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[Song #84 - Songs That Live -Ed.]
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, oh Lord.
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Hallelujah! Great is Thy faithfulness.

Let us bow our heads. As we look to this One Who is called the Faithful and True Witness; in Him, there is no variableness or shadow of turning. Great is His faithfulness, this evening. He Who is interested in every need. Whatsoever we can come and cast upon Him, He says, "Cast all your cares upon Me because I careth for you."

Almighty God, we are so grateful dear God, for the sweet Presence of Your Holy Spirit we feel, that is brooding upon us, bathing down in our hearts, settling and quieting us; putting our hearts and our minds in that channel Lord, where we can receive from You tonight. And knowing, oh God, when You would move like this, preparing the hearts of Your people, surely You have something in store for us.

I pray that even now, Lord, all around this building, all in the side rooms, all in the main sanctuary here; take each and everyone under Your Divine control now. Lord, may You bring us into one mind and one accord

and may every heart and every soul be centered upon You.

Dear God, as this great faith will accumulate in the building, may it so grant liberty to Your Holy Spirit to move freely in our midst this evening; that surely, dear God, the blessing with which You have blessed us, even before the foundation of the world—faith can drop into our hearts; that we can be so inspired to take a grip on what You are doing, Father; to apprehend these things, to seize a hold of it, and see it be made a reality in our hearts.

We know, dear God, that You are here to confirm that Word of Promise, because You said, "If we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths, we shall never be ashamed." May each and everyone be encouraged to believe You this evening. May You do exceedingly abundantly.

We so appreciate Your grace that You poured out into our hearts last night, as we sang the songs expressing our faith: "Great is Thy Faithfulness. Your mercies are new every morning." Speak once more Lord, our hearts are attentive unto You. You know what we have need of, Father; even the needs that we hold in our hearts, confessing that You have already supplied these things.

Your Holy Spirit is here to inspire that faith that we might enjoy what You have freely given; what You have made so secure through the shedding of Your Blood, knowing that You are here to confirm all those things, Father.

The song says, "We are going back to that faith; the faith of our fathers." Oh God, may when we leave this place tonight, may that Day become even such a greater reality to us.

The strangers and the visitors within our gates, may You bless them, Father, especially those maybe who have not yet come to identify themselves with what You have done in this Day: to see all the great blessings that You've accomplished on the Cross; sent back to us in the form of this Message, Father, to dress a people and make them ready for Your Coming. I pray that You shine light into the hearts of these who are yet unaware of these things, that they might come to recognise Your grace and be made partakers of these great blessings that have changed our lives. Grant it, Lord. We pray and we ask it, for Your honor and for Your Glory in the Almighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

God richly bless you tonight. Let's just open up the Word. We would like to read out of 1st Corinthians 15. I want to welcome all of you that are gathered in His Presence, tonight. It is certainly a fine atmosphere and we're certainly anticipating the blessing that the Lord would pour out for us tonight. If you come expecting to receive from Him, you will always receive; He'll never let you go away disappointed. Just believe Him for whatever you have need of, tonight.

1st Corinthians, Chapter 15, verses 21 and 22. I want you to pay special attention to the reading. If you don't have a Bible, share with someone. Let everyone be under the influence of the Word: to read It, tonight.

²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
Notice that.

- ²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

All in Adam died; all in Christ is made alive. It depends on our position this evening—where are we? If you are not in Christ, may God move you into Christ. In Christ we are made alive; we have the victory to overcome everything that seems to be such a great struggle in our lives.

Romans, Chapter 5, we'll go with that. Praise His wonderful Name. I trust, in your heart, while you follow the Scriptures, you are saying, "Lord, speak to me, make It real to me, tonight." Keep your heart and mind

in an attitude where it can be receptive. He will not disappoint you, amen.)

I'm just going to pick one or two places out of Romans 5 so that we save time.

Verse 12,

¹² Wherefore, as by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

We found out just now, in Adam all die and in Christ all are made alive. By one man, sin came into the world. We are seeing that here.

I just want to drop down to verse 15.

¹⁵ But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more [much more] the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

Verse 17,

¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Verse 18,

¹⁸ Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Notice; 'by one' - 'by one.' He's contrasting: By one man all die. By one man all live. By one man, all are condemned. By one man, all are justified and made righteous. So it depends on which one of these men you are in, tonight.

Your first birth; you were in one—you are attached to one. Your second Birth puts you in the other One.

