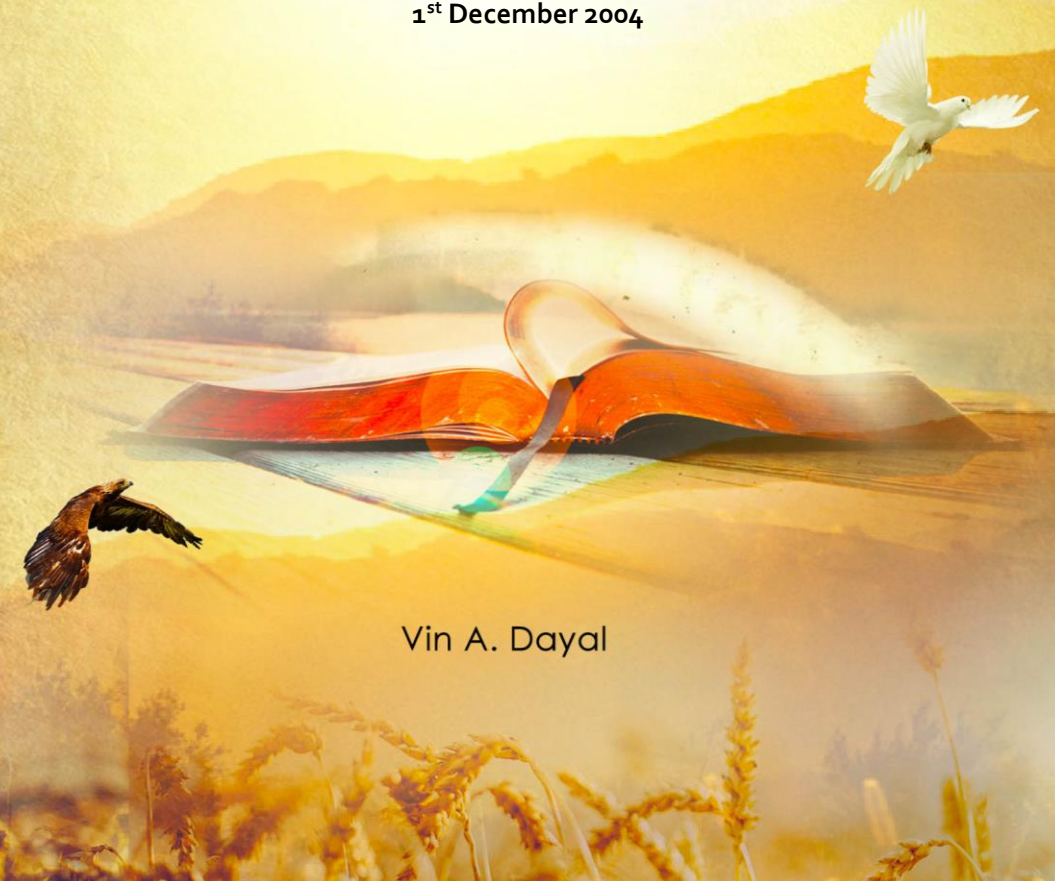

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[#719 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Praise Him.

Amen. Through the Blood of Jesus

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His righteousness is like a Robe...

... a Robe upon you,

His clothing, His covering,

*His garment of praise will now
adorn you;*

Oh, we will live and reign forever,

We will live and reign forever,

As kings and priests and sons

He will call His Own;

His Blood is flowing in you now,

*Royalty has finally found a home
in you.*

Oh, lift our hands and praise Him.

Praise Him,

Lift your hands and praise Him,

Praise Him,

Praise the Name of Jesus,

Praise Him.

Amen. Let us pray.

Thank You, Jesus. We bow our hearts in Your great, mighty Presence tonight, Father, thanking You, dear God, for this blessed privilege to come and assemble in Your Divine Presence, Lord, to come and sing our praise

and lift up the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that the family in Heaven and earth is named after that Name, and it is written that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.

To think, dear God, that even as we stand here in Your Divine Presence tonight, this blessed Name that has been revealed unto us, written by Your Holy Spirit in our foreheads, lets us know that we are a part of the great ransomed Church of God that is saved to sin no more, knowing that we are sons and daughters of God that came from Your Loins; have Your very Own DNA tonight, have Your very characteristics in our lives that we can call You Abba, Father; that when we stand to pray, we can address You as, "Father," knowing that we are Genes of Your Spirit, Lord; knowing dear God, that we were in Your Loins, thoughts of God, Eternal as You are Eternal.

Your blessed Holy Spirit just came in these last days to quicken us, who were dead in sins and trespasses, to raise us up to this great realization, Lord, that we can see the value of Your precious Blood, how it was shed for every name in the Lamb's Book of Life, knowing oh God, that we would be manifested, even in the End Time. And now that we have come into flesh, expressed in this designated season, Lord, Your Holy Spirit just came and hunted us out, and quickened our minds to recognize these things, Father.

And tonight, we draw near unto You with a true heart and full assurance of faith, knowing oh God, that this is a blessed privilege given unto us, Lord, that You have made us a Royal Priesthood, kings and priests, like You did the first son in the very beginning, oh God, when he had the privilege to draw near unto You. It is written that You would come down in the cool of the evening and have fellowship, dear God. And Lord, how that was a blessed time of communion. How he anticipated that time, oh God, knowing that You would come, Father.

And here this evening, as we are gathered, we come in the same kind of anticipation, because we know that You are a God Who keeps Your promises. We know, dear God, not only do we enjoy when You come, Father, but Lord, You look forward to coming among us. Oh God, no wonder You said, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves much more as you see the Day approaching," that You have appointed a time, Father, when we can come and assemble ourselves; that You said, where two or three are gathered together in Your Name, there You are in the midst of Your children.

And Lord, as we've come and gathered this evening, we come, Lord, with this desire in our hearts; we come with these expectations in our hearts, Lord. We pray as we draw near unto You tonight, Your blessed Holy Spirit will draw near unto each and every one of us, that every one of us, oh God, can be caught away in Your Spirit, Lord; can know that we are under the very influence of the Presence of the Holy Spirit, oh God, the great I Am, God, Who has come down to commune with Your children. May dear God, You have Your blessed way in the service. May You lead and direct us in all that is to be said and done, Father.

And Lord, we know that You are conscious of our needs even before we would ask, but You said that the reason we do not receive is because we do not ask. And You want that when we come, we could ask, dear God, in faith, believing, expecting to receive, oh God, just what we asked for. For if we ask for a bread, we will not get a stone; if we ask for a fish, we will not get a serpent.

I pray tonight, oh God, You the covenant-keeping God, Who gave us a Covenant established upon better promises and said we can come with boldness before Your Throne of grace and we shall obtain mercy, we shall find grace to help us in time of need. And as we look into our hearts and into our lives, as we look in our midst as a church and we see what we have need of, oh God, Father, we can come and present our petition

before You and knowing, dear God, that You the great Jehovah-Jireh will provide and supply our every need, even as You promised that You will do it, oh God.

I pray that the sick will be encouraged to ask tonight. I pray that the needy will be encouraged to ask tonight, Father. I pray that the weary and the faint will be encouraged to ask tonight, Lord. I pray, dear God, that those who are looking for a closer walk will be encouraged to ask tonight. I pray that those who are desiring more of the Holy Spirit, Lord, will be encouraged to ask tonight. Those who have unbelieving families will be encouraged to ask tonight. Whatsoever their needs are tonight, Father, Lord God, they will be encouraged to ask with faith, believing that they have received what they asked for and that they shall have it. May You grant it, Father.

Remember Your children out in the region, oh God, even as they are assembled together tonight, Almighty God, knowing that they are in anticipation for the visit, Lord, of Your children who will be coming by this weekend. Those in St. Kitts, those in Dominica, oh God, Father, those out in Nevis, Lord Jesus, those in St. Lucia, are in anticipation, oh God, that they will be visited this weekend. Then Lord, the others, oh God, out in St. Vincent are gathering there playing the tapes, oh God. Father, what a blessing, they have been testifying that it has been to them. Those out in Tobago, oh God, Father, Lord, are to be visited this weekend.

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray, oh God, that You, the Almighty God, the All-sufficient One, the very Author and the Finisher of our faith, Lord, will so have them upon Your heart and You will anoint Your servants, Lord, that will visit these, oh God, and You will give them the portion that will be of benefit to Your children.

Oh gracious God, may You meet every need even as they would gather tonight, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray that Your Presence will be richly felt

amongst them. I pray that You will encourage them and strengthen them, oh God. I pray that You will continue to motivate and inspire them, Father, oh God, that they can rise up strong in this Hour, with a fervent spirit, Lord, to press the battle, oh God, to run for the prize, oh God, Lord, that they might win Christ; to have their eyes fixed on You, Lord. Oh, may You grant it, Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may You send down Your Holy Spirit Lord, Lord, with such a mighty baptism, with such a surge that, Lord, they can be strengthened.

Even those among us, who are not here tonight, Father, we ask that You will remember them. Those that are sick out in their homes, dear God, Father, those that are needy, those oh God, for some reason, oh God, they could not be here tonight, Lord, You know. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may You be mindful, Father, and may You visit them also, and may Your blessings come down upon them. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may You bless, Lord, full, pressed down and running over as You promised You will do, Father. Lord, now just have Your blessed way in this service. We commit all things into Your hands, asking these mercies, in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, amen. Amen. Amen.

Praise His mighty Name tonight. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Psalms. I would like to read out of Psalm 132, a little portion of Scripture there.

I want to welcome all in the house of God; for the strangers and the visitors within our gates this evening, that God will bless you.

I want to continue speaking a little bit from what I was speaking on last Friday on, "GIVING THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL HEART", and just to talk to you a little bit in line with the service that we are hoping to have, the Thanksgiving service. And not really to preach tonight but it's just more in preparation for the service and the way we would like to have this service and talk along those lines, by God's grace.

Psalm 132. This is David writing.

¹ LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

² How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

³ Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

⁴ I will not give [slumber in] mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

⁵ Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

What a great thing.

¹ LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

In all his afflictions, in all that he had gone through, he said, remember him and remember how he swore unto the Lord and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob.

The Love of God had so consumed the heart of David. David wasn't just a person who used to go to church and say, "Well, I'm an Israelite and we had prophets named Moses and Samuel," you know. But David had come to know this God and he was overwhelmed with this God, and he had seen the mercies of God in his life, and the things that God had spoken to him, now that produced something in his life.

And I believe David is no different from us because he committed adultery, he sinned in numbering the people; he put the Ark in the wrong place and he caused a man to die. David was a man who ran from his enemies; when he ran from Saul and tried to play mad when he was among the Philistines and they. He was a man who knew fears. He was a man whose life was threatened and he became desperate. He was a man, who in weakness, cried out to God. He was a man who looked back and saw his failures. But yet there was something about knowing God that was real in his life.

So, we are not talking about a super-duper person here tonight, we are talking about somebody who has experience with the Living God, somebody who has

come to know God, somebody who has failures in their life, yet they are consumed with the Love of God; yet coming to know this God is coming to know someone greater than anybody else they know.

David had a father, David had a mother, David had brothers, David had sisters, David had cousins, David had neighbors, yet in all of this, David was consumed; he was taken up with God. Amen. Because this God was not just an existent Being to David; David knew this God.

David had come to know this God and the experience he had with this God, he swore unto God and he vowed unto God, and he was asking God to remember Him, so that the things that he swore to God, and the things that he vowed to God, and the things that was in his own self, he saw himself so insufficient if it depended on he himself to bring it to pass, that he was asking God to remember him, and that God could help him to do the things that he would have liked to do to honor this God.

How many have something in their hearts they want to honor God with tonight; not just they want something from God? A lot of people want things from God tonight. A lot of people need this and they need that and they are obsessed with their needs, and they are discontented when their needs cannot be met. But David didn't just want to receive, he wanted to give God something and he was more obsessed with what he wanted to give to God than what he wanted to receive from God. And if he wanted help from God, was that the help that God could give to him, was to fulfill the desire he had to lift up God.

David was a man who, when he walked in Israel, he looked around and saw the heathens going into the temple, cutting themselves, piercing themselves, offering everything; doing penance. They tried to justify themselves by works and tried to do all these things to please a false god, an idol that they bowed down to. And

David knew, “Our God is the True and Living God. How much more we need to honor our God, the Living God!”

I believe that this was one of the secrets in his heart and in his life, and I believe that any one of us can be consumed with affections for God. As the song says: *What a friend we have in Jesus*. [#24 - Songs That Live -Ed.] And then, you know, you appreciate friendship when you have good friends, and you enjoy being with your friends, and every time you go to do something, the first thing are your friends on your mind, your close acquaintances, to do something with.

Well, think of what it was for David to know this God, friends, and to see the revelation that he had of God, has come to us in a far greater way, than what David knew of God, in this Day, that God has come down, the mighty God has unveiled Himself before us and put Himself in plain view. And we have that privilege tonight that this same God, friends, can be with us tonight in this way.

We, as the Bride of Christ... David is not in the Bride, friends. And the most intimate relationship is a husband and wife, (think of it,) yet where we should be, the affection... But then, when we do not see ourselves in the position, in the love that has been expressed to us, we think that David was so great and we wished that we could be like David, and God has given us a place to know Him, far beyond what David and them knew. I believe, it's no wonder we live below our God-given privileges. I believe, it's no wonder we fail to see how God—what He desires of us.

