every molecule of sin was broken up, brought you into fellowship, restored fellowship with God; loosed the Holy Spirit upon you. Oh, but He was even mindful to give you a song, and in those dark times, those lonely times.

...and all the day long.

Sometimes on the mount where

the sun shines so bright,

...on the mount where

the sun shines so bright,

He is leading you this morning, just follow Him with all your heart; climb that mountain with Him. Climb up into temperance and patience, climb up into godliness, come up into brotherly kindness; come up into that White Rock.

Sometimes in the valley... That's where He restores your soul many times. He takes you into a valley so you could climb a little higher.

God leads His...

If you are in the valley, don't be discouraged. Though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you'll fear no evil. His rod and His staff will comfort you. And the Lord was with Joseph, and all that he did, the Lord made to prosper. Is He prospering you? Is He making what you do to prosper? Maybe the world doesn't know, but you know He's with you. And now and again He causes others to see that He is with you, and they respect you, and they know there's something about you. Don't ever lose that for anything. Refuse to compromise; give a witness for God. Hallelujah.

...and all the day long,

And tho' sorrows befall us, and Satan oppose,

Weeping only endures for a night, friends, but joy comes in the morning. That doesn't hinder God. Right through that, God leads His dear children along; come what may. He said, "Lo I am with you always; I'll never leave you nor forsake you."

Through grace we can conquer,

And defeat all our foes,

Reasoning and imagination, all these things, cast it down; put your foot upon it – fear and doubt

...children along.

If you know you've been through the waters, you've been through the flood, lift your hands and praise Him. Thank Him that He didn't forsake you. He was with Noah in the flood. He was with the children of Israel going through the waters of the Jordan; through the waters of the Red Sea. He was with the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace. Hallelujah. He brought them out, He brought them through; He brought them in. He'll do the same for you.

...gives a song,

There should be a praise and a thanksgiving: God gives a song. The Devil gives a murmuring and a complaining, but God gives a song. God gives a praise, like Paul and Silas in the prison. Amen.

Away from the mire, and away from the clay,

Away from the mire...

That's where He's calling His Church, away from those things today. This Unseen God, this Unseen Guide, He's guiding us to a promise. He's causing us to ascend higher and higher, bringing us into full glorification in this Hour.

Away up in Glory,

Eternity's days,

Eternity's days,

God leads and we are following the Leader of Eternal life. Moses was following Him fourteen hundred years after; Elijah, eight hundred years after he was

translated, he was still following Him. They were on Mount Transfiguration with Jesus. Oh my! They came through hard times, came through sorrows under the juniper tree, came through sorrows in the wilderness, but they followed on, amen; refused the pleasures of Egypt to become a prisoner to the Word. Hallelujah! He never left them.

Put Him first in your life today. Make Him Lord of your life. Give Him His rightful place. Come in submission to His Word. Amen. He will lead you through, friends. No matter what your future holds, He'll lead you through. Settle those things with Him today. If you die and go to the grave, He'll raise you back up in the Hour of the resurrection; whatever, He'll lose none of them. He'll raise everyone up at the last day.

...and all the day long.

[#424 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

If the world from you withhold all its silver and its gold,

And you have to get along with meagre fare,

Oh, just remember in His Word,

how He feeds the little bird;

Take your burden to the Lord, and leave it there.

Oh, leave it there this morning.

...leave it there,

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it...

Don't fuss with one another; just take your burdens to the Lord. Amen.

...and never doubt,

He will surely bring you out, friends. Believe it.

He will surely...

A little faster than that; amen.

...you out

Take your burden...

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

For all those that are sick this morning:

If your body suffers pain...
*If your body suffers pain and
your health you can't regain,
And your soul is almost sinking in despair,
Jesus knows the pain you feel,
He can save and He can heal;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*

Oh, clap those hands. Leave it there. Amen. Leave it there, friends. Cast those negative things away from you and be positive. Create an atmosphere of positive faith (amen; hallelujah) that knows that God is; present tense. Hallelujah! Let your faith be released; let it go to mastering all circumstances. Instead of complaining, you praise God; you thank God. Amen.

*He will surely bring you out;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
And for all of you going through great battles:
And when your enemies assail
and your heart begins to fail,
...God in Heaven answers prayer;
He will make a way for you...*

[Bro. Vin talks to the sister -Ed.]

My goodness! Well, you are in the right place. This is the right place for it right now; let's believe.

[Bro. Vin prays for the sister while the congregation continues singing -Ed.]

Jesus, my precious sister is in need. God, all I'm asking Father, is that You come to her and make her well, remove this pain and this discomfort that this affliction has caused, and may she be well and be released from it now, I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. I bless her, Lord. May she go well for the glory of God, in Jesus' Name, amen.

*Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
And for all us old folks and those getting older:
When your youthful days are gone
and old age is stealing on,*

Oh my! Do you get some aches and pains when you get up in the morning?

And your body bends beneath the weight of care;

You are on a little, old stick. But the Bible says, "Jacob, leaning on his staff, blessed the children." Amen. Hallelujah! He was still there, and that anointing upon his life was greater than ever.

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Oh my! Leave it there. Oh, I'm going to leave it there; you leave yours too. Amen. Take your burden this morning, release yourself of that heavy load. God doesn't want you carrying that. Amen.

If you trust and never doubt,

Oh, believe it; like He did Joseph, He will surely bring you out.

Oh, take your burden to the Lord...

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Let's try this verse again: When your enemies assail and your heart begins to fail...

Be of good courage, His never failing Presence shall be with you. Remember, He didn't leave you to walk by yourself: He's Jehovah Raah, the Lord our Shepherd; Jehovah Shammah, the Lord is present, amen; Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness, leading us on, friends. May God bless you.



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