Outside of that New Birth, you are still tied to the old man; you are still tied to the first man, and that first man is only condemnation; it's death. There is no life there. It is something that is condemned.

Verse 19,

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

If there is a sinful nature in you; if you were born in sin (came into the world a sinner), it is because of that one man. That sinful nature is to tell you that you are tied to that man. The New Nature will tell you that you are tied to the New Man. So you have to look in your life and see what kind of nature is predominant.

And if the man who you're in is a man who is condemned, well, there is no hope there. If you are in the Man, Christ Jesus, then you are blessed with all Spiritual blessings.

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, [verse 19] so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

You are not trying to get righteous. By the obedience of One, you were made righteous; so you have to be found in that One.

This whole Gospel is to get you from the old man into the New Man. That is why you become identified with His death. That is why you are buried in likeness of His burial. That is why you are raised in the likeness of His resurrection; so that His Life could come back in you. And by one Spirit we are all baptised into that New Man. Amen?

Let us pray.

Almighty God, take these few thoughts tonight, speak them into our hearts a reality, and make the Gospel so simple, Father, but yet so real, so effective and so personalized; and in things that we might have wondered and things that we struggle with, give us the key tonight, that these chains can be loosed from our minds, and we can walk in the liberty that the Word said we have, in Christ. May You grant it, Father.

We believe You. We desire to live for You. As the song we sang tonight, *The Pledge*; we pledge to live for You, Lord. Oh gracious God, that is why we are asking these things tonight; that is why we are desiring to receive from You tonight. Grant it we pray, as we look to You now, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you, you may have your seats.

I want to read a couple more Scriptures; they might help me just to lay a little foundation. I want to take my time tonight and go a little slow, and we'll teach something here a little bit.

Exodus, Chapter 20.

This meeting is designed for young people; young at heart. Young people desiring to take a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. Young people who are faced with struggles, problems, pressures, and are looking for solutions; they are looking to see God deal with them in such a way that they can overcome in these things. People that can take their place in this Hour, and be a real victorious Christian.

That is why you are here tonight. That is what the Holy Spirit wants to give to you tonight. He has made provision for you to receive this, and all you have to do is have a hungry heart. Come believing, "...with God all things are possible." [St.Mark 10:27 -Ed.]

Exodus, Chapter 20, verse 5:

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

He is talking about graven images and other gods; and these things.

...for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

That word, 'hate' means, 'to choose not to commit to God.' It means, 'to forsake God.' So it is not saying like...

Well, you might sit there and say, "Well I don't hate God." You might forsake His ways; God calls that hate. You might get influenced by the idolatry of the world: sports idols, "Give me your autograph. Sign your name here. Touch me. Let me just press the flesh a little bit. Our great hero." Idolatry. It is an Age of idolatry: sports idols, fashion idols, movie idols; people influenced into worship. "Eating things," the Bible says, "sacrificed to idols"— false doctrine. [Revelation 2:14 and 20 -Ed.] Even some people still do it the ancient way; they bow down to little images (little statues); though idolatry has become more sophisticated in this Hour: your car could be your idol, your house could be your idol, and your job could be your idol; anything that takes preeminence in your life above God, is your idol. It is a spirit that makes something more important than God in your life.

And so, God is considering that to be hate. He says, "I am a jealous God." That word 'jealous' in the Bible doesn't mean that God is jealous like (you know) two people that are jealous of each other; that is a covenant term. God considers His relationship and His covenant with His people as a marriage. And so, when the people would forsake God's way and become influenced by something else, God calls it fornication; God calls it adultery. So when people go away from the Word of God into false doctrine, into denomination, into man-made systems, into the movies and sports, and all these different things; and they make these things preeminent, God calls it, whoredom (adultery).

And so He said, "I am a jealous God. I made you to worship Me. I made you in My own image and likeness. I made you for a purpose. I didn't bring you, to get away from the Creator to be taken up with the creation. You were made in the image of the Creator. You were given dominion like the Creator. You are an offspring of the Creator." So God wants you to stay that way. He says, "I am a jealous God."

And so, He considers the attitude of bringing something into your life to have influence over you and take up your time, take up your energy, take up your money, take up all these things; He considers that, "You're serving another husband." And your attitude to Him is like hate. You forsake His way. You chose not to commit your life to Him. And He says, when you do that, He says,

[I'll visit the iniquity] of the fathers upon their children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me... [or forsake Me, or would not choose to commit to Me.]

