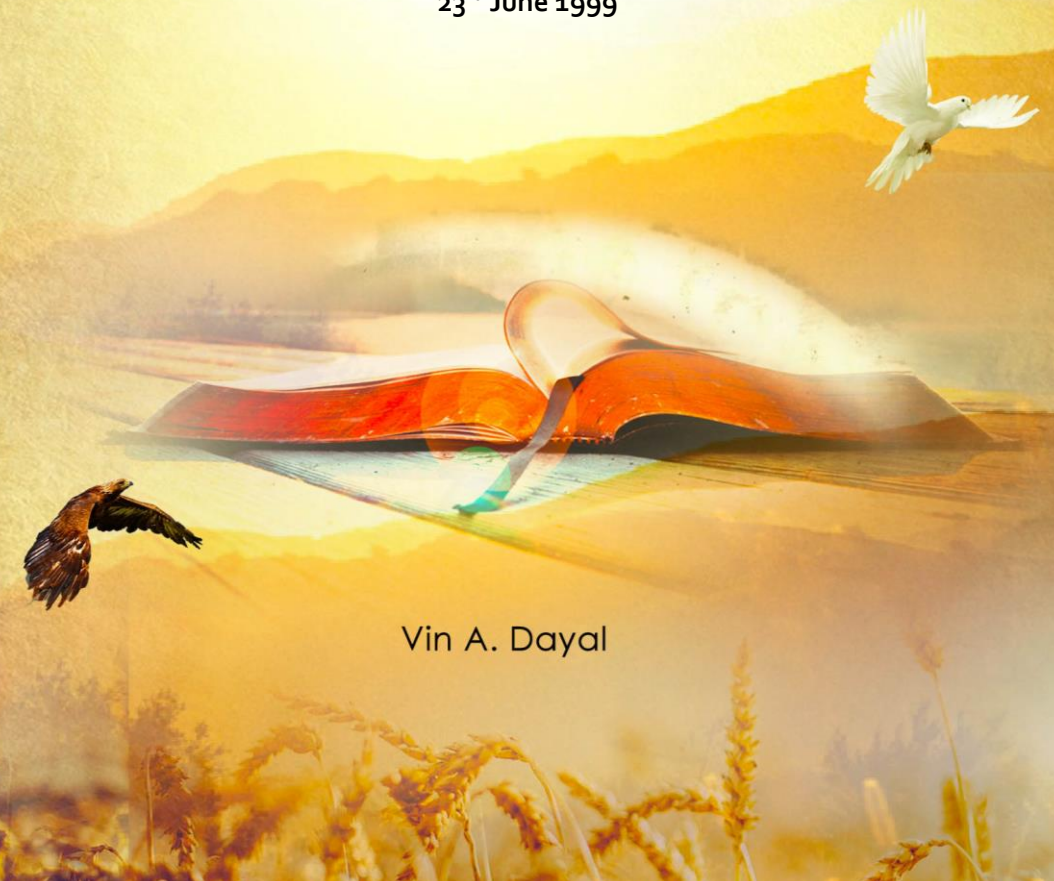


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*...is where I want to be*

*A longing for a deeper fellowship  
with You and me*

Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Let's just bow our heads and look to Him tonight. Yes Lord, that's the desires of our hearts. We see the evening shadows already fall and the darkness is spread across the face of the land. The death angel, oh God, is moving. The last plague is taking out the uncircumcised. Lord, Your Holy Spirit is here moving Your Elect into Goshen, securing us under the Blood, putting the Token on display; the homes can be covered. They can be protected, dear God – the people being made ready by a Message You've sent by a vindicated Prophet; every ear attentive to the sounding of that Trumpet; Lord, for we know one of these days that last Trump will sound Father, and it will be all over then.

Dear God, in this time of desperation, this time of great emergency, how we desire to capitalize upon every opportunity that is given unto us. Lord, we could truly be under the effects and the influence of this great Message of preparation that was designed to show us how to prepare for great Translation Faith; to know dear God as we feed upon this Word, It is such a sustaining Power, such a Nourishment that has been ministered through It to build us up into this Holy Faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ; to fortify us, to secure us, to make

us stand strong in this hour; Lord, that we might truly be overcomers; we might truly be true representatives of Yours. Dear God, You could be pleased, You could be satisfied that a true witness has been given; that the evidence and the identification of Your restored Church has been on display; that Lord, it has not been some halfway witness, but Lord, that You will truly show that You have achieved Your purpose, Father.

We know that this is what You desire, as the Light shines and makes it plainer for us, that our hearts have been influenced to surrender everything to You, knowing, dear God, that by this witness, Your Name will be truly glorified and be admired in all them that believe.

Even though we hunger and thirst for that great thing Father, even like John we cry out in our hearts, "Even so, come Lord, Jesus." But yet, dear God, we think Father, that You must be satisfied and we desire that You would be satisfied to know that You could say, "This is My beloved son. This is My beloved daughter in whom I am pleased to dwell"; that You Lord, could put a people on display and say, here is a man and a woman in Your very Own image and likeness.

Help us tonight, even as we draw near in Your Presence with opened hearts, coming Lord, in obedience, in submission; coming Lord with a yielding heart and a yielding spirit, saying, "Speak Lord, Thy servant heareth. Speak to us, shine Your Word, Lord, deep down into our hearts, into our lives. Show us a more excellent way. Deal with us in such a way that we wouldn't have to struggle. Lord, we would know how to strive lawfully. We will know how to work with the Word." This is what we desire, Father.

We remember You said, "Ask anything in Your Name," and surely Lord, as we have come to be awakened to recognize the things that are necessary, the things, Lord, that we should concentrate on and put

our emphasis, for You said, “If we seek first the Kingdom of God and Its righteousness, all other things shall be added.” We want to be mature enough to trust You and believe that; that we would not be worried and be anxious for what we are going to eat, and what we are going to wear, and all these things. We know that You will take care of these things, Father. But Lord, that we can be taken up with Your great Work, with Your great Name, with the very desires of Your heart, with the real purpose that You have called us for in this Hour, that these things Lord might be predominant to us. Grant it we pray as we look to You, tonight.

Bless each and every one in Your Presence. We are so thankful for the nearness of Your Holy Spirit in these last days, the way that You have been dealing with us in the Assembly, and the things that You have been showing us. And Lord, we just know in our hearts Father, this is Your great love towards us; making us ready for Your great Coming.

Take full control tonight. Lead and direct us in all that is to be said and done. May it bring glory to Your Name and assistance to Your people, we pray and we ask it in Jesus’ precious Name. Amen.

God richly bless you tonight. I would like to read a portion of Scripture out of the Book of Peter. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Chapter 3.

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Chapter 3, verse 1. Let’s pause a little bit. We have some people coming in at this time.

*<sup>1</sup> In the same manner, [or Likewise] ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands;*

He was speaking about servants in verse 13, submitting yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake; that was in Chapter 2:13. Then in verse 18 of Chapter 2, he was speaking about “*Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only good and*

*gentle, but also to the perverse.*" And then He is saying here, *"In like manner,"* He is contrasting.

*...ye wives, be in subjection*

So, he is really speaking on subjection all the way through here.

*...to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won*

If they obey not the Word then they could still be won without the Word. You see, many times people try to use the Word in the sense of... to win a soul, to win an unsaved husband (this is the case of the context that it is being spoken of here). People just like to preach and witness and testify and talk, but Peter is showing you here that... concentrate sometimes on living it, and you are going to find out to live it is better than to talk it. It is far more powerful than talking it.

So he says,

*...wives be in subjection... [now, watch the word there, 'subjection'] to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, [that is, husbands that don't obey the Word]*

In other words, don't give up on them. Don't think well, "Man, you are a Serpent seed. I got the wrong husband. I will get the right one in the Millennium." And, you know, they just give up on them because they find that every time they explain the Message, they explain what a husband should do, they explain how late the Hour is, they explain, you know, what will please God, he is just saying, instead of doing all that (you trying to win them with the Word and you can't win them with the Word), he says, well, just put that aside (the talking part) and get into the living part.

*...they also may without the word be won by the behavior of the wives;*



The Old English word ‘conversation’ is really ‘behavior’ because he was already telling you what speaking does. So, he is talking about behavior here. In other words, in deed and truth, not in word only.

*<sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conduct coupled with fear.*

And that ‘fear’ is reverence. So, while they behold, not while they hear, like conversation, while they behold, let them see now because you are trying to work through the ear gate, but let them see something through the eye gate. Put something on display that they can behold it.

And watch this, it is very subtle how the Holy Spirit just lays this in here. He is talking about behavior. He is trying to emphasize the behavior to win an unsaved husband where you have failed or not got the results you desire to get by speaking. So, he says now,

*<sup>2</sup> While they behold...*

And he changes from behavior to adorning. In other words, work with behavior. Don’t work too much with adorning. See, because a woman’s makeup, she likes to work with adorning, see, for her husband. But he says now, instead of you working with that, work with behavior.

*<sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste [conduct] coupled with fear.*

*<sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*

*<sup>4</sup> But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, [did you catch that?] even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,*

Don’t adorn with outward adorning, don’t adorn with a corruptible adornment, but put on another kind of adorning. He is going into two kinds of adorning here; an outward adorning, and an inward adorning and he

says this one is incorruptible. Work with the incorruptible one. In other words, every time you wear, every time you put on the inward adorning, it gets more glorious, it doesn't diminish. Every time you wear the outward adorning, it is going to wear out after a while because it is temporal, it is perishable. So, in other words, he is saying, evaluate the substance and the quality of what you want to work with and see if that has any power in it to bring you the results you desire to get.

Remember the objective here is to win your husband. Remember the Church wants Christ's attention. Remember the husband and the wife is a type of Christ and the Church. Look what he is going to end up with here.

*... even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

*<sup>5</sup> For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God,*

And let me tell you, you cannot have a holy woman who didn't trust in God. It doesn't have anything like a woman who is holy but she didn't trust in God. Do you get what I am saying?

*...the holy women also, who trusted in God,*

In other words, God is your Power to save your husband. But you have to work in a certain channel that God and you can be coworkers. And if you are trying to work with apparel and outward beauty, God can't work through that too effectively. But God can work better if you adorn the inward person. You have God's support, you have God's backing. So, he is giving them an example now. He is taking them back now in the Scripture.

