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[#124 Break Thou The Bread Of Life - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page,  
I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee,  
Oh Living Word!*

Teach me to live, dear Lord. Every head bowed, every eye closed.

*Teach me to live, dear Lord,  
Only for Thee.  
Only for Thee,  
As Thy disciples lived...  
As Thy disciples lived in Galilee;  
Then all my struggles o'er,  
Then all my struggles o'er,  
Oh, then victory won.  
Then, victory won,  
I shall behold Thee, Lord,  
I shall behold Thee, Lord,  
The Living One.*

Amen, as we look to Him in prayer. Oh, this very song that we sing—the only way we can really know Him is when He comes and would take the Bread of Life, His very own Word, and reveals Himself out that Word. Then we can behold that very Glory that is being revealed and be changed from glory unto glory until we become one with that very same Image of the Lord, that

very Life inside of us. He said, "In that day you will know, as I was in the Father, and the Father in Me, so I in you and You in Me." When we could truly live as those apostles lived, "To live by the faith of the Son of God," the Bible said. "Not I that live, but Christ that liveth in me."

Almighty God, as we stand in Your great Presence tonight, Father, singing this little song, God, expressing what we feel in the depths of our hearts; this great pulsation, this great desire, this longing, Lord, knowing that is Your promise in this Hour. You said, "I will restore, saith the Lord." The faith of the fathers will be living still. Christ in the True Church will be the continuation of the Book of Acts. The Prophet said, "The Bride Tree will bloom again. The Pyramid shall stand again. The House of God will live again."

To think, dear God, that when he looked across this Laodicean Age and saw such death and destruction under that Fourth Seal, Your voice cried out to him and said, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?"

He said, "Oh God, thou knowest."

You gave him inspiration to prophesy, Lord, those voices of those Seven Thunders, to bring a Spiritual resurrection in this Evening Time. Dear God, we saw bone begin to come to its bone and sinew—it began to put on sinew and flesh, and a body was formed. But You said, "Thou must prophesy again," to see it change from just a body form to a mighty marching army; to see that breath come into that body, dear God, and to see it rise to its feet. Hallelujah! A Bride marching, "*Onward Christian Soldiers.*"

God, as we look at this great vision tonight and realize, dear God, that it was speaking about us, Lord. And to see this great work that You have done and are still doing, bringing it to its completion in this Hour, what a faith it ought to inspire to our hearts, Lord! Even as we come and gather here tonight, Lord Jesus, knowing, dear God, that as we look through the sacred

pages of this Holy Bible and we see how that early Church, that Alpha Bride lived, Lord; to see that that very same Son of Man was revealed to them, that very Light was reflected to them when they saw the Stature of a Perfect Man.

They saw the revealing of that Son of Man, and to see how they walked step by step, until they became one with that very Image; until that very same Life was manifested in them, that even the people round about them had to testify that they had been with Jesus. They saw the very same Life doing the very same works, proving that it was Christ continuing His works in the Body that He had called out and formed under His Message.

Oh, gracious God, what a testimony they had, Lord! How they lived, dear God, how they walked! We saw Peter standing there at the gate Beautiful and saying, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I unto thee." We saw Paul standing there and saying, "I perceive you have faith to be healed. Rise to your feet!" Oh God. Father, to see Phillip, Lord, all of them led by that Angel, and the very Word coming through them, Lord.

Teach us to live, dear Lord, as they lived; the very harmony that existed between the Head and the Body in that Day, Lord Jesus; to know that it's the very same Revelation that has come forth to us in this Hour. It's the very same Light that has been reflected to us, Lord. The very same vision has been revealed to us. Oh God, that sons and daughters will catch that in reality tonight; receive such courage, such faith to walk in it, dear God, oh God, that we can show that You are still the same Yesterday, and Today and Forever, the unchangeable God, still working in an unexpectable way.

We desire that, as we draw in Your Presence, Lord, knowing that that is the program of God for this Hour, knowing that *that* is why the Holy Spirit has come down

and opened up these Seven Seals; knowing that is why that Message sounded forth through the mouth of a vindicated Prophet unto us in this Day. Those are the very seeds of promise that have been planted in our hearts and the Holy Spirit is here watering those very seeds, dear God, that it might become Life and Spirit inside of us.

May You just have Your way in our midst tonight, Father. May, dear God, in these last few days that we believe remain for us to live out, Lord, as Your Holy Spirit will make these things such a reality, we would see such a change in our hearts, such a change in our lives, such a change in our attitude, dear God. Dear God, we'll see the Cleansing Power of the Blood. We'll see the effects of the Holy Spirit striking every heart that would come under the effects of the vision.

Oh God, may You grant it. May men and women become so thoroughly convinced, so persuaded, Lord, that this is that Hour. May they catch the inspiration, oh gracious God, Lord, that You would not have to whip us to get us to do things, but we could just catch the love of the Holy Spirit. Let that love be shed abroad in every heart, Lord, that it will cast the rebellion and the stubbornness out of us and it would bring such a surrender, such an obedience, such a humility, such a submission, Lord, that we can say, "Not our will, Lord, but Thy will be done." Oh, gracious Father, may You grant it.

Have Your way in our midst tonight. We love You and we appreciate You and we thank You for these moments that we could come and gather in Your house, we can worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we could receive Supernatural instructions from You, dear God; the very Light of Your Word could illuminate our hearts and our minds that we could be edified and be built up in the Holy faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With that purpose in our hearts, we draw near tonight. We offer up our prayer and our thanksgiving



unto You. May it be acceptable in Your sight, Father. May Your Holy Spirit lead and direct us in the paths of service, that at the end of this service, dear God, may there be such a worship, such an adoration, a thanksgiving in every heart, knowing dear God, You are true and faithful. You are the very Author and Finisher of our faith.

Bless each and every one in Thy Presence. All those who could not be here tonight, may You remember them, Lord. Even the strangers, the visitors in our gates, Father, I pray that Your great grace and mercy reach out to them. You know that we are a needy people, oh God, and unto You, we lift our eyes, for our help cometh from You. We confess that within our own selves we are insufficient, incapable of doing anything, but we look to You, dear God, who we depend upon, we rely upon, that you will just reveal Yourself and You will furnish in our hearts and our lives the things that we are needy of, or where we are lacking, or where we are weak. Oh, search our hearts, Lord. Deal with us and help us to understand that we can walk with a clear vision of Your Word for this Hour.

God, we know that without a true Scriptural understanding we would just be wishing and hoping, but we would have a place to base our faith upon, a tie-post to be tied to, a place we can anchor on Something that is unshakable, unmovable and we know that is Your Word, Father. For it is written, "Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, but we have a Kingdom that cannot be removed." That is where we want to abide. That is where we want to anchor and hold fast to tonight. That is why we come, dear God, believing that the Spirit of Truth will lead us and guide us into all Truth. You will break the Bread of Life and You will teach us to live for You. Grant it, Lord.

We commit ourselves into Your hands, thanking You for Your richness of Your grace and Your mercy, in Jesus precious wonderful Name, amen and amen.

Amen. God richly bless you. I certainly appreciate each and every one that made it through the inclement weather to be here and may God bless you for your faithfulness, your commitment to stand at your post of duty, your perseverance. Amen. God sees it. In the effort you made to be here tonight, may He give you something that would encourage you and strengthen you and help you on in life's journey and the goal that you have before you, that we could press right in and see that God will bring these things to pass.

We see ourselves so far back sometimes, yet, it's not in our struggles. It's not by might nor by power. It's not in our flesh that we are going to try to get there but the way is to surrender, to let go; to let go and let God have His wonderful way, to trust in Him, to believe in Him, to know that He is more than able and that He is the Author and the Perfecter of our faith. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

I would like to read tonight out of the Book of Exodus again. We were reading there on Sunday morning and we would like to read again there, because it's a Scripture that we have been preaching out of and now we are trying to look at it and examine it and learn something of God, the God of the Bible, the God who has called us to serve Him and whose hand has led us and guided us down through life's journey; the God who we are going to reign with, one of these days, over that civilization that is coming; the God that we desire so much to reveal Himself to us, that we can know Him, to please Him.

The more we see Him, the less we see ourselves, the less we try to please ourselves, and the more we desire to please Him, knowing that that is the great secret, that we can put Him first in our lives and let Him have His rightful place and don't lean upon our understanding, but trust in the Lord, anchor our souls in His Word. That is the victory.

So many things we have to go through sometimes to learn these simple lessons. But when God reveals it and makes it real in your heart, then you could never get away from it afterwards.

I trust that as you begin to know of Him, it would cause you to want to be a real worshipper of Him, a real servant of His, a real representative of His, that it will change your life, it will cause you to want to tell others, to reflect Him to others. Bro. Branham said, "The only Bible some people would read is our lives," that wherever God will have us, we could shine that Light. Amen.

Exodus 34, verse 5.

*<sup>5</sup> And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.*

*<sup>6</sup> And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,*

*<sup>7</sup> Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.*

*<sup>8</sup> And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.*

Also, we would like to get Jonah Chapter 4, verse 2.

*<sup>2</sup> And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*

And Nahum Chapter 1, verses 2 and 3.

*<sup>2</sup> God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth [avengeth]; the LORD revengeth [avengeth], and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.*

*<sup>3</sup> The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.*

Let us pray once more.

Oh gracious Father, as we have opened Your Word and read these portions out of the Holy Scriptures, Lord, we look unto Thee, that Thou would give us inspiration, that we can truly see You being unveiled in Your Word in a way that is relevant to us in this Hour that we are living in, and the Message that you have proclaimed by the mouth of a vindicated Prophet, to show us the lateness of the Hour that we might walk closer to You and prepare and be made ready for Your Coming. Grant it, Father. We pray and we ask it in Jesus' Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

Now, on Sunday I was speaking, continuing this little series on Chastisement. I was speaking on *The Goodness And The Severity Of God* [1993-0905 -Ed.], and in there I was making mention to you that it is so necessary for us to get under the inspiration of the Word, the Word that is being communicated to us in this Hour and at this time, that we can truly see the way that God is directing us.

You know, it is so easy to come to church and to just get under the formality of coming to church and going back home and hearing. But to us, who have been called out in this Day and who have been brought to the knowledge of the will of God by the Message that God has sent; a Message that was promised in the Bible to come at this time. And it is difficult, even in this Hour,

it seems so much more difficult to get that Message to the hearts of the people.

It was so difficult for the Prophet to get the Message to the people of his Age. It was so difficult for Jesus to get the Message to the people of His Age. It was so difficult for Moses to get the Message to the people of his Age. It was so difficult for Elijah to get the Message to the people of his Age. And when we would study the Bible and see why, it was because the people would be in such a condition where it was so difficult for them to rise up and overcome and have victory and please God and benefit from the provisions that God had made to them.

And, you know, we look at it and we see, but yes, look. Why was it so difficult? Yet God was meeting the challenge of the Hour. God was sending a Message that had everything they had need of, yet the people, it was so difficult for them to move into it. It seemed so...

You look in the Bible and see in the days of Noah, that judgment was coming. God provided a way of escape. God anointed a prophet with a Message. God sent him forth to prepare the way of salvation for them. He built the ark, yet the people looked at it and could not move into it.

It seemed that Moses, with all the signs and wonders, how God plagued Egypt, how, in just within a few months, this nation that seemed so powerful, the people that seemed like they were prospering, the place where it seemed that everybody wanted to migrate to, the place that it seemed was the most scientific place, the most advanced place in medicine, in science, in war and everything else; seemed so powerful and seemed so unshakable, leading the world, and God reduced it to such poverty and broke it and humbled them, just by the word of one man standing there with a Commission, anointed.

And yet it seemed that the people who saw that and came out under that Message, something in them, they

couldn't continue in the Word as it progressed to take them out of their condition. Sure, it seemed like there was no problem with the people in getting them out of Egypt. But bringing them to the Promise, it seemed like it was so difficult.