⁶ And shewing mercy to thousands of them that love me.

That's covenant loyalty. Those who are loyal to Him. Those who refuse to bow down to another spirit. Those who refuse to let some worldly, temporal thing possess and occupy their life, and give all their affections to it.

...them that love me, [to them that are loyal to Me] and keep my commandments.

Let's turn to Exodus 34 and see a little bit where He speaks on that again. He visits the iniquity to the third and fourth generation. By one man, sin passed on to the whole world. How? It was visited down. It was visited upon every man.

I trust tonight, that God will take His Word and show you the value of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and you will realise that it is God's solution to all your problems. That one promise: the baptism of the Holy Spirit (the New Birth), is God's solution to all your problems.

Verse 5, Exodus 34.

⁵ And the LORD descended in the cloud, He has descended in this Day in a Cloud also, in this Third Exodus. That was the first Exodus.

... and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

⁶ And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful...

Do you believe that He's merciful tonight?

...and gracious,

Do you believe that He's gracious?

...longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

And may He show that here tonight.

⁷ Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,

How many desire forgiveness, tonight? God is merciful; forgiving iniquity, forgiving transgression; forgiving sin.

...and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

My! One more Scripture; Hebrews, Chapter 7.

What we have been reading and what we are looking at is a principle in the Bible called imputation. And God deals with man according to imputation, "By one man, sin passed unto all men. By one Man, many are made righteous." He visits the blessing the same as He visits the curse. Exodus shows us that.

Verse 9, Hebrews 7;

⁹ And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

Now for some of you who are not too acquainted with the Bible, let's get who Levi was. Abraham had a son named Isaac. Isaac had a son named Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons: Levi was one, and to him was given the priesthood. So Levi would be Abraham's greatgrandson. But the Bible is telling us that Levi was in Abraham; because Isaac was in Abraham, and Jacob was in Abraham. Jacob's twelve sons were in Abraham just like we all were in Adam, when Adam sinned. So, all Abraham's seed were in Abraham's loins.

So Paul, understanding the Scriptures that we have read in Exodus... because we read It in Romans. (He taught It in Romans, he taught It in 1st Corinthians and he's teaching It here in Hebrews.)

⁹ And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

¹⁰ For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

So he's looking at a scene; Abraham met Melchisedek, (that was Genesis 14, after the battle of the kings), Melchizedek gave Abraham bread and wine, and Abraham gave Melchizedek tithes of all that he had. And Paul is seeing that we were all in a 'head'. In other words, we all were in Adam.

Adam was the head of a race; Christ is the Head of a race (He is the beginning of the New Creation). Adam was the head of the old creation. The old creation fell through sin; and in Adam we all died. The reason death came upon us – we were in Adam, and Adam brought forth his children by sex. And so that came down from generation to generation, until your father and mother, and my father and mother brought us by sex. Because they just followed their father and mother—all the way back to Adam. And when we came by sex, we came sinners. We didn't even know who God is. We didn't even know the first thing about God. "We were born in sin, shaped in iniquity, came into the world speaking lies," the Bible says. "Dead in sins and trespasses."

And so, Paul, as he looked at man in Adam, he is now looking at man in Abraham. And he is seeing when Adam sinned, all of us sinned in Adam. When Levi paid tithes in Abraham... When Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek rather, all who were in Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. So he is telling us, if that is so, then if you are in Christ and you were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, then whatever Christ

did, you are identified in that which He did. That is a great thing.

Looking at the Scripture there in Exodus, the untutored mind might think that, "That is hard. Somebody sinned and God would bring the sin on the children, and bring the sin on the children's children. That isn't fair, man." That is very fair. If that is so, then we could never claim anything in Christ. What we are claiming in Christ is by being in Christ. And the same way we have to bear the shame of one thing, we are able to bear the glory of Another.

God has a law: Every seed brings forth after its kind. Now I'm expecting this to help you tonight in a very very deep way; and not just a message for the Convention. I want to express a truth to you that will help you in your life, help you in your battles, and help you in your struggles. A truth that will always remain a truth, and no matter how long we have here on the face of the earth, and the next World that we are going to, it will remain a truth to you, because it is a principle of God. And the lack of the knowledge of this truth is why many people are frustrated, many people complexed, many people don't know how to come out of their problems, and many people struggle with many things; it is because of the lack of the knowledge of this truth which I want to share with you tonight.