*<sup>5</sup> For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God,*

*adorned themselves, being in subjection  
unto their own husbands:*

*<sup>6</sup> Even as Sara obeyed Abraham.*

And he goes back to the standard. He didn't pick Rebecca, He didn't pick somebody down in the middle somewhere, He goes back to the standard, Sarah. That is the unconditional covenant. Eve failed, remember that, Eve fell, but he is giving you the standard here as Sarah, who is the mother of us all; Heavenly Jerusalem. He is giving the standard.

*...obeyed Abraham, calling him lord:*

He is talking about subjection. He is talking about working with subjection. Your chaste conduct coupled with fear. He is talking about the inner person being adorned, knowing how to beautify the inward person that God can work through it.

*<sup>6</sup> Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling  
him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long  
as ye do well, and are not afraid with any  
terror [or amazement].*

Many times, women are afraid to be subjected. He is saying, look at Sarah how she worked and had God to stand with her. She wasn't afraid. She had no terror to call Abraham, Lord.

Women, many times they are afraid to be in submission to their husbands. He said, but look at the holy women, they trusted in God. What was the evidence that they were trusting in God? They could submit to their husband. They had no terror or fear that they are going to be dominated, exploited or manipulated by their husband.

He is saying, Sarah recognized the role and the office that God gave to Abraham and she realized that that is his God-given position and by working with that, she is actually working with God. And by working with God, God becomes obligated to her. It's what he is saying.

*<sup>6</sup> Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid*

As long as you trust in God like the holy women and are not afraid; as long as you believe and have confidence rather than have fear.

*<sup>7</sup> In like manner, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife,*

You see, he is already beginning to unfold that knowledge. He says, dwell with them according to knowledge, and then he starts to unfold that knowledge: give honor to them. A man has knowledge and can't honor his wife? Something is wrong. He doesn't understand what a wife is. If a woman has a revelation to call her husband Lord, knowing that it is his God-given position, how much more a man knowing that the best thing after salvation God gave him is a wife; to honor what God has given him.

*...giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel,*

And this is part of his knowledge too. He knows she needs his security. He knows she needs his encouragement daily. See? He knows that the way for her submission is not to say, "God made me your head!" No, no, no. As Christ laid down His Life for the Church, as Christ laid down His Life for the Church. See. He is ready to do that and she knows that, and she sees it.

*... as unto the weaker vessel, [and get this part, this is the part that we want to get] and as being heirs together of the grace of life;*

Heirs together, like joint heirs. Heirs together of the grace of life. God gave her Eternal Life and God gives you Eternal Life. God gave her the Holy Ghost, God gives you the Holy Ghost. You are not superior to her in anything. In Christ there is neither male nor female.

When it comes to your position, God gives you that position because it is to reflect the Mystery of Christ in the Church. Do you get what I am saying? Because for her to be submissive to you, it takes the Holy Ghost in her to reveal to her her place. For you to love her the right way, it takes the Holy Ghost in you to reveal how to treat her like Christ treats the Church to reflect Christ to her. Amen? Because you all together are heirs.

*... together of the grace of life that your prayers be not hindered.*

So, He started off with the wife saving the husband, then He talked about husbands knowing how to deal with their wives, and then He ended up with 'together'; 'heirs together'. Watch how He is unfolding His thoughts.

*... that your prayers be not hindered.*

Unanswered prayers – Why do we pray and pray and pray and pray and pray, and He doesn't answer, and when He doesn't answer home, we try to come to church and send prayer requests, prayer requests, prayer requests, prayer requests, prayer requests, hoping He answers in church? You are trying to beat God's system. You are trying to find a shortcut and a loophole in God's system. It doesn't have it because the husband and the wife, if they are not in harmony, then it can't work. The prayers are going to be hindered.

If the Church is not in harmony with Christ She could pray, She could bawl, She could scream, She could roll, She could fast – sounding brass. She's not getting anything. She has to come in harmony with the Word to get answered prayer, otherwise, the sick goes back home sick, see, the captive goes back home captive. It is going to take the Church in harmony with God. The same harmony that existed with the Father and the Son must now exist with the Bridegroom and the Bride, and that same harmony must be there, also.

So, the wife must understand, the husband must understand, and then together, heirs of Life, and all these promises, these inheritance in Life that we have. Amen? May the Lord bless the reading of the Word. You may have your seats.

Quite a powerful Scripture and we've been—now, you know, moving on a little bit tonight from where we were for the last five services and this actually is our 12<sup>th</sup>. And we had those six there on marriage and divorce when we started and then we had the break. We went to New Zealand and we had a long break, then we came back and we picked up one of the other messages on *Hereditary Sins And Weaknesses In The Family* and so on. [1997-0829 Hereditary Sins And Sickesses -Ed.] And that is just like strengths also.

Remember, because of the nature of the service, and these things have been spoken already on different levels, that we don't want to repeat ourselves but we try to emphasize it more to the family, knowing that you are believers. You have been walking in the Light of the Message for quite some time, most of us, and we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and His ways, and we are understanding how He deals with us. And as we discover these things and apply them, then what happens? It brings us into a closer walk, into more harmony. And when we come into more harmony, we feel more security. We no longer fear and worry over the things that we fear and worry over. We are no longer thrown into despair when other crisis arises.

The Bible says persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed, perplexed but not in despair. Always bearing about in our body, the dying of the Lord Jesus. [2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:8-10 -Ed] Long ago, when a trial comes, you think God is punishing you. You start to wonder what is happening. You go through a lot of doubts and wonderings and condemnations. Now, you walk a little

bit, you become a little better schooled in the Word, you sit and you look at something because you already know your heart is surrendered to God. You already know that you are convinced not just of God but of your salvation and of your election, of your Calling, and of your Predestination. You are convinced of these things. But you know that you are still subjected to mistakes as long as you are in the flesh.

So, you are not worrying whether you are going to backslide and not serve God again and end up finding out that you were a Serpent seed and you thought you were a believer. We are broken out of that as believers. We, who have the Holy Ghost, we who have been growing in the Word, we who have been trying to raise our families now, our focus, our battles are different.

Some of our great things that concern us are not any more our personal self in the sense that I wonder if I will make it. No, no. "I want to raise my children right. I want to hold my house together. I want to display the right example. I want to understand God's will clearly, so I don't get ahead of the Spirit. I want to know how to follow His leadership. I want to have discernment to see the different things that God may have in our family."

Family life, it is a calling; if there is an experience with what is happening. You are on another level with God now. It is not like you are trying to be saved or wonder if the Message— "I wonder if the Message is right. I wonder if I'm really in the right church. I wonder if this is the right thing here."

Now, there might be people in that state but we are not dealing with people in that state tonight. We are dealing with people who... they are convinced, they know the Age, they know it is the end, they know they have been called, they know the days when they were trying to walk; walking and falling down. They know the day when they were just trying to hold on and believe

when they didn't have a revelation, but now they have peace.

You don't walk with God and then don't have peace. Therefore, being justified by faith you have peace. [Romans 5:1 –Ed.] When God brings—He says there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but walk after the Spirit. [Romans 8:1 –Ed.]

You have to know if you are walking after the lust of the flesh to fulfill the lust of flesh, or if you are walking after the Spirit. You have to know if you are in Christ or if you are outside of Christ. You have to know what is available to you. So now, you come to the place you want to understand how much money you have in the bank and when you are writing the cheque, how to write the cheque carefully, that you don't send back the cheque and the thing can't cash. Because you understand that you are a son of God, you could write the cheque when you have money in the bank. You are not just talking about the fundamentals of Christ, you know now how to work with the Word and see it bring the results that the Word promised. That's the believer. And that's why your life is opening up the way for your family now.

The children, you don't have to school them and school them and school them and school them and give them theology lessons. No, no, no. You are the written epistle that is read there. You don't have to explain to them what God says about love and Jesus. You love your children, and they understand what it is. You provide for them, you make them feel secured. So when you tell them about security, they are not trying to imagine what you are talking about, they already have that there, because why? You are as a son of God, become a reflector of God. Because you cannot be a son of God and not be a reflector of God. Because a son of God is a little one like the big One. That is what a son



is. He brings forth the New Birth is He brings forth Himself. He brings forth after His kind.

So you are growing in that revelation of how to please Him, how to walk so then the children know what it is. They are seeing it even though they can't live it maybe with the old nature, but they are seeing something that tells them there is an overcoming life. And then, when they desire that overcoming life and to come into that kind of life, then, the steps are unfolding out of your life to make the way clear for them how to come into that Life that you possess. But if they are not sure that you are a Christian, they are not sure if the Bible is really right because you are professing it and they know that you are professing it for years...

Could you imagine you have children growing up and they reach eighteen and nineteen and twenty and they are not sure if their father and mother are Christians, and they are serving God, and those children got dedicated in the Message? That means those children grew up for eighteen years and haven't seen daddy overcome yet. They don't know what an overcoming daddy is. They don't know what an overcoming mammy is. And remember, when they reach twenty years they are already in life, molded and shaped in a certain concept, you know.

Science tells you, in those first seven years, that child, what it is going to be, that character is already influenced in those first seven years. So that is why you want to make sure of the way you walk. And it becomes clearer all the time, especially when you are walking in the consciousness of what your life must be according to the Word.

In other words, you can't live a life or display a life if you are not, in your mind, you can see the boundaries of that life, you can see the character and the nature of that life. You have to see it first. So you are going to know if I'm an extremist, I think that I'm more radical,

or I think I'm more starchy. So I might be showing them some kind of radical Christianity or some kind of formal kind Christianity.

But when you have it clear in your mind who Jesus is, what He is like, what His life is like when displayed, how a Christian life is lived, what kind of fruit it bears, that is what holds you in balance and that is what causes you to reflect to them the right example; that if something is over balanced, you could say, "That is not it. It is too much... It is southeast; we are talking about the east." You say, "This is northwest; we are talking about west, not northwest. That is missing the mark." You want directly east. See?

Sometimes, you know, people project Christianity as a super-duper type of thing. Well, the children can't see Christ in that. See, because you have God too distant. The reason God came in flesh, He wanted to come down closer to man so that He would not be a Mystery, so man could understand Him. So, when you become a Christian, you get so elevated and you get so super-duper, the children can't understand this Christianity; you carry God back up when you got to have God down here, close to them, so they could understand it.

The same way Jesus was in the world, the Word made flesh and was in the world, the Word made flesh is in your house. Your house becomes that world in a miniature form today, and Christ in you becomes the Saviour all over again, becomes the Teacher all over again, becomes the Redeemer all over again; because you are in a home with five children that are born there that need salvation, that need redemption, and you become their Jesus. And the Mystery of you and the wife becomes the revelation of the harmony of Him and His Church and these things. Is that clear? Amen.