Yet the Message didn't get weaker. The Message furnished everything they had need of. It showed that the words of the prophet were still true to every stage of the journey. Yet the people, they couldn't progress as the Message progressed.

You know sometimes, what happens with us is that in following the Word, in following the plan of God, in walking in it, it takes something from you to get there and to search out the Scripture and to let the Word search out your heart. And to see how those things that God chose to put in the Bible, as He was compiling the Word of God to make the Bible complete, God knew exactly what each generation was going to face in their generation.

So God, in compiling the Word, had examples of everything that they would ever face. So that the answer to their questions and the solution to their problems laid in the Word. And the mistakes that they were prone to make, and the way to come out of it and overcome in the things that would try to strangle them, God laid it out in His Word. So that the Believer today who is looking at the Word, who is examining the Word, who is applying the Word, who wants to know the will of God, who wants to know the time that they're living in, who wants to know how they should serve God, who wants to know what pleases God, who wants to know what does not please God, who wants to know if He's the same Yesterday, Today and Forever, how He's going to act, how He's going to respond to a certain type of behavior; whether He's going to turn a blind eye, whether He's just going to pat us on the back, whether He's just going to ignore us, whether He's going to let us continue on in whatever way we're going or whether

He's going to deal with us and discipline us or whatever way, so that we don't have to have any false hopes or we don't have to misunderstand and be ignorant of God's ways. It's all laying there for us. Do you agree with that? Amen.

And that is why the person who was able to hold and keep and maintain the understanding of what God identified is taking place in this Age, they are able to make progress. But the person who is not able to hold it and maintain it, then their minds get overpowered with church on a local level. When they look, they see me, they see people in the church, they see the building, they see the location, and that's what they see.

But to the person who is following the Word, who sees we're at the end of the Age, sees the coming of Elijah the Prophet, sees the calling of the Exodus, sees the pronouncing of judgment, (amen!) they see the unchanging God bringing the people who are called out into the Promise, they live in a realm where the Word is coming to pass! And after a while, they realize that it's not me and it's not anybody around me, it's not any local place. They realize that we all have our representation in the Bible! The same way the man who lived in Kentucky, we found him in the Bible! We know who he was. To the world, he is not that person, but to us, he is Elijah, he is Moses! Hallelujah! That was the revealing of the Son of Man!

Because we've been brought into the channel of the Word. And a person who begins to live there and walk there, many times is misunderstood by a person who just comes to church. Because they can't understand why you are so persistent. They can't understand why you're not tolerating a lot of things, and are not up today and down tomorrow. They can't understand why you just can't go and enjoy yourself and just... Because to them, they think it's church. And they think well, "We're saved already, because we believed, we accepted the Prophet."

But to the person who really got focused, and who has really been brought in to an experience, they realize it was not just seeing Elijah, because it wasn't just seeing Moses, it wasn't just seeing Jesus. When a person is brought in to a certain realm, then they begin to relate differently.

At first, we rejoiced when we saw Moses, we saw Elijah, we saw the Son of Man. We rejoiced at those things. But then we came to another place now. What secret did he have to make the Word work? What secret did he have to stay in harmony with God? What secret did he have to overcome everyday?

Otherwise you're just like Gehazi, following Elijah. You're just like the seventy who were following Jesus. You're just like the multitude who was following Moses. But Joshua and Caleb came into the place where Moses was! And Peter and they came into the place where Jesus was! And Elisha and they came into the place where Elijah was! It wasn't just going along or saying, "God sent a prophet," or something. They came into something. And to the person who catches that, then to them, they cannot help but live everyday knowing that that same God is still continuing His Word, that that same God is bringing to pass the things He promised.

And that is why, like on Sunday I was saying, "Get under the inspiration of the Word." This inspiration that we are talking about—you cannot get under the inspiration of the Word, unless what is being said is revealed to you. Because unless it's being revealed to you, it wouldn't stay with you. It stays with you when it is revealed to you. Because when it is revealed to you, it becomes part of you. Otherwise, you'll hear it momentarily and you will forget it when you hear something else or when your mind drifts into something else. But when you understand that God is speaking to you out of the Word, out of the plan of God for the Age, out of the very thoughts and intents that He has, what is influencing Him—because God is under influence,



you know. God is influenced by the very things He purposed in this Hour. God has an objective. And God is letting nothing move Him out of His objective. God is working to achieve something. And God has shown that goal in type down through the Bible. Is that right?

And how could you understand what God is doing if it's not happening in you? The only way to keep you in harmony with God and in fellowship with God about those things... The only way to keep God in your mind, that He is doing that, is when you think of God, you think of Him in relation to what He's doing. You don't just say, "God is love and is a big general God." No! "God wants me to walk a certain way in this Hour. God's angels are taking reports back to Him about my life and my conduct. Because God is taking me through the process of being trained and being developed because I'm going to come to Adoption in this Age, because that is God's program." Is that right?

You think of God in that Age—in that way, how He's working in this Age. You know what He's working to achieve.

When they walked with Jesus, and they were relating with Him, they weren't saying, "Oh yes, Jesus, you are Jesus." No. He was identifying to them things along the way. He said, "The Hour is come the Son of Man will be delivered in the hands of sinful men." It wasn't, "Well, I'm the Son of Man. Just follow me and we'll go and just have a good time. We'll heal a few people here and we'll heal a few people there. We'll tell a few stories here." No! He was coming along step by step. When it reached a certain Age, they could tell what was the next thing that was going to happen. They could look for it to happen and when they were misunderstanding it, He took their minds and brought it to them to see.

"To what purpose is this waste?" Judas said.

He said, "What waste? This is for My burial. Your mind got carried off in some commercial business. You're failing to understand what is going on." He said,

“You forgot the Messages back there when I began to identify what was happening, after those questions and answers?” Amen? And that is the way He was bringing them to follow it.

Remember when the Angel came in the Resurrection? He said, “Did you forget what He was telling you all in Galilee?” Those angels knew they were in those services. Those angels put them in their seats. Those angels took them when they went home, when they prayed for dismissal to take them safely to their homes, and now those angels were standing there saying, “You all were in those services and that Word was preached to you!” Amen! Sure.

And so, we realize that if God would lift us up and we can see that we’re not just coming to church, we’re not just coming to service, but it’s something that we are contending for; we are contending for the faith. We are pressing in. Why are we laboring? Why are we trying to be disciplined? We are trying to get a hold of a reality. Once we get a hold of that, then, brother, it’s smooth sailing. You are not struggling to lift up the log anymore. You know how to ride on it. You’re cresting every wave. Hallelujah! Brother, you have victory in Jesus, amen! When they see you, amen, and you’re walking out there, you have something to give out to somebody. Your face is not all frown down and everything else. No sir! Out of your faith, you can strengthen your weak brother and sister. Amen.

And that is what God wants. He wants us to see it and understand it. And as we grow in it—that is why I was saying on Sunday, that the Message now, It shakes a lot of people, It disturbs them sometimes and they think that some of those things should not be preached because their spirits are being deformed and they are failing to realize the Hour that has been identified to us and for twenty-eight years, how far we have advanced in that very Hour.

And that is why, when you look in the Message sometimes, and you see people trying to anoint back the healing revival of 1946; they want to have all night prayer meetings, they want to fast and they want to pray and they want to get power in the church, they want to have miracles and they want to do these things and they don't know the plan of God. God hasn't stopped doing miracles, but God did miracles in that way for a purpose to attract the attention for the Message. But God stopped that because that was not the program for the Day. That was only a signpost! The thing was the Message of the Hour, (amen!) to bring the Word back.

That's why you had a Prophet saying "I'm laying aside this discernment." He said, "I want something deeper than a healing revival. I'm going down to Jordan." Amen. He said, "These things are only causing impersonations." He said, "God never put these things ahead of His Word." Glory!

But you see, people, when they don't know the program of God, they hear all kinds of things, they pull all kinds of things to themselves and put themselves under a strain and they strain themselves to bring something and they can't bring it to pass. Look at them when they were trying to beat the Word. Well, the Baptists do that, you know.

"Beat your word number one, beat the Word."

And they were beating the Word. And when they started to beat the Word, they said, "Prophecy! Do a sign, do a miracle. Say who hit You."

But that part of the Ministry was finished. He knew who had hit Him, but He was moving into the Third Pull. It was going to souls that are in prison now. It was going to the resurrection of the sleeping dead. Amen. And that is why they were trying to get the Word to behave a certain way and do certain things, only because they didn't know how that Ministry had progressed in that Hour.

Like the women in the Bible, one anointed His feet in one season and another one anointed His head in another season. You have to know what part of the Word to anoint. The Word has shouting, but you don't go and anoint shouting to get everybody to shout. The Word has rolling, but you don't go and just anoint rolling to get everybody to roll. Amen. That is not the objective in this Hour. Some people, unless they don't see some of these external things, they don't feel secure enough to know that they are walking with God, because they are still held in that realm where they want a sensation.

But watch, friends, watch and see, it's a repeat of that Ministry. The young Rabbi went out with healing, then discernment. Then he came with the Spoken Word. Then he came with the opening of the Word. Then he is going to come to the preaching to the lost, then the Resurrection, and then the Translation. Watch it in the Bible. It was promised to be revealed to Gentiles, just like it was to Abraham's natural seed and to the Royal Seed in the last days.

And that is why we've been taking this and trying to emphasize to you something about God's Person. God's Person. But in bringing out this Revelation of Him and how He promised to be revealed in this Hour... He had to come in a Cloud. Do you know why? Because He had to be revealed as Judge in this Hour. The priest had to hand Him the Book because He had to be revealed as getting ready for the Day of Vengeance in this Hour. He had to throw up that rock because He had to be revealed that way. He wasn't revealed that way in the First Pull. He wasn't revealed that way in the Second Pull. But in the Third Pull, He had to be revealed in that way.

Because when Moses went forth with signs, if they didn't believe the voice of the first sign and the voice of the second sign, what was he supposed to do? Take water and pour it on the land and let it turn into blood. Is that right? And what was it a sign of? The land was

going to be drenched in blood because the Message was rejected. And exactly, he said, “When that rock was thrown up, it was because...” It happened when? On a Good Friday. He said, “The Messiah was rejected on another Good Friday.” And God shook the earth. The entire planet was shaken by a tremor, though He didn’t unbalance it, giving a sign, (amen,) that the Word had been rejected again. Another Good Friday, judgment started.

And you watch that Prophet, he said, “And now, the Seven Church Ages are finished, the Seven Seals are finished.” He said, “Now, I’m feeling definitely led to take those Seven last Trumpets, those Seven last Thunders and those Seven last Vials and tie them together. They are happening in a cluster to show you the Hour we are living in.”

Then he began to talk about, “You watch how the scientists begin hybridizing the food and you watch how the people, they are becoming rotten in their bodies; their brain cells are rotting.” He said, “Look at that bringing on an insanity. Look at those kinds of murders. Look at them driving through the streets at ninety miles per hour to watch, *I love Lucy*.” [American television sitcom -Ed.] He said, “Watch radio and television, producing these hideous things, all these prehistoric creatures.” Is that right?

He began to see the making of it coming in. He began to see what was happening. He began to see where it fit in the Bible and he began to see how these things were breaking. Because in every Age, a Seal what? Opens, a mystery unfolds. And when that happens, there is a man on the earth to catch that Revelation. And the Messenger catches it.

You see, people don’t realize that this is what has happened. You sit and hear the Word coming forth and you think, “Well, people know things and people are hearing things,” but if you get back to—when he opened up those Seals, he said, “I’ll go down through history.”

And he took all the history books, like the *Ante-Nicene Fathers*. He took all those histories of the church. Is that right? He said that he found the most authentic history that they had; Hislop's *Two Babylons* and these things. He took them and he went through the history. He said, "I found that after that, I could show you where every Age was." He said, "I could show you the man who influenced that Age. I could show when the Message fell. I could show when it caused religious disturbance." He said, "I can even show you the plague that followed that Age."