I want to take for a title "HEREDITARY SINS AND SICKNESSES." HEREDITARY SINS AND SICKNESSES.

Last night we were speaking about Watch And Pray Lest You Enter Into Temptation. [1997-0828-Ed.] Falling away in a time of temptation. Well, when you study temptation, everybody's sin is different. All people may have the nature of sin (which is unbelief), but it manifests itself in different ways. Samson's sin wasn't Joseph's sin. Samson had a weakness; he always got trouble with women. Joseph didn't have that problem; he ran from it. Abraham's sin wasn't David's sin.

People come into the world; they are born into a family; they take on certain things. And because of those things, many times they go through life handicapped, retarded, paralyzed. They want to be something; they see other people a certain way and they want to be like that, and they can't be like that. Something restricts them, something paralyzes them; something binds them up. Then they say, "This person is the same age as me. We are going to school together. Why can't I be accepted like this one? Why can't I be appreciated? This one – it seems so easy to get along with other people; they don't take on things. With me; if something happens, I get broken up, I get complexed; I can't relate to anybody afterward. I take so long to come back out of it. Why am I this way?"

It hinders a lot of people. And right inside of there, not knowing what I want to tell you, is where many people develop attitudes; "You see me, I'll take on this attitude. This is a dog-eat-dog world." And they start to harden themselves because they can't conquer by humility. To speak a soft word and turn away wrath, is difficult for them; so they pick up ways from the hard, callous world. So even though they try to serve God, yet they get condemned when the Word is preached. Because when the Word condemns these things, they realise, "I go to church, but I'm not really bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit. I'm not really living a Christian life. And why does it seem that when I'm going so good, and every time I'm going so good, something comes up and I break apart; I fall apart? I just can't seem to get over that hurdle. Why?" People have that.

As a pastor, you deal with people. There are some; you know what they are susceptible to. You have to try to hold them, by the Word, away from things; because from the time they get close to certain things, they are going to have problems. And sometimes in their mind, because they don't have it for a season, they say, "Oh I

am free from it. Hallelujah! Glory to God!" And as they get confronted, right there they go again; down the road.

And so, you realise what is needed. It's not just a little sermon, it is some way to unlock that person's life, so that they can truly understand why they are the way that they are. And they can find from God's Word, the solution (the antidote); and the things that are necessary for their own deliverance, their own benefit, their own progress; their own advancement, from the Word. To realise that God has provided everything for all of us, in the Word.

Christianity is not about, "I am in this church," or, "I am in that church," or, "I am trying to live my life." No. No matter what kind of circumstance we have; no matter what we are faced with (brother), God has the answer for it, in the Word.

When the Word comes in an Age to a people, It isn't just coming to educate them about religion; God will have to point out certain things that they must understand: the time that they are living in, what God promised in that time, and how to work in harmony with God. But they really can't come into that, if they don't overcome their own selves; if they are not able to take control and dominion in the things that they are faced with, and confronted with on a daily basis in their own environment.

Nobody just wants to feel like a good Christian in church. You want people on the outside (when you get out there) to say, "You are a Christian. Hey! My! The way that you stood there. The way you talked to that person who was hurting and wanted to commit suicide. The way you told them about God in the reality and of the experiences that you have. Oh, I want what you have. I realise that you're no church member. You know, the way that we would get carried away and influenced to go and do certain things, you show us that we don't have to give in to those things. You show us that humility is not a weakness; it's a power. You show us

that being a Christian is not like we are afraid that we'll get into the world, and we'll get lost, so we become church boys and church girls. No! You show us that it takes character to serve God; to resist sin."

You realise that people's thoughts have to be on a higher level; where they know something more than eat and drink, wear clothes, and mix up with the world and fleshly lust. They understand something greater than that about life. That is why they manage their time (you don't waste it); they use it for a constructive purpose.

That is why when people are talking about, "Young people want role models. Young people want this. Young people don't have that. Young people need things. We have to get more sports grounds for the young people, and ..." We don't need that. We need some preachers to preach the Truth. We need men to take the Word of God and make it real enough to people; to let them see that Jesus Christ is alive. There is a reality about the Gospel. There is a Power that delivers. There is a Power that changes. There is a reality that God brings to a man's soul, that satisfies on the inside.