But to live it, we must be conscious. You see, Jesus knew what righteousness was. He knew what the righteousness of the Scribes and the Pharisees was. He

knew what true righteousness was. He knew what pleased the Father, and He knew what was a misinterpretation of what pleased the Father. That is why when they said, “He, eating and drinking with sinners?” When they couldn’t love their neighbors, he told them the parable of the good Samaritan. When they were making an outcast and couldn’t relate to those who were sinners and publicans, He told them the parable of the prodigal son.

What was He doing? He was unfolding the heart and life of God. He was showing them where their religious concept, though they were religious and trying to please God, they were motivated by a wrong spirit, and they were showing an indifference and a wrong attitude to people that if they were really the true Church, they were put there to redeem those people. And instead of doing that they were condemning those people because their revelation was wrong.

Then, He came, and then, He was living out the very God that they claimed to serve. He was that God living out that Mystery and they were condemning God coming to save the people. Yet, they had a lamb dying not knowing that lamb was dying for the very thing. So, we realize then, that even in our very own—if He faced that in the world, if He faced that in that Age, then many times you realize that it is so important that we have the right reflection. Otherwise, with the wrong revelation, we can condemn those children. We can destroy the confidence in the only hope that they have. We can shut up the very door that God designed and intended for them to come in, which is through you because you become the door. You become the Way, you become the Truth, you become the Life. You could either be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, or you could be something else opposite to that. See? And that is where you get your own test. God tests you right there.

Jesus says your enemies are where? In your own household.

“Where did you get those wounds?”

“In the house of my friends.”

Sometimes your own children reject you. Sometimes your own children rebel against you. Well, it is His own children that said, “Away with Him. Crucify him!” And He could have turned around and say, “I speak you out of existence, you bunch of devils!” No, no. They asked for His Blood and He gave them His Blood. He was determined to deliver them at all cost. And He even prayed “Father forgive them, they don’t know what they say.”

He could look beyond their ignorance and see how darkened and alienated they were from the Life of God because in His Life had a tolerance. It had a temperance that He didn’t fly loose and react because He had the Truth. Because His motive wasn’t just to show what is right and what is wrong, His motive was to save.

You see, many times we put our trust in what is right and wrong. We know what is right, so we have the right thing to work with to save. But our heart is what should be desiring to save and because our heart is desiring to save, God gives us the tools that can save, that can enlighten about the salvation. That is why he said, I would rather have my heart right and my doctrine wrong, than to have my doctrine right and my heart wrong.

You see, when your heart is right and you get the Word, you can use the Word right. But when your heart is wrong and you have the Word, the Word is like It’s powerless to you, because you can’t even see the very Word that you have is right. And that is why we have thousands of churches with the Message and they are in defeat.

They have something that has power to create squirrels, change their body, put them in the Rapture,

and they are in more confusion than anything else. Something is wrong. If their heart was right, they would have seen it right. They couldn't go into false doctrine with it. Because, when they wake up, the Message doesn't change, you know, it is the heart changing to see what they couldn't see all the time that was right in front of them. It is not the Message changed and that just jumped in the Message or that there is a new Message came out, it was there all the time.

Since 1963, the fullness of the Message is here. That didn't change one bit. Not one word was added to that, you know. It is we changing from a sinner. It is we changing all the way. And the more we change and the closer we get is the more we see in the Word. But what we are seeing now was always there just like when Luther read the Bible and all he could see is, *the Just shall live by faith*. Yet, he had a turned back collar and he was smoking a pipe, yet he was drinking a beer. Do you see what I mean?

But now the church grew out of that till we had a Prophet that stood there and the same God who told Luther, told him don't drink or smoke or defile yourself in any way. Do you see what I am talking about? Yet, Luther smoked and drank, because the church advanced from that.

That is like a man with a horse and buggy. Yet, he pulled out the iron ore from the earth and made a wheel and hitched it up to a cart and let a horse pull it. And he had a great revelation of transportation. Yet, while he was pulling out the iron ore just to make the circle for the wheel, all the material to make a rocket was inside the same earth. But he can't see so far yet. He had to grow into that.

When they built the aeroplane and when they built the rocket, they didn't import the material from Mars. It was right in the same earth that they got it. It was there

when they didn't have the wheel yet and only had the horse, the material was still there.

That is why the Sadducees and Pharisees reading the Bible, all they could have seen was, "You have to wash your hands before you eat. Look, the man breaking the corn on the Sabbath day." That was all that they could have seen, and here was a Man that stood up and said, "Peace, be still." He spoke to a storm and they were amazed. Here was a Man that called the dead out of the grave and they were amazed, but He was getting that right in the Word. It was in the same Word, the same Bible they were reading. See?

So, the thing is, as we are changed, we are beginning to behold more, and as we behold more, we can work with more. But our hearts to begin with, is what must be right. He is turning the heart back to the faith of the fathers. He had already sent the Message, but it is the heart He is turning back and that's a great thing. I am speaking about **"TRUE FAITH PRODUCES TRUE SUBMISSION"** because Peter here was speaking about submission. And in speaking about submission, he starts off in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:13,

*<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;*

*<sup>14</sup> Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*

Then he goes on to verse 18 of Chapter 2,

*<sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; [places of employment and so on] not only to the good and gentle, but also to the perverse.*

Are you getting that? Catch that. Not only to the good and the gentle but also to the perverse. Now, I don't want to—these services, I think that I am... because

maybe, I don't have much experience in these kinds of services, I, many times, kind of come down strongly on certain things. I sometimes want to just say it softly that even though I say it softly, the power of what lies in the Word will strike you the same way. But sometimes I get myself saying it in the sense like I'm making it maybe too empathic, I don't know, but get my intention. The thing that I want you to catch here is verse 18, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2,

*18 Servants, be subject to your masters  
with all fear; not only to the good and gentle,  
but also to the perverse.*

Then he comes over in Chapter 3 verse 1 saying,

*1 In like manner,*

What's "in like manner"? 'In like manner' means a contrast. He is contrasting with something else. Well, the subject is what? *Be in subjection*. He is showing you subjection to the ordinances generally, showing you subjection to where you work, and says, even though your boss is good or bad, the thing is, you are employed to serve and your job has been described to you, and you are being paid for giving a certain amount of work for a certain amount of time. You have a job description. You know what your job entails, you know the boundaries of your job.

Well, you see, many times people only want to quote Chapter 3 verse 1: "Wives be subject to your husbands." He is saying firstly... Firstly, what he is laying down is subjection out here before he brings it home. He is going to bring the subjection home, but He starts in the world; generally to the ordinance and to the society you live in, then he is bringing it to your workplace, then he is bringing it to your home. And to contrast it and bring out the thought so the church could be inspired to understand the areas of responsibility, and how they can get certain results.

People have unsaved husbands and people have unsaved wives. People have... When we say 'unsaved' here, we don't just think alone of salvation, coming to Christ; the word there can mean deliverance too. When we say salvation, this one saved this one, it doesn't just speak of saved on the Cross, and saved before the foundation of the world; it speaks of saved, meaning delivered from.

So, many times you have a Christian husband but he is bound. You have a wife bound with certain things. Like we went through hereditary sins, weaknesses, people are bound with conditions. The home is bound up by certain things. So, you are looking for deliverance from it. He is showing us how to work with God. In the end he tells us that our prayers be not hindered. He is telling us that our prayers can be hindered.

He is saying that you are praying and praying and praying but how often do you check the results of your prayer and see if you have answered prayer or hindered prayer. See if it is unanswered prayer or answered prayer.

He is saying, maybe you pray incorrectly because you have knowledge like the woman. She was saying, "Thou Son of David, Thou Son of David, Thou Son of David." She wasn't getting anything. Hollering but not getting anything. Then she said, "Lord." She said the right thing. Well, sometimes we are careful to try to say the right thing because we know you can miss it by not saying the right things. And that is why you get people so articulate sometimes in their prayer, so specific. They want to show God that they dot all the i's and cross all the t's. They do everything – put all the punctuation marks so they make sure that they have no problem with this thing. But then sometimes it is not just all of that. You do all of that and he says, "Now what is the condition between you and your wife?"



In other words, He is trying to tell you when you are married, there are certain things that you don't play independent with. When you are married, you fall into a covenant with God, because you can't marry and be a Christian, and don't really marry according to the Word. Do you get me? Even when you marry as an unbeliever, not knowing the Word, and you become a Christian and you wish that you could have been married differently, the Word will show you that you are still married, and if you try to break that, it is adultery. Is that right?

So, you can't say, "Well, I can't love my wife, or I can't serve my husband, man, because I did that in the world before I became a real Christian, before I know the Message." No, no. That doesn't change your responsibility.

Brother, you learn now, you might get more Truth and come into a position with greater strength from greater Truth to help bear what you can't bear. But as far as bearing it, God is expecting you to bear it. Because the same Word comes and tells you that the unbelieving wife or the unbelieving husband is sanctified. Is that right? So, even though you can't see them sanctified, you have to believe that if you are really saved, they are sanctified. And when you can't see them sanctified, you are not sure you are saved. You are not standing in a place of salvation because the evidence of standing in a place of salvation is that they are sanctified. How could you shift from that? Do you see what I am saying?

You see, responsibility, as I was saying just now, doctrine is a ruler. The thing about doctrine, the man with the measuring line measuring Jerusalem, that is a ruler. If the Brass Altar had to be so many cubits high and so many cubits wide, overlaid with gold and so on, it can't be overlaid with brass and it can't be shorter or longer; it has to be that because that has a heavenly pattern.

So, if in your tabernacle [your body -Ed.] you have the wrong table of Shewbread... You have a table inside of you and it's a round table and it has salt biscuits on the table. You have two flambeaus [lit wicks in bottles of pitch oil. -Ed.] in your tabernacle for a candlestick, no olive oil, you have pitch oil [kerosene -Ed.] and trying to burn that. Do you get what I am saying? You are not reflecting anything in Heaven, you know.

How many know this is the tabernacle? [your body -Ed.] How many know the tabernacle represented us? How many know that inside the tabernacle, if we are really in harmony with God and if God is ready to live in this tabernacle, it has to have certain types of furniture, certain things, otherwise, God can't live in it? Before God comes to live in it, God says build that so, build that, put this here, put that there, put that there; I'll come to live in it. Is that right? So those things are measured. Those things are measured.