And he said:

¹ LORD...

I want to read again:

¹ LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions.

Here was a man with afflictions. What makes people draw back, and complain, and look for sympathy, and look for others to come and pat them on their backs and

look for them to come and comfort them? But in his afflictions, he was looking to God with a desire to fulfill what he believed God was deserving of.

² How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

³ Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

⁴ I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

Sometimes, brother, instead of us just kneeling and praying, we just jump into bed. Sometimes before we seek God and get a closer walk with God, we find it so hard, to even fast for a day or to abstain from a meal or something. But David swore and vowed, “I will not even go up into my bed. I will not even give sleep to my eyelids.”

⁵ Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

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

Speaking last week on *Giving Thanks From A Grateful Heart* [2004-1126, Pt.1 -Ed.], what a mighty time it was for us. And then came back on Sunday [2004-1128 -Ed.], and how awesome it was on Sunday; such a great outpouring of the Spirit like that, and the Word and the revelation that God so magnified, to see the things.

And then it was so nice around the church afterwards to see, when the little meetings were being conducted, the enthusiasm, and the involvement, and the interest that was being shown by different believers from different places. I didn't even realize... There were so many people clustered around there, I thought that was the meeting and then they told me no, the other sections are up on the hill having a meeting, another section is somewhere else having a meeting, and another section is somewhere having a meeting. Then I saw a whole side here and I thought that was something about singing,

and then got to realize, that was another meeting by itself.

It is really a blessing around the Assembly, when you come and see the people begin to get under the influence of the Word, and the people begin to catch what the Spirit is saying, and the people begin to get their hearts and minds into it.

So, after the service there, Bro. Bishop called me up and said, "I think..." Well, before that I was there on Monday and I was kind of going back over the service. And all day on Monday, it was still upon me – the inspiration of the Word and the impact of the service.

And I just felt that Bro. Elijah [Bro. Elijah Walters - Minister - St. Vincent -Ed.] was going to call, and then I got the call. A few minutes after the phone rang and it was him, and he began to tell me, he said, "If you only knew what is going on here in St. Vincent, and the way the Spirit moved." He said, "We were even gathered there one night and we saw a little fog light coming into the building." He said, "The place was so charged with the Presence of God."

He said, "On Friday nights we get there and we play the series on Joseph. Every Friday night we've been playing them, and the church is gathering." He said, "And the amount of people that have been assisted, who have been going through hurt, and pain, and hardships, and trials and testings and how God has been coming down and blessing them."

So I began to tell him, I said, "Look, just yesterday God took the messages on Joseph into a next dimension beyond where we were hearing it, and you know, it was such a blessing, and now we are going to have this Thanksgiving service on the 11th." When I told him that, he just got beside himself a little bit and he said, "No, no! If you are going to have Thanksgiving service, I want to be in Trinidad standing by your side giving thanks because this is the time right here; it has been four

years since you all came,” because this was the time we had gone.

When we left on the 18th, I think it was around that time to go to South Africa in the year 2000, they came here. And when they came here, you know, that was after we had the St. Vincent campaign. And then when I came back from South Africa, we went and we preached to him and his wife, and Bro. Derrick and his wife and the two Russel brothers, Andre and his other brother, Ozmor, and we were preaching to them right in their living room there that Sunday morning. And then to see, after the four years, what the work has evolved into, and the church that is standing there. The building is three times the size now. Now they have a nice little tabernacle and they are gathered there.

So many of them were here in the services for the Convention and it was something, because they were right there when that first message on Joseph came out that Sunday in the service, and I was giving a testimony about that before I preached it. At 5 o'clock in the morning, it was then that it was revealed to me “Preach there,” to follow the message I preached the Friday night on *The Potter's Power And The Potter's Purpose*. [2004-0820p.m. - The Potter's Purpose And The Potter's Power -Ed.]

Even coming back from Europe, I testified of when I was in New Jersey, the song came into my... I was listening to this song and from there I told them to change the banner, change everything and put in these Scriptures, and so it started.

And to see, now it is December. And what started there from August and now we are in December, and to see what the Holy Spirit has done. And how we have seen this kind of thing over and over. You strike something and something in your heart knows, “That’s the Holy Spirit. That’s the place; follow that.” A sensitiveness: “Hold on to that. Don’t move from that. Stay right there.”

And then to see how many people read about Joseph, how many people preached on Joseph and how many things you hear about Joseph and the things... Who can say, that the things down through the years, all you read about Joseph in the Bible, you hear things of the magnitude and the way that the Spirit brought those things in the Word, to open it to us! And that's just the grace of God; the Presence of God coming down among the people in the tabernacle, doing something here for a people.

And then when you see that happening, instead of you getting lifted up, you try to think of, "Lord, why is this? What do You want to show us? What do You want to teach us? What are we desiring to get out of this?" And I was bringing a little illustration to a couple of the brothers, I said, "When God sends an inspiration, you have to know how to work with it and what benefit it is designed to bring to you."

I said, "It's like you have no water and you cannot take a bath, you cannot wash your clothes; you cannot clean your house. Then the rain begins to fall and the rain is falling, pouring out day after day. And then for about a week, you get showers of rain and then when the rain is over, you don't think, "Hey, I could have gotten a bucket, I could have filled it with this water, I could have gotten all the clothes washed, I could have gotten a bath, I could have cleaned the house; I could have done this." And all of that was poured out, and when it had passed, you still had the need, and you didn't realize, that was designed to meet those needs.

And so, when God sends the Anointing and the Holy Spirit to open the Word, that is not just to hear and enjoy, friends; that is designed to do certain things. That is why the Holy Spirit held there and said "Forgiveness! Get those things right. Fix those things. Break down those barriers; do those things." Why? Because this is the time when God can do it. This is the time when He'll bring a Word, and bring It to you and

show you the grace, and open it to you and release it out of the Word and then bring it in the season of the Word; bring it in the season of the Word to do it.

And when people are sensitive... Where people miss it, they try to run... Like when the Prophet was preaching the Seals, he said, "Ask all your questions on the Seals." They asked him about shorty pajamas, they asked him about curlers, they asked him about if they had to move by the tabernacle; they asked him if he was God. They asked him all kinds of strange things, instead of them asking along that line.

When Jesus took the Scriptures and opened the Word and said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to bind the broken-hearted, set the captives free, give sight to the blind, open the prison doors, set them that are bruised at liberty," in other words, the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him for that, and when He identified what the Anointing was there for, then you know what to ask for.

And that is why people go for years with things, because they are missing their times and their seasons when they have to move. And that's why, if you don't move when God is moving, you will get left behind always. You must know and recognize and be sensitive to when God is doing a certain thing.

And it is really like even when the manna was falling and they had to gather the manna for the two days. If a person failed to gather manna and the manna ceased to fall and then when they went outside, the thing was dried up; there was nothing. Because they were supposed to gather it. God had a time to send it for them and they had to know how to get in place.

That is why, when we are in a church and we are walking in the Word, and we understand the plan of God, that He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and the Word says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves, much more as you see the day approaching," what happens? We have to walk in the

Word. We have to walk in the season of the Word. We have to move with God in season. See?

And when God is opening a Word among you, that is the time to catch the Word. That is why He said, “Blessed is the faithful and wise servant giving out the meat in due season” [Matthew 24:45 -Ed.]; *Spiritual Food In Due Season*. [1965-0718E -Ed.] The Prophet preached it. See? Why? There is a Word for a season. And when you understand that season, that’s how He is doing things. There was a season when Jesus was calling them out. There was a season when He was cleaning them up. He said, “I have made you clean by the Word I have spoken to you.” See? He said, “But then you are not all clean.”

Why? There was a time when that Word could have cleansed some but some were failing to apply the Word correctly. Then what happened? They remained with a lot of things that the Word should have taken care of. See? And it’s not just having the Word, you know, but it is applying the Word. “It is not just having the bullet,” he said, “but the faith to charge it.” See? It takes faith to charge the Word to make the Word operate. We have had the Bible all these years but there are things in the Bible for this Day, and unless a person was not anointed and knew what part of the Word God wanted to fulfill and go into the Word and quicken that Word and bring it to life, then there is no blessing.

People lived out through the reformer Ages saying, “The days of miracles are over. The days of miracles are over.” Then a man came and took the same promises and quickened it. Why? Because they had left that to go after creeds and dogmas. They had laid down the Word to take the seminary understanding and failed to benefit from the benefits that the Word was designed to bring to them.

And you know, in speaking with the brothers there, they want to come. Then Sis. Elverna from St. Kitts wants to come, and she is also coming. And these saints, they want to come, to be here because to them,

they have something that they don't want a time like this to pass. It's something that they want to give thanks for. It's something that happened in their lives. It's something that changed their lives. That Word came and changed their lives.

These brothers were in a car, he said, "Four years ago to the date, when we were in the car out there crying and begging God under a woman preacher in an organization, don't know anything about the Message; not anything." In four years, a Minister, with about ninety people around you, in your own church. No way in denomination could he visualize that. See what I mean? Right here, the Holy Spirit in the room right there, I told the brothers, I said, "Look, God has to give Ministers at this time, because we cannot afford to be sending people to all these places like that. We need people." And I went out there and saw it come and happen in the very meeting.

The night when I walked to him, I said, "God sent me for you." I said, "You are going home with me tonight." He said, "That is exactly what I had in my heart at the same time." See? And so, to see how those things... I tell you, that is history. You see? But we are witnesses of these things. Think of how many people, and how what we have seen God did in the Islands, it's just in the last couple of years. We are sitting here and we are not getting goosebumps for it, but it is happening. Why? Because it is in God's Mind to bring people. People are being delivered, chains are being broken; people are coming out.

Came down there and testified about going down in the 'shanty'. [impoverished area of small, crudely built shacks -Ed.] Bro. Bowen was right there in St. Lucia at the time, then he came back and said he heard me talking about it, but then when he himself went down and saw the place, and realized what it was.

And something inside of me told the brother, "You have to carry me." I said, "Make sure before I go, you

carry me to the 'shanty'; I need to go there." Something was pushing me to go there. I went in their house and realized that these people never opened a Bible in their lives. And right there, the Holy Spirit just gave me inspiration and I started to preach to them about the coconut tree in the yard. And then I saw a fowl in there; I started to preach about the egg, and the atmosphere and these things. And right there the Spirit gripped them, because it's like it brought God in their yard, all around them that was there, that they were stumbling over. Like the infidel with the apple tree in his yard; it was right there all the time. See?

And the brother marveled, because it was like, "He isn't trying to teach a Bible class, and he isn't trying to teach Bible lessons and he's going down there and trying to have something and he cannot get one person." I walked in there and saw the coconut tree and started to preach about the coconut tree and the fowl, and the people came like that. You see?

I went into the other lady's house, sat down there and start to preach about the ant, and she sat there amazed. Because do you know how many ants she saw in her house? Do you know how many ants she maybe wanted to kill? And they are in poverty; they are under economic depression and yet showing, look at the ant all around you. Look at, in a place where people are fussing and fighting, everybody is against one another and it is 'dog eat dog' [ruthless self-interest -Ed.] in that kind of low life there, and look at the cooperation in the ant, look at the unity in the ant; look how the ant performs big tasks far beyond their capability because of their approach to things. And you know, it was just something.

Then the brothers went back, and looked at the blessings. They looked at the situation and they went down now and started to get shoes for the children and clothes, and took this one out to the doctor, and talked with them and testified to people, you know. And the people started to see these things.

Remember in their world, this is like a lightning flashed through the yard, you know, because they didn't know these people or where these people came from. This is just like somebody appeared in their lives one day, and from the moment they appeared in their lives that one day, it started to change in the house. But that is when Light goes where darkness is. That is when Life goes where death is and that is where, when the sunlight goes, if there is a seed down there in the muck and the mire, the little lily down there in the filth, it could pull that thing out and start a deliverance right there, simple like that.

Then they are going back this weekend and it is not easy to be going out there. Then we have the other brothers going out also to Dominica and St. Kitts and Nevis.

And to think that one time we as a church here, we didn't even know what was going on outside our doors; we didn't even know what was going on outside our walls. Today, now people are gathering out there. Churches are looking at the Word, hearing the Word; being identified with the believers here. Look at out there, you have brothers going out with the Gospel; young people that God raised up. Young men came in there and sat under the Word, got established in the Word, got taught in the Word, saw the results in the Word, and got the courage now to step out and believe that God can work in and through them the same way.

Because that's the plan. It is not a wild business; it is something in order. It is something with the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is something honored by God. It is something that produces the Fruits, the Word, the signs and the wonders. Everything is right there. The evidence is there. A man has to be an infidel to deny it is there, because it is there. See? And then to think, that same Message was there for thirty-something years in the same region. Think of it.

Sometimes it makes me wonder if we had gone earlier, what it could have been; what it could have been. The Devil got a chance to put so much concrete all around these things, now it has become difficult. See? When we are trying to go now, the cost to get there sometimes, (see?) sacrifices have to be made. Sometimes brothers are working; they can just give two days and have to come back, that type of thing, and then you realize, the work is so difficult to do it in that way. But yet by the grace of God, because God is in it, even in the little effort that can be made in sincerity and faith, God is honoring it, by the grace of God.