All the man-made programs will fall aside. You are coming into the same program that Joseph as a young man came into. You are coming into the same program that John and David as young men came into: to live in an environment where God is real; where people walk with God, and where God came down, alive. It wasn't just a teaching, it wasn't just an idea, it wasn't just some group, it wasn't just some activity; it was an experience, it was a relationship; it was a revelation.

The Bible isn't about ancient times. The Bible tells us, "He is the same today as He was yesterday." When we look in the Bible we see that God deals with man on the principles of imputation; the sins of the parents are visited upon the children. Adam's sin came upon Adam's children. Adam children's sin came upon Adam's children; and so it went right on. Until when

Jesus came, the whole world was guilty of sin; the whole world was lost.

The whole world needed a Savior. And so He was born without sin. He wasn't born by sex. He came to save, He came to deliver. He came to undo what took place, to put man into bondage. He came to take man out of that. And if He came to take man out of that, He had to bring man into the Faith, into the Power, into the Presence, and into the Reality that the false birth took us away from. He didn't just tell us, "Don't drink and don't smoke." It isn't a rehabilitation center. He is talking about coming up to walk where you were supposed to walk.

Look in the Bible, the curse of Ham fell upon Canaan, and then the curse of Canaan fell upon his children. And when Joshua was bringing them in, God said, "Utterly destroy them: ox, cattle, sheep, ass—everything!" Ham's sin (one man's sin) threw his whole seed into jeopardy, because his seed is his offspring. Do you get the picture?

Look at Amalek; a man saw God's people getting delivered – bringing them out of Egypt (out of denomination) – taking them to the promised land; he came to fight them, and he came to criticize them. If God did that for Amalek, and put a curse on him and said that He would blot his name from under heaven, (from generation to generation) until he goes out of existence completely; then what about people, when they see God's people coming out of denomination and they come to destroy them, and they come to do evil to them? Do you think God is the same God?

In every Age, those who fought against the true Bride were blotted out of the Book. Do you think *that* is an Old Testament thing? In the Book of Revelation, it tells you Dan and Ephraim (this generation's ancestors) had worshipped idolatry; and in the last days when God comes to seal, though they are there in the land, they will not get the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is not an

Old Testament thing. It tells us your origin. It tells us that God looks at a seed and if that seed is corrupt; Jesus said, "A good tree can't bring forth corrupt fruit and a corrupt tree can't bring forth good fruit." [St. Luke 6:43-Ed.]

We are fruit from a tree. You are the fruit of your mother's womb; your father planted a seed. We were born into this world. We know that we didn't come from the sky; we came by birth. Seed and egg came together in union to bring us here, and because of that, we are faced with things in life.

Some people are born, as Job said, "A man born of a woman," [Job 14:1 -Ed.]; not man made by God. When he was saying, "Man born of a woman," he was specific; he was talking about a man coming by sexual desire in need of Redemption, born in sin and shaped in iniquity. That is what he had in mind when he was making the statement, "A man born of a woman. He is of few days (his life is like a vapour); full of trouble." First, he takes his birth, his origin: how he came. Then he shows how short his life is: a few days. And he shows what his life consists of: full of troubles. He cursed the day he was born. He longed for a Redeemer. He longed to... "I could hold this One in my hand, Who could take me a sinful man and bridge the gap and bring me into fellowship with a Holy God."

One day it struck his heart that that was God's plan. He said, "I know my Redeemer liveth." [Job 19:25 -Ed.] He had a hope in life. He said, "I see the tree fall, its life goes down into the ground, and it dies. Winter comes and it kills everything, but as springtime comes, the leaves come back new."

My young brother, and my young sister, last night I was showing you the power of taking things and just putting them into the Blood of Jesus Christ; the courage it takes to confess things. Tonight I want to show you that when we try to pretend; we can only pretend and

hide it, and impress people who don't know the Word; because the very Bible tells us what man is.

A man might say, in the world, "A man is famous. A man is great." God's Word says, "A man is born in sin and shaped in iniquity." It says, "He can't please God. He is born of flesh." It says, "Except he has God's life, he is condemned already." God's Word tells us what man is, but God's Word doesn't just condemn man, It shows us that if a man could recognise that he is born condemned, then man can begin to see the grace of God that has made provisions for him to come out of that condemnation. By man vou one came condemnation, and by one Man you were made righteous. By the work of this one Man.