And that's why I am saying, the Christian is walking with the concept. In other words, you can't live a Christian life by guess. The Word is what? A Lamp unto your feet and a Light unto your pathway. The Word shows you, "No, no, no, you are putting your foot in the wrong thing. Put your foot here. Put your foot here. Keep your eyes on this. Keep your eyes on that. When you are going too much to the right, this happens. When you are going too much to the left, this happens." The Word keeps you walking in harmony with the Word. That is why we have to start off with the right concept, then we could say the right things. You have the wrong concept, you could never say the right things. A word is a thought expressed. So, if you get sowed down with the wrong thought, you will always talk the wrong thing. Do you understand what I am saying? And then, that word is what will be translated into action. It has to be expressed into a life.

That is why when you get a Baptist—you look at a Baptist or a Methodist, or a Pentecostal or Jehovah Witness or Seventh Day Adventist, right away, because they took in a wrong concept, they are talking the wrong things and they are living the wrong things. And you know that is not the Life of the Bible. And the reason that they can't end up living a Christian life is because they have it wrong to begin with. Think of it. I mean it is really something.

And if you watch how the apostles taught those things, they taught it because it wasn't intended just to be a teaching; it was designed to bring power into their life. They knew the Word that they were speaking, it was God Who was above us, Who spoke Genesis, and spoke the world into existence, it was that same God Who came with them and walked with them and said, "When you see Me, you see the Father"; and spoke to the storm and spoke to these things to show you it was the same God multiplying the bread and fish. And they knew it was that same God that came back in them, now speaking through them.

And because what that Word did when it came out of God's Mouth, He said, let there be, then what happened? He began to say **THUS SAITH THE LORD** (is that right?) through a prophet. But it was still God speaking and that Word must come to pass. And the Church was what? It was to be the habitation of God.

The Church was to be the dwelling place of God; that God was going to come and veil behind skin in a many-membered Body and still keep on speaking. And that's why it had a powerful Church.

They didn't just preach powerfully, they lived powerfully, they loved powerfully, they bore powerfully, they are humbled powerfully. Everything they had was powerful. They gave powerfully. Brother, they sacrificed powerfully because it was a life lived by the Holy Ghost. They forgave powerfully, they were committed

powerfully. And that is why everything they did was written. Whether it was giving, whether it was humble, whether it was testifying, whether it was working signs and wonders, whether it was just breaking bread, whether it was just encouragement, it was all written. It wasn't just signs, signs, signs, it was written actions, manifestations, fruit. Whether it was in the home or in the church, in the Assembly; whether it was out in the field somewhere, it was all recorded in different places to show that it was God.

And that is why Peter is showing here, the subjection. He said even though your master is perverse. In other words, your subjection is not related to the condition of the person. Your subjection is related to your position in relation to the person's position. Are you getting that?

A woman would say, "Me, I don't listen to my husband." You are under the man's roof, sleeping in the man's bedroom, eating the man's food that the man is working and bringing, and you don't have to listen to him? No, no, no. The Word doesn't teach you that. That is why Peter—Peter is saying be subjected to them. In other words, he is trying to tell them your conversion does not exempt you from submission to an unsaved husband. That is what he is saying. You can't win them if you are not in a position of subjection. Winning them from the standpoint of subjection, you can't win them. You can't see them delivered if you don't stand there.

If you let the devil blind you, "They are wicked. They are bad. They are this, they are that," you are working from a humanistic standpoint with human ability. God is out of the picture. When you are praying, you are reciting prayers; you are not really praying according to the Word because you have to be in the right position in the Word to pray according to the Word to get the promises and the benefits that the prayer is supposed to bring to you.

Now, that is tough but that isn't really tough at all. Tough is your human life. Because, if that is tough, then a man on a job and the boss drinks and smokes and cusses, and you say, "I am not doing any work here." You would get fired. And if in his mind he is overpowered saying he is feeling bad and condemned, "The man cussing me," you are working—you are seeing the wrong thing. The Devil is holding your mind to look at the wrong thing. In other words, you are employed to do eight hours and your job description is specified and you go in and you don't work with eye service and you do what you are supposed to do, you are supposed to walk out contented. When you draw your money there is no condemnation. And when the man tells you something in the line of your job requirement, whether he curses or he didn't curse that has nothing to do with it. Because what you are required to do doesn't change. Do you get what I am saying?

On the other hand, God can use you to talk to the man and say, "You don't have to curse and carry on like that," and talk to him maybe in the lunch hour or something. You start to talk to him right there on the spot, on working time, you would get yourself in problems, because you are trying to win a battle without understanding the battle. You are getting taken up in your human self and your human pride and you feel insulted and you are using company's time to debate. And then, you are going now to draw the pay after you spent two hours debating on the job and worked six hours. Do you understand what I mean?

I just used that to try to show you when he said, likewise be in subjection to her unsaved husband. He is telling the man first, who is out here working. It is not the working wives he is talking about. Do you see how nice the Word is? I tell you, you just have to love Jesus, you know. You just have to love the Word. You see?

But many times, when you don't realize the boundaries, the length and breath and the width and the height and the depth of this revelation of subjection, a man only sees subjection means "My wife has to listen to me!" And that is why he gets nowhere with God. You see, that is why he gets nowhere with God. Because before Peter reached here, he started off with the ordinance out here in the society you are living in, then he brings it to your workplace, then he brings it in the home. He is developing his thoughts and is contrasting. He hasn't changed his subject. He is going from depth to depth in the subject. He is bringing it broad until he personalizes the thing. He is dealing with the principle of the thing at different levels.

And that is why, when we have a perverted view of the Word, it is in our mind sometimes we think, "But I'm standing on the Word." No, no, you are not. You are not standing on any Word. You have to know really if it is the Word that you are standing on. And when you are standing on the Word, it is not going to be on one plain and then contradicting itself in a next place. It will be the Word everywhere. Because the thing is, you have to be under authority first before you could have authority. Do you see what we are getting at here?

You have to be under authority first before you could have authority. A lot of people want to have authority, but they don't want to be under authority. So, actually what you are doing, you can't even identify with the person's situation.

Then, he is saying here,

*<sup>1</sup> In like manner ye wives, be in subjection  
to your own husbands;*

And if you notice, always, it is always '*your own husbands.*' You are not really obligated to listen to certain things. In other words, the headship you are under, you come under that by virtue of marriage. A woman... Outside of that marriage she's under her

father's headship, and when she comes of age, brother, she becomes married from her father's house. Because really and truly, she comes from her father's house. When he is the father-giver, he gives her to one that can take the headship over her. So, her whole life is under headship.

Why? God, in the beginning—we had those first six services and we went through those things with the first covenant and then with the second covenant. The covenant after the fall when He said, “Now your desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.” [Genesis 3:16 -Ed.] Is that right? So God now is putting the woman under headship after the fall.

In other words, in the woman's liberation, she is recognizing that she is placed in a position by God. And where she is going to live to serve God and please God, will be within the boundaries of the position that she has been placed in, by God. It means her knowledge of God and growing up, those experiences were ordained to reveal her position; this great Mystery – to reflect this Mystery of Christ and the Church. Her husband was given that position, and he has to grow up in the knowledge of that position, and that position is defined by certain boundaries. And when God puts her under headship, the Word does not teach that God has put her under male dominance. The Word also defines the headship. The Word unfolds the headship.

So if the woman is afraid of being under headship, she has not fully understood the role God intends for her, and because of ignorance, she is harboring fear. And she needs revelation of the Word to enlighten her, to illuminate her, to break the fear from her by driving out the ignorance. So that even though her husband is misusing his position, she can say, “Honey, you know, what you are saying there, though you may feel that passionately, and though you may feel that, but you are saying that Honey because you are working and

bringing in the money, but you see, God is not judging us by how much money you are working for and how much food you buy in the house. That is your duty as a man. If you don't do that you're not a man, you are an infidel, which is worse; you are not even in the faith."

And she can say, "Honey I'm not just submitting to you because you are bringing in fifty dollars, or two hundred dollars, or two thousand dollars. I am submitting to you because I recognize that you are the husband that God gave me in this life and our life is for a purpose, and I am honoring God by being in my position. And I am prepared to be submitted to you whether you love me or you don't love me, because I don't want to displease God."

Powerful, isn't it? Do you know why that is so powerful? Because in Christ there is neither male nor female; because in the same church, men, and women, and children, all become Woman – Bride to Christ. And the same Christ is teaching us our position, and Perfect Faith is knowing your position, understanding your position. Do you see what we are talking about?

So the very man who is taking that role of authority, he becomes in *feminine* designation to God. So, if he is being dominant, then when he becomes the Bride of Christ, he is going to find that all God's commandments are too hard. He has to learn submission himself. If that is a revelation to him to be in submission to Christ, and he understands where his power of submission, obedience to the Word of God comes from that, then he isn't doing it through fear, he is doing it through love—he is obeying God through love. He isn't obeying God because he is afraid he would go to hell and he'll miss the Rapture; he is doing it through love.

God loves me and God chose me, and if God tells me to go out there, brother, and serve Him in the wilderness somewhere, you are going to have to eat a meal a week



and that is the will of God for you, you want to go where the will of God is for you.

Like the young man who had the key to his calling. He said, "God led me to go to Africa."

The man said, "What! Out there has cholera, typhoid fever. A missionary went there, his three beautiful children died. You are going there with your wife and your children? You better be careful."

He said, "Look, look, look," he said, "if God tells me to go then that is the safest place in the world for me to go."

He was relating to God's will. He was doing it out of love for service. What does it tell us? It tells us that so much of what we do, many times we don't look closely to see what it is originating from, what it is springing out of. Is it just springing out of duty, or is it just springing out of, "Well, we are conformed to a ritual of doing that; we are programmed in our minds to do that"? Or is it coming out of love with a consciousness that this is the will of God; this pleases God? That is why you can give people things or you can minister it to them.

A wife would say, "Look your food is on the table. I cooked what you like. Look it is here. If you want more, it has more in the pot. I leave back some for you." Or she could say, "We are married twenty years, have you ever missed a meal? I always cook on time. Have you ever come home and had to wait for your food?" But she never ministered to him one day. See? She never ministered to him one day. She didn't minister it, this is where the service comes down. This is where the revelation, the love comes. It is a Mystery.