And so, they are interested in coming, some of them, to be here because it is their desire. Sis. Elverna, she wants to be here so badly. She is the sister whom we testified of, and she is a business woman, like Lydia. I told her, I said, "God opened your heart to attend to these things." She took a couple of the sisters there and employed them in her business, and when the last convention was there, instead of her coming, she paid for them to come because she knew it was going to be of benefit for them. And she paid for them to travel and come, and she said, "No, I will come another time; maybe at some time."

And then when this time came around here, because she cannot afford to be away from her business and the work and things like that, and so I told her, I said, "Look, you can come in on Friday evening, and you can leave on Monday morning. You are here on Saturday and Sunday and it is going to be more than worth it." And so, she was so happy that she was able to get it.

She was testifying... I think I testified this to you all. We were there in... She was there in (where did she go?) the Virgin Islands or one of those places and she was coming back, sitting in the airport and she was reading *Birth Pains*. [1965-0124 -Ed.] And she said, "I sat there, Bro. Vin, I was reading *Birth Pains* and I got so into the Word." And coming down to the end of the service, in

the prayer line, (in the book, it is all there,) and just like this Spirit came upon her and she began to see her daughter going to crash. And she got desperate, and she began to cry out, “God, no!” And prayed and tried to intercede.

Then when they called for the flight to be boarded again, she was still reading and the same thing happened again. And then she got even more desperate and she saw the girl crash with the jeep, and she was praying. And then she said when she landed in St. Kitts, she handed the passport—the immigration officer took the passport, he said, “I have news for you. Your daughter crashed tonight. The jeep turned over. It is a complete write-off; she’s in the hospital.” The girl was coming to the airport to pick up the mother.

And you know, she went out there quickly, but in her heart, she said, she had such peace because of the two times the Spirit witnessed it and caused her, in desperation, to intercede and cry out and plead for the girl’s life. And that was the daughter who was here also in the Youth Convention. She had sent her son and her daughter to the Youth Convention in August also. And to see, it was such a thing.

And here I was telling you on Sunday about the young man... I got this letter from Dominica, from the prison and this young man had a book... Somehow a book ended up in his hand and that was from when we had gone long before. And he read it and he was asking in the letter, he said, “Is there a church like this? Is there somebody I could talk to?” You know, “I believe this,” you know, and what it started to do to him.

And I called up Bro. Florian [Mitchell -Ed.], I said, “Go in the prison and check out this young man for me,” and I gave him all the details. When he went to the prison, he got to find out himself that he has a relative, who is a high official in the prison, that made it so easy that he was able to go in whenever he wanted to go in. And he

went in there, he met the young man and began to talk to him.

When I was there this time, a couple of weeks ago, they arranged an appointment for me. It wasn't even visiting hours, in the day time, that we could have gone in and talked to him. Speaking to him, testifying to him with the Word; first time we were seeing each other and I took a pile of books; I gave it to him.

The prison officer was right there, and I just felt a pull with the prison officer; I began to preach to the prison officer too. And so, I began to tell him about the Philippian jailer [Acts 16 -Ed.] afterwards and how Paul and they had to come in the prison, to find the Philippian jailer and these things. And showed him all down through the Bible, all God's children, Peter, Paul, John, Joseph, all of them, Daniel, all of them, who were in prison and how God, what He did for them and so on. And with the prison officer, I just felt that pull there and after the... I go to say after the service, but after the little fellowship, the...

You see, that is the thing, right? That is the thing with some of these things. You can get me and preach a 15-minute message, a 20-minute message, (boom,) straight words just like if we are in a two-hour here, preach the Word, I am talking about; created an atmosphere in the prison.

And he got up there and he said, "I felt it." He said, "I felt it."

I said, "I felt a pull." I said, "I felt God was speaking to you."

He said, "Yes, I felt it too."

And he testified to me. We took his name and his phone number and we gave him some books. I wanted to give some money to the boy, so I asked, "What is your procedure here? I would like to give some money to this boy in the prison here." He said, "Well, you can't give it to the prisoner, you have to give it to the officer." So then the young man said, "No, you can give it to him for

me.” I gave it to the officer, because he is a Christian. And then after I gave the young man the books, I said, “Go and distribute it and testify to the prisoners in the prison.”

When the brothers went back after the visit, they went back to visit him, he already had another prisoner with him, when they went to visit. So, now they were talking to the two of them sharing the Word inside of there with them.

You know, it’s amazing friends, how God wants to find His Own. And the thing is, we are not doing this like a denomination has a program; we are trying to do this like in the Bible. We saw Elijah come; the Son of Man is revealed. We see the Holy Spirit is loose. We saw an Alpha Bride went forth. We saw the same pattern in the Bible. Then we stepped in there, you recognize the same unchanging God in the unchanging continuity of the Word and you begin to work in that line. Then you are seeing that same God dropping down there and honoring those things and giving witness, and then when you testify these things to people, people like that can hear it for the first time and receive it.

I remember sitting down in the house and asked the young lady, “Do you believe these things I am saying here?” I asked, “Do you believe this is the Truth?”

She said, “Yes! Yes, I believe this is the Truth.”

I said, “Would you come out to the service tonight?”

She said, “We are going to come out.”

See? And they came out. And then they came back... Then they stayed with us all the time over the days, and then came back out last week when the brothers were there. You see? And you read in the Scriptures, they went in a place and it’s just because you know, you are seeing the hand of God in these things.

And out in St. Kitts and Nevis and where all the seeds are being planted... In one season you go, you scatter some seeds, you don’t know what is going to happen. The same thing in St. Lucia there, we went there, gave

out the books; felt led to go along to Viewfort. We bypassed Castries, we went there and then while we were there, we gave out the books.

We came back and the brothers were thinking about going back for another visit. I said, "Leave it alone. Let's wait and see the results of all of this." Then the phone call came. Books fell in the brother's hands; he called up, "He wanted to know more about these things." He came over here, he and his wife got baptized; came to the convention. The other two got baptized and now, we went there and these are coming out. And you know, you are seeing something happening.

After that earthquake... I remembered, when we were leaving St. Lucia, you talked about... You see what was happening in the Caribbean after this Hurricane Ivan. And then after Hurricane Ivan, we went to Grenada there and 90% of the country was devastated. We made four trips there in a short space of time. Through that, God, let us go all through the Island, saw all the other churches that were there, trying to help the people. And all these things that we were undergoing, God had a purpose for it. Because we came to see, "Look at the condition!" God could not leave those people, and He could not call them under those kinds of churches there. He couldn't do it, because there is no life there.

God went there and raised up a people, and in no time, it was the biggest church in the island there; it is the strongest church. It is the only church, where even Bro. Felix and they, who were dealing with the other people, came and had to witness and testify that that is where they found the believers, and found faith, and found people going out and doing something. See?

When I am seeing all these little things happening, it's little things, sure, but out of those little things, look at the big things coming out of it. Look at the souls being saved. Look at the work being established. Look at the Elect being called. You see?

And then, here we came around this season. They came to the convention and because they came to that convention, we, who were there, we who were involved in the meetings in the morning, we who were involved in the meetings in the night, we knew that there was something moving. There was something moving.

But when they went back and the storm struck, people had their houses blown out. People saw houses moving in the air like that. Big container 20 feet long was moving, floating in the air. We went and we saw the houses just destroyed completely. People can't even find a piece of clothing in those things. People were holding on for dear life. People who ran down in the places of refuge, the places of refuge blew away, where they had them in schools and different government buildings. And then, after all those things, to see how the Holy Spirit continued right here with the Word and continued to bring the Word. And that Word has stabilized and strengthened and settled the people, because they were here in the meetings. They experienced the blessings here. They knew something happened Supernaturally. And we, who have been trying to stay in it as best as we can, trying to continue to strive to see more of it move amongst us and then to see the last few services what it had been if you were sensitive.

And you know it's really something, because when you are in the Gospel and you see souls being saved... When that earthquake hit, they felt that earthquake, a 6 point-something earthquake... It was a 6.4 earthquake that shook Alaska where Alaska almost went down; a 6.4 on the Richter Scale. This was a 6 point-something and they felt this in Antigua. It struck in Dominica; they felt it out in St. Lucia; they felt it in St. Vincent when I was talking to them. And I talked to all the saints in all these places and everyone of them testified of feeling that earthquake in those very places.

We were coming out of St. Lucia and you talk about rain. That rain was pouring down. In no time the road

was like a river. You were coming around the mountains like that, winding roads, to get back to Castries, where we had to leave from. And we were running late already for the flight and then to see the condition of the roads. And then after, we made it! God helped us; we made it safely. And then next—within a few days after coming out, that earthquake hit that place in Dominica there, and we had left St. Lucia to go to Dominica.

You know, you are seeing that and you are seeing the Word is going. You see to me, that is the Word. These things happen around the Word. That is what gives It significance – the Word going out among the Elect; God calling people out in this Hour. What is the Message? Getting people into safety before judgment.

Why? What was it in the Exodus? God was going to destroy Egypt; He had to get them under the Blood. What was it in the days of Noah? God was going to destroy the world; He had to get them in the ark. What was it in the time of Ezekiel? God was going to destroy Jerusalem; He had to get them sealed. What was it in the time of Titus? He had to get them in the Holy Ghost; God was going to destroy the whole thing. What is it in the last days? It is the same thing again. And God always makes a way for His people.

And while redemption is going forth, judgment is breaking at the same time. The Serpent was cursed, while Adam and Eve, God was slaying a lamb and bringing them under the blood. In Egypt, when they were under the blood, a lamb was slain. Death was moving through the land and killing many.

So, when you watch the Scripture, you see how these things move in the Word, and when you are sensitive, you know it is not a different Word, it's the same Word, and it's not a different kind of people, it's the same kind of people, because that's the continuation of the Word. This is our Day. We are the Elect in this Day. And this is where when you see these things happening, you understand; you understand.

When that earth started to quake and the earth started to break up, that was because of Noah. Do you get what I am saying? That was because God got them in the ark and shut them away. Like when I preached *Grenada's Sixth Seal* [2004-0922 - Grenada's Sixth Seal - The Pouring Out Of God's Wrath, Codename 'Ivan'. -Ed.], I said, "This Ivan could have only hit because God called a people out." Because God doesn't send judgment when the people are not sealed. It is, "A Seal opened, a mystery unfolds, a message goes forth" – a religious disturbance. He seals up people, then He sends a plague. God doesn't send a plague and the people are not sealed yet. No. God doesn't defeat His program. It's a sequence. It's an order.

That is why when the Alaskan earthquake struck, when did it strike? Before the Seals opened? It struck after the Seals opened, after the Word was turned down, after the Messenger caught the Mystery; after he proclaimed it. That's right. It always comes that way and then when you see these things, you know, watch and observe and be sensitive.

And we have been having meetings in the past, talking about the urgency, going out, getting the Word out. Sometimes we are a little careful not to try to open up too many things, because you don't even have people to go and do it. See? Because what is the use sometimes, calling people out and then there is nobody to take care of them or to watch over them and help them. They are coming into something, that they don't even understand; they don't even know the first step of. And it's not like they can pick up a book and read it and then try to make it happen; it is not that kind of thing.

And you get to realize, as the things increase, yet we see God, in His grace and in His mercy, reaching out. And this has been an encouraging thing; it has been a great thing. And it is not without battles, it is not without sacrifice; it is not without great opposition, you

know. And Satan is using every way that he can to hinder, to distress you, to oppress you, and yet...

As the Prophet taught, *Perseverance*. What is that? To be persistent in spite of all obstacles. He said, "You can only be perseverant, after the will of God is revealed to you." When you see the will of God, when you know the will of God, when you know what we are called for, what we are raised up for, what we are trained for, what we have to do, when you are anointed and commissioned to do those things, no matter what obstacle comes in your way, you can be persistent in spite of all of that. Because, what? Persistent to achieve a goal! What is the goal? To call out and Seal a people. It's a calling and sealing between the Sixth and Seventh Seal; between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpets. He is calling and sealing a people now.

And friends, when we think that we can be part of something in the fulfilling of the Word, something so great, the greatest thing: God's Word being fulfilled, Redemption taking place, and He makes of you, co-workers, to finish the plan of Redemption, and you get convinced, and you get conscious, you are a co-worker. That is what you are called unto. You said, "Who me? God called me to that; this great thing? God could save somebody through me; through my influence; through my testimony?" That is what you are really born for. That is what you are really born for.

Sometimes it's so hard to shake away from the identity you get in the world, and what they conformed you to, and tied you up in the world's system, that this seems so far. You just get content to go to church on church days and then keep tied to the world's system. But when you realize, this is what you are born for. The world's system is going to pass away. So, what you are doing in the world's system, you have to do that just to eat and drink. That is not for a future; that is to survive while you are going along fulfilling God's purpose because that is going to become ashes. There is no

future in that. See? And that's why sometimes priorities, coming around here, are great things.

And I believe, you know, it is now that we can really enter into a depth of gratitude because of our understanding, to see, look how God in His choosing, in His sovereignty, in His blessing, in His working, in His identification, have called out, separated, prepared and identified His elected children. He has not left them without identification. Did David know he was going to be king? Did Elisha know he was going to be in Elijah's stead? That's right. That's the Bible! Did the apostles know they were called out to receive a promise at Pentecost?