Look at the Egyptians; the Egyptians perished—do you know why? Because of Pharaoh – one man; they were in his kingdom.

Look when David sinned as a king of a kingdom; all his people in the kingdom suffered judgment because of him.

Look at Saul when Saul sinned; all of God's people suffered because Saul was king of the kingdom.

Look at Achan, friends; he wasn't a king, he was the head of a family; so it shows that it doesn't just deal with kings and kingdoms, because the head of a family is like a king in a kingdom. When he sinned, God killed the whole family.

When Eli sinned, God said, "All of Eli's seed (unto the last one); I'll root it out." And the last one (Abiathar) was killed in the time of Solomon. What was it? Visiting the iniquity from one generation to the next.

Could you imagine if Jesus Christ didn't come, friends; if the Lord didn't come and die, and if an Atonement wasn't made to stop the plague? Sometimes you don't see the value of what God did – to sell out everything and receive it – because you don't see how condemned you were. It's only when you see how lost you were, and how lost the human race was, you see

how valuable Christ's death is. When you don't see how lost you were and you judge yourself by your own standards; with your own carnal mind, "Well I'm alright. My nose is straight. My complexion is nice. My hair is curly. I have a nice smile. I'm the best-looking person in the class. I'm the brightest [most intelligent -Ed.]. I have more subjects than everybody else. Praise God! My! I'm here to stay." Is that so? In three days' time, worms could be crawling out of that body. Think of it.

Look at the generation of Jesus. Jesus told that generation; He said, "The blood from Abel, all the way to Zechariah (from the first prophet to the last one before Malachi) would be upon this generation." [St. Matthew 23:35-Ed.] What did that generation do to get all that judgment upon them? The iniquity was visited to their children; and in the day when the crime had to be punished, their children were going to be guilty.

I'll show you that it is not a 'yesterday' thing. This generation: the people that you admire in the streets; the people that you see in the papers; the people that you see in the schools, are the ones that you read about in the Book of Revelation, when the tribulation begins to be poured out. Because, there are no more generations after this one. And in this one; all the blood of the saints and the martyrs – God will judge this generation for it. Because this is the Day when the crimes will be punished, and their children (these denominational children)... Because remember, the Protestants are the Catholics' children. How many know that?

Now, I said that I'm taking my time with you tonight. I want to teach you something, and leave something with you in your heart. I want to show you that God does that; whether it is for a man, whether it is for a church, whether it is for a family, whether it is for a nation; whatever it is, God does that. Whether it is for the race, God does that.

That is why when God can give you one that could bring a blessing to you – be happy. Think of how Moses could bring a blessing to Israel. Think of how Elijah could remove a plague and bring the rain back to them when they had famine. Think of it friends. Think of how Samuel could intercede, get the ark back, and bring the Presence of God back, when the Philistines had the ark and the people were under judgment. Think of it. Because all of them were a type of Christ. All of them were a type of Christ.

And when Jesus came, what they were doing in part, was done in reality. That is what the Gospel is to us. And if we can see that death was properly and well taken care of, and Life was made secure and given, where (brother) we can make claims upon It, partake of It and enjoy It, then there will never be a sad face. Because you will know that your problems have been dealt with, they've been taken care of; your deliverance has been made secure. The blessings that you need to enjoy life and overcome in the Day that you are living in, has been given to you in the form of the Message.

Paul said, "Levi paid tithes." Look at Reuben – Reuben lost the birthright because he defiled his father's couch; he lived with his father's concubine. When Joshua was going in to give them the land, Reuben got only one portion but Joseph got two, because it was taken from Levi and given to Joseph. His sin passed on and his children came and they inherited what they inherited because of the sin of Reuben. You would say, "How does that affect me?" That is the background that I'm laying to come to you.

The things that you face, the nature that you have, the sins in your life that you are wrestling and fighting with—where did they come from? The body that you have that craves certain types of things; you just can't keep away from certain types of things—why is your body like that? Why is my body like that? Think of it.

That same place there. That very same place there. You are part of a family tree.

Listen to this. On a message called, *There Is Only One Way Provided By God For Anything*. [1963-0731 -Ed.]

He says,

What brought sickness into the world was sin.

Now we're not so much on preaching tonight; I'm trying to teach something here from the Word of God. We read those Scriptures and lay that background; giving those examples.