You see many times we make the Mystery how He is El, Ella, Elohim, He comes down as Jehovah and then the Theophany went out in a body shape and... And these things are just commandments. These things are just commandments. These other things here are just

commandments, so that has more value. This is just like you do things when you have time and if you don't have time you get it how you get it. No, no. This is the service. That is why a High Priest has to be anointed and dressed right, walking right and smelling right before he could even do God a service. He has to be prepared and trained to do that service.

And in our service for the Lord, see, in fulfilling this Mystery, brother, I think this Honey that is pouring out here tonight, thick, I am trying to stir it up, and sweeten up and dissolve it. It is supposed to sweeten up every life and every home, enrich their atmosphere by the grace of God, awaken their conscience, remind us of things, maybe that we just kind of let cobwebs get on it; we have forgotten or emphasized too little, It puts it back before us here and we realize that we need to have a little more of our heart.

Do you remember the message I preached on *Anointed But Without The Robe* [1999-0228 -Ed.] when I said, "They did that, which was right but not with a perfect heart"? You see, God is not about just doing what is right, God wants the heart. You see people, you know, with their mouth, they talk, they are calling Me but their heart is far from Me. Their hearts have to be in it. Every move, every action has to express God in sincerity. I can't even get off the first verse,

<sup>1</sup> *In like manner ye wives,*

He is looking there, He has already dealt with servants on the work. Because the same servants on the work have the wife at home, you know. The same servant at work has the wife at home, and he is telling the wives. "Wives, he said, "God gives you the Holy Ghost. God didn't give you a different Holy Ghost to what was in Jesus." He says, "Wives, you might be in that position but that position you are in there, the only reason that God puts you in that position is because the Holy Ghost could live out that position." And because

you have a feminish nature and God wants to reveal the love that the Church would have for Him, he says, “God gives you the Holy Ghost and puts you in that position.” So, in other words, discover your potential, wife. Discover your potential and the power that the Holy Ghost wants to display in you, that instead of you talking—you see, with women, they have a way they like to use their mouths plenty.

And this is no—I don’t want to be dis-complementary to you, my sisters. I am not putting down that on you, but you know, the Bible talks about that, when you are fretting. The Bible says, like the rain dropping continually. [Proverbs 27:15 –Ed.] That is the Bible, that is God’s Word. Because remember the woman wasn’t made in the original creation, so they have that way. That is why women are warned about gossip and tale-bearing and all kinds of busy body in people’s matters and these things. See? The woman’s spirit—who got to talking with the Serpent? It was she. You see, the woman’s spirit is like that; chatter, chatter, chatter, chattering continually; prattle all day long if you give them a chance.

So, you see, the thing is... He is saying, now look, when you live in that realm, you are shutting... Get how I am saying it. You are shutting yourself out from living in the position where you can discover your greater potential. God is saying, “Do you know why?” He is saying, “I have a Bride, a Wife. She is the Bride in the Bride Age. She is bone of My bone and flesh of My flesh, faith of My faith, virtue of My virtue, Spirit of My Spirit, and I will create through her lips. She will be Me, revealed.” And you wives have that potential to display that. But as long as you think that you are some little sister in a corner and maybe you can’t do that, he said, “In this Age, when the Bride has to live that fullness, women in the home, in their position, can live that fullness too.”

Why? Because the woman types the Church! The woman shows the condition of the Church. So, that is not a put down, that is a compliment that God is saying: get a little more knowledge of where your real power lies.

He says, “And your chaste conduct coupled with fear that you only use now and again, and the continual trying to win them with talking, talking, talking, throwing words, throwing this, saying this. You play [pretend –Ed.] that you’re talking to yourself, or you are talking to one of the children and you are saying, “Your father ...” and you are dropping off things. No. And you are shooting all kinds of indirect business: “Not me, I am going by my mother.” You are saying things hard [loudly –Ed.] for him to hear and all kinds of different things. You see? That doesn’t do anything.

God is saying, come up a little higher. He is saying you have a power. Because why? The woman is the man’s glory. The Church is the glory of Christ. She is His victory! Adam could not make God a redeemer. Adam could not make God a healer or a saviour. It is Eve that made Him all that. Adam couldn’t get all those Mysteries to come out; it is Eve that brought those Mysteries out.

When God showed He was alone, and He had loneliness and sadness, He put Adam there to reflect his loneliness and sadness and to show what He was sad for, to show what He was lonely for; that He has a people who is to come into expression one day. He will have a people who is going to come into expression. He will have a Bride that is going to come forth one day. And for six thousand years, the mystery of that Bride unfolds, unfolds, unfolds, until in the Bride Age, the real full revelation of this Bride is to come forth in the Hour of the Marriage of the Lamb. Amen. It is powerful.

God is saying, women, you are in the Age God sent the Message. The Angels came, the Seals opened. Under those Seals God showed you, you are going with your

husband in the New World. God showed you that you are going up the ivory staircase. You are going alongside your husband for the reward. God is showing you in this Age disrespecting your husband's office, even though you are in menopause and you are irritable and you could say the wrong thing and disrespect the office and get into problems, but a godly husbandman can stand in the gap and bring you back into fellowship with God. God showed you, you could ask what you will in the Presence of God, even for your children that are unsaved. God showed you in the Bible.

God came in this Age to honor women because this is... brother, this is the Bride's Age. He took off all seven Messengers and He came down with the Bride Himself. It is He among the people Himself. The friend of the Bridegroom is already gone; it is He and the Bride now. Eliezer went off the scene; it's Isaac and Rebecca in the tent. Oh, my. And that's why, what is happening, you have that potential, my precious sisters. Can you receive that tonight? Is that too strong to receive? It is a challenge to accept. It is a faith to rise into. You are ordained to do it.

You have tried to use the tongue of persuasion, but God is saying that is your minor weapon. He is saying your real weapon of power is your chaste conduct coupled with fear – subjection. He is talking about behaviour. He starts off with behaviour. He says the husband is won by the behavior of the wife. He describes the behaviour; your chaste conduct coupled with fear. He tells you, they could be won without the Word. You are trying to win them with the Word: "Come to church with me. See such and such. Talk to the minister. Do this here. Do that over here. You don't know what you are missing. I tell you, you know God..."

Then, you are trying to invite a deacon to come and talk to him, trying to invite a brother to talk to him, trying to invite everybody to talk to him. And God is

saying, “No, I don’t want you to win him so. You want to invite a minister, and deacon and Sunday school teacher to talk to your husband; I want you to live before your husband. I want the life, the Power of the life in the bride to pray and drive those spirits from around your husband.”

Like the Prophet tells about the wife, he said, “This brother, you know, his wife got saved. She went to this meeting and she got saved; she’s a Christian. She began to live and serve the Lord, and she got filled with the Holy Ghost, and she began to be a real good wife, serving him in the home. He was hardly working for anything. When they don’t have, she knows how to make two ends meet. Always has the house clean and nice. Brother, if there is one pillow case, she washes it and hangs it there, irons it and fixes it up nicely, just to honor him and treat him good. And brother, he is drinking, and he doesn’t have time for her, gambling, and spending out his money and everything, she’s going through, she’s suffering. So, she is not reproaching, she is not nagging, she is singing, “Must Jesus bear the Cross alone and all the world go free.”

So, one night now they are down in the—God has a season, you see. God has a season and a time for everything. And God knows tonight is the night. Amen. Hallelujah! God says, “Girl, you sow in tears, now you are going to reap in joy,” amen! You walk around your walls of Jericho. Amen. You march around in obedience all those years, thirty years. He says, “but this time you are going to shout with a loud voice. I will turn your mourning into dancing.” Hallelujah! “Today is the day!”

And they were down there, a Friday, beer after beer. All those beer bottles piled up on the counter. You know how drinkers like to show their drinking prowess. They don’t want the man to take those beer bottles off the counter, you know. They want all lined up; one case, stack the second case. Leave them there. Let other

people come into the rum shop and see how many empty bottles and how much money they spent, because it is like an ambition; they want to display themselves.

Brother, while they were talking, somehow, the talk changed to Christianity, and they started to talk about who is Christian and who is not Christian. Brother, the man sat down and he said, "It really has that Christianity. There might not be many in this Age, but I have one at home."

"Ah Frank, behave yourself please. What happened to you? Are you crazy?"

"I have one at home."

The man is an unbeliever, but the thing is, the man saw that life all those years, he has tasted the saltiness in that life, but he lacks the humility to come and humble himself, but he is testifying outside. God has him talking about it and he is talking about his wife too. Brother, though he is not paying the rent, though she has to borrow money from her mother to help pay the rent, although he isn't bringing home food and remembering when is her birthday and their anniversary, here he is testifying about her, you know.

He said, "You all think I am making a joke. Let us go by me." They were drunk as a fish. They came inside, she was inside sleeping, met her saying her prayer or something. He opens the door roughly, saying, "When you are finished talking to your God, come and make some eggs and coffee. I have my partners and them outside, and do it quickly!"

Brother, she comes outside, the Prophet said... This is a true life's story he was talking about. The woman made the coffee, made the eggs and set it at the table. "Good evening, gentlemen, I am so glad to have you all in our home. Have a nice seat. You can come to the table now."

She is not like, saying steups and come out there with a cut-eye [a gesture to show displeasure or disapproval -Ed.] and look at them because these are the people who have her husband having her life miserable, and have her home miserable. “Here! Look, all your things there! Are you satisfied? Is it hot enough?” [Bro Vin says it with an attitude. -Ed.] Brother, she did it, and she stood up there waiting now, in case they needed anything.

The man—they had their plan; they were going to do that when they came in. He took the eggs and he threw them down. He said, “Is that how you fix my eggs, man? You know how I like my eggs! I told you I want poached eggs and you give me sunny-side up!” She humbles herself, she picks it up and starts cleaning up the floor. So, she’s singing Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone. “Must Jesus bear the Cross alone, and all the world go free.” See? Then she said, “Okay honey, I will fix it the way you want,” and she goes back to prepare another set and she puts it there again. He looks at it. They were eating, and they were talking, and carrying on. Under a whisper in the breath he says, You see what I told you? You see what I told you about her? Are you all convinced now?”

He said, “Yeah, if it were my wife, man, it would have been hot water on us, yes. The way she would have come out there, stamp inside there and slam that door.”

The next one said, “If that was my wife,” he said, “man, it is true.”

He said that woman with her chaste conduct, coupled with fear, brother, she led all those drunkards to Christ that night.