You see sometimes, you know, people think, "No, no, no, it can't be." Your very calling is unto a promise. Your very training is unto a ministry. You see? Outside of seeing the next part, you are not even certain of this part. Because the other part confirms you are really called, the other part confirms you are really being trained; that God shows you, "Look what I am preparing you for, look how I'm working with you."

And that's one of the greatest blessings we could receive, (see?) because we are recognizing that these things are promised in the Bible. It takes faith to step out. Because sometimes, many people can't believe it, so they can't see, "No, no, no, no, I am called to that." But when you start to believe: "No, this is what I am called to; maybe I can't do the whole thing, but I am a little part of the machinery, and as a little part, I'm doing my little part and that whole big machinery that is made up of all these little parts is going along, (do you get what I am saying?) and it is accomplishing the thing.

And that's why you know, when we struck this season and we got into that atmosphere and the Word started to get in a certain place, then you know, the Holy Spirit witnessed how we should have a little time together. I tried to do it, and at least in my mind I was seeing the need and just trying to follow the normal

pattern and say well, we are going to have a couple of informal days, we're going to get together with the people and so on and we're going to have a nice little time.

And you know because, it's like we need that, because we are so concentrated on the Word. It's Word, Word, Word, Word, Word; service, service, service, service, service, so we are going to get a little time and fellowship and get a little closer and we can share and be in each other's presence, and in a way it can be a blessing for the Assembly. We ended up being out in St Lucia; we couldn't do it. That became spontaneous, and the holidays passed.

I came back and it was still there pressing. The Holy Spirit, you know, was showing, "Do that." Then I came last week Friday and I spoke the little message *Giving Thanks From A Grateful Heart* and I told you that this was because I wanted to have a service like that. The Holy Spirit just put it in my heart, "No, have a Thanksgiving service. Come for a time and have this time of thanksgiving." When I saw how the Spirit moved there Friday and Sunday, and I saw the response among the people, I felt really encouraged because I could see, you know, the people getting in the Spirit of what they were hearing.

And then when the brother called from St. Vincent, the sister from St. Kitts and they were so enthused to come themselves, even that too now was like even a further confirmation, that they wanted to come to be here for this. And then to see how this time was even an anniversary time for the brothers in St. Vincent, four years, around the very same time, and then they are coming back here now to participate in this service.

Then Bro. Bishop, you know, he called me yesterday or the day before, on Monday, and he said, "You know, I want to come and talk to you a little bit." And then while we were there talking, he said, "I feel that this service should go for two days." He said, "I just feel this

should be for two days, and we could really have it a certain way and so on.”

And I didn't even think of it like having it on Sunday. Like my mind was just on Saturday. I couldn't even see the Sunday. From the time he mentioned two days, I realized, “Hey, yeah, Saturday; we are here on Saturday and Sunday, sure, because this is going to, you know, just overflow.

And that was so nice, and I called a couple of the deacons; we had a little impromptu meeting down at my place, and then we sat there through the night, talking and discussing about the service and how best to have the service. Because in preaching on Friday, there were some things I didn't get to go into and so I thought tonight, I would have taken a certain approach to sort of bring to you the arrangement of the service. Because you know, you look here in the Scriptures... Like me, that's my pattern always in doing something. I believe when we see something to be done and we see the way how to do it in the Bible, then you want to do it in that way, that it could be an honor to God.

And so, quickly to take just a few minutes tonight to kind of unfold to you a little bit how I believe the service should go. Because you know, one of the things that our brother mentioned to me, he said, “I think that over the years, all the things that took place when we started, how, you know, it will be a real opportunity.” And they began to refurbish...

They had the guitar there, that the brothers had sent from Zimbabwe. One year we were in Zimbabwe... I think it was in 1990, I'm not sure, some time there, we were in Zimbabwe, or 1993, and I was having meetings there and after the meeting, Bro. Jeremiah [Pastor Jeremiah Mkanganwi -Ed.] came and he brought this guitar with this dove, and he wanted to send it for Bro. Ulric. [Bro. Ulric Andrews -Ed.]

He had passed through here in 1986; he had preached in the church. He saw the church and they

had so wanted to come after I had been there in 1984, and they heard the ministry and they saw the blessings and so on, and they wanted to come and see the church here. Bro. Joseph Chikosi had passed through, I remember that, then Bro. Jeremiah and Bro. Chatima came afterwards. And he always remembered that. Then they started to sing the songs over there in the churches and they wanted to send this guitar and this guitar has this little, white dove. That guitar came and eventually it was misused, abused; misplaced. It just ended up there like something in a corner.

I remember one day we were doing a little documentary of Bro. Ulric and the songs and different things up in the Administration building and Timmy was saying, "You know that guitar, we should take that guitar. That guitar should not be that way. That guitar should be something like..." Do you know how when you go to the museum and they have those old violins? He said, "Because we believe this brother was one of the greatest songwriters in all history. We believe he is part with Asaph and all of them in the Bible." That is what we believe. You see, that is not an understatement, friends, and that is not an exaggeration either. See?

And the thing is... You see, the trouble with people is, they can't recognize their own thing, and they can't see the value of something. That is why people always try to take the ministry and just put it down as some little thing, and you know. This is not that, friends. You see? And those who have been in the Assembly down through these years know I've always said, "He is a poet and he is sent here to record these things." That's right. Because these things, where it is coming from, he was sent to record those things. And that has been said way back in Baratania days, as a boy, preaching. See?

And one of the things is, in following the history of the Assembly, and especially from 1976 in Fran Street to 2004 where we are here in Abel country, and we were thinking that in the service... You know, we don't want

to have a Thanksgiving service, in the sense of we call it 'thanksgiving', we get there and gather and then everybody: "I want to testify, I want to testify, I want to testify," and then you have things going all over.

And we were there in the meeting and the Holy Spirit... I believe it was the order and the arrangement, the structure of the service: how it should go, how what we want to give to God, can be presented to God, and how it can be focused in a way to honor God and glorify God. It is not so much about I coming to give my life story, you coming to give your life story; it is really to... That is for a testimony service. But thanksgiving to God, is something to glorify God. In other words, God is the One Who is being raised up. God is the One Who is recognized as doing those things.

We might just be in the right place at the right time, or the instrument or it happened through us, but if God wanted to show He is still a Provider, He might have provided something for you, so people in your community will see and they will know that and people in the church will see and know that. If God wanted to open a barren womb to show He could still do that, He might have done that in your midst, so you could have a witness, but it is God doing that. It is not 'I' and 'me' and "I did this and, you know, this happened." No, no. This is God doing this to give witness.

And then because God proved what He is and what He desires to do for His children, when others see that, that inspires them and they get faith off of that. Because that's how healing is. One gets healing in the meeting. One gets healed again. Next thing he says, "All who have," you know, "heart disease, rise to your feet." Then he says, "All who have this sickness here, rise to your feet." And people were seeing when it happened to one, they realized, "If He can do that for that one, He can do that for me too." And so, one person's faith was igniting the other one's faith.

The Bible said when the woman touched Him and virtues came out and healed her, It said wherever He went, the crowd started to touch Him. He never taught touching Him, but they saw somebody touch Him and the results that followed and they became inspired to reach out and touch Him, with faith, the same way. And so, when you see that you get to realize now, look how these things are.

And so, we know we have many new people coming in and they have not yet been—they don't even understand what they are in. Sometimes people come in here and they see this compound and they figure well... They didn't realize these people started under a house with dogs sleeping on the ground there, dog hairs, and it was planks of wood and *Gazette* paper [newspaper -Ed.] on some bricks and a pan for a pulpit.

So, when they come in here, they think, "Well no, no, this is a bunch of well-organized people, big wealthy people, aristocratic people get together." They don't know that the preacher, deacons, song leader and thing, is garbage off the street whom God picked up and showed what He can do with garbage. When they look today, they see a well-organized church, but the preacher was garbage at the side of the road, the song leader was garbage at the side of the road, the deacon was garbage at the side of the road. We were the human garbage in Cocoyea. See? "The filth and the offscouring of the world," Paul said. [1st Corinthians 4:13 -Ed.]

Today people forget that, and they want respect and demand respect and these things. Now that is fine. You ought to respect people when God takes them and does something with them, because it is not the holy man, it is the Holy Ghost in the man. It is not the holy church; it is the Holy Ghost in the church. Do you understand what I am saying? But the thing is, God is saying, "I took you from the sheepcote. Don't forget where I took you from. I dug Abraham from the pit." Because it is glorifying to God that you are what you are, by the grace

of God. And when God never really got honored for it, we start to move around now in a way like, we were always that and could have been that and so on.

But when we were there, nobody even knew what the word 'election' meant. When we said 'election', we thought it was politics they were talking about; elections coming up. PNM and DLP and UNC [local political parties -Ed.], we thought it was that kind of thing when we said 'election'. When we say, 'Election' today, we are talking about '*chosen and predestinated*'; we are not talking about politics. Do you understand what I am saying?

When I was going to get baptized, my cousin asked me... I said, "I want to get baptized."

He said, "Get somebody who is anointed to baptize you."

I said, "What does that word mean? I don't know what that means. I don't know what the word 'anointed' means." I said, "How will I know who God is using?"

I was conscious that I was a rank sinner off the street, full of all kinds of metaphysics and all kinds of mixed-up philosophy, and I was conscious that God stopped me and started to do something in my heart, and I was getting saved. And the kind of sins and habits I had, that God was cleaning up out of me, do you think I could sit down and say, 'son of God' and 'predestination' and so on? After now, when I started to grow in the Word, and I started to see the little Seed down in the muck and the mire and the Son-light was risen to raise it up, then I could understand that. But back there all I knew, "I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see." You see?

And friends to tell you the truth, for these thirty-one years, I haven't tried to go too far from that either. I stayed right there conscious of that. I'm conscious of my need for Him every day. I'm conscious of my failures every day. That's why you always hear me talk a certain way and it sounds uncomplimentary sometimes the way I would speak. But it's not that. It's because I'm afraid

to lift myself up. I am afraid to trust in something that I have. That's right. If I trust in anything, it's what He had done on the Cross. What He had said in His Word. That is what I can trust on, because that can't fail, that can't be altered, that can't be made smaller; that can't be diminished. That is fixed for all Eternity. But a man goes up and down. That's right.

Like we were talking there, and the brother was telling me—poor little brother, no education hardly, illiterate, and he was telling me, he said, “Brother, you see the Word that is coming out of you, I take that Word, but you see you,” he said, “I'm not too much on you, you know.”

I said, “Brother, that is exactly the Truth.” I said, “You are right. That is right, right there.” I said, “What you are saying is right, right there, brother.” I said, “You got it right. You got it right.”

That's right, friends. Could I tell you to be like me? I'll say, “Follow me as I follow Christ.” I'm trying to live for God. If you see I'm trying to live for God and that motivates you, fine. But if I am going to take what I'm trying to do and make it the standard and preach that to you... Not even the Prophet was the standard. Jesus Christ is the standard. That's right, friends. Because had it not been for the grace of God, he would have been a murderer. That man had a temper like I don't know what. Did anybody try to kill six boys in cold blood with a gun?

You see, we fail to see what God can do in a person's life, friends. God shows what He can do in a person's life. And that is why Bro. Branham said, “The man who made the artificial eye, he got all the fame and great honor and glory, and the Man Who made the real eye, they say He doesn't exist. They said it's the big bang. The man who made the artificial hand, he became a great renowned person, rich person, millions of dollars; great scientist who made an artificial hand; the Man

Who made the real hand, He doesn't get any praise for it. That is how man is! That is how man is.

See, that's why sometimes people, you know, after a while they get self-secured. That was Hezekiah's problem, that was Uzziah's problem, they got self-secured. Do you know what made them self-secured? They got blessed and when they got blessed, brother, they thought now they had a franchise on God. Because they were going around saying, "God blessed me," and, "God blessed me," and, "Who God blessed," and, "I am the most blessed man," and, "Look how God is with me" and, "Who could deny God is not with me." When he was in the leper's house, God was with him too. Sure!

Look, Elijah looked so great: called down fire, and said, "No dew will fall until my word calls for it." And the same man was running from Jezebel saying, "Oh God, take my life. I will die; take my life"; same man a few days after. Look at John in the prison! "I saw and bore record," and the same man in the prison said, "Go and ask Him if He is the Messiah?" He said, "What a dis-complimentary thing to say to Jesus." In other words, "I believe I am Elijah, but I'm not sure He is the Messiah." Do you get what I am saying? That is the condition of man, friends. Because when a man really sees what man is in the Bible, he walks softly.

Now because people, you see, in walking in their lives, they are not knowing God. They are on church and, "We know the Message," and "I read that book," and, "I read this book," and you know, "The Prophet said that." That is not knowing God, friends, that is education. When you start to know God, God puts you to sit down.

Did you see what God did to Jonah on the hill, when God sent the worm to eat down all that comfort? And God said, "Look what kind of spirit you have there. You just preached; look at people bowing down to you and crying and repenting; sackcloth and ashes and donkey." He said, "I brought you that blessing, but look at your condition here. You just preached a powerful message

but look at your condition here. Look at the kind of man you are.” Though the blessing is there, but that is God in an office. But this is the man here and his condition.