You see an epidemic started in the earth; pestilence. We took it here, the four severe judgments: the sword, war, different things breaking after those Messages. The last one here after World War II, he said that there was what? Influenza. He said, "It killed over seventy thousand at one time." He said, "You watch it breaking, a temporary judgment following the Message."

Then he went back and said, "We can show geographically, chronologically, historically, exactly how it came." He said, "It came from east to west, from Ephesus to Laodicea. It came chronologically down through the Ages. Then it came geographically. It started off in Jerusalem, in Paul; Irenaeus and Martin in France; Columba in Europe. Then It went over into Germany with Luther. It crossed the English Channel with Wesley and came over into America with the Pentecostal Age." He said, "Look at how it came geographically, from east to west as well." So it wasn't made up.

You see, people have failed to realize that God, when it was over, God was on the scene. The Pillar of Fire came down and wrote before four hundred people and confirmed that the teaching was correct, after it was drawn out on the board. Is that right? But what happened to us? We forgot those things. That was something that happened years ago. It seems like it doesn't mean anything to us here. We get slothful in our

minds sometimes. You see? Why? Because we don't maintain it. We get down here, we see what this one is wearing, we watch what this one is doing, we watch what this one is saying. We get here and we get focused right here and we're going through: "That church there, I'm in the church and nobody likes me. I'm going through this here, there is a force over here." And you stay right there. And look where the Message is. The Message hasn't even reached there yet, but you reached there. Do you know why? Because that is a heart and a spirit that has not submitted to the Message to take that nonsense out of you. No real believer could live there. Those things don't identify a believer. I can take you through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you wouldn't find that in a believer at all. He said, "Which one of those Jonny's are you?" Amen? [Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

Now, watch. So, that Message was breaking. When this Age opened, and that Seal broke, and that Message dropped, it was inspiration to make a man look around the earth. And all these things in symbol form in the Book of Revelation; a Red Dragon with seven horns, and a woman on a scarlet-colored Beast, and this over here, he began to look around the earth and he began to point and show you, "Look, those Trumpets were sounding here. Look, it happened here. Look at the persecution of the Jews who were running back here. Look at what Feast it was under. Look at this, this religious system here. Look at that woman here, look at how she has captured the wealth of the world. Look at how she has drunken the kings of the earth. Watch the one she has drinking out of her cup right now." Do you understand what I'm saying?

When you read the news, you have to read it with understanding, because it is prophecy, the modern events are being made clear. Why? Because we have the vindicated prophecy to look at it.

I told you years ago, that people used to say, "The first four Seals are for the Church Ages, the Fifth and Sixth

Seals are for the Jews and then the Seventh Seal is the Coming and these things.” But all Seven Seals are for the Bride. The Fifth and Sixth are for the Bride. God just put it in the Jewish form there and confused a lot of people. And those Seals, as I said, it never stopped back there. People said, “The First Seal, that was in the Pergamos Age—Ephesus to Pergamos.” Who said that? He never said that. He said, “The Seals started and go right out through Eternity.”

Remember, I preached and showed you the continuing revelation of the Seven Seals. The White Horse Rider is still riding. The Red Horse Rider is still riding. Amen. The Black Horse Rider is still riding. He is still capturing wealth. What do you think the whole thing with the Jews is about? To capture their wealth as well. Exactly. And that is why, you see, we want to stay under the prophetic utterance of the Message.

I remember years ago, when we were back there in Cocoyea and the Holy Spirit began to open up something out of the Message and showed when Bro. Branham said, in 1960 when John F. Kennedy was elected, he said, “I feel definitely led now to go to the Book of Revelation.” He said, “Because that is exactly according to my vision in 1933.” He said, “I watched and waited for it to happen.” He said, “And now the Church must have this prophetic Message.”

And in 1960, he opened up the first three Chapters and revealed *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* [1960-1204M - Ed.] and *The Seven Church Ages*. The Pillar of Fire came down and wrote those things. In 1961, he preached *Chapters 4 and 5*. [Revelation -Ed.] Then three years passed and he came and preached *The Breach* [[1963-0317E The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals -Ed.](#)] and he started again with the opening of the Seven Seals when the Angels came. And you know how we took those things down through there and showed how, after that opened, in 1964 he came to preach The Seven Trumpets and the Holy Spirit said, “Don’t you do it.”



He said, "Everything was being cut off. It was not time for the revelation to be made known." And he said, "I'm going to take *Feast Of The Trumpets* [1964-0719M -Ed.] to show you why those things are not profitable for this time."

And he went back there and he was showing them.

He said, "Look, it's not profitable for this time."

In 1965, he was going back to Africa, you know how he went there. Then when he went to Africa, they wrote in his passport, "Cannot preach."

He said, "I almost got a heart attack."

But while he was there, he began to see something, and he came back. Because the last Message he had preached before he went to Africa was *Choosing A Bride*. [[The Choosing Of A Bride 1965-0429E -Ed.](#)] He said, "For half an hour, I didn't even know what happened. The Holy Spirit took me over. I began to say something in the Spirit, "Oh Los Angeles, Los Angeles, city of the Angels. You exalted yourself into Heaven. You will be brought down into hell," and all these things. And you know that.

Then he was going outside and the people were laying on the floor, screaming and crying, and the brothers said, "Bro. Branham, what did you say?"

He said, "What did I say?"

They said, "You said, 'Such and such and such.'"

He said, "That's in the Bible."

And he went back and showed where Jesus put that judgment on Capernaum, a coastal city.

He said, "Watch when the Son of Man came the first time in Genesis, a coastal city sank, Sodom and Gomorrah." He said, "Watch in the middle of the Bible, Capernaum, a coastal city, sank." He said, "And watch at the end of the Bible, Los Angeles, following the Ministry of the Son of Man, a coastal city is going to sink."

And it came all the way from Genesis to Revelation, to the end of the Bible on the West Coast, where for six thousand years, civilization has heaped up with its sin

there. Is that right? And we see that. Then all those things happened. Then, the next thing he knew...

He said, "Look, I feel definitely led to preach those Seven Vials."

And you know in 1984, God began to open up those things. Then in 1988, He opened up those *Seven Trumpets* and tied those things together and showed it to us here in the church. And to many of you who sometimes get confused, all you have to do is to keep listening to it and going back through the Scriptures and see those things and what they are.

That is why, right here in the Assembly, there is something that compels you and pushes you. And people who fail to realize, though they were sitting here all these years and never got under the effects of the Message and are still querying and wondering if that is so, then, they don't understand what is happening.

But then you look and see how every time something rises up there on the outside, the Holy Spirit comes and never fails to identify in the Word what is happening, so that the Church will not be left without an understanding, and we can keep in step, moving on.

Then, it comes right back here in this season and what happens? You see God coming down and He begins to open up His Message to show why many people had to be disciplined, why many things happened to many people in their homes, why they couldn't be blessed in their businesses, why they couldn't be blessed in their homes, why they couldn't be blessed in their relationships, why some of their children had gone astray, and why all these things have been happening to them. Because they failed to be responsible for the Light that was given unto them. They took it for granted and they failed to see that whenever God brings Light to us, it is the greatest blessing that could ever come to humanity.

But some people, their minds are so caught up in this materialistic Age, that unless it is not dollars and cents,

they don't feel blessed. Unless it is not nice clothes on their backs, they don't feel blessed. Unless it is not nice shoes on their feet, they don't feel blessed. Unless they are not driving a nice car, they don't feel blessed. But when the Word comes to them, they find that it is ordinary and they take away the value of the Word that could give them Eternal Life, could give them a New Body, (amen!) could bring them into the Image of Jesus Christ, could Rapture them and take them into union with Him. They don't see any value upon the Word.

Yet, the blessing and all that they are seeking and trying to labor for, comes by obedience to the Word. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all other things shall be added unto you." [Matthew 6:33 -Ed.] Isn't that what the Bible said?

And when the Word of God comes and focuses in upon us and puts us in the Word, puts us in the time, puts us in the season, and shows us our very attitude, and shows us our attitude in relation to what God requires, to what influence ought to be upon us, to what our behavior is supposed to be now, seeing that the Light has come to us, then you see so many weighed in the balance of the Word and have been found wanting; failing to judge themselves. That was one of the things the Holy Spirit focused on and showed that it was a failure of self-judgment. A failure of self-judgment.

God has given you the Word, and the Word is the judge. And if you judge yourself by the Word, judge your body, judge your spirit, judge your soul by the Word. See what kind of taste is in your soul. See what you are drawing for. See what kind of spirit you are manifesting. See how you are possessing your vessel, whether it's in sanctification and honor. See if it is quickened and brought in obedience to the Word. See if you are mortifying the members of your flesh. See! Judge yourselves that you will not be judged.

And lack of self-judgment, (we took it, down through the Bible,) lack of self-judgement always brings God in

on the scene, because God is going to discipline His children that they can grow up into the Image of the Word, they can grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord, because God has something so far greater for us than what we are trying to plan and make and work for, for ourselves.

And we took that with Israel, the position God had predestinated them to; even while they were in bondage, they had an inheritance. That's why God had sent a prophet to call them out, to break the influences that held them in captivity. Is that right? The Word, by the mouth of the prophet. Did it break it? Sure. It was put in the Bible for that.

That's why on Sunday, we were looking at it. All through the goodness and the severity of God, which I'm still speaking on tonight. I'm continuing **"THE GOODNESS AND THE SEVERITY OF GOD"**, how God is doing that, showing us His goodness. The goodness of God had come to us and let us see this Message. The goodness of God let somebody tell you about this Message.

I remember how I had spoken to a sister once, and she had plans to migrate and different things. It was just the lust of the world still inside of her, the deep, like in Lot's wife, looking back to the world when she was being called out of the world and unable to trust God. And I said, "Sister, the greatest thing that has ever happened to you in your life is when the Message came to you that day." And I said, "You never even saw the blessing that came to you by the Message being made real to you, to show you the Day." I said, "You thought you were serving God in the denomination and didn't even know that you were being made a two-fold child of hell, ignorantly worshipping the devil."

And you know, well, she didn't think much of it. She just saw me saying that. But I wasn't saying that off of my feelings. I was saying that on the authority of the Word, delivered and vindicated.

Then she stayed there for a little while, came back, went again, and one day she called me on the phone, crying, in tears, almost committed suicide and everything else. She had gone into such a bad condition, so backslidden, saw what little Christianity she had just leave her, gone completely. She had nothing, and failed to realize that people take things for granted.

God has a plan. God has a provided way for us to serve Him. A lot of people think, "Well, I accepted Jesus. I believe God. I love God and God loves me. I'm going to live my life and live my own way." You are fooling yourself when you say that. That doesn't go back in this Bible. Amen. Even down to coming to church, the Bible said, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves; much more as you see the day approaching." [Hebrews 10:25 -Ed.] Exactly.

Brother, you see, when the mind still reasons with the Word, that person still needs to lay down on the altar. From the time you read it in the Bible and your mind wants to bring up a reasonable excuse to battle that, it means something is still wrong with your spirit. The devil is still camping on your land. Until every thought can be brought subject to the Word of God and you say, "Lord, my life isn't coping with that but I was praying, and I am looking for deliverance, because I want to see every Word spoken be made manifest in my life; God can help a person like that.

But you see, when a person tries to justify themselves and kind of say that that Word doesn't apply to them and make excuses and different things, you watch and see what kind of progress that soul makes. It doesn't make it under this Message. It doesn't ever make it under this Message.

Because you see, how could this Word come to us, identify to us the Age that we are living in, show to us that very same God that we read about in Exodus 34, it said, "And the Lord Himself descended in a Cloud." [Exodus 34:5 -Ed.] God descending in a Cloud to a prophet; a

prophet who was commissioned to call the elected people out and bring them into the Promise. Is that strange to us? Did that happen again in this Day? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Exactly. When God came down in that Cloud, God revealed Himself. He said, "I..." He revealed Himself as Savior and as Judge, as Lamb and as Lion. Did He reveal Himself as Savior alone in this Day? He revealed Himself as Savior and Judge.