Here was a woman who had discovered her real power. Here was a woman, brother, who used the occasion when it was really rough. She can’t really go in a lion’s den or get burnt at a stake. She read that in history, in the Dark Ages, but she had an opportunity to show that she is of the same pedigree, she is the same



thoroughbred. Amen! And that kind still exists today. Brother, she put that Token—and the Bible says, “While they behold,” not hear the chattering, while they behold. In other words, it is something to put on display.

Peter is saying, put it on display, don’t just try to work through the ear gate and get them to hear how eloquent you are, how you tie-in your Scriptures, and how you know your doctrine, what book you are quoting from, how you could remember the page. No, no. He says forget that. He says let them see your chaste conduct, let them see you live out humility, sincerity and godliness. Let them see sacred womanhood- sacred motherhood. See? Live out that Mystery, Show your sacred virtues. Put them on display.

Then from behavior, He goes to adorning. Now that is the Holy Spirit; He is unfolding this thing. Why? From talking, next thing people try when they are in a problem, they try adorning; old wives' fables. “Girl, your husband coming home late. He isn’t bringing home that money. He is minding somebody else; he has a deputy. [he’s having an affair with a woman other than his wife -Ed.] Girl, I would tell you what my mother told me.” old wives' fable, you know. “Girl you can’t lose your man in this hour. Hold on to your man, yes.” She says, “It has some good, nice negligée selling down the road.” old wives' fables. “Girl, go and get a hairdo.”

You are a Christian but now you think that your marriage is threatened, you’re on the backfoot. Do you know what happens? The woman that is attracting him has nail polish, nice velvet things, nice hairdo, dressing sharp; so next thing you start to do now, you figure, “Well, the way to win him back is because your dress is too long and you are a certain way, you have to go into that gear.” And that is where women get trapped. Do you know how many women lose the battle right there?

He said, you don't work with old wives' fables, you work with the Word. And you work with the power that lies in the Word of understanding your position, and knowing that the battle is not yours, the battle is God's. The battle is God's." He says, "God can't work through that negligée, girl. God is not going to work through all that nail polish, and that facial, and all those kinds of hairdo. God isn't working through that. But let God work with a meek and quiet spirit. You are trying to get God to work with some natural things, some carnal things, some worldly things." He says, "Trust in God like the Holy women of old."

Now, there are two things in the Bible. I have to close. Let me drop this in quickly. Peter picks up Sarah because she is the standard. The Jews believe that Proverbs 31 is a Proverb about Sarah. She represents the perfect womanhood. You say, "How could that be correct? Because Paul takes her to represent New Jerusalem. She is the married wife. Sarah was the one who had doubted and misunderstood her position and tried to work through sensuality by using Hagar to get the promise. She said, "Abraham, I can't bear; an old woman like me... take the young girl. Maybe, I am not arousing you enough. I am not exciting you enough. That girl's skin is smooth, she is nice, she is healthy, her body is firm and different things." Please forgive me. It is a Couples' service anyhow.

He was trying to work through that; they brought a bastard. They brought a bastard and He had to reject it. Abraham latched on to it and can't let it go. Because why? It was the fruit of his own sensuality, it was the fruit of his own unbelief, it was the fruit of him getting away from the power of God to depend now on the energy of the flesh. You don't keep anything that way; it backfires, it falls apart. But watch, the same God turn around now, when Sarah begins to recognize her position, begins to understand her position. She said,

“This concubine here and her child, this bondwoman, can’t be heir with my child, you know.” She was talking about inheritance now. She said, “You have to cast this out.” And Abraham started to resist. And God came down. Do you get what I am saying now?

She is working with the Word now. She is working with the revelation of her position now. She is working now and she is obeying God and God now can work through her right attitude now. And God is telling the prophet, “You better listen to your wife.” Why? They are heirs together of the Grace of Life. And she is saying, “That child can’t be heir. He is your child. He could get a blessing, but he can’t get any inheritance because that woman’s status and my status are two different statuses.” And God turned Abraham around and said, “Listen, obey what Sarah says. Listen to what Sarah says.” And even though it was hard for Abraham, he did it.

And Peter now is saying Look at the father of the faith and the mother of the faith. He said, “Look at how the mother of the faith worked with God and got the father of the faith who God made this unconditional covenant with, to come in subjection to what she was saying, to win him.” Because why? It was God expressing His will through her.

Sarah is mentioned two times in the Bible in the New Testament; one in Hebrews 11, and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3. In Hebrews 11, Paul said by faith Sarah judged him faithful. Peter said by faith—Sarah obeyed her husband, calling him Lord – her faith and her submission. The two times that she is mentioned, the mother of the faith unfolding the Mystery of this woman, unfolds her faith to judge God faithful. What was Sarah’s problem? What was Sarah’s unbelief? She couldn’t accept God’s will for her. She couldn’t live in the revealed position that she was called unto. “You see, my body tells me I can’t do this. This is impossible, this

can't be done. We tried this many times already, you and I to have pleasure?" She laughed.

God said, "Is there anything too hard for me? Are you laughing with unbelief." See? And then, she judged God faithful "No God, You are able."

That was the conclusion that she had come to. That was her faithfulness.

"If God put me here and said that I will be the mother of kings of nations, I am going to cast down my own ideas, my own concepts, my own limitation of God, and all these different things, I am going to start to live in the revelation of what God says concerning me." And she received Dunamis to manifest what God said she was going to bring.

And let me tell you, if God says as a woman you can do that and you start to obey God and say, "God, if You say that, if it is You who define my position, if I see the first covenant, I see the second covenant, I see where you put me under headship; I see my desire is to my husband, I see that my chaste conduct coupled with fear is the way and the thing that I have to work with, that is my strength there; then Lord, I want to live in the fullness of what You have defined and laid out concerning my position and my relationship to my husband in the confines of my home, and this office and this ministry as a wife and a mother, I want to live there." And you will receive Dunamis.

Let me tell you, that is what He is saying. He's giving you an example. You are a daughter as she. You are a miniature one just like her. She couldn't recognize her own. She couldn't live on her own; she doubted it, she laughed at God. But the thing is, God gave her Dunamis when she could confess that that's the way and she walked into it, and he was the father of nations and she was the mother of nations. Think of it. Think of it. And she lived it because faith and submission go together; because your faith is your revelation. And when you

have a true revelation of your position of the will of God, it produces submission. Submission is not a forced thing. Submission is not a worked up thing. Submission is a Mystery. You see?

Let us read quickly over in Ephesians 5, and bring it to a close. Let us read that Scripture. I will leave some of these thoughts with you. Ephesians 5... and you know Ephesians is the Body of Christ; the Mystery of the Body, the Mystery of the Church. It speaks about a glorious Church here, how that Church was in the Mind of God before the foundation of the world; how that Church was dead in sin and trespasses, the members of the Body of that Church; how they were quickened and began to rise up to that position; how they became a habitation for the Spirit of God; how that Church was built upon the foundation of the apostles, and the prophets; how that Church in the end became a glorious Church; how the Mystery of that Church is without spot, and without wrinkle; how that Church is really bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, Spirit of His Spirit and Life of His Life.

So Paul in this Book of Ephesians brought out this whole Mystery of what the Church is, and how that husband-and-wife relationship unfolds this Mystery, and see what it is.

Verse 21 – Look at Paul and Peter, the apostle to the circumcision, and the apostle to the uncircumcision.

[A 3-second glitch which takes you back to pg. 41 –Ed.]

*21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

*22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

Do you see where he brings it again? Because submission has to do with headship, and the headship is placed in the husband. And the husband becomes your head by virtue of the marriage covenant. And so, your designated place—and remember, to serve God outside your position or trying to live outside your

position is to live in weakness, it is to die. Anybody that leaves their position can't exist, can't survive. When you leave your position, you get deformed into another species. Your strength is living in your position, learning to stay in your position. That is where your power is. Your power and your position go together because you are designed for a position.

*<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in [Somethings?] in every thing.*

*<sup>25</sup> Therefore, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Do you see how he follows that? He just finished telling the wives to be subject to them for everything, and the first thing he tells the husband, he says, "Now make sure you're loving your wife as Christ loves the Church." So, right away He lets them know that submission there to them is not a submission that they are going to expect and demand, and then they are not really ready to lay down their lives for their wives, because the woman is not a robot.

And remember, the Prophet said, when he was speaking about this too, he said, "Remember God says if you offend one of these little ones, it is better that a millstone be hung around your neck and be cast into the sea." A man offends his wife, a daughter of God and can't say, "Honey, I'm sorry. I disrespect the Holy Spirit in you, the wife who serves me, who bears my children, who keeps my home nice, who washes my clothes and puts food on my table, who ministers to me everyday." Brother, that man doesn't know what his condition is going to be. Think of it.

*25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Notice how he says that too. Not give her food or give her clothes and give her this and expect something, you know – “He gave Himself.” Not out of the abundance of His possessions; He gave Himself, His time, His strength, His love, brother, whatever she had need of, He was right there for her.

*26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

*27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

He’s unfolding the Mystery of Christ and the Church here. Now this love that Christ loves the Church for was to do what? ... raise up the Church. *For while we were yet sinners* the Bible says, *He died for us, to raise us up into a glorious Church.* How is a husband going to see his wife changed, brother, from weakness to strength? Which is the way he is going to try to get her there? If she has something, is it going to come by criticism, and pulling her down, and disrespecting her, and abusing her, and insulting her, and these things? It is going to come by him laying down his life everyday, giving her the security, giving her the strength she needs.

He says, so Christ gave Himself that He might, what? Sanctify it. The Church that needed sanctification, He laid down His life for it. Then he was able to wrought sanctification. Then the fellowship washes her and makes her clean. Then He presents her to a place of a glorious Church, not even having a spot or without wrinkle. It was so pure from all defilement and came into such a glorious condition by Christ’s Love in laying down His Life and giving Himself, is what brings the Church to that position. Through His sacrifice, through

His self-denial, through His being wounded for our transgression, being bruised for our iniquities, (see?) taking our place; the strong bearing the infirmity of the weak. Look what He raised it up for.

That's why a church today can let God have the preeminence. That is why God doesn't have to fight a people to get the preeminence. God opened up Hosea and God began to show the Mystery of His Love for the Church. God pulled the Seals back and unveiled Himself and showed how secure He made the Church, showed His Love for the Church, showed that He didn't send a second person or a third person; it is God Himself came and took the humiliation. Our sins, the cruelty of sin, that our sin caused God to become flesh to die so he could display the Love for the Church, that in this Day, He could come back and have the preeminence in a Church who will surrender everything without reservation that it could come up before Him as a sweet smelling savor. We'll even become a Burnt Offering, offering ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him.