And that’s why you don’t get confidence in the flesh and try to get security here. No, no! You have faith in the grace of God and the mercy of God; what God has done for us; in the Word of God. This is what we have faith in, friends. And when you...

That’s why Sunday was so great. On Sunday, I believe, it was one of the greatest messages God ever used me to preach; I think it was on Sunday. I was anointed to preach it: the way up is down. [2004-1128 - Joseph’s Descension And Ascension -Ed.] What a message in this Age, when everybody wants to go up! You have to descend first, that you might ascend. And especially when God started to show the one who tried to ascend first without descending. God said, “He shall be brought down.” And then everyone else who was anointed by him down through life, that tried to ascend too without going down, they came right down the same way, and proved it by the Bible that He showed. Oh, that was something else. Maybe some of you didn’t get it all, but you go back over and listen to it, you will get it.

You see, friends, that was a special time for the church right there. Because you know, it’s sometimes when God brings a Word, clear and right in the place... That message I spoke on *Joseph’s Manasseh And Joseph’s Ephraim* [2004-1107 -Ed.], when God lets you preach something like that, you are not sure to preach something like that in your lifetime after that. That is the truth. He showed the principle, you have to forget, you have to release all of those things if you want to get fruitful. That’s right.

And when people’s faith... Those are life lessons. That is not just a sermon; those are life lessons. That is where man gets a grip on God now, and man learns how to walk with God, and man now has good advice to give his neighbor and his friends, and show them the ways

of God and bring God close and bring God in plain view to people. That is what that is.

That wasn't like, you know what you would call 'a nice service, boy'. No! Those are pearls you put in your script bag to go through life; to go through life. These are principles that come into your life, to govern and influence your life to make you more Christ-like. Faith and love and forgiveness, thanksgiving, humility – those were the things we preached in the last three services. See? That is what God wants to put inside of us; to put inside of us.

And so, we were thinking of having the service in a certain manner, which is... I had mentioned it to you that all of you who will be participating in the service, that you would see the deacons, Bro. Eddie [Bro. Jonathan Weston -Ed.], Bro. Steve [Walters -Ed.] and Bro. Ellis [Joseph -Ed.] and let them know that you want to testify, you want to sing, what you want to do; how you want to do it and so on.

And even in the meal that is being prepared, and the different people in the different geographical divisions of the church, those in the North, those in Central, those in the South, even all there, we sat down in the meeting and God began to show to us look how even in the church, we have the three head deacons, one is in the North, one is in Central, one is in the South and each one of them was over one of the meetings and it wasn't even planned like that. And all these things are just falling in place. See? And then to see the people rally around the leader there and be able to work in harmony with each other, to do something to be a blessing.

And when you are doing it, even in your preparations, even in your acquiring of the things, remember first, that is a voluntary offering. It's you doing that yourself, and you preparing it yourself, and you bringing it up yourself. And then through that, the occasion and the service, it's going to be part of the service.

Then also we have people in the Assembly, some were here back in 1976. They were in the Fran Street phase of the church; they were in the Cocoyea phase of the church, from 1976 to 1980. Then some were there in the Barataria phase of the church, from 1979 when we went to Barataria on the 15th of February 1979, that first service we had there, where Sis. Sandra Williams' place was at the corner of Third Avenue and Tenth Street, there we had the service, from that morning until we left there in 1990. There was a great part of the church that was from that phase.

Then we had the Abel Country part of the church, and that's a next whole phase. That's the new crop. The new crop is what came out in Abel Country here, and then from here it went into the Caribbean. So this is the latter part of the history of the church. Because we came here, dedicated here in 1991 and from 1991 to the year 2004, this is where we have been. This is where the Gospel went out in the region; this is where the churches were raised up. From here we went back to Princes Town and back to Cedros and so on, then the church got concentrated; the work got concentrated right here.

That again was the grace and the wisdom of God to concentrate the work at that time. And that didn't come with just voluntary, that came with opposition, that came with differences of opinion; that came with people questioning the leadership and these things. That came with a lot of things because it was difficult. It meant sacrifices, it meant changes, it meant stop doing one thing one way and do it another way. But because of the greater purpose, because of the greater objectives, today we all rejoice. Amen. But we saw how we had to walk by faith; how we had to make those steps by faith and how it was such a blessing.

Brothers and sisters who were part of those groups, came in here, strengthened this group; became a blessing in this Assembly. Many came to their real

identification in this Assembly, and many began to serve. And now their service here has gone on longer than the years of service there for many. Because for many in 1993 there, it's been eleven years now that Princes Town and Cedros was called out. And you know, it's really something.

So, in this meeting we would like to have it in a way, because over the years, we can look and see that some of the people have had different kinds of experiences. Some came to know Jehovah-Jireh, some came to know Jehovah-Rapha; some came to know Jehovah-Nissi.

People can testify that God provided for them. People can testify that God provided in so many different ways. God provided wives; God provided husbands. God provided jobs. God provided children. God provided houses. God provided lands. God provided... In so many ways God provided. God provided a real place to fellowship for them. God provided a real place for them to raise their children and their families. God provided a ministry for them to sit and be taught the Word and be established. God provided in so many ways that there are many people who have a testimony; who can recognize and see, "Because of what God has done, I have been blessed a certain way." That is what we are talking about, friends.

Then many had battles. Some had battles with sickness, some had battles with nervous conditions, and some had battles with domestic problems; some had battles on their jobs. Some had all kinds of battles in their own families, and then they knew Jehovah-Nissi: "God gave me the victory. He's my Banner, He's my Victor. God gave me victory. My home could have fallen apart; my marriage could have fallen apart. You know, Satan tried to ruin my life. It was a great spiritual battle, the way God had to deal with me to help me; to deliver me, Today, I stand a stronger person. The storms came and shook and tried to shake everything down but God has done something for me. I can say He is my

Banner, He is my Victor. I had battles with the flesh, Amalek, and things that tormented me day and night with Amalek, the flesh, and God showed me how to overcome the battle with Amalek. And Jehovah-Nissi has been my Victor, that the things I used to do, I don't do them anymore. The things that used to bring me down and make me fail and I used to live in fear of and couldn't seem to get the victory over, I have the victory over those things today, by the grace of God."

Then there are those, Jehovah-Ra'ah, God had to give them leadership. God is their Shepherd. And God—as David said in Psalm 23, *"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul."*

And the things that many have had to go through in their own lives, many knew, "Through wrong leadership, I ended up in this. Through walking in the council of the ungodly, I ended up in that. I learned my mistakes; I learned my failures. I used to lean on my own understanding. I used to follow vain persons; I ended up having enough poverty. But then God came and God began to bring me under the Word and God began to teach me how to follow Him. I began to see the Leader of Eternal Life. I began to see the One that even though I had to make hard decisions, and great demands were upon my life, it was the council of God; not the ungodly. But because I had faith and I dared to believe and stepped out and followed, I see the difference God made in my life today. I see that today I am happy. I may have less but I am more contented and more secured. I have been comforted. His rod and His staff comforted me. I know Him as a Comforter. I lost my companion; I lost my husband, I lost my wife, I lost my children," whatever it is. "I lost my job. I thought I could not go on, but I saw God come and I saw God begin to comfort me and undergird me and strengthen me, and I saw that God took me through some of my

most difficult times. When I thought I would have fallen apart, He lifted me upon His shoulder and He carried me, as the shepherd carries the lamb. Sometimes I was in a ditch, and where He took me out from, I can say that He is my Jehovah-Ra'ah." There are people like that.

You see, we don't want everybody to come and say, "And God gave me this, and God gave me that, and God gave me, and God gave me." No! God has led... God has called out a people. God has led a people for these last few years and in each stage of the journey, there were different experiences that were taking place in the church. And there were some who were in the days of Barataria and then there are some who only know Abel Country. They don't know anything about Barataria, they don't know anything about Cocoyea, Simpson Brown Terrace; they don't know anything about Fran Street. But some know Abel Country. Some know the Caribbean. Some know going out there in the service of God.

And what they saw and experienced here at this stage, the songs they sing... They learnt those other songs. But in those days when those songs were being given, when the battle was being fought, when we needed the Ancient of Days back in those days, the Ancient of Days did come down. When we needed those things back there, when we were faced with testings and trials, God came and worked among us in a certain way.

There were some who were actually having the experience. There are children with names right here in the Assembly that characterize certain inspiration that God gave, when those things were happening. They were born in a certain time, when certain things were happening in the church. Whether the church was under persecution, whether the church was under trials; whether the church was on the mountain top having victory; whether the church was finding its true identification as a group, as a body of believers, that

God was coming down and placing a people in the Word, there were people that came in at different stages.

Everybody has had their experiences. And in their journey from Egypt to Canaan, which every individual in the Assembly, and the Assembly as a whole has gone through, we know those Compound Redemptive Names. We know those Compound Redemptive Names.

And that's why I believe in coming to give God thanks, to worship God... This service is designed to do quite a lot of things. Those who don't know the history of where these people came from, how they were raised up...

It comes like you see Israel, and you see Israel, a great nation camped there in the wilderness and God is in their midst and all the tribes are around. But if you didn't see Abraham, a man with Sarah coming out and God said, "Pitch here and pitch here," you can't see Israel. If you didn't see Isaac walking there and God came and said, "Now, I know Abraham, and in Isaac shall thy seed be called," and God confirmed and said, "Not Ishmael, Isaac," you can't see Israel there. If you didn't see Jacob wrestling with the Angel there and after God said, "Go back to the land of your father's," you can't see Israel yet, because this is how they became that people.

Back there when Jacob with seventy people were going down in Egypt and they ended up even as slaves there in Egypt in the mud pit, you can't see Israel, if what you were seeing out in the wilderness there was looking so great with Solomon in the temple and the Queen of the South coming. Those were the same people down in the pit. And it's through there, they came to know this God. It's through there, they were called out and trained and put in the land, to become the head of the nations and take their places and be blessed of God.

And so, in the church here, many will know the history, because they will know the people that God started with. The ones who came into Barataria in that phase, that was in the days of persecution. Those were

the days, brother, when all... That was the 'speckled bird'. Those were the days when the church was called all kinds of things. Because, even some of the people who were inside of it, they wrote it off, saying, "Look at them." See?

But God was determined to show grace. And when God pardoned, they couldn't see God pardoned. And when God washed and made clean, they couldn't see what God washed and made clean. And when God raised up and made a new creation, they couldn't see what God made a new creation. And the church is going on and where are its critics today, and where are its rejectors today? Do you get what I am saying?

And that's why, friends... You see, many times people don't see. Many who have gone through stormy times, many who thought that you couldn't survive the torment, the oppression of the enemy, many knew... See, everybody's experiences are different. Some know Jehovah-Shalom, the God Who is their peace – the God Who took away all fears, all condemnation, all torment, all oppression, and the God Who gave them peace in the midst of the storm; that God came and made Himself real to them. God, gave them a peace that passeth all understanding. The very God of Peace came in their lives to put the enemy under their feet, that they could trod him under their feet – those very same people.

The very people who came along as legalists in the Message, until God opened up His Word to really bring them into His righteousness, so they could begin to have real faith; to know what real faith was. The people that God cleansed from denominational defilement, who were self-righteous, who came to know Jehovah-Tsidkenu; who came to know that the Lord is your righteousness; that One Who came down, Who became sin, that we could become His very righteousness by a New Birth and a new nature.

And so this God, that we want to come and gather; this God Who has been present with us, Who had His

picture taken out, Who had been seen visible, Who came down literally and over two hundred people saw the building full of smoke and thinking somebody was lighting a fire. This God, Who has been with us down through the years in all these different forms, doing all these different things; Who never ceased; Who, all in New Zealand, they saw a Man standing in the pulpit and all kinds of different things; Who, people right here saw Him standing on the platform and these things; Who, little children saw the Pillar of Fire there.

This God, this Jehovah-Shammah, Who has been photographed in Cloud, in Rainbow in all kinds of ways amongst us, this God, and many people have experience of; that many have experienced healing; many have experienced God's protection. How many could have died. How many God protected and saved and stood between them and death.

Do you know why? Because the Body is not complete without that Attribute. Like the Prophet said, "God was protecting the gift in me, that was why I could not electrocute myself. That was why I tried to blow my brains out and I couldn't die." Because God was protecting that. And the same way, God has protected many, who are part of the Body here, that we can know that God saves and protects.

Sometimes you hear, "And God protected this one," and we think, "Well that was a motor-car accident. What is that? That is nothing for God." That might be part of the Body, that the Body cannot go in the Rapture without. Do you get what I am saying?

But you see, when you are not in the Spirit of the Word, you don't understand the Word. It comes like you say, "The Prophet, he tried to commit suicide. What kind of Prophet is that?" But if he had died, no Seven Seals would be open; no Redemption for anybody. Do you get what I am saying?

And so, you get to realize, friends, what one man may call an accident and may say, "Well, I know another

man who the same thing happened to, and he fell on the high-tension wire too and didn't die." Yes, but then he ended up a drunk somewhere afterwards. He never came and did anything for God. So, that doesn't compare.