Now, I want to just break down some personal things in your life that you meet every day, and you wrestle with. And maybe tonight, it is going to break those chains and let that pressure off; you are going to realise that God knows about it, and you don't have to be chained up with it. Now listen. God gave us a Prophet in this Day; one who was a seer, one who saw all the way back to the Garden of Eden. He didn't have to wait to try to figure out what was in the Bible, you know.

One time, theologians were saying, "Well, you know, Jesus was baptised for this. Or, Jesus asked John to baptise Him; and John wanted Jesus to baptise him, so they baptised each other." And different things. The Prophet said, "One day I stood there and God showed me the vision"; he saw Jesus being baptised by John in the water and he told us what it was. He looked back in the Garden of Eden; he saw the Serpent, he saw Eve; he saw Adam in the garden. He saw it in a vision, just like Moses saw it.

That is why friends, we are not dealing with theology. That is what makes the Bride in a different class. Because, God didn't send a theologian to give Her a little theology; God sent a Prophet to bring the hidden Truth that was sealed in the Word, so that things we face in this life; that is holding us back in our preparation for the Rapture — the answer is in It, to help us possess every gate, that we can be made ready for the Coming of the Lord.

If you might have been struggling with things (maybe) the past few years (I don't know). And I am not looking in my ability, but I'm trusting in His grace; and I pray that He could make me yield in such a way tonight, to bring a Word to you; to say something to you out of the Scriptures and out of the Message that could help break places in your life, that you can be free. Then you will see the value of being able to come together like this; to help you (God's children) overcome in this Hour.

He says,

What brought sickness into the world was sin. When man dropped away from God's provided way, he opened himself to every devil there was...

What was God's provided way? To be born by the Spoken Word; to come by creation like Jesus came, instead of coming by sex, like we came. Because, you know in the Bible, Adam came by creation (without sex); he came a big, full man. He didn't come as a baby, he came as a man. Jesus came without sex, through a woman; as a Baby. And we came by sex, through a woman. So those are three ways God brought human life in the Bible.

Sometimes you might sit and think, "Well, it is normal for people to be born by sex." No. There is a record, where Jesus came different; Adam came different. And that is why we are promised a change in the body, because the way that we got this body; it came perverted. We got a 'crazy' body. That is why we have problems in it. That is why, when we start to go through changes and this biological clock begins to tick, it gets haywire and we do the worst of things sometimes; and then we sit and hold our heads and bawl, "How did we do that?"

Sometimes we esteem ourselves so nice and comely and then we see ourselves so corrupt and vile. Why? That is not wrong, that helps you. That helps us to understand that we are dust and ashes. We need a Creator. We need a Savior. We need a God who is not an idol. We need a God who is a Creator. We need a God (brother) who could take us out of this condition and raise us up to become the Word. Glory!

So,

When man dropped away from God's provided way he opened himself to every devil there was; to sickness and so forth.

There was a time when there was no sickness, because there was a time when there was no sin. Because, sin came, then sickness followed; because sickness is an attribute of sin. It is like the apple on the tree. The apple is the fruit of the tree. Because you have the tree there, and there's a life in that tree, it will bring forth fruit. And so sin brings forth malice, envy, jealousy, lying and all these things; and adultery, fornication and anger—it brings forth all these things.

...and it is just each generation in-breeding into another. Now you might be a Christian,

Now, catch this now. We are going a little deeper now. You might be a Christian and your wife might be a Christian; but the genes of your body is still the inheritance of your father and your grandfather on down. As Daniel said, "Each generation will get weaker and wiser." And it's got the whole race... dying.

Now remember, when your father and mother came together they were not bringing a soul. Your father doesn't have a soul in him to plant in your mother. Your father has a sperm in his body, and your mother has an egg in her body. And your mother got her body when *her* father and mother came together. And your father got his body when *his* father and mother came together. And you go on and on like that back to Adam. Your soul (the inner man) – the real you – came from God.

So he says,

For instance, [This is in Paradox [1963-0801 -Ed.]. Continuing on the same thought.] a few days ago, I was called in on a scene, or on a little something going on. There was a fine young man, very fine boy, he was going

with a little girl, very fine little girl out of a fine family, [like we have here]. And this boy all of a sudden came up with some kind of idea and he just walked away. He did something wrong to the little girl and as much as he promised her to do a certain thing and then didn't do it. [He didn't do it.] And instead of coming to the girl and apologising like a gentleman should do, it wasn't in him to do it.

Now catch where we are going now.