Why? Because we see the love. He died for us and gave Himself for us, now we died that He could live in us. How does it come? By the revelation of that Blood. He shed His love abroad: "You have not loved me, but I have loved you and gave Myself for you. You have not chosen Me, I have chosen you and ordained you that you should bring forth fruit." Herein is the love of God, not that we first loved God, He first loved us and gave Himself to be a propitiation.

He said, "Now husbands, to be a husband to your wife, to deal with her with knowledge, you have to catch that Mystery. If you haven't caught that Mystery, the same way she was trying to work with old wives' fables, you are trying to work with 'block talk'—things that man learned on the streets and things that man sees in movies and things. They are trying to use that to get



their wives in a certain way. God is saying, get your thinking filtered, take the Word. Understand your place, know that you are a reflector of Me, know that a son of God is an amateur God. He is a little God.

He puts you there, He gives you a wife, He says learn your potential. see your place, see the power with her chaste conduct. See that the Bride is designed to get anything. Jesus said, “Ask anything in My Name. Whatsoever you say will be done.” He is saying that Bride is going to get a hold of a Mystery that whatever—that is why the Prophet could say, “Whatever I ask Him for, He gives it to me. And the things that He didn’t give to me, He tells me why I couldn’t have it”; to show you how the husband and the wife were linked up in this day. When the Mystery of oneness... and He preached *Oneness* [1962-0211 -Ed.], *He That Is In You* [1963-1110E -Ed.], *Invisible Union* [1965-1125 -Ed.], *Uniting Time And Sign* [1963-0818 -Ed.], he displayed as having the feminish spirit of the Bride; the Bride in the Bride’s Age. He displayed the oneness to show that He caught the Mystery, so he could ask for anything. The Bride is designed to get anything out of Her Husband. Think of it.

I pray that stimulates you. I pray that stimulates you. Maybe some of us, we should have gotten a hold of that some years ago. Maybe some of us, today we look back and we see our selfishness, our lack of revelation, unable to work with the Word, our fear of being manipulated and dominated that we didn’t choose the way of submission. We didn’t think that God would back us up and God proved to us, we either work with His Word or we fail.

But God proved that He could make every Abraham harken to Sarah, if she is saying the right thing, if she is standing in her place. And anytime she tries to do something outside her place, not having the revelation and confidence in her God-given place, it is going to backfire on her. And she learnt that she can’t work

through the wrong channel, she has to work with the Word.

Remember Sarah, when she threw Hagar and Ismael out, the angel took them and threw them back in the tent. Because she went forth to do her own scheme, it backfired, and then she wanted to get rid of the problem. God said live with the problem until you learn to understand your place. That is God, friends. But in the end, watch, in the end look and see how it became.

*28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

*29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:*

*30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

*31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

*32 This is a great mystery:*

This is a great Mystery. This is a great Mystery. This is just not trying to do something you know. This is a Mystery, and a Mystery has to be revealed to you by the Holy Spirit, and it is a Mystery of Christ in you as Bride, and Christ in the husband as Bridegroom.

And that first Age, that Ephesians, in that Alpha, look at Peter and Paul laying that Mystery in; and those women in that first Age, looking back to Genesis where they pointed them to the Mystery and they saw. Paul goes all the way back to the original concept when God took part of the bridegroom to make the bride to show that the Bride has that potential.

Peter goes back to the original covenant, the unconditional covenant, and shows that Mystery, how it was displayed: Sarah called Abraham Lord, humbling herself. And then he begins to apply that and begin to

show them, he said, “Your power, don’t try the outward adorning: fix up the hair, put on the jewelry, get the apparel, you know, the seductive type of clothing to arouse and excite the husband, to make yourself look more appealing and more attractive.” He said, “You are only giving the man high blood pressure. You are not giving the man’s heart a change. You are not going to get the demon power broken from around the man’s life. You are working with the wrong thing and that kind of thing wears off. But every time you put on the meek and quiet spirit, every time you are adorned with the inward adorning, it becometh more glorious, more glorious, more glorious, more glorious. After a while, the jewelry fades away, after a while, the clothes get old and threadbare.” You see?

After a while, that hairstyle goes out of style and that dress goes out of style but that ornament of the inner man never goes out of style. That doesn’t go out of style, it gets stronger and greater every day.

What a place to discover your potential, to understand your position, to see where God wants to work in the Church to show His victory. God wants to honor womanhood and raise it up because God has a Bride and God wants to show His Bride is a virtuous Bride. God wants to show that He actually did find a virtuous woman. He didn’t settle for some denominational harlot, He has a Bride that obeys every Word, that loves Him just like He loves her because she is loving Him back with His own Love. She is Him revealed. What He is she is. It is a great thing for womanhood in this hour. It is a great thing.

Sarah knew of the fall. Sarah understood after the fall, there was another covenant. That is why she could say the bondwoman’s child can’t be heir with the married wife’s child. She understood that under that double covenant, on the woman side there was bondwoman and free woman and their rights and their

position and all these things are different. And then God gave Moses the laws to define it and to prove it too. But Sarah without Moses' laws knowing the Mystery because Abraham was with Shem and Shem was with Noah in the ark and Noah was with Enoch and Enoch was with Adam and so they had that Mystery come all the way down. And that is why Genesis traces Adam straight to Abraham in the first eleven chapters. And the last... from the twelfth to the fiftieth chapter it is just Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph; that covenant, that unconditional covenant, Grace covenant. That is why it says, "They trusted in God." Do you trust in God tonight?

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word, just to rest upon His promise. Let's stand to our feet. Let's sing this little song, *Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone*. That was the song that the woman was singing, the Prophet said. I don't think he made it up. She was singing that; the woman who caught that Mystery. Maybe we could sing that tonight as the Bride of Christ, as wives in your own home, mothers.

Can you see how motherhood and womanhood are important to God? Can you see it was the very thing that gave God expression and vent to display His love? Can you see in the last days the Bible ends with a Marriage and a Honeymoon and a Future Home? Can you see that is how the Bible ended up to bring all these things back in its fullness? Can you see that the last [Chapters -Ed] 21 and 22 of Revelation end with a Bride, that woman? Two chapters exalt the woman, Sarah, Heavenly Jerusalem; exalts Her. And She, having the Glory of God and He was Her Light, and She had a river clear as crystal, flowing, that all that are athirst could come. His wife was like a fruitful vine by the sides of the wall, His children like olive plants roundabout His table. What a great, glorious thing for a woman of God in this hour – women of faith.

Hebrews 11, it puts those women inside of there. It didn't just have men, it put those women inside of there and the first one it put was Sarah. How she judged God faithful to take that position... a great thing.

My sisters, God wants to display faith, not just cooking and washing and ironing, not just keeping the house clean. Today, women could take a course to do that and don't have the Mystery of their position in the plan of God. But when you have the Mystery of your position in the plan of God, those things will come out of that. That you have an unsaved husband and you go to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7. I didn't go to it to read it. It went so far, It said, don't defraud your husband, give him his dew benevolence.

Today, women used these things as a weapon to manipulate their husbands. You see? Bring tensions and pressures in the homes. Think of it. It says if a woman's husband is dead, she is free to marry but I say she shouldn't marry. Think of it. Do you know why? She was really made for one man to begin with. She is given permission because of her weakness; and sex was the thing that brought the fall in the beginning and so, she might feel that loneliness and wants to be cared for. But he says... You see, a woman could only be a virgin once and her husband is who has the rights by virtue of the marriage covenant to be her husband, changed from Bridegroom to husband, when that seal was broken. That is why I say outside of that she was just somebody's else concubine, because somebody else broke the seal.

Paul and they had that Mystery. These things were revealed to them, It has come back to us in the last days to take us out of the mess of this Age of adultery, of broken marriages, and disrupted homes, and God, in the last days shows the Bride the power she really has.

Everything that Jesus manifested, even... get this, even greater works He leaves to do in Bride form. Did

you get that? That is why a woman under this Message, God wants to give you faith. God doesn't just want "woman" in the sense of feminine designation. God wants faith. Everything that the man could have from Christ and the Holy Spirit to display manhood in the way God designed that man and intended for a man, God has brought the Holy Ghost even to the woman that she could display womanhood in the way that God designed and intended for her to display it.

You know the song. It is an old song, I don't think we sang this in the church many, many years: Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone. We used to sing this when we just got saved years ago, because it was some of the songs we learned in this little book. I think it should be #21. If I see I would know if that is correct. Let me just check and see. No, you'll have to find it in the other book.

*Must Jesus bear the Cross alone and all the world go free?* You might have an unsaved husband tonight or an unsaved wife, if your salvation puts you in a position that they become sanctified, then think, your behaviour now (chaste conduct coupled with fear), can move them from that sanctified state into a saved state. You can win them. They are sanctified because of your position as a saved Christian. If they die in that condition, they are still sanctified before God because they become one flesh under that marriage covenant. But why would you just stop at sanctification when, by your behaviour you can see them not just sanctified but saved, won, delivered

Must Jesus Bear the Cross... Let us sing.

[#801 Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone,*

*And all the world go free?*

*...go free*

No, there's a Cross, a Cross for everyone.

*And there's a cross...*

... *consecrated cross I'll bear,*  
 Till death shall set me free,  
 And then go Home my crown to wear  
 A Christian life is a life that lives for others. It is a  
 sacrificial life.

... *there's a crown for me.*

Upon the crystal pavement down  
 ... *the crystal pavement down*  
 At Jesus' pierced feet,  
 ...*pierced feet*  
 With joy I'll cast my golden crown  
 We live as unto the Lord. What we do, we do as unto  
 Him; to honor Him and glorify Him  
*And His dear name repeat.*

O precious Cross! O glorious crown!  
 ... *O glorious crown*  
 O Resurrection day!  
 Ye angels from the stars come down,  
 ... *the stars come*  
 And bear my soul away.  
 Oh, let us lift our hands now and sing,  
 Must Jesus bear the cross alone  
 He gave us the Holy Ghost that we might glorify him,  
 that we might show forth His victory.  
 And all the world go free? [That's a question.]  
 No. [That's the answer]  
 No, there's a Cross for everyone  
 ... *for everyone,*  
 And there's a Cross for me.  
 I will bear that Cross; I will carry that Cross. Amen

Oh, the consecrated Cross I'll bear,  
 ...*consecrated cross I'll bear,*  
 Till death shall set me free,  
 And then go Home my crown to wear,

[For after the Cross there is a crown, friends.]  
For there's a crown for me.