There were two other men who died on a cross too, but there was no Redemption with them. But when that One was dying the same kind of death, brother, He was joining Heaven and earth and bringing it back together, because that had significance behind it.

There are others that He revealed Himself to. There are others, that God made soul-winners out of right inside of here; sitting down quiet sometimes, but a lot of lives were changed and family lives were changed and people got a new lease on life. And people are raised up today and are respected and are a blessing. And where there was an alcoholic father, and the whole house was topsy-turvy, now there is peace back in the home; women who saw their unsaved husbands got saved, to fulfill 1st Peter 3. Sure!

So, in the service—we want to have the service to unfold in a way where, as a people who have recognized what God has done for us, and the value it is for us, and what it has made us today as a unified body... Because those members, one of those members was at one time trapped in alcoholism, one was trapped in drugs, one was trapped in the world in prostitution; one was trapped in denomination here. But God, in forming the Body, had to keep breaking all those things to bring them to form the Body, that the Body could become the kind of Body being designed with the equipment it needs to accomplish the fulfilling of the Word that God raised up the Body to fulfill. It is there, from that standpoint, we are thinking of having the service.

So all of you... You say, "Well, brother, when you were talking tonight, I fit there. I know where God protected me from. I could speak on God's protection. Brother, I know the comfort that God has given to me. That has

been my experience. In the light of how you presented it, I started to see the value that He's comforting me." Because that is a promise! That is John 14:15 and 16: "I'll send the Comforter. I'll not leave you comfortless."

That is in this Day after 1965, when the Son of Man went. When the human body went, that Holy Spirit came to a church that was called-out in the last days, and the Spirit and the Bride is here. And what makes Him greater in us than he that is in the world, that in spite of all opposition, we can go forth to do His work, is because of the strength that our God enableth us; made us able Ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter but of the Spirit that giveth Life.

Because gratitude, as I said, is felt in the heart. When God does something for you, you are grateful. When people have failed to express their gratitude, they don't really grow. You see, what causes a person to grow in love, you start to see God's grace towards you. And you start to see, you are undeserving of that, and instead of judgment, God extends mercy.

And then you started to see, you were going your own way, like the Prophet, going in self-will, chasing the cougar, chasing the bear, got lost, then tried to say a little religious prayer, bluffing himself all the time, refusing to say, "I'm lost"; saying "I'm not lost, I'm not lost. I am going to find my way. I know the woods. I am a good hunter," and then going straight to his death. And then the Voice came and said, "God is a present help."

He said, "Friends, I trust Him to drive my car. I trust Him to mow my lawn." Because one day he was trying to mow the lawn and ran right into a nest and all the hornets came around him. He could have died right there, and God came down in love and pushed it back. And he said, "I trust Him to mow my lawn now." Do you get what I am saying? And what looks like nothing, friends, it's to see that we are coming to know this God.

Quickly, just let me read this Scripture that I wanted to read in 1st Chronicles 16. That follows what I read in Psalms 132, and we'll close; getting ready to close with that. So, I wanted to speak about some of these things, to give you an idea of how we want the service to unfold.

Because some have experienced great blessings, that God has shown you your place. He revealed to you your place; now you can get contented in your place. Now you begin to take your place and refuse to be shaken from your place. Now you find that your service for Him is honored; your service is a blessing for others; the doors that God opened to you, that your service can inspire others and others are growing.

You see, because as I said, your love for God grows out of gratitude for God. It comes with a grateful heart, because you begin to see, "Lord, look what You did for me." The Bible says, "The goodness of God leadeth to repentance." [Romans 2:4 -Ed.] When a person begins to see the goodness of God, gratitude arises from when you begin to contemplate, and when you begin to meditate upon God's goodness, and you see how good God has been to you. And when you see how good God has been to you, then you know it really begins to inspire you.

Now look at Psalms 132 what we read there, how David, he said:

⁴ I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

⁵ Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

And 1st Chronicles 16, is where he went and got the Ark from Abinadab's [Obededom's -Ed.] house. First, they had it in Abinadab's house and he went to move it. And you know, he tried to move it in 1st Chronicles 13, by a new cart. And then Uzza got killed; God was displeased. Then they put it in Obededom's house and then they had to move it now from Obededom's house to the place David had prepared for it.

1st Chronicles 16, verse 1:

¹ So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it...

See, he had prepared a place for this Ark. And so, now he was bringing it on the shoulders of the Levites; not on the oxen. Because God was displeased and God showed him, "You did not seek Me according to the due order." So, here was a man with a desire for the Word in the midst of the people.

The Ark was a symbol of God's Presence. God dwelt above the Mercy Seat, between the wings of the cherubim. And you know how in Samuel's days, the Philistines had taken the Ark. And when they brought the Ark back, what happened? The men of Bethshemesh lifted up the lid of the Ark to look in on the tables of stone, and God killed them because there was no blood there. And then the Ark remained in Obededom's [Abinadab's -Ed.] house for all those years.

And now David became king after Saul's death and David realized, "Now we should have the Ark in the midst of us again"; that "This is the symbol of God. This is where God dwells above the cherubim; above the Mercy Seat.

And so, David's desire was not to leave the Ark in a corner in the back of a man's house because, "This Ark belonged in the midst of God's people. All Israel should have access to this ark." But because of the sin of the people back there, when the sons of Eli had lost the Ark in the battle, and the Philistines had taken the Ark and then God plagued them, and then they brought it back out in the cart, but then, when those men went to look upon it, the Ark had never come back to its place.

And David, knowing what kind of kingdom... How could you have a kingdom with the Word not in Its place? How could you have a church with the Word not in Its place? How could you have a life with the Word not in Its place? How could you have anything to prosper and be accepted by God, if God doesn't have His

rightful place in the thing? And here was a man knowing that for anything that is to be blessed, anything to be accepted, there is an order and God must have His rightful place.

This was not just a man with some fanaticism and emotionalism; this was a man knowing that when God created the universe, He sat in the midst of the galaxies. He sits there as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. This is a God Who came down in the midst of the earth in Eden and stood there and fellowshiped with man. He was in the midst of His people in Eden.

This is a God Who, in the time of Israel, when He was setting them in order, He put His Tabernacle in the midst of the people. This is a God, in the Book of Revelation, that is walking in the midst of the Church; walking in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks. That's His place – in the midst. This is a God in the midst of the man and the woman, in that little compartment in the heart, where God dwells on the inside of the inside. That is God's place. That is where God rules from. And God wants to be in the midst of His people.

And David understood that principle: "When you are doing anything, you want God in the midst of it. If God is not in the midst of it, it's a waste of time. It isn't worth anything. It has no value. It can't be successful." You are trying to plan your life, you are trying to plan this, you are trying to do this, you are trying to progress, you are trying to...

Whether you are a schoolboy in school, whether you are a young woman trying to get married, whether it's a young man, whether it is a family trying to get their lives stabilized and get their family together, whether it's a church trying to come together and represent Jesus Christ and do a work that could be successful in the Name of the Lord, God must be in the midst of it. If the Lord is not in the midst of it, if the Lord is at the side...

What did they do with Christ in this Day? They put Him out from the midst of the church. They did not want Him in their midst. They wanted a bishop in their midst; some Presbyterian in their midst. They wanted some man with degrees in their midst; they did not want *the* Christ in their midst. What happened to Israel when God was the King? They moved Him out from their midst. And they wanted to be like the nations and put up a man, a Saul, in the midst of them and God said, "They rejected Me," because God's place is in the midst of His people.

And I trust as we are closing now tonight, that this is in your heart. And that is why when God is in our midst, He is the result of every—He is the One Who brings the results of every good thing among us. Everything that is a blessing amongst us, He is the One that is doing it. Everything that is giving us success, He is the One that is doing it. Everyone that is leading us right, making us make the right decision and giving us health and strength, healing us of our diseases, solving our problems, is the God in the midst of us. It is not a Minister, it is not a deacon, it is not a trustee, it is not a brother, it is not a sister, friends; it's the God in the midst of us. "Without Me, you can do nothing." He is the Life of the Church. Without the Life in the midst of the people, it's a corpse; it's just a dead body.

And David, watch the desire. Let's all have that desire. Before he could bring the Ark, he had a place prepared to bring it to. That is why a man has to come to justification and sanctification before God can come in and dwell in the man. You can't bring God in an unclean place. The heart has to be prepared. God prepares the vessel. God prepares the servant before God could get him and anoint him to use him in God's service. That's why so many things are powerless, so many things are unfruitful; so many things are unproductive; so many things are unsuccessful. Why? They run off on a tantrum and they leave God behind.

Remember when the children of Israel ran off with the Ark?

And Moses said, "Don't go. Where are you all going? God is not with you all."

And they were presuming, "No, no, we have the Ark."

They turned their backs and had to run from the enemy. Same thing with Hophni and Phinehas, Eli's sons.

¹ So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

² And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

Now remember, we went through those two series on the Burnt Offering and on the Peace Offering. Peace offering is union. There was enmity between God and man when man fell from a carnal nature. God was Light and man became darkness. Man fell from the Word to flesh. Man fell from Life to death. And Light and darkness can't have any fellowship.

And then God had to come now to make a way to give a man a new nature to reconcile the man back to God. And then God comes back into union with man through the New Birth and now God and man is becoming one again. They are no longer at war; they are in harmony.

And until a man gets the New Birth, he is at war with God. If God says, "You need to dress this way," he is going to fight that. If God says, "You need to go this way," he is going to argue with that. If God says, "You need to do this," he is going to debate with that. He will always lean on his own understanding. Why? Because the nature he has cannot please God. It's contrary to God.

And until man accepts that he is a failure and that he can't please God with the old birth, he needs a New

Birth... Because if he tries to please God with the old birth, he's denying Calvary. He's denying that Calvary came, because man in his best state is altogether vanity. That was why He told Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I said unto you, you must be Born Again." He took the man at his best state and showed to him, he is as dead as dead can be.

And the burnt offering is offering yourself completely to God without reservation. When you lay down the head, the 'head' speaks of the '*thoughts*'; no thoughts of his own. The feet have to be washed in Water, making sure it has no blemish; 'feet' speak of the '*walk*'. The 'inwards' speak of your '*affection and desire*'; that has to be washed in Water. Your desire, your motive, your objectives have to be pleasing unto God. And the 'fat', the '*strength*' of the animal. The Bible says, "Love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul and all your strength."

Full complete, unreserved consecration, was the burnt offering. And the peace offering is a man and God in union. So, when a man can fully surrender himself to God completely and God comes in the midst of that man, God comes into union with that man, then he and God become one.

So, they are offering these sacrifices because these were sweet-savor offerings. It was not a sin offering here, or a trespass offering; it was a peace offering and a burnt offering. And that showed his understanding of what it was. Because sin and trespass had already been taken care of. Now it's intimate fellowship. Because the sin and trespass offering were not sweet-savor offerings.

And verse 3. That was after he came. They had the Ark back with the people; they made the offerings.

³ And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

So, they had a celebration also. They had a nice meal that he gave them there: a loaf of bread, a piece of meat and a flagon of wine.

⁴ And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister...

Now catch this.

... before the ark of the LORD and to record, [and to record,] and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

He set the thing in order. Now that the Word had come back among the people, everything was set in order. "Record everything." Men were there to record everything. That was where you got your scribes from, because they called them 'scribes' in the New Testament, but they were people to record everything. Today we record with cameras and we record in a different way, where we can get it live. It didn't have that technology back there; they had to write down everything they saw.

... and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

⁵ Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obedom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals;

⁶ Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

Now, when David brought the Ark, they only had the Ark, you know, because they had the other tabernacle there in Shiloh without the Ark. But David did not carry it back to Shiloh with the candle sticks and all these things; he brought it to a place there, that he had prepared for it, because the Presence of God was among the people. That is a whole revelation by itself. That is why the Bible called it 'the tabernacle of David'. Watch.

⁷ Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

So now, they offered their sacrifices, they had their meals, and they were going to have their thanksgiving service. And they had their people to record, and they had those to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel, in certain songs, with instruments and certain things. And then David now was delivering a Psalm, to thank the Lord, into the hands of Asaph and his brethren.

⁸ Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

Watch how the song was instructing the people. It was not just a song, you know, it was a song instructing the people of what was pleasing unto God. The songs were prophetic songs. We took that last Friday. It said, "Hymns, spiritual songs and a melody in your heart." Three things It defined there.

... call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

And that's a great thing that many of us have failed to do, right there. You see, if somebody keeps asking you for something over and over and over and every time you are giving it to them, and they never came and told you thanks, not one day, after a while, because of that ingratitude, you will not want—that will paralyze you from continuing to give to them.

Watch parents with their children. A little child comes for something: "Mummy, I'm hungry. I want so and so," or "Daddy, I want so and so," and you give it to them, and they take off and they are going with it, and you call them back here and say, "So what did you say? Aren't you saying thanks?" Parents train their children that way. Why? Because they are giving them something that they asked for and they are being unthankful after they received it, and the parents know, "That is going to raise up an unthankful child."

When Jesus healed the ten lepers, and one came back and began to weep and glorify God, He said, “So where are the next nine? How is it that only one came back?” And He took note of the ingratitude of the people, who had received, and was showing that God expects that when He does something for us, that we come and worship Him for it, and glorify Him for it, and lift Him up for it, and make known His deeds among the people.