John looked, he saw a Lamb, bloodied, as though it had been slain, coming to take the Book. But Revelation 10 said, "And He cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth." [Revelation 10:3 -Ed.] He said, "Weep not, John; the Lion of the tribe of Juda hath prevailed." [Revelation 5:5 -Ed.] Amen. Watch and see how He is revealing Himself in this Day. Watch and see the junctions, how they are being identified to us that we would not be confused.

That is why, in our examining of the Scriptures, we want to catch it, we want to fellowship with it. We want to see that we don't just say, "Yeah, I believe because I looked at it in the Bible, lightly." We want to see our thinking being confirmed to it. We want to see, when we express our thoughts, that we speak as the Scriptures spoke. We have become an oracle of God. Amen. We speak as an oracle of God. We have no thoughts of our own. It is the Headship being expressed. Because when the Lion hath roared, who can but fear? When the Lord God hath spoken... Has the Lord God spoken? Has the Lion roared? Sure! Omnipotence has spoken in this Hour, amen, revealing His counsel.

You'll notice in the very Message on Sunday, how I was trying to tell you about Jonah and Nahum, and I told you that Nahum is a sequel to Jonah. As we would look at it, and as we would examine it, we would be able to catch something that is truly wonderful and applies to this Age.

You see, these minor prophets, they are called minor prophets in the Bible. There were twelve of them. There were four major prophets, which were: Isaiah,

Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. They are called the major prophets. And the minor prophets were: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Micah, Nahum, Obadiah, Zephaniah and all of them going through there. It's not that they were minor in the sense to the major ones, but their prophecies were much shorter. That is why they are called minor Prophets. It is because their prophecies were much shorter.

But look at Sunday, picking up that in Nahum and just kind of panning it over, just to give a panoramic view of it. Not that we were able to focus on it entirely as we would have liked to, because every verse that you take, will tie right through the Bible. But just to let you see the picture before we begin to get to the details in the picture. Look and see how perfectly it fits to what is prophesied for the last days. And look and see in those Books, the characteristics, the manner in which God is revealing Himself. We see how He is revealing Himself. He is coming in vengeance.

So, right away, it takes us back to that rock being thrown up. It takes us back to God in the Whirlwind. Amen. It takes us back to that Cloud, that Wiggled One. It takes us back to the priest handing Him the Book and Him identifying the Day of vengeance. It takes us back to these things to show to us exactly that, "Look, there was another sign in Heaven revealing the wrath of God."

We took those messages many years ago, on Cloud Of Redemption and then Cloud Of Judgment. Revelation 10:1-7, he said, "I believe that that is the vision. If the vision is Scriptural, it would be interpreted by the Scripture." For three years, he looked at it from one angle, but then what happened? It turned after a while. Amen? Some of you can't see it well, but for those of you who may not know what I'm talking about, it's this picture here. [Bro. Vin refers to the picture of the Supernatural Cloud, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1963. -Ed.] He looked at the picture like this. He looked at the picture like this for years. This is what he saw in the vision. This is how he saw it in the vision.

And he went to the Scripture with it and identified it as Revelation 10:1-7.

But then one day, the Holy Spirit said, "You are looking at it the wrong way. Turn it to the right." And when he turned it like this, it revealed Revelation 1:14. He said, "It is one like the Son of Man in the Lord's Day." Not Son of God, not Son of David; One like the Son of Man in the Lord's Day. He said "That's the Day when He is Judge, between His Priesthood and His Kingship." His Priesthood was Son of God. His Kingship is Son of David. Son of God was Seven Church Ages. Son of David is the Millennium. And somewhere between the ending of the Church Ages and the beginning of the Millennium, there will be an interval. In that interval, He will come in the form of a Cloud. Because Luke 21:27 said, "When you see the Son of Man coming in a Cloud, look up, your what? Redemption, (Redemption not Judgment, your Redemption,) draweth nigh." [Luke 21:27-28 -Ed.] Then when it was turned, it revealed that He is now Judge. One was the opening of the Seals, but when it turned to Judge, then it was time for those Seven last Vials.

We took that down through the Bible, how Redemption and Judgment always go together in the Bible, from Genesis. From God slaying that lamb in the Bible to judging the Serpent, that was Redemption and Judgment. From Abel, coming with the Revelation of the Lamb and God marking Cain and separating him from the Presence of God, that was Redemption and Judgment. From Noah, going up and coming over the Judgment and coming back in the New Heaven and New Earth, to the world perishing, was Redemption and Judgment. From Rahab with the token and the Canaanites being destroyed, was Redemption and Judgment.

From the children of Israel under the blood of the lamb and the Egyptians being killed, was Redemption and Judgment. From the time of the jubilee going out,



with the man going back to his inheritance in the fiftieth year and the other one who was staying in the city and being marked, was Redemption and Judgment. They always go together through the Bible.

And we see when it comes to the last days, it comes the same way as well. Because to reject the mercy that is sent, means that you are judged. That is why he said, "They already have the mark of the Beast. The manifestation will come later because they refused the Holy Spirit. To reject the Holy Spirit, is to take the mark of the Beast."

And we took those Messages there before and showed how, when people were saying, "They are in the Message and they wouldn't take the mark of the Beast because they know the mark of the Beast," they didn't even know what they were talking about. He said, "Many will go out in the Hour of Temptation, thinking they could serve God better there, so that they can eat and drink and wear." Do you know why? Because the Hour when they came to die to self-will, to receive the Word, they bypassed that Hour. And when they passed that Hour, God was no longer dealing with them in that way. Do you understand that? There is a time and a season when God is dealing with you in a certain way.

In other words, when He is opening the Word, He is giving forth the Revelation, and that Revelation is releasing the Anointing to help you overcome things in that Hour. When you fail to move under that Anointing, when you fail to catch that Revelation, when you fail to come into submission to the Word there and then, what happens? You go out there in human ability and you get consumed and devoured because now you are trying to face it without the Anointing. Because "Today, if you would hear His voice, harden not your heart." While that Word is coming, God wants submission then. Not when you are ready to come, but while the Word is coming.

That is where many people fail to realize that they have to get pain to die. But they wanted to die when this

fell through and that fell through, like the man who came to supper. He got the invitation. He knew about the supper. But he didn't come at the time when he was supposed to get the robe, so he tried to come in with another coat.

And he said, "Friend, what are you doing here?"

Because at that time, he had his ox to prove. He had his land that he wanted to buy. He had his wife that he wanted to get married to. When all of that fell through, he thought that he could come to God conveniently then, and he was disappointed. Amen?

Friends, we look and see how people under the goodness of God and the blessing of God, when they refuse that, they will find that the severity of God is something else.

And we took it on Sunday there, even on the level with Israel and the Gentiles. Paul said, "Look, Israel had the goodness of God." God called them out, made them the chosen people, made the covenant with them, gave them the prophets, gave them the Law, gave them all these different things. Then, when the Messiah came, they rejected that. Then from the goodness of God, they were slaughtered, scattered into the earth, (is that right?) into all nations. They were led into captivity and they found out the severity of God. And the Gentiles, who were not a people, came in to know the goodness of God.

He said, "But let not the Gentiles think that things are going to go good for them, because they are going to find out the severity of God one day."

By the time we come to the Trumpets, we see Israel being restored, we see the Vials getting ready to be poured out, we see who the Vials are going to be poured out upon. It is the same Gentiles who had the gospel for two thousand years. It is the same Gentiles who knew the goodness of God. Amen?

And that is why we look and we see... And these two Books, Jonah and Nahum, are both focused on a place.

Both messages were directly to the city of Nineveh, and that tells us something. Because here was God in these prophets. Here were these prophets coming with “Thus Saith The Lord” and they were delivering a message directly to a city; the same city at different seasons. And it is something that needs our attention, because firstly, it was a Gentile city. Secondly, it is the first place in the Bible where we can see two Books, two entire Books, the prophecy is directly to one city. Why? Because it holds a Mystery for the last days.

We are at the end of the Gentile Dispensation. How many know that? They were at the beginning of the Gentile Dispensation which was... Does anybody know when it was? In the time of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar. Alright. That was the beginning of the Gentile Dispensation. And Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, he saw the great image with the head of gold, the chest of silver, the thighs of brass, the legs of iron, the toes of iron and clay and how the Rock came out of Heaven and smote it.

Well, one day the kingdom will be restored to Israel, because that Rock is that Son of David. And David was the one who was given the promise of the Throne, “And of His Kingdom there shall be no end.” [Luke 1:33 -Ed.] Is that what the Angel Gabriel said? The Angel Gabriel spoke that to Mary about the Son she was going to have, which was Jesus.

And we see how, when He came, He died, but He never received the Kingdom. They mocked Him, they laughed at Him, they crowned Him with a crown of thorns and put a purple robe upon Him. They laughed at Him, but yet He was that King. He had come to them meek and lowly, riding on the foal of an ass, but they did not recognize their Day and their Message.

They said, “Who is this?”

The very Word was among them, unrecognized. The very religious leaders had failed to see Elijah identifying that Messiah. Is that right? The very Jewish church held

onto the substitute and rejected the reality because they failed to see that it was the changing of a dispensation right there.

Has the Gentile church made the same mistake? Exactly the same condition. Just from what was said tonight already, look at how many Scriptures are being fulfilled in this Hour. Why can't we just stay under the Word? Why can't we just realize the reality of what is happening? Why can't we just catch the unction, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the Message? Why can't we see it is not somebody trying to put a bondage on us, but it is God, and see that the Message is urgent?

When Jonah caught his message, his message was urgent. It was in forty days, that judgment was going to come. Every day meant that time was running out. When Moses caught his message in Egypt, "At midnight," God said, "judgment will come. At evening time, apply the token." And from evening time to midnight, every minute that passed, meant that time was running out.

Bro. Branham was a Prophet. In this Age, he caught that. And when he caught that, he followed *The Token* [1963-0901M -Ed.] with *Desperation*. [1963-0901E Desperations -Ed.] He said, "It is an Hour of desperation." He said, "Run for your life. Apply the Token with desperation. It is not time to fool around and play games and different things." He said, "Throw away those filth out of your house, straighten up yourself, line up with the Word." Why? He said, "It is an Hour of desperation!"

Because he knew that with the opening of the Seven Seals, it meant that the Endtime Seal had started and time was running out. The Hour was going to come, "He that is filthy, will be filthy still." Under this very Message, the Gentile world was going to be judged. He saw it. That was the Message he had waited for. He said, "This is the one that was needed to follow the Seals." He said, "Look at how, after the opening of the Seals, we came with *The Flashing Red Light Of The Sign Of His*

*Coming* [1963-0623E -Ed.], *Signs Of The Time* [1964-0410 Scriptural Signs Of The Time -Ed.], *Uniting Sign And Time* [1963-0818 The Uniting Time And Sign -Ed.], *Super Sign.*" [1963-1129 The Super Sign -Ed.] He said, "All these messages were showing the Endtime Sign."

Then he brought *The Token*. He said, "This is the one," because now, the Endtime Signs had proven we were in the Endtime. And if we were in the Endtime, then Judgment was coming. If Judgment was coming, God had to provide a way for the Elect, and that was the Token. It means that they had to get under the Message, the only place of safety. "Come out of all man-made organizations and get under the voice of the Prophet. Identify with the Lamb."

Then he came with *Desperations* afterwards. Then he caught it, that it was an Hour of desperation, he couldn't fool around, he had to go with the Message. Within a few months, he saw that Third Pull thoroughly vindicated. The Third Pull confirmed the First Pull. The First Pull discerned the tumor in the wife. The Third Pull spoke it out of existence. He said, "It is now thoroughly vindicated." He said, "I must go back in evangelism." He said, "Because where we are at, between the opening of the Word and the preaching to the Lost, in this Hour here, the Bride is going to be formed into the Image of the Word." After Christ was formed in Mary, quickly was going to come the king's commandment. He said, "The World Council of Churches is going to tighten up and be formed in the image of the Beast, but the Bride will be formed in the Image of the Word."