*...a crown for me*

Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. I read a story one time about a man who had a dream. In the dream he was carrying this big, heavy cross. He was on his way to that great pilgrim City, that Land where we never grow old, that Heavenly Jerusalem. And he was carrying this cross and it was so heavy for him to bear. So many times he became tempted to lay it down because of the hardships, the trials and the testing in life that the Cross represented. But something kept urging him to try to go on, bear that Cross. Our Master bore that Cross. There is a Cross for each one of us as a Christian. That's why the Cross is a true Christian symbol. The Catholics had tried to take it, but it was the early Christians'. They called it Cross backs. They were identified with that Cross.

And so, after he journeyed for some time, he reached a place where he just couldn't take it anymore and became frustrated and gave up, and he cut out a piece of that cross. And now, he was carrying the cross but with no struggle, with no hardship. Oh, he was really happy, he thought he got a bright idea. He thought that he freed himself from this big heavy burden. He found a new way to carry his cross, a new way to live his life. In his conscience he maybe didn't feel too badly and just went along like that.

Finally, he saw the City in the distance. And this great big chasm stood between him and that City and there was no way to cross it. And he took that cross and he tried to bridge that chasm to go over. And when he put that cross, the size of the length of the piece that he cut off was what was missing to bridge that chasm. He wept and he cried. He couldn't turn back to go and find it.



Like so many of us, we think it strange concerning the fiery trials. We want a Christian life without a little hardship. The Bible says the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in you. Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials; the light affliction is but for a moment. After suffering, there is Glory, friends. After the Cross there is a Crown. There is a Crown for every one of us but we must carry that Cross. That little woman of faith, she caught that Mystery.

As the Bride of Christ today, we, men and women here, that make up this beloved, beautiful Bride, His commandments are not grievous. It is not burdensome. He gave us a portion, a measure of suffering left back for every one of us – We question.

Malachi says, “Does God love us?” And then God says, “Esau have I hated and Jacob have I loved.” He showed them that His love was Elective Love. He had chosen them and they were questioning God’s Love. “Dark skies,” he says, “are no sign of God’s disapproval, neither is bright, clear, sunny skies any sign of God’s approval. It is God’s prerogative to commit to us suffering as He did Job or to death, as He did with Paul. The proof of His Love is Election. He chose us. He chose us. Like a man chooses his wife, He chose us. He chose His Bride.

Then, let us stand true. Let’s discover our position, what He has made us in Christ as the Bride. And real faith of that position (revelation), would cause us to live in the victory that that revelation was designed for, that our Husband might be honored and glorified. A good woman is a jewel in His Crown. A bad woman is water in His blood. Who could find a virtuous woman? He found one in these last days, in this Age, and then even on the natural level.

Let’s discover that potential. Let us learn to live in the place where we could have God’s support, where we can

know if we live there as unto the Lord, recognizing that we are honoring God and we are relating according to the position He has placed us in, and not allowing some bad behaviour to take us away from the Word. It will show that we are not really tied to It if a little trial and some testing can shake you away from your place; because you are a Christian first, and you are to honor God by your life. And the Holy Ghost in you will not contradict the very Word that the Holy Ghost wrote. That is why you take that Word. When you honor God and you respect God, God respects you and God stands behind you.

And Peter said, look at those women, look at Abigail in the Bible. She told David, "My husband, his name is Nabal." In other words, he is a fool. She humbled herself, she brought out her goods, she stayed the wrath, she saved her household. Exactly. David saw that. When the husband died, David said, "Go get that woman." He wanted her for wife. He had seen something virtuous. He had seen a woman, brother, who could stand there in the gap with a husband as obnoxious, as selfish, and self-centered, and disrespectful, dishonoring to God; a miser as that man was, yet, she stayed there, lived virtuously, lived clean, lived right, doing a service. And when her husband failed, she stood and held that home together and displayed something godly.

Read it in the Bible 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 25. She didn't just have brain, she had beauty; she was a beautiful woman. She had character. She had something real. That is what we ought to have, friends.

The old nature, the old husband, that old carnal, selfish, self-centered, perverted nature that came by the fall, that we were joined to, to be freed from that. Christ saw something in us; that we always had the potential in us to live right. He came and got us. Jesus came and

got us after the old husband died, to make us His. Think of it. It is a great Mystery.

Let's bow our heads. I would like to invite Bro. Junior Gordon, to come and pray. Blessed be His wonderful Name. We are so privileged to be in God's Presence, to be identified with Christ, to become Bride, in this hour, to bear His Name.

[Bro. Junior Gordon prays -Ed.]

Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Why don't you turn around and greet the person next to you and tell them, "God bless you." Draw me from fear... Draw me deeper. You may have your seats. I trust that the little Word brought courage to your heart tonight, and you don't have fear of being manipulated or being exploited. When we submit to the Lord Jesus, we don't have any fear that He is going to dominate us and manipulate us and misuse us and abuse us. It is the same way when you do that, you are just agreeing with God's Word. You are just obeying God's Word in places where it might be difficult, where you really would have to trust God and truly get to depths of obedience. But look how beautiful submission and faith are connected to answered prayer, that your prayers be not hindered.

If the Church could come to that place. Brother, we don't have to worry about prayers being hindered. If the husband and wife could come to that place, if the two shall agree, agreement, unity, harmony – What you bind on earth is bound in Heaven, what you loose on earth... That is why it takes agreement. Where there is disagreement, whether it is fear where two people can't meet together on the same grounds, where we try to evade God's way to work by another way, we just rob ourselves and we shut God out and His power out and we try to work with a very weak life, and depending upon our human ability. But when we could obey His Word, then He becomes obligated. Then He comes in support of you, because even though it affects you many times, you take whatever pressure that is there, that

you might honor Him because you are living pleasing unto Him, showing that you will not be held in incomplete obedience.

Remember that was Saul's problem. Incomplete obedience is rebellion against His revealed will. His revealed will is to be in obedience that you can call your husband, lord. "My lord, my lord has come home this evening. How is my lord this morning?" Brother, the husband knows that his wife means it from the heart. She is not just saying it because in church they said that Sarah called Abraham Lord.

She says, "Honey, I just don't want to say lord with my voice, I want my living to honor and respect you in a deeper way because I understand in that way, I am honoring God. And when I don't do it, it shows I don't have a revelation of my position. But God has given me faith, Honey, that I could live in my position. Expect some quality service. I am going to upgrade the service, Honey. You come like you were in 'economy', you can travel 'first class' in this house now. You are not being treated anymore as, you know, the county counselor. I am treating you as the President. I say you are going to get the presidential treatment here in the house now, Honey. The best is for you."

Would you do that? Did you receive enough faith tonight? Did you see it clear tonight, that you want to walk in that tonight? Let me see the sisters who believed that Word tonight, by the grace of God.

I want to see what I am preaching. I want to see the quality I am preaching to tonight. I believe the sisters have the same Holy Ghost we have because it challenges us to have a wife like that and can't live this Word. You walk in the house and blush knowing the wife is living there and you can't walk like a man. Brother, that makes you walk like the Prince of the house of David. Amen. Glory! You walk in the walls of your house and the wife says there goes my husband.

The Bible says that the husband should stand in the gates with the elders. He will have no fear of spoil. A wise woman buildeth up her house; a foolish woman plucketh down her own house. Think of it. It is a great thing. May God help us, build us up, make us great representatives to display the Christianity that has been revealed to us.

And when we say display the Token, we mean that they can behold. They can behold It, this great City on a hill cannot be hid. If our life is hidden, something is wrong. People must see it and say, "When I see that brother and sister go out there, though I never saw Abraham and Sarah in the flesh, I believe I see them walking there. I believe I see Isaac and Rebecca going out there just now. I believe I see Boaz and Ruth just stepping into the car and driving home, by the grace of God."

They begin to see something that reminds them of what they read in the Bible. They can truly say, "I believe the Word is becoming flesh and the flesh is becoming Word. Not just a statement like a terminology; I am seeing it." If you say the Word is becoming flesh, what Word? And where are you seeing it? Take me and show it to me. "Well, it is a terminology. I thought... I was just making a statement." So, that is just knowledge. But if you study and you see the Word is becoming flesh, you meant here, in this brother and sister, this family over here, in this son of God over here, this daughter of God over here? Is that the move of the Bride? Is that the revival? Is that the fulfillment of the Word? Then you see It. Is this the wall being built? Is this the home being fortified and becoming strong? You are seeing it by the grace of God. Isn't that wonderful tonight?

No more fear, draw me from fear Lord, into faithfulness. I don't want to be afraid to tell my wife, "Honey, I'm sorry. I was like Burnham and Jagan. I was

like Castro, holding on to a kind of dictatorship government but I think that I want to change my tunic and change my vesture, Honey. I want to take off that dictator clothing and I want a little more democracy in the home, by the grace of God. I don't want my children walking around with placards and thinking they are locked up in a prison. I want a little more liberty in the house, by the grace of God. I am not afraid anymore. The Word has freed me from my own fears." Amen! Hallelujah! "I don't feel I am competing with my own children. I don't feel that my wife, you know, looking over and seeing the neighbor is a better husband than I am and kind of wishing, you know, how did she get mixed up with me to begin with."

That woman told the husband, she said, "Honey, I know that you are a young Christian. You just got saved. You are liable to make a mistake. But Honey, let me tell you something. This is your house. You are the head here. If you make a mistake, you come back home."

Next day the man was on the job in the lunchroom eating, talking to himself, "How could I go against a woman like that?"

A man says, "This man is crazy." He said, "What is going on there?"

It affected him to have a wife like that who would think of him like that and consider him. That is a wise woman who is building up her house. When that man saw that his wife could speak to him like that... He was a young Christian and she was a Christian for many years.

Look at that woman there, scrubbing those floors, taking the insults. She knows the power of a lived voice thundering out in sweetness and humility, in meekness; lived voices that shake the Devil. He says that is the Thunder of God, that is the Voice of God in the last days.

Draw me from fear [#319 Draw Me Deeper - Songs That Live -Ed.]  
...*your heart*  
*Draw me from fear into faithfulness,*  
Lead me along Your way;  
*Lead me along Your way*  
Draw me from sin...  
*Draw me from sin into Your holiness,*  
#319, if you have your songbook.  
That I might be  
...*a living praise.*

## CHORUS

Draw me deeper,  
God bless you as Bro. Bishop would come.  
... *into Your Word of truth,*  
Let us come out early on Friday night by God's grace.