And out of there a person’s love grows for God, that next time they need something, they are conscious of, “I prayed and my God answered. And when I examined how He did it, and the manner and the fashion with which He did it, and He could have done it in so many different ways, He did it in a way for me to have confidence, to let me know, not only has He supplied it, but that He is omnipotent and He could supply my every need, and how mindful He was, and the way He gave it, and the measure in which He gave it to me, it showed how He was sensitive to my situation.”

But many times, we don’t realize, God heals in a certain manner. God heals in a certain fashion. How He came and He passed through the neighborhood and the woman was trying to eat the thing and she was saying, “Oh God, I believe what the man said.” And God was testing her. “But Lord, the man couldn’t have known who I was and the man told me my name, and the man told me what I was sick with, and I know he pronounced me healed and I believe that, Lord.”

And she was trying to eat and it was still coming up. And instead of getting discouraged, she said, “I will try it one more time. And she put it down and it went down. And she ate another one. And he said, “And she fried up a whole other thing and she ate again.” And when she realized it stayed down, she ran through the door. When she ran through the door, her next friend was on her knees with her hands up in the air too. Both of them had come expecting to be healed.

Now why did God do it in that kind of fashion? And the Bible went on to say, “And they never saw it done in that fashion before.” And how many times... He came in the line and the Prophet said, “You love those onions, right? You will eat a hamburger, but it’s the onions you love and it sits down on your chest; you can’t digest it. How would you like to go and get a good, nice, juicy hamburger with a lot of onions?” He said, “Go on your way.”

And he was showing now, “Look how God knew those people. He knew this man liked onions, this man liked mustard, this man liked ketchup; this man liked tomato.” God knew that. Because He made that for man. He made all for Adam and He said, “Freely eat of all the trees.” Is that right? Then that same God now, through an ulcer or sometimes a man can’t enjoy that, then God comes.

How many times a man will want to eat a nice meal that he loves and can’t eat it. They have to feed him through a tube with some liquid going down inside of him and he lies down there, all his teeth are good and he can’t eat a good meal. Yet he’s full of money and that money is just going in doctor bills and he can’t even enjoy it. Because when God takes that away from you many times, it is to teach you certain things. And yet when some people want that, look how God gives it to them. You see? Now I want you to see, friends, I want you to see this.

... make known his deeds among the people.

Verse 8 says:

⁸ Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

Verse 9:

⁹ Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

God was encouraging that: "You all talk about it." Why do people get a complex? Why do skeptics and unbelievers and critics, sit down there and create an atmosphere, that somebody wants to testify... While it's happening to them, they are bubbling over and they come in church and say, "If I go and testify, nobody isn't going to really... They will feel I am nothing." Because in some churches, they can create that kind of atmosphere. People will come and say, "Is that a testimony? That?"

And God said, "No." God said, "You all are My people. You all glorify Me. I am working day and night. I am busying Myself over you all. So many things could have happened to you throughout the day; I kept you, I preserved you, I protected you, I provided for you, I led you; I gave you health. I woke you up this morning; I started you on your way." And you find if people start to testify more of God, and honor God more and glorify God more: "Isn't God lovely. Oh, the Lord bless thee. Oh, I could see the Lord has blessed you, my brother; my sister. Oh, I've seen God's favor upon you. Doesn't it feel wonderful to know that God has favored you like that?"

Brother, look at some of these sisters and brothers here. God gave them nice wives, nice husbands; happy; serving God. That is the greatest thing after salvation. Then God started to provide for them, that whatever they put their hands to are being blessed. Then people now, sort of admire them when they see them together. Those people are being influenced; they want to be like that. It's something that is attractive for the Gospel. And then sometimes people make it look like that doesn't have any attraction. Everybody wants to stand up and explain the Bible: "The Bible means this and the Bible means that, and the Greek means this and..." And God doesn't want that. God wants people to go around and be living epistles, read of all men. God wants people testifying of God's goodness.

*⁹ Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him,
talk ye of all his wondrous works.*

¹⁰ Glory ye in his holy name...

He said, "Glory in God's Name." Do you glory in God's Name? When last did you glory in God's Name? When last did you really glory in God's Name? Our names, we write up our names everywhere. We write up our names here, we write up our names here; we write up our names here. We want people to see our names all over; anywhere we could put our names and attach our names.

That's why inside this place, I never put my name on anything inside of here. You go around and there are some of the smallest churches and they have billboards: "Pastor so and so" and this and that. I have none of that inside of here. Some of that, people can't even see, all these years. Because I'm just one passing through; comes and goes. Leave that for somebody else to put their names on it after I go. I just want to preach the Gospel. I just want to serve. I just want to labor. That's right. I am not interested in my name. His Name, I want to glory in His Name. I want to lift His Name up. I want to magnify His Name. That's right, friends.

*¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength, seek
his face continually.*

*¹² Remember his marvellous works that
he hath done...*

Remember what He had done in Fran Street. Remember what He did in Cocoyea. Remember what He did in Barataria. Remember what He is doing in Abel country. Remember what he is doing out in the Islands. Remember!

*... his wonders, and the judgments of his
mouth;*

*¹³ O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.*

*¹⁴ He is the LORD our God; his judgments
are in all the earth.*

*¹⁵ Be ye mindful always of his covenant;
the word which he commanded to a
thousand generations;*

*¹⁶ Even of the covenant which he made
with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;*

He told the children of Israel, he said, "Abraham has already died and gone, but remember Abraham, and thank God for Abraham and the faith he had. Thank God for Isaac and how obedient he was to the will of the father. Thank God for Jacob, how he stood there and wrestled and prevailed and was blessed. They died and gone, but still thank God for them."

Don't we thank God for Bro. Branham? Don't we thank God that He sent a Message? Don't we thank God for Paul and Peter and them. Don't we thank God for those in the Dark Ages, 68 million who didn't recant; who gave their lives so the blade could come up? When the Seed went down in the ground, it died. They didn't compromise. They gave their lives so that it could have a Church in the End Time.

That's right. You thank God for them too. We thank God for Bro. Adonis Williams, and Bro. Leon Lewis and Bro. Carl Wilson and them; Sis. Vernis and them. We thank God for them, that they lived among us; that while they were here, they mothered people, they stood by people. Because of them, the church reached where it is, because at a certain stage, they carried burdens while they were in the Assembly, and they kept the church going forward. When many were cold and when many had not yet come, they were carrying things and going forth because they had believed in the Word. That's right! That's right, friends. See? Why? That's your history; that's your heritage. To deny them is to deny yourself.

That is why the Prophet went back, and he thanked God for Paul. He went down where they chopped the man's head off. Then he realized in Wittenberg when Luther nailed the theses on the door and he thanked

God for a man who made a stand and protested the Catholic church. He went by Westminster Abbey, where John Wesley was and he thanked God that a man stood there. And Finney and them in the marketplace, how they shook England with the Gospel, we thank God for it. And now he knew It was in his hands. And when he saw how those men carried It, he knew what was required of him to carry It because It was in his hands now. Can't we see It's in our hands now. Can't we see It's in our hands now, friends. Oh my.

¹⁶ Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;

¹⁷ And [He] confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

Look at David going in the Psalms and tracing it back.

¹⁸ Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

¹⁹ When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it.

When we were few in the house upstairs in Bro. Tony's living room, and my downstairs, when we were few there, and the Holy Spirit said, "I can hear them crying, 'We want to be delivered,'" and God sent a group of commandos for them. It reached as far as St. Kitts in the region. When we were few.

When Sis. Lorna [Peters -Ed.] and they came down in the house on that Sunday evening looking for truth, looking for a place, looking for something to be identified with in the Message... The whole thing had fallen apart and they came, and when they saw that, they took a stand. That's right. Look, her son is going out today. Do you see what I mean? Do you see what I mean, friends? He sat down right through.

Could we see? When we were few. Today, look how many we are. When we were few in Fran Street and, brother, even when they said "Novice," and, "This thing

is going to fall apart,” and all kinds of different things. When we were few. When we went down on Fridays at Sis. Lynette’s house, walking all around the house and under the house, in the prayer meeting in the back there, when we were few. He gave us a place to call our own. We were in a pilgrimage. We were going from place to place until God brought us to settle down here. That’s right.

20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov’d kings for their sakes,

22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Remember Abimelech? Remember Pharaoh? He plagued those places.

23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. [... strength and gladness are in his place.]

If God is in the midst of this place, there is strength and gladness here. That’s right. If God’s Presence is here, glory and honor are here in His Presence.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before

him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³⁰ Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Otherwise watch, He'll shake down everything; earthquakes everywhere, if the fear of God is not there.

³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

³² Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

He was talking about the heavens, he was talking about the earth, he was talking about the sea, he was talking about all Israel; he was talking about every nation. This was a man who knew his God. This was a man who wanted to declare, "My God is God and besides my God, there is no other." Today brother, we are not sure if He is the first Person, the second Person; the third Person. We are not sure, we are really a Baptist, or a Methodist, or a Jehovah's Witness. We are not sure whether He is with us or He is Above us or He's around us, or where He is, or if He went back in 1965. We are not even sure sometimes.

But you watch David here. He had prepared a place for the Word, the Ark, and he brought it among the people. And then he set the things in order. And then he took a Psalm. And this Psalm was a combination of about three or four Psalms he had already written.

This was like how Sis. Arlene [James -Ed.] wrote the song, when I was studying this today, and she was singing: There is a Fountain open in the house of David, and she took part of the Scriptures, she took part of *There's A Fountain Filled With Blood* [#166 - Songs That Live - Ed.], she took part of *What Can Wash Away My Sins* [#370 - Songs That Live -Ed.], and she took a lot of different parts. So really, she did not compose anything. Do you get what

I am saying? That's right. She took a part of all of these and just put it together.

But this Psalm, that is what this Psalm is; that is what this Psalm is. David took about four different Psalms and he just took parts of it for the occasion, because it was appropriate. Inspiration made him do that. When I saw that with Arlene, I said, "Look, that same kind of inspiration is here too. I said, "That same kind of inspiration is here too." That's right. It's the same kind of inspiration, because it's the same God.

33 Then [let all] the trees of the wood...

Verse 33. After he talked about, "Let the heavens be glad, the earth rejoice, the sea roar," he said:

33 Then [let] the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

38 And Obededom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obededom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters:

He even set the porters there too, at the door.

39 And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon,

The other one was at Shiloh, but this one with the Ark was at Gibeon.

⁴⁰ To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;

⁴¹ And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever;

⁴² And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters.

⁴³ And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

That's what we want to have on the 11th and 12th. And one of the things we want to have, is two services on the 12th. We want to end up with Communion, because I believe that that will be most appropriate. If we come to give God thanks, then the basis for all our thanksgiving, is what He has done. And if in this way this is designed to unify the body in a greater way to glorify God as one people, in one praise, and what God is doing among us and what He has done for us...

Even the warnings of the Spirit we had earlier this year, when the year started: "Rise up and finish the job; refuse to be compromised." See? And you know God spoke to us these things, and we wanted to be steadfast and abounding in the work of the Lord. We don't want to turn to the right or to the left and we want to really give heed to what He said: *Keep Your Eyes Fixed On The Prize* [2003-1231 -Ed.] and *To Run That We Might Win Christ*. [2004-0104 - The Race That Is Set Before Us -Ed.]

And so, we are at the end of the year. The year has passed, and you just take a review as to the things that He spoke to us down through this year; the way He has dealt with us so marvelously.

In St Lucia, the brothers there; people came and got baptized and everything this year. Then we had the disaster in the latter part of the year from September down to this time; there have been floods, earthquakes, there have been hurricanes; it has been different things; there has been an increase in crime. It's constantly becoming darkened but yet in the midst of this, you see quickly God is still finding a way to get the Word to those. And by God's grace, I trust that you will see and grasp.

We don't want to grieve Him by being unthankful, ungrateful, for the blessings we have received so graciously from His hand. We want God's mercies to His people of old, to our ancestors, amen; all of them down through Seven Church Ages. We stand here at the end of the Age – Alpha has become Omega. That brings us back to the very first Age. The hearts of the children have turned back to the faith of the fathers.

What does that mean? Water baptism? Serpent's seed? Godhead? One God? Does that mean a doctrinal something? No! That means the same God that walked in their midst: "And the Lord was with them wherever they went." That means the love that they had for God, the passion that they had for God; the influence, the way God was pleased, that God had a people and He could call His people – a people He had called out in the Exodus, a people the Holy Spirit had come down and filled, a people that God proved His Word by; a people that God turned the world upside down in that day by, and before Titus came, that Roman power, and destroyed everything. So it is. It is coming back in this Hour. But God again has a people, friends.

And this is designed to give thanks from a grateful heart. As I said, some of you who have known His

protection, you have known His healing, you have experienced His Divine provisions, you have experienced His righteousness; others His peace. Some backslidden, have experienced His restoration, that God brought you back, gave you back your first love. Sometimes you may say, "Well, I want to testify about the miracles." But no, what might be appropriate, is to testify of His restoration in your life, of the grace and the mercy – the prodigal son that came home.

Then those that He provided for you and He met you like Jehovah-Jireh; those whom He comforted, who lost families, who did things, the breadwinner in the home and these things, yet God came down and God proved Himself alive and God stood there. And that's His Word coming to pass.