And he knew that he had to get that Bride. And like Eliezer, he went out, brother, in desperation, looking for character. He said, "Sweating it out; not in Babylon out there, but looking for that Elected Bride."

Then he began to kind of come out from under his inspiration. You know, God right there on the spot dropped those dreams inside of there and said, "You are ratting on My job." Why? He had to be responsible.

When he was thinking of going up in the woods and those things, *A Man Running From The Presence Of The Lord* [1965-0217 -Ed.], he said, “Look at how God met his runaway Prophet and sent him back. The Message was urgent.” He said, “You have to get out of that complex.” Amen. That feeling, do you think that God was sparing with him.

He said, “Friends, pray for me. I must see a change in me.” Amen. He said, “I have to have a change in me to see this Ministry come to pass.” He said, “I came back in the tabernacle to get a new burst of faith.”

It always struck me, a man fifty-six years old, an old man, after thirty-three years on the field, yet he found—he said, “When I pray, it’s like I am begging the devils.” He said, “I have come back for a new burst of faith. I must stay with my Commission. I must keep coming up in the Presence of the Lord, because the Message is urgent.”

How could I see that in the Bible and then somebody tells me, “Well brother, I am feeling to relax here and, you know, this and that.” They are talking some other kind of talk. We don’t believe the same Message. Exactly. We are not seeing the same vision. We are not convinced. Because when he saw those things...

*Souls In Prison* [1963-1110M -Ed.], he preached that Message after he saw Hell being created on the earth, by experience. Driven back in the Bible, he saw it right down—at the end of Noah’s message, the Ark was shut. Nobody could come in or go out. It went to the Lost. At the end of Moses’ message, when they got under the blood, nobody could come out, nobody could come in. Those outside the token were going to perish.

Then in Abraham’s message, Elohim went down to Sodom; it was burnt with fire. Is that right? At the end of Jesus’ Message, He went and preached to the Lost. At the end of Elijah’s message, brother, the dogs ate the flesh of Jezebel and Ahab was destroyed. But those seven thousand, God had told him that they had not

bowed down their knees. He said, "The Second Pull discerned the honest in heart and the Third Pull went back to get them." Amen.

Brother, he looked and he saw it was going to the Lost at the end of every ministry. He said, "And my healing revival is over. My discernment, I have already laid it aside. I opened up the Word, I have seen the Spoken Word thoroughly vindicated." He said, "The last thing left is the preaching to the Lost. Is that where we are at?" People were lying there on the floor crying, screaming. He, himself, was saying, "Oh God, my children are not even saved yet!" in 1963.

Thirty years later, do you know what has happened? People live like we have one hundred years more. All of that has to be wrong, for us to relax. I don't mean to get all tense and nervous. When I say 'relax', I really mean slothfulness, because really, it is a relaxing time for the Bride, because She knows that She has come into full surrender, She marked the spot where Boaz lay and She laid there. And She received a portion, six handfuls. And She knows that Boaz wouldn't rest until He completely redeems Her. Hallelujah! She has nothing to do. He is doing everything, because She came into real submission. She is convinced. Amen.

But I am talking about the slothfulness that people go along with. Amen. You can barely get them to even rise up and do something for the Lord. They love Him with all their heart, but they don't love Him with all their strength. They are always tired. "I don't have the time. I am a little tired." Because they can't lay down that fat.

Some can't lay down their heads. They still have a lot of private things there, still waiting for their little dreams and their little interpretations, as though God is going to put away His Word to vindicate that. My goodness. When God is sifting out the hearts of men before his Judgment Seat, trying to bring every one of us into submission to the Word, to see the goodness of God that has been given to us all these years. But now

many of them begin to find themselves in the severity of God. Many of them are beginning to see what lies inside of there.

Now look. As I said, Jonah and Nahum, these two Books focus on one city. We begin to find out that that city was a prefigure of something to come in the last days. Then the messages were delivered to that city, that had a wicked councilor and was a bloody city that oppressed God's people; the mistress of witchcraft. And not just God's people were suppressed, but rather the entire earth had felt her power. But now, God was coming to destroy her.

And we saw in those Books, first, Jonah revealed two things. God used that to show Jonah that even though judgment was going to come upon that city, there were some there who would repent when they heard the Word. And some did repent. But the city itself went on afterwards and never became a city that served God. And it's exactly what we see under the Message. We see people come out of the system, but the system itself just keeps getting worse and worse and worse.

Because remember, when these Messages were being preached, many of them were out there in the field, where all these systems had come together to support this Message. Then the shuck pulled back to let the grain out. While it was under the healing, everybody was saying, "Come here, come here, come here." It was popular. But then finally it came to a place where it was cut off completely.

That is why when we see how Jonah, that runaway prophet, God couldn't send anybody else. God went after the runaway prophet and brought him back so that he can go with the message. And it was a hard message. It wasn't a message to make him popular; it was to cry out. That was the Message that the Messenger in this Day had. Just let me read a couple of things before we close.



On *A Man Running From The Presence Of The Lord* [1965-0217 -Ed.], I'm just fellowshiping with you tonight here. A little relaxed, nice atmosphere, just a few people, the place is not too tense, just good.

He said, *Now, first we want to think of this. Jonah was... The reason, the principal reason, that I believe that he did this great thing here, was because Jonah was a Jew. And he was asked to go to a Gentile city, to cry out against it; thinking that he would not be received. Because, the Gentiles would think, "What's this Jew got to do with us?"*

See? Because this Message was outside the system. Yet, he had to go in every system to tell them, to cry out against it. I want you to notice something. He said, *The Jews was called God's chosen people. They were chosen for a specific cause. And that cause was, to give to them the law...*

*And here we find an example of all of us. Every one of us, we always are running from something. We run from trouble. We run from responsibilities. We're all prone to do that. We are more prone to run than we are to stand and face it out. See, we just find ourselves running.*

*Sometimes we find ourselves prone to run from work. We don't want to, we don't want to work.*

*Some people just thinks they can make their living without working. But, I think, Solomon it was that said we could find here the answer, in watching an ant.*

*You know, a little ant, they tell me if that (every) ant doesn't work and lay in, that ant doesn't eat that winter, either. So, everybody has to work.*

*We got so many things we have to do, so much responsibility that we have to face. Everybody has got to face a certain responsibility.*

And you read this message on *A Man Running From The Presence Of The Lord* together with *Warning And Judgment*, [1963-0724 God Doesn't Call Man To Judgment Without First Warning Him -Ed.] and see how he was bringing out... When he saw the urgency of the Message that he had, when

he saw the Hour that he was living in, in the Scripture, when he saw that judgement was already on the road, when he got that vision with the throwing up the rock and then to keep the Bride in step and so on, and he saw where he was at, he knew that his Message was urgent and he knew that he had to be responsible because the time was running out. And he had to face up to it. And God—he realized that even when he tried to run away, God dealt with him with a strong hand. He couldn't run away. And when he understood it in his own life too, he came there and he began to let the people know the responsibility that was coming upon us in recognizing that we have received a Message, a Message that we are responsible for.

And we took those messages. God came and we took those messages on *Service and Reward* and we showed how a man could lose his crown. We showed that many are going to be poor people in Heaven. We proved that by the Bible. And if, after that, you find people are still slothful and just lackadaisical, could you tell me if that is Bride?

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. Doesn't it? And when the Word is revealed to you out of the Bible and you see the season you are in, you see the service God wants done, you see it's God's time to do it, it's God's season to do it, you are a part of God's Chosen People to do it, (amen?) it's written in God's Word, God has already vindicated these things...

Now watch. He said "To do every service, you must have five musts to do it, to do God a true service according to God's will." And God's will has been revealed because God's will is His Word. Then he said, "God prepares His servants." Is that right? And he showed us that there are three things: Confession, Cleansing and then Commission. He preached the Message *Influence*. Isaiah saw the vision. He saw the seraphim, two wings over his face, two wings over his feet and he flew with two wings.

And why did he preach that? For us to just know about Isaiah? He was telling us in this Age, “God is preparing people to do Him a service according to His will. Because by and through the members of the Bride, all that was not fulfilled, will be fulfilled.” The Head and the Body will be united. “I am the Vine and you are the Branches and I’ll purge that vine. I’ll purge that branch so that it will bear much fruit. You are a chosen vessel, a vessel of honor prepared unto every good work. I’ll break that vessel up and remold it, that it might be a vessel fit for the Master’s use.”

And we showed what the breaking up of the vessel and the remolding were. We showed what the purging of the branch was. We showed how He is preparing us for that work. It’s a position that He has brought us into. The Hour has come for what? The manifestation of what? Well, He has to deal with you as sons, not bastards. That’s why He deals with you as sons, to bring sons into full manifestation.

I was showing you on Sunday, every son, like Moses, how God dealt with him and brought him to his place; how God dealt with David to bring him to his place; how God dealt with Joel to bring him to his place. See? And God deals with each and every one of us in different ways, but He brings us all to our place. How God dealt with Israel to bring him to his place. Sure. Because we are all predestinated to a certain place. And our experiences will not be the same because in that Body there are many members.

So here he’s dealing with responsibility and he goes on to say—talking about how even marriage is a responsibility. He said, “You have the responsibility of raising your children.”

*And then, remember, as a married woman, you got to think of the responsibility of raising children. Then you got the responsibility of educating your children. You got the responsibility of clothing and feeding.*

*Everything is a responsibility. And it's so easy, when responsibilities face us, to shirk from them. And we find out that marriage is a responsibility, in all manners.*

And this is the Age of the Marriage of the Lamb. Then when the Bride is going to come to be married with Christ, that is a great responsibility. Because She has to minister to Him and... He said, "Look at thousands, tens of thousands in Daniel 7 were ministering to him." He said, "What was that? Ministering the Word for their Age." He doesn't just mean standing and preaching the gospel. That is one part. Everybody, in whatever vocation they are called, are ministering that Word. They are manifesting that Word that has been revealed to them in this Age. A mother, catching the mystery of motherhood; a father, catching the mystery of fatherhood; a husband, a wife, the children, (amen,) a farmer, a businessman, each one of them reflecting that Word for their Age.

And we took that, how sometimes, everybody's battles are different to come into their position. Somebody's position might be on the mountain. Somebody's own might be in the valley. Somebody's own might be in the plains. And they face different types of situations. Some people take longer to possess theirs than others. But yet, it is when He can have the preeminence, when He can come in, and you and Him are in such a union that He becomes that wife. He becomes that husband. Amen.

When He becomes that wife, she doesn't care how unsaved the husband is. She is not only a good wife when the husband is a Christian, doing everything nice around the house. That is when she is trying to live out the mystery in human ability. But when Christ is that wife, then, with a chaste conduct coupled with fear, she will save the unsaved husband.

And when it's an unbelieving wife, Christ will lay down His Life for her, while she's yet a sinner. Is that right? He won't be throwing things back in her face all the time and saying this about that, and reproaching,

and saying, "I don't know why I got married to you," and this and that. No. He will know that the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband, and the children are made holy, and he will stand there and he will live such a life, brother, it will convict her soul so much that she will want to be a Christian. Amen! She will see something real, not put on.

Like the mother deer, even though she was in the face of death, she saw a reality being displayed. Like that wicked hunter, he saw a reality being displayed. It broke his heart more than all the preaching, when he saw something lived out there. [Blank spot on tape. -Ed.]

They are waiting to raise a dead or something. I don't know why they are waiting to raise a dead. Did God promise to raise a dead?

Right where the things that confront you are, is where God wants you to live that life out. Draw from that inexhaustible fountain, amen, be so sweet, have your atmosphere so created. Amen. Hallelujah! Know how to speak a Word in season, know how to be salty, know how to apply the Token with unwavering faith, with confidence; create an atmosphere of Love, how to project Love into your associates and bring them into your atmosphere. Amen. That is what God wants. It is such a responsibility, a great responsibility.

He said, *Even, many times, we find... This is hard to say, but it's true, that ministers, many time, shirk a responsibility for standing for the true Word of God when they're confronted with It. They'll shirk that responsibility. When Truth of the Word of God is brought face to face with we human beings, we are prone to shirk back until the last resource.*

You see what the Word of God requires of you and you kind of shirk back. "I am afraid to walk there. I will be rejected now. People will criticize me. I will lose a lot of my friends. Now they will say this about me."

Bro. Branham said, "How many men knew this was right? But for a meal ticket, they stayed in the

organization.” They couldn’t take the responsibility of facing up to it.

*But to face up to responsibilities, sometimes it takes the very hide off of us, to do that.*

He said, *As a father, to face up the responsibility, to give your child a whipping. Them little fellows, you don’t want to do that. But as a father or a mother, you’ve got to face the responsibility of raising that child, because the Bible said, “Spare the rod and you’ll spoil your son.” And that still stands good in the sight of every psychologist there is in the world. That still remains God’s Truth. If there had been more of that practiced, we wouldn’t have had so much juvenile delinquency and stuff, and the rot we got in the world today. But the old golden rule of the home has been broken, long time ago, and they let the kids do whatever they want to.*

See? And then he said,

*Being brought into the Presence of God, and see when God made a promise, and God is obligated to that promise. And when He brings that promise to pass, then people are afraid to face up to the responsibility of coping with the Message of the hour. We find that everywhere.*

But look at Moses when he was brought face-to-face with it. He could say, “I esteem the reproach of Christ, greater riches.” He was brought face-to-face with it and he took his stand for it. Sure.

Look at Elisha. He came face-to-face with it. He was told, “Stay at Gilgal.”

He said, “No, I can’t stay there.”

Look at Ruth. She came face-to-face. She said, “Intreat me not to leave thee. Where thou goest, will I go.”

They came face-to-face with it.

Look at Peter. He said, “We have forsaken all to follow You. To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of Eternal Life.”

They came face-to-face. The seventy, when they realized, what? “Eat My flesh and drink My Blood? I am

not following any man. No man is going to tell me that and this and the other.”

And they drew back. You don't hear anything about them afterwards. Do you know why? They perished under Titus. Sure.

He said, *And when you see then, in this day now, when the Word of God has made these promises of things that we see happening now, then we've got the responsibility to either face up to It or get away from It. You just can't stay neutral. You've got to do something about It. Some move has got to be made.*

*You can't come in that church door and go out the same person you come in. You're either further away, or closer to God, every time you come in or go out there.*

Could I hear somebody say, “Amen?” You either come closer or go further away, when you come through that church door.

*Oh, how easy it is for people to shirk these things.*

You see, this is the thing. Everybody just wants to go along, but they are not willing to be committed. They are not willing to make a commitment. They just want to go along. “Let me do it when I feel, when it is convenient to me, this and that.” That is how they want to serve God.

Let me tell you, you are under a delusion if that's how you want to serve God. I am not just saying this to you. I am saying this because we are taping the service and there are many people who are not in service tonight, that are going to hear the tape too. So I will say it just the way I feel it in my heart, and don't think that I am saying it directly to you.

Now watch. He said, “It's so easy.”

*...I want you to notice when something is confronted, if there's a question about it. If there's a question about it, there's got to be an answer.*

*...there's got to be a direct answer somewhere. And when these questions confront us, about the Bible Truths, there's got to be the right answer somewhere.*

You can't say, "I'll stay in my denomination." If you want to know, if you have a question, "Is denomination right? Is baptism in the Name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost right? Are there three Gods?" Is that right? The Bible has the answer. And if, when we are confronted with the Truth, we are still uncertain and we can't walk in It, then something is wrong with your experience. Amen.

*And when we see Something presented, I think, instead of just run away, say, "Ah, nonsense! I couldn't believe a thing like That. I couldn't believe That." Why don't you take the Bible, and set down and face up to It. Study It. You're here in the meeting now, just look It over. Check It out, yourself, with the Word. Check the Word, by the Word. That's the only way to make It tell the Truth. And It must tell the Truth, from Genesis to Revelation.*

Check these things out that I've been saying in these last few services. Check it out, study it out, see if that's the Truth. Amen.

He said, *Jonah didn't want to face up, the thing of going to the Gentiles. He didn't want to take that cruel Message over there, "Within forty days, you'll perish if you don't repent." He hated to do that. And he thought, "Them Gentiles..."*

Could you imagine? He was not talking about Jonah back in the Bible down there. He was running up in the woods because he thought the people were refusing his Message. There was one time he was calling them "rickys" and "rickettas" and God said, "Don't you call them that! Many of them are My children."

Now watch. Everybody was preaching. Oral Roberts: "God is a good God." Billy Graham: "God loves you," shaking the world. Billy Graham met presidents and prayed for them, prayed for that one. Do you see how they have him in America? They have him as the man, the greatest man that came out of America, as far as the government is concerned; Billy Graham. That is what they think. That is what they have. Do you know why?



He is a diplomat, Christian diplomat, not offensive. Oral Roberts, "God is a good God. God loves you." See? "Mighty rushing winds," he said.

But watch. None of those messages came to rebuke the Age. But the Message in Revelation 3:18 [3:19 -Ed.], "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

Is that right? According to the Bible, the Message of the Hour. And why? He said, "When I came with the gifts, every man loved me. When I began to preach the Word," he said, "all men have forsaken me for this Message." He said, "I stand alone here." He said, "Where are the men who will draw their swords, and come and stand here with me?"

Right here in this church sometimes, some men sit there in their seats and they know this right. They know this is true. When they should be man enough to step forward and say, "I am standing behind you with Word, brother. I've watched you over these years to see if what you were saying was right. I've watched to see if you were after money. I've watched to see if you were after popularity. I've watched you to see if you were going around the women in the church. I've watched you and examined you, but I see it is the Word. I see God stands with it. I am not ashamed, I am standing with you." Amen! Where are those kinds of men?

Let me tell you, if that is true and that is the way God has me to stand, many men inside of here will have to give account for not standing with it, if it's right before them. Exactly. Sure! Because as a man, if you sit there, you are responsible to examine it. As a man, you are responsible to see, to discern my spirit and discern my motive and my objective, to see what I am trying to achieve with my gift. Sure!

And if you are a man of like precious faith, if you are a man of like spirit, then you will say, "I always wanted to stand for a real cause. I always wanted to stand to see this Word live and see this Word achieve something,

(amen!) to see this Gospel shine with the Power and Glory of God!" Amen!

But men who will follow afar off, men who will criticize, men who, as fast as the Word cuts them, their popularity is so important, that they'll run and try to kill the influence of the Word right away, if they have a little influence. Because they don't want to be seen. They are afraid that their reputations will get tarnished among those with whom they have influence, when they don't measure up to the Word, and the Word rebukes and chastens them.

Do you think it doesn't chasten me too? It chastens me too. But when the devil holds you there, and you think that I am chastening you and I am immune to chastisement – I am not immune to chastisement. My leash is shorter than all your leashes. Because the place He has me standing here before you, to preach the Word to you, He is not going to let me wiggle and get by with it, if He loves you. But then, if I am standing here and doing His will and preaching His Word too, He is not going to let you stay back there and just do what you want either. It goes both ways.

But you see, some of you are still boys. Some are still soft and wishy-washy. Some still haven't got the back bones under all this Message to be a real man to take a stand for the Word. Some want to be their own man, thinking that being a man is to go and do your own thing, to go and have some strange fire or go on some wild goose chase, or go with some weird thing that God—uninspired leadership or something that has nothing to do with God.

You don't want to be funny to be different. We are not trying to be different here. We are trying to be true and identify with what is Truth. Stand for what is Truth. It is not my Message. I am trying to be faithful to pack the Message that God sent through a Prophet. I have my eyes on him, and the way he walked with the Message, I am trying to walk the same way with the same

Message, and preach it the same way. And all of you who sat here over the years, you know that it has been the same Message.

Because we are not interested in playing church here. My greatest desire is to see this church so unified, to see this church so walk under the Power and Influence in the Holy Spirit, to see that every believer, whether you are an old man or a little child, that you will walk in here and you'll come under the administration of the Holy Spirit, and you'll receive God at the level where God can be communicated to you, and you'll walk out, brother, with something Eternal in your soul; see the Word transform young girls into real ladies and transform young boys into real men, (amen,) and bring a church, bring a people, that could be presented to the Lord Jesus Christ, that could walk over into that Millennium, that great Hereafter, and take a place there, knowing that they are the expressed attributes of God, they are the Word manifested. I have no other vision than that. Amen.

I labor day and night to see that come to pass. You look to see if that Spirit comes on men right in the assembly; look to see that same kind of desire get down in the hearts of men that they get focused into that vision; men who will come and say, "Brother, where can I help? What can I do?" Not kind of wait and watch there. Where are the men? I mean, men around you who can see something happening, something real, "What can I do? I mean I'm here, I want to be part of this, I want to feel part of this flowing in me. I want to do something. If it's to pray, tell me how to pray, what to pray about. Amen. I know all of us can't run and do the same thing, (amen,) but let me find my place and let me stand. I want you to know I'm standing here with you. I want you to know I'm standing here in the work of the Lord. I'm standing here in my place." Amen. That's what you want to see, by God's grace. Glory.

It's a responsibility to face up to, but do you know what happens? People are so indifferent. The first little rebuke, first little correction, they find a hole and they run into it and you don't see them anymore. They stand afar off and they peep through the hole now and then. Do you call that a man? That's a manicoou. [Local word for the common opossum -Ed.] Amen. That isn't a man. No, sir.

Brother, we didn't see a man in this generation, until God made a man in His Image and Likeness. And one man with a Message to cry out; where everyone was talking about the 'love of God' and everything, he had to take the Bible and standing there, cut men to pieces and then walk out and put his hands around them and love them genuinely – men who were homosexual and all different kinds of things around him, working there with him, names in the book, of the day they will come in and go out, right there. And yet, he could love them and keep his eyes on the Word, keep his head straight.

He came right there. He said, "Look at Bro. Jack, fine man, finest man who walked in shoe leather, but he doesn't understand what we believe. Mattsson-Boze," he said, "fine, little, sweet, dear, precious friend of mine." He said, "When he comes down here, I want him to preach. Treat him nicely. Do everything that you can for him. But he can't see what we believe."

"Gordon Lindsay, this man wrote my book, a theologian, everything else," he said, "but he can't see these things." Yet he could love them, he could stand with them. He never separated and became indifferent. No. They drew a circle and put him out. He said, "I'm going to draw a bigger circle and bring them back in." Man with character. Amen. Man with conviction. Man who the Angel of God could come to, (amen,) and say, "Rise, stand to your feet," put the King's Sword in his hand. Amen.

He wasn't ashamed. Amen. He wasn't embarrassed to say, "I and my Father are one." He never thought it robbery to be equal with God. He wasn't ashamed to

preach *Uniting Time And Sign* [1963-0818 -Ed.], *Oneness* [1962-0211 -Ed.], *Stature Of A Perfect Man* [1962-1014M -Ed.] and *Invisible Union* [1965-1125 *The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ* -Ed.]. He wasn't ashamed to preach that, because he believed that was his conviction. Amen.

Brother, when we see what this Message has heaped up to, how we want to stand; women who will stand behind their husbands. Amen. Brother, they'll respect him, they'll know, "That's a man of God, my husband."

You know, you find that many of these wives, they are serving God, some of them have unsaved husbands and everything else. And then one day, their husband gets saved and the husband wants to take his place. But because they were managing everything and saw the husband, "Well, he is unsaved, he has nothing and so and so. I'm the big, spiritual one and everything else." And then they are praying, "Oh God, save my husband. Oh Lord, save my husband."