And we want, once and for all, in this church, to be rid of all the skepticism and the speculation and the looking down on people, and their testimony and these things and we want to lift up the Name of Jesus Christ and we want to recognize what God did. Because it is the Devil who comes to stifle that praise and that worship and that adoration. As David said, "Give God the glory, that is due to His Name." If He has done something for you, give God the glory that is due to His Name.

So tonight, if you... And by Friday, we should have these things in. Sunday should be our deadline and this is the service part of it. The brothers are going to get to you with the meal part and the arrangement and the order of the service.

But we'll have to meet with those people, who will be participating, (and that's voluntary,) and your experience in that way, whatever phase of the journey you came in, what was your experience, what God has made real for you; that together when we look, as a people we can better understand and better appreciate and see the value of each one, and the meaning of God sending each one among us to make up the body that

we are and understand by the people that are present, that there is a testimony attached to each person, and there is an experience and there is an equipment in each person that makes up the spiritual resources of the church, which determines the capability of the church to achieve what God has raised up the church to achieve. Because it's not the flesh, it's the inner man; it is that attribute, that deposit of God in your life.

Let's stand to our feet tonight. Sorry if I kept you longer than you intended to, but I just wanted to talk about the service that is coming up and try to lay it out so you can get an idea as to how we want to approach the service and your participation when you... We will have a meeting with all those, maybe on Sunday, whose names will be contributed. So tonight, tomorrow and Friday, call in the office, whatever, and tell them, you know, and put your name down. Then on Sunday after service, we will do our final and then we'll call those people and we'll talk with you and we will get an idea of what you want to do, so we will know how to sequence this.

You see, you don't want the service without continuity and going all over. You want to know how best, that the service will unfold in a manner in which we can follow, and see what God has done, and we can better appreciate what God has done and is doing and everything would be fitting, and in the end, it can be something that can be shared and be a blessing, and be an influence to many to strengthen them.

Because many of the people will not be here. It is not a convention; it is basically us. There's our brother from St. Vincent, our sister from St Kitts, they wanted to be here. And I believe God is using them in that form, as a representative of what is there outside to be here with us. And the very fact that they are here, is evidence of things that we can give God thanks for, that God has done for us, by God's grace.

So, I just want to sing one of my old songs that I love so much: *I've heard an old, old story, our Saviour came from Glory. Victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever.* #283. [Songs That Live -Ed.]

You know, sometimes we call some of these old songs and some of the young ones don't know it and sometimes... But when I got saved and I was coming along and growing up in the Lord, I used to go up in the guava patch with my *Gazette* paper, my little, old *Only Believe* song book and I would get up there and I would pray lying down in the dirt, then I would sit down there until the stars began to come out, singing out there in the Presence of God; singing these songs down in the canefield when I went in the day time...

Now, I don't even get the chance to go in the canefield or the guava patch, but in my heart, I have not forgotten it. I can sing it when I am driving; when I am home. I am happy. It makes me remember my salvation, it makes me remember what Jesus has done for me.

Saints, if I die, and you remember anything about me, remember I had loved the Lord Jesus with all my heart. Forget I preached, forget what I preached, forget the place I had travelled and gone, forget the people whom I helped, forget what church I had raised up; remember I had loved the Lord Jesus; that all of this was because of what He meant to me when He came into my life. And I knew that is real and my conversion is real, because thirty-one years after, I still feel that.

I cry when I read the messages. I sit down in my corner by myself sometimes, and my best times are when I am alone with Him. I like being around people, I enjoy friends, spend a good time, eat and drink and laugh and have a good time, 'chew the fat' [a long informal conversation -Ed.] and everything else, but my best time is not even with my wife. When she hears this, she will not feel bad. My best times are when I am by myself.

And it is not selfishness; it is just when I am shut in with God; when I am shut in with God, to feel His

Presence, to feel Him come close and He is shining Light on His Word and He is showing Himself. And I see Him. I weep, I cry, I pray; I want to give my life all over again. I never go through any mind battles and say, "Well, you give your life to Jesus already. How can you pray that kind of unbelieving prayer?" No. I pray that because this finite mind cannot understand infinite things. This God is so great and this God is such a blessing.

If I could have any influence in your life, is that you will come to know this Jesus. And when you go, wherever you go, you try for them to see Jesus, not you; Jesus and you are going to have success. You talk about Him and He comes. You talk about you, and you get bigger in the person's eyes, and you talk about you, and you get bigger in the person's eyes, and you talk about you, and you get bigger in the person's eyes. Now if you are saying something about you but you are really glorifying Him, that's fine.

But honor Him. Let your motive in your heart be to honor Him. If you have money in your pocket tonight, He gave it to you. If you have health tonight, He gave it to you. If you are known for some good talent you have, He gave it to you. If you are a blessing to somebody, He makes you a blessing. It is what He has done for you, friend. It is what He has done for you. This old story still gets sweeter. It is still sweet tonight:

*How a Saviour came from Glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious Blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins...*

When I remember my repentance, it wasn't a day... I was telling a little, old doctor friend of Bro. Rawle's the other night, "For five months every day, I was weeping and weeping and crying. And if you saw me back in that time, I was like a man so full of grief, you would want to know if a person had everybody killed, all my family,

and burned them at the stake or something, and you know, burnt my house or burnt everything I had, or... I was in so much grief for five months.”

And then one day, it broke through. With all that grief and things, I was crying out for Him. He was all around me: “Oh God, talk to me. I know You are here. You know what I am going through.” And instead of He wanted to talk to me, He wanted to show me what I am: “You are a sinner. You are vile. You are wretched. Look what you are. Look what you used to do. Look how rebellious you were here. Look at you here.” And He was showing me. I was all shaken up.

Like Jacob: “Tell me your Name. Talk to me.”

“What do you want to know My Name for? Look at you! What is your name?”

When He carried me through there, friends, and I came out, everything was His afterwards. I gave it up for Him. Sure, I’ve made mistakes, sure, I’ve failed along the way, but nobody ever took His place in my life, nobody. If I have an enemy, it is because somebody misunderstands my zeal for Him and they think I am against them. But I am standing for what I believe.

Even my own daughter, we had a nice talk today. I had to tell her, I said, “Here, here, here, I can’t compromise. If I have to lose you, I will lose you.” I said, “But here, I can’t compromise.” That’s it. Because you see, when it comes here, friends, me and my Lord, no. I know where I’ve come from. I know what He has done for me.

I didn’t read a book, friends. All of this, when I came to know Him was long before reading books and knowing the Bible and these things. As a matter of fact, after I got baptized then I got the Bible. In those five months, there was no book; it was what He was showing me every day, every day: such a wretched sinner – nightclub, gambling, drugs; everything in the world. See? He carried me back to when I was about four years old; brought me all through that time. Things I had

forgotten in my mind came back to me so vividly. It's like I had a television in my mind and I was seeing it. It was strange.

I guess everybody, because of what He called them for, there is a way He has to deal with them. And for me and what I would have to face in my ministry and my life and the years that would follow, I needed Him to deal with me a certain way.

Maybe I didn't know what I was going to be and all of that. I didn't know I was going to be a Minister when I baptized and came in the Message. I didn't come in the Message to be a Minister. I didn't even know anything about that. But I knew when I picked up the messages and I started to read, Somebody used to be teaching me and I was seeing it more than the Ministers that were there. I knew that. And when I questioned them, they saw something and it scared them.

I didn't even see the brother, but I understand that the brother who baptized me, was in church there on Sunday morning. My 'Doctor Davis' was sitting in the back there while I was preaching. You see?

If they can remember, back in the early days I used to tell them, "I don't understand how you all preach; there is no continuity. You all are not preaching the Word for the season."

Celebrated... One of the big ministers laughed at me: "What are you talking about, 'season' and 'continuity'?"

See? But do you know something? They pushed me aside, I wept and I cried, but I didn't let go of what I believed. I wept and I cried but I didn't change what I believe. Because where that is coming from, I know to believe that more than father, mother, brother, sister, friend, or anybody. So that there, I just want to continue to serve Him, be loyal, be faithful to Him, keep my eyes on Him; serve His people. And I can't serve His people well, if I don't keep my eyes on Him, because He has to teach me how to serve His people. See?

Fill your heart with Him. Let us come out to the service when we are coming out to this Thanksgiving service, and let's not wait for them to start to give thanks. But while He is preparing our hearts, while He is speaking to us, let these things remove unthankfulness, let these things remove ingratitude; let these things break down all these lock-jaws and sore throats that we have, that we can't call the Name of Jesus often. All this honor, we want to give to man, and boss, and teacher, and all this pomp to celebrated dignitaries. Let's remember, we owe Jesus. We owe Jesus, friends. We owe Jesus.

I heard an old, old story. [Bro. Shervon Joseph comes up to the platform -Ed.] Just now; one minute; I'll give you a couple of minutes here. He feels he must say something here. And he's a good boy, a special boy, I have a love for. God deals with him. I told his father and mother that, you know. I said, "This boy here, God deals with this boy, special."

[Bro. Shervon Joseph testifies -Ed.]

Amen. Hallelujah. Oh, thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord.

Isn't it wonderful to hear a young man express himself that way? How many young people you know, you would ever hear in a crowd like this, get up and express themselves that way? That's unusual. That's unusual. But that is how he really is. That's how he really is. I guess that's how most of you all are yourself. Something about Him. Amen. Let's just sing this little chorus before we sing this song. *Jesus there's just something about that Name. Jesus, Jesus.*

[#64 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
There's just something...*

Hallelujah.

... about that Name.

Oh, Master, Saviour, Jesus,

Oh, like the fragrance after the rain.

... the rain.

Jesus...

Oh, He is so precious tonight; this lovely One.

Jesus,

Let all Heaven and earth proclaim;

... and earth proclaim;

Oh, kings and kingdoms...

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

But there's something...

But there's something about that Name.

Oh my, in worship all around the building, why don't you lift your hands and just sing to Him? Let His Presence just come and surround you tonight. Just yield to Him. Just get close in your heart to Him tonight. Just rededicate your life to Him. Just ask Him: you want to be closer drawn to Him. You want to come to know Him a little better tonight, that He will reveal Himself to you. He will fill every empty place in your life tonight. Oh, we love You, Father. We so appreciate You being our Master; Saviour. How we thank You tonight. How grateful we are for Your goodness, Lord; Your mercies that You have extended unto us.

Oh, like a fragrance after the rain.

When Your Latter Rain and Your Former Rain come down in showers, the sweet Holy Spirit, the sweet Presence begins to move among Your children.

Oh, Jesus...

Jesus...

Draw us closer, Lord. Draw us right up into Your mighty Presence tonight. Fill our hearts, our souls, our minds, oh God; fill our entire beings tonight.

Let all Heaven and earth proclaim;

Oh, kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

But there is something...

But there's something about that Name.

As the musicians continue to play softly, let us just bow our hearts in His Presence. I would like to ask Bro. Neville to come and pray.

Also, we want to remember, we have our Bro. Samuel Johnson and Bro. Mervyn Weston, and Bro. Nigel Allert going out. These three brothers are going out to St. Kitts and Nevis, and Dominica tomorrow. Then on Friday, Bro. Bowen and Bro. Michael [Peters -Ed.] are going out to St. Lucia. We want to remember them that God gives them a safe journey and really use them among the people of God: those that are being called out; those that are being drawn.

It is a great responsibility for young men going out there but they know how to be obedient, how to let go and let God; to follow the Dove that the Dove can lead these Eagles in the paths of service this weekend to really bring a blessing that the Almighty God will be so pleased, He will come down and visit right in their midst with the people, give witness to this great Message that they are proclaiming among the people in this Hour when God is calling out and setting in order.

And then the service coming up, the Thanksgiving service that we have, and the way we desire in our hearts to really and truly give back unto God what He has blessed us with, and give Him the glory due to His Name, and to enter into a deeper place even as a body of believers that He has drawn together that we can come to a greater appreciation and greater unity to see what God is doing among us. He can break down every barrier, every hindrance that we can truly see, this love and faith and forgiveness, this thanksgiving, this humility that He has been speaking to us about, become so real in our hearts.

I wonder if you have a special need tonight, just hold it in your heart and believe. All around the building, wherever you are, if there is something in your life you want God to take away from you, some deliverance you need tonight, something you need Him to provide for

you, some urgency that you might be in and have a special need and desire that God will intervene and come down and supply that need, just believe Him tonight.

When we stand praying, the Bible says, "Whatsoever we ask the Father, He will give it. If two shall agree as upon touching anything, it shall be done." And we want to agree tonight that this God, He will touch every heart and every life here. In His very Presence right now, He will shed abroad His Love by the Holy Spirit, oh, that we might truly be His disciples in this Hour. Let us just believe as our brother will pray.

[Bro. Neville Roderick prays -Ed.]

Oh, thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank God for Bro. Neville and that inspired prayer. Amen? *I heard an old, old story.* God bless you. You may have your seats, as Bro. Ken comes. *Our Saviour came from Glory; how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me.*

Peace be upon you as you go. We have prayer service on Friday and on Sunday morning, our service. You all are welcome, by God's grace, strangers, visitors. Amen? God bless you.



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