When God saves the husband, and the husband has to take the role of leadership and headship now, they can't give up the power. They can't give it up. They still want to stay there in control, when they need to say, "Father, I thank You. You have answered my prayer. Now I must decrease and let him increase. (Amen!) Now I'm going to submit myself." Amen. Glory be to God in the highest. And say that you believe this Word.

How many know that I'm speaking the truth tonight? I am just trying to clinch the nail. I love you. I'm happy for you. Amen. I'm just trying to clinch the nail and drive it down, because I'm excited about the Message! Amen. The Message is urgent!

He said, *It's a easy way, it's a popular way with the people. It's easy to take the way where everybody can pat you on the back...*

Jonah tried to take the easy way, tried to go down to where everybody can pat him on the back. He took a ship to Tarshish.

He said, “Friends, we are not taking any ship to Tarshish.”

Let me say this, in Third Exodus Assembly, “We are not taking any ship to Tarshish.”

The Holy Spirit said, “Because you have chosen the harder way, which is My way, a huge portion of Heaven awaits you.” Amen. “Because you have made this momentous decision, it will make and bring to pass the tremendous victory in the love divine.”

Jonah tried to bypass and take the easy route. He said, *...it’s a popular way with the people. It’s easy to take the way where everybody can pat you on the back...*

That is what people like. See? The Minister is the man. He has to lay down—take the axe and make the chips fly. But then, others could walk out among the people, put their hand around them, and talk nicely, sit and eat with them in their homes, give them little things here and move around here. Oh, they are just a darling. Because they don’t have to tell them about their sin. They don’t have to deal with them and their problems. Sure. They can make jokes and laugh and so on. See? The easy route. A lot of people like the easy route. This is not the easy route, friends. Realize what the Message is. Realize what the Christianity is. Realize what the Hour is.

He said, *But when you have to do something different, when you have to stand to your conviction of what you know to be the Truth, there is where the hard part, that’s the rub comes, right there.*

*And so we find out that we have many easy ways to go, ships going down to Tarshish, for it’s easy, the unresponsibilities. It just flows in, you have everything coming; everybody likes you. And everybody... Nobody disagree with you; you disagree with nobody. Now, if that ain’t a dishrag! That’s right. Yes, push over, flop over!*

He said, *...I don’t care who you are and what you’re standing for... Actually, decent-thinking people will think*

*more of you if you'll stand for your conviction of what's right. Right.*

If you want to be respected, you want to be respected because you stand for a conviction, you stand for a principle. And even though you stand in the face of opposition, you'll stand for it because you know it is the Truth. And if you have to die for it, you will give your life for it because it is the Truth. Decent thinking people might be in the minority, but they'll love and respect you for it.

He said, *Don't care...*

*You take a woman, she might be ever not very attractive, and whatever she is; but you let that woman stand for principles of womanhood, let her stand like a lady; and if a man's got a ounce of man about him, he'll take up for her. Absolutely. We appreciate something that somebody has got, that they believe that it's the truth and will stand for what they think is right."*

*Responsibilities.*

*But it's easy to go the way the world goes. It's easy to flow down the stream.*

I wanted to read this on Sunday, so let me read it tonight really well, and let it sink right in and let me close.

*Responsibilities! But it's easy to go the way the world goes. It's easy to flow down the stream. Go out there and set down in the river, with your boat. You get your oars and start pulling up against the current; you don't make much time, and it goes hard. But you just once let loose the oars and watch how fast you pass the trees, going down, but look where you're going! When things are floating easy, remember, you're going towards a great cataract down there, of some sort. You're going towards the falls, and it won't be long you'll be going over that falls. Just floating with the world, easy, the way it goes, you don't want that. No, sir! But you must accept your responsibility.*

He said, “You are trying to go against the current, and if you are trying to row, you aren’t making much time and it is really hard, it is wearing you out, taking every ounce of strength that you have. But let go of your oars a little bit, go with the world, go down stream, he said, “It’s a pace, you’ll be going with such a speed.” He said, “But do you know something? It’s over the falls you are going.” Before you know it, you’ll plunge over so far, with no way to come back.

Friends, it might be tough. You might have to pull those oars. It might take every ounce of strength out of you. You may feel like you want to die, almost. It is breaking you in pieces to hold on there and keep rowing, (amen,) but don’t you let go for anything, by God’s grace.

*And the responsibility, he said, that God has given us in this day, to bring this Message! And as I get older...*

Hear a Prophet who was in the Presence of God; met the Pillar of Fire, who had the Message, who was rejected, every door was closed on him, who stood alone, knowing that what he was saying was the Truth. In his own church, almost, he could hardly even preach. Then to see the burden of the Message. He had to leave his wife and family and children, everything else, to stay with that Message. And to see how God never even gave him a chance. The first time he made the mistake, he didn’t even go out, look and see; God took his wife, God took his father, God took his brother, God took his child, (watch and see) to carry that Message.

And he is preaching about running from the Presence, the responsibility that he had to bear and he was dealing with it in Jonah.

I’m just reading some of this background, because in Jonah, we see how God prepared the storm, how God prepared the fish, how God prepared the gourd, how God prepared the east wind, God prepared all those things.



And one of the reasons I'm taking this, it is on page 21, *Warning Then Judgment* [[1963-0724 God Doesn't Call Man To Judgment Without First Warning Him -Ed.](#)], he said, *And then He told him about the little gourd and the worm that cut it down. One day, the Lord willing, I want to come to the Tabernacle and take a series just on Jonah. Oh, there's so many great...that east wind blowing, and all. Oh, my! There's so many things in there, it's thrilling. Them nuggets in there, it all types right in, fit. It even brings Jesus Christ in it, and everything else. Course, every line in the Bible brings Jesus Christ. Yes, sir.*

He said, "One of these days, I want to come back and take a series on that, [Jonah -Ed.] and all those things inside of there. Did you see something? Look at how God disciplined Jonah. Look at how God rebuked him. Look at how God showed him his own condition and how he had no feeling for the people and these things, and showed him his own condition, how he was only thinking of himself and getting self-centered and selfish. Then, God's judgment was stayed.

God showed Jonah how he was slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. But then, on the other side too, when Nahum came, he said, "God, by no means, will acquit the wicked." Jonah quoted the first part of Exodus 34. Nahum quoted the last part. Watch and see how both were to the same city, and that city, as we took, the habitations of Ninus and what it represents today.

And which Message came forth to that evil woman? It was that Angel who had one of those Seven Vials, who revealed the Mystery of that woman and her judgment. Wasn't it? Which Message are we following?

So these things that we are looking at and watching, you can see both sides. God gave Nineveh a space to repent, but look at how one was sons and one was bastards. See? Look at remedial judgment on Jonah; it

brought him in line, it brought him where God wanted him. But then, look at the penal judgment upon the Ninevites. Watch and see.

[1965-0217 A Man Running From The Presence Of The Lord -Ed.]

*And the responsibility that God has given us in this day, to bring this Message! And as I get older, and I know my days are shortening up, I feel the responsibility greater than I ever felt. Pressing on, we must do it. We must get down to it, in everywhere we go, and tell the Message; and tell the people that Jesus Christ is coming, that He's God and He's coming soon. There's not a hope left in the world but the coming of the Lord.*

*It's always been that way. It's been in man, has shirked and went away from God, ever since Adam, in the garden of Eden.*

He said "Man has always shirked and run away from God, since Adam was in the garden of Eden."

*When Adam was in the garden of Eden, when he come to the responsibility to make his choice, would he stay with God or go with his wife? he had to make that [choice], the responsibility was up to him. He either had to take what his wife said or what God said. And when he chose to go the way of his wife, and when he did that, then he lost his original condition. And brought the whole world subject to death...*

What is he saying? So many men are under the headship of their wives. So many men are dictated to by their churches. The church would not come to church, if they don't preach to them some nice, little, sweet message; if they don't preach for forty minutes; if they don't have a Bunco game, or a soup supper, or some little something, as long as it doesn't rebuke sin, and as long as it makes everybody feel nice. See? Vote him in or vote him out or something of the other. "All of this is from Adam right down," he said. The responsibility.

Look at Ahab, with his Jezebel, she was ruling him. We have seen the goodness of God. We have experienced that goodness. The severity of God, friend, let's look and see, let's catch the Hour, let's catch the urgency.

The Prophet caught the urgency of his Message, and he saw the responsibility, he saw the attitude of the people in this Age, he saw the churches coming together, uniting together to crucify the Messianic Message, as Jesus saw Sadducee and Pharisee and everybody uniting with the government, to do what? Publicly crucify Him. Is that right?

Elijah saw those four hundred prophets of Jezebel united there, to come and bring a showdown against him. But thank God, he was united with God, and God came down and answered by fire.

You see, it is something a little deeper. That is where your victory lies. It is going to bring your victory. It is going to bring the joy that you seek. The joy that some people are drifting for and trying to hold on to in the world and afraid to let go and still trying to draw from that worldly breast and nurse from it, a few pleasures to keep the spirit a little happy, you are going to realize that you should just let go and get deeper in God, just pay a little greater price, just be a real man, just be a real woman, stand up, come under the Word.

And you watch and see, the very thing that you are looking for, in something temporal, lies right in the Word. It will be released unto you. You are going to find the strength to live. You would not have to struggle to get it. You are going to find that God is looking for obedience, God is looking for submission, God is looking for sincerity. And when God sees it in that heart, when God sees it in a person who is convinced...

The Prophet was so convinced, that he became concerned. He became concerned, he was desperate, because he knew the Message was urgent and he went

out there and sweated it out. He was perseverant. From the time he saw that he was getting a little cold, he saw that he was getting a little lukewarm, he said, "I have come back here for a new burst of faith."

How many would like a new burst of faith tonight? Come back for something real, friends. If you see that you are getting a little lukewarm, you shake yourself, you get back to the altar, and you get before God and you hold on and say, "Lord, don't let me get cold on You. Let me get hot. I don't want to be lukewarm! I don't want You spewing me out of Your mouth. I want to get something real. I want the Fire to keep burning in me. Keep it burning in me, Lord Jesus! Amen. Let me be on fire. Let me be ready to give every man a reason of the hope that is inside of me, by God's grace." Amen.

May God bless you and may God give you the desire of your heart. May the Holy Spirit move down in your heart in such a way tonight, and just give you something so real, friend. Amen. Maybe we can sing *Empty Me*. Empty Me. As we just worship Him in this song before we go, amen, meaning it from the depths of our hearts. Blessed be His wonderful Name. We thank Him for His grace and His love.

We have Bro. Jonah here with us tonight. You know, they have been living in Canada for some time, and whenever he comes back, he tries to be in service. We appreciate that very much. He is going to be here for about two weeks so we will get a chance to see more of him and we really want him to know that this is his home church. He can go where he wants, but this is his home church. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Hallelujah.

Oh, thank You, Jesus. As we sing the song tonight, I remember in the Book of Judges, when Gideon was going out and the Word of God came [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] "...get an empty pitcher, empty vessel, empty it out.

Take your lamp, your fire and hold it in that empty vessel. Then when you wait, no man shouts, no man makes a move, and when you get the signal,” he said, “break your pitcher and all that you are going to have remaining is light.”

This is that earthen vessel tonight. Let’s empty it out. In Him was Life and His Life was the Light of men. The only thing in that empty vessel was the Light, the Life of Him. And in that Hour of the ministry of the Sword of the Lord, the vessel was shattered. The only thing that was there was the Light. No flesh, or anything in the pitcher, just the Light. Oh my.

[#266 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Oh, Lord I’ve heard Your Word  
that has called me,  
And now I can’t turn away;  
I’m compelled by the Truth that I hear,  
Just to walk with You, my Lord,  
This is my prayer.

And I know that in myself I am not worthy, Lord,  
of the place that You’ve prepared for me;  
But I love You, and I really want to serve You,  
So each day of my life, I will live for You.

Let’s sing that song. And you who know it, help me, because I don’t really know it too well. So let us sing, Oh Lord, I’ve heard Your Word. You who know it, just start it.

*Oh, Lord, I heard Your Word that has called me*  
And now I can’t turn away;  
*And now I can’t turn away;*  
Oh, I’m compelled by the Truth...  
*I’m compelled by the Truth that I hear,*  
Just to walk with You, dear Lord,  
*Just to walk with You, dear Lord,*  
Oh, this is my prayer.

*This is my prayer.*

And I know...

*And I know that in myself that I am not...*

Do you know that tonight, "I am not worthy, Lord?"

Of the place You've prepared for me;

*Of the place that You've prepared for me;*

Oh, but I love You, and I really want to serve You.

*But I love You, and I really want to serve You.*

So each day of my life,

*So each day of my life I will live for You.*

Oh, let's lift our hands and sing, Empty me, dear Lord.

*Empty me, dear Lord*

Of all my self and pride;

*Of all my self and pride;*

Oh, empty me, dear Lord,

*Empty me, dear Lord,*

Remove secret sins inside;

*Remove secret sins inside;*

*Empty me,*

Oh, my loving God.

*Oh, my loving God,*

Until I am just like a little child,

*...like a little child,*

So Your will could be done in my life.

*...in my life.*

Oh, sometimes from within,

*Sometimes from within,*

Lord, how I groan and cry,

How I hunger and I thirst for Thee;

*How I hunger and I thirst for Thee;*

But I would not be satisfied,

*But I would not be satisfied,*

Until I be filled with You,

Empty me,

*Empty me,*  
So that I can be filled with You.  
*...can be filled with You.*

Oh, and everyone singing now, Empty me, dear Lord.

*Empty me, dear Lord,*  
Of all my self and pride;  
*Of all my self and pride;*  
Oh, empty me, dear Lord. Oh God, hear our cry  
tonight, Father.

Remove secret sins inside. Blot it out, Lord, with your  
precious Blood. Break it up. Loose us from it.

Oh, empty me, oh my loving God,  
Until I'm just like a little child,  
*So Your will could be done in my life.*

Empty me, dear Lord.

*Empty me, dear Lord*

Oh, mean it tonight as you sing it. Lay aside every  
weight and sin.

Of unbelief inside.

*Of unbelief inside.*

Oh, may He give us that sincerity.

Lord, let me never pretend,

*Lord, let me never pretend,*

Remove fears and doubts within, Lord.

*Remove fears and doubts within;*

Empty me.

*Empty me,*

Oh, my loving God, tonight.

*Oh, my loving God,*

Until I'm just like a little child.

*So Your will could be done in my life.*

Oh, let's sing, And I know that within myself I'm not  
worthy, Lord.

*And I know that in myself I am not worthy, Lord,  
Hallelujah. Oh, thank You, Jesus.*

Of the place that you've prepared for me.

Thank You, Lord. Amen. I feel His Holy Spirit here tonight. I know He is going to answer your prayers children, if you really believe it, if you express your faith tonight and be sincere about it.

But I love You...

Oh yes, my God and I really want to serve You.

*...want to serve You,*

So each day of my life, Lord.

*So each day of my life*

I will live for You.

*I will live for You.*

Oh just sing this song once more. Empty me, dear Lord. Take all the world out tonight, all the foolishness out, Lord, all the self, all the pride, amen, all the pretense, Lord.

*Of all my self and pride;*

Oh, empty me, dear Lord.

*...dear Lord.*

Oh, remove secret sins inside, Lord. Let me know that my thoughts speak louder in Heaven than my words on the earth.

Empty me, Oh, my loving Lord. You are the great emptier tonight. Hallelujah. Oh may we dig the valley full of ditches, Lord.

*So Your will could be done in my life.*

If you are compelled by the Truth that you've heard tonight, let's just sing, Oh Lord, I've heard Your Word that has called me, calling you to a consecration tonight.

*Oh Lord, I've heard Your Word...*

Calling you to walk closer to Him tonight, calling you to a more surrendered life.



And now I can't turn away.

*...I can't turn away;*

Oh, I'm compelled tonight. I felt that the Holy Spirit spoke expressly as the brother prayed. He prayed that the Holy Spirit would move all through the building, all through the benches. I believe God has answered that prayer tonight. Amen.

Just to walk with You, my Lord,

This is my prayer.

*Just to walk with You, dear Lord,*

*This is my prayer.*

Oh, empty me. Lay it aside now, children.

Oh, gracious God, as this song comes up to you tonight, our prayer, Father, Your children expressing it from the depths of their heart. Oh, precious Jesus, while we are in Your Presence now under the effects of the Message and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit that gave it, Lord, we desire to be more responsible, we desire to take a true stand. We don't want to take the easy route, Lord. We want to be a prisoner to this Word. We don't want to go down to Tarshish, but we want to go to Nineveh. We want to cry out, we want to fulfil our responsibility, dear God.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will drop that unction, that measure that is needed down in every heart, dear God, Lord, that they can come in, into the place that You've prepared for them. They can take that stand, dear God, and be a real representative of Jesus Christ in this Hour. Oh God, may You grant it tonight, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Oh Father, we believe it. You are a prayer answering God. Oh God, we believe, Lord. May everyone, dear God, as You said, "Receive what they have need of tonight." Thank You, Jesus.

Oh, why don't you just praise Him, why don't you just worship Him, why don't you just give Him glory and

honor, why don't you just talk to Him for a little while, before you leave.

Oh God, our God, we worship You tonight. We praise You, dear Jesus. You are the Great Potter and we are the clay, dear God. Hallelujah! Oh, make us vessels, Lord, fit, set aside for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work. Oh, give us the courage, Lord, give us the determination, give us the conviction that we can make a real commitment, oh God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Lord!

Make man into men, Lord. Make women into real women of God, Father, (hallelujah,) oh, after Your Image and Your Likeness, Lord. Blessed be Your Name tonight. Oh, thank You, Jesus.

Pour out strength into the hearts of Your people, Lord. Pour out courage. Oh God, may Your great Presence, this great Holy Spirit... Lord, You said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Lo, I am with you always and through Me, you can do all things, because I strengthen you." You Who are the Author, Perfecter and Finisher of our faith.

God, may You minister to Your children now, Lord, as they cry out to You, Lord, as they open up their hearts to receive. Let the dew drops fall upon their thirsty souls tonight. Oh God, give them the strength that they need for the journey, Lord. Hallelujah. Oh thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. May they mount up on wings of an Eagle. May they run and not be weary. May they walk and not faint, dear God. May they look unto Jesus. May they consider Him who endured such contradiction. May they not faint and become weary.

But, oh God, may they strive. Hallelujah! May they not faint, may they not despise the chastisement but may they be exercised by it, oh God. May they be in subjection to the Father of all spirits. Hallelujah, hallelujah! Oh, thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Saviour. Blessed be Your Name. Blessed be Your Name, Lord. We praise You, we praise You, we

praise You. We praise You, oh God. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Oh God, may the great Holy Spirit strengthen and give encouragement, tie them to the Absolute, Lord. As they sail through these treacherous waters, may the stabilizers be on them, oh God. Hallelujah. May they look to the North Star. May they have that compass, oh God, that will point to that North Star, that Holy Spirit, that will keep them centered to that Word, that they will come through every obstacle, they will come through every situation, they will come through every problem, they will not faint or fall on the wayside, but they will come right on and make the journey, oh God, and will endure unto the end.

Oh, thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Oh, we love You, we love You, we love You, Lord. We empty out tonight. May You pour out Your Holy Spirit. Fill us now, Lord. Holy Spirit, may You fill us, Lord. Come and fill us now. As we empty out, may You come down. May Your love be shed abroad. May Your sweet... oh send down the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! Send down the Holy Ghost.

Oh, let's sing that, Send down the Holy Ghost revival.  
[#653 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Send down the Holy Ghost revival,  
Revive us.*

*Oh, send the rain from Heaven,  
Flood our thirsty souls.*

*Oh, we need the Holy Ghost revival!*

*We need the Holy Ghost revival*

*Revive us, oh Lord,*

*Open up the heavens...*

Oh, sing it again. Let Him pour it out as you empty out tonight.

*...Holy Ghost revival,*

*Revive us.*

Oh, send the rain from Heaven,

*Send the rain from Heaven,*

*Flood our thirsty souls.*

Oh yes! We need the Holy Ghost...

*We need the Holy Ghost revival,*

*Revive us, oh Lord,*

*Open up the heavens,*

Open up the heavens, Lord,

*Open up the heavens,*

*Open up the heavens, take control.*

Oh, sing it everyone, again. Send down the Holy Ghost. And you pray, and as you sing it, amen, let the Holy Ghost, let that God, that snow-white Dove (hallelujah!) that Jonah, let Him just move down into your heart tonight. Let Him come across to where you are praying, where you are praising, where you are crying out to Him, where you are emptying tonight. Let the Holy Spirit drop down and give you such an anointing and bring a refreshing into your heart tonight. Amen. I believe He will do it for you tonight. Oh, just get your attitude right, get your heart right. Hallelujah!

*Open up the heavens, take control.*

Oh, sing it, Send down the Holy Ghost.

*Send down the Holy Ghost revival,*

*Revive us.*

Hallelujah! Oh, send the rain, that former and latter rain, Lord, oh upon my thirsty soul tonight. Oh, I'm hungry and thirsting for more of Him. That's what we need tonight. We don't need a new pair of shoes; we need the Holy Ghost revival. We don't need another message. We need the Holy Ghost to quicken the Word that we have already heard. Oh, open up. Let Him come in tonight. Let Him take control tonight.

*...take control.*

Oh, let the sisters, you who are hungering and thirsting, sing it tonight. Let Him send it down. Oh, all through the building just worship Him, all in the mothers room, around, everyone in prayer, in worship. Amen. Hallelujah! God is here among you tonight. The Holy Spirit, the One who called you, who fed you and clothed you, who has been with you down through life's journey, that's the One who is here tonight to strengthen you, to lift you up a little higher, to anchor you a little deeper tonight. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Oh God.

Open up the heavens, Lord,  
Open up the heavens, Lord,  
Oh, take control.

Oh, let's sing it with real faith now. Oh my. Everyone, stand to your feet and sing it. Send down the Holy Ghost.

Send down the Holy Ghost revival.

Oh, revive us.

Oh, send the rain, hallelujah, upon my thirsty soul.

Oh I, I need the Holy Ghost.

Oh, revive me, oh Lord.

Open up the heavens tonight.

Oh God, take me under Your control.

Oh, let us sing it, sing it, sing it. Don't get tired of singing it. It is a prayer, it is our prayer unto Him tonight. Hallelujah. As He comes down, it's coming down, it's coming down. Just enter right in for it. If you are tired and you want to go, you can go. But if you want to stay, enter in tonight. Oh, be in dead earnest [be very sincere -Ed.] in your heart.

*...Holy Ghost revival,*

*Revive me, oh Lord*

*Open up the heavens, take control.*

Oh, once more, will you sing it again with me. I can't stop singing it tonight. Oh Holy Ghost, to You we lift our song tonight.

*...revive us*

Oh send the rain, Lord.

*Send the rain from Heaven,*

*Flood our thirsty souls.*

*We need the Holy Ghost revival,*

Oh revive us.

*Open up the heavens, take control.*

Oh as we sing it again once more, I want to invite Bro. Samuel Johnson to come and pray.

*...revival...*

Oh God. Oh Jesus! Send the rain, Lord, oh God, upon our thirsty souls. That's what we need tonight, Lord. We don't just want it, we need it.

Oh God, open up the Heavens. Open up our hearts to receive it.

Oh, while the musicians would just play that softly, and we, all in one mind, oh, our hearts opened to Him, united together in prayer, looking unto Him Who promised to fill us to overflowing. Thank You, Jesus.

[Bro. Samuel Johnson prays. -Ed.]