...it wasn't in him to do it.

And the father and mother called me on the scene and said, "We are desiring to know what is wrong with our boy."

I like that. They were concerned for the boy; he had a certain attitude—problem. They tried to raise him. They remembered him from a baby; they had all the family photos, but they couldn't see into the boy's life. They couldn't see into the boy's mind. But that Prophet could have seen. So they said, "Come and tell us."

Now watch. He says,

Now it is not easy to do sometimes but you must be truthful and honest. Therefore the boy was a Christian, as far as a believer. He had repented and had been baptised, and had his position among the believers but yet had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, no matter how much he thought he had.

You thinking you have and having It, is two different things. You might be able to try to say you have, and you might be able to show some evidence of some emotion; but unless your life is vindicating what you are professing to have you still haven't got It. No matter how many emotions, how much jump, run, sensations, speaking in tongues, or shouting, or whatever you might lay it upon; which is alright, I believe in all that too; but unless your life copes with your testimony, then you haven't got It. Cause, the fruit of the Spirit vindicates what you are, just like the fruit of any tree tells what it is. Jesus said, "By their fruits, you shall know them."

He says,

Now, this young fellow's parents. His mother is a German.

Now look where he's going, now. I am getting to you.

His mother is a German. No reflection on the German but there is a strain in that family.

A nature (a characteristic) in that family.

And that is, they'll just sit, and you can talk to them and they'll just stare you right in the face.

Preachers know that real good. You'll be preaching your heart out sometimes and they'll sit there watching you in church – *all* the way through the service. They don't know that it is a nature in them, because other people shout and get excited sometimes. Do you understand what I am saying? Now watch.

Now this young fellow's parents are this, but that's a strain in the family.

And that is they'll just sit, and you can talk to them and they'll just stare you right in the face. This girl's sister, the mother of this boy, her sister. I have come down the street many morning, and this young lady be setting out in the yard, and I'd say, "Good morning to you." She would just look at me. I'd stop and I'd say, "Sure a fine morning." She would just stand, look right at you; an intelligent woman. And I'd say, "Come up to see us sometime." She would just stand and look. Well her brothers are that way...

He's trying to be friendly. He's trying to start a conversation.

Now he's explaining: a nature (a strain) in the family. Now the father of that boy is strictly an Irishman, moody, high-tempered, high-strung. That's his whole family like that, except one out of the family, converted.

The mother (on her side), they'd sit and watch you so; the father is high-strung, excited, flares up, and blows up. See? So there is only one in the family that's different, because that one is converted.

This father and mother, both [of them] are Christians filled with the Holy Ghost, and they have brought this young man up in the way of the Lord. And now the young man is about seventeen or eighteen years old... [Like many of you right here, tonight. Nice kid] very fine kid, and he's been a real model boy at home, nice kid. And he's got a brother that is just vice versa.

But the girls, the mother's family lives close to the...a fine church. But do you think they'd ever come over there? No. And they know It is right, but it is just not in them to ask for forgiveness or ask pardoning. They just won't do it. It is just not in them.

The church is right nearby to them and they wouldn't go. Before they could get out that door (let me tell you), the number of thoughts; "I'm going over there? No one listens to me. I know, from the time I walk in that door, if someone says something, I'm walking right back out. You see me; if I go, I'll sit in the back seat and if any deacon or trustee tells me to go in the next seat, it is me and them." So they fix themselves from on the hill, and they're coming down. He's explaining something about a strain in a family.

Now I want to teach you something here. Our lives; this body that we have (where it came from. I read the Scriptures for you); it was condemned from the beginning. It got hybrid right down to here.

Some of you, the most that you know is your father and your mother. You might not know your grandfather or your grandmother. After that, you may not even know. And when you grew up, if your father never told you of his past life or your mother never told you of her past life and their past sins, then you get locked in a world trying to figure out your life. Then if you are growing up in a home and parents don't have a revelation of these things and then they are demanding a strict life from their children; not knowing that they brought their body by sexual desire and it has problems

in it. They are not showing them how to get out of it, and they are not realising that that body 'came down'.

And so the child feels that they are a failure; they can't live up to mammy's and daddy's expectations. They have pressure in the home. Then they are waiting for a certain time, "When I get out, I'll deal with my own life, because I can't take this." See?

And then when the children go, sometimes even backslidden parents say, "You see. I tried to do everything I could for them." What they mean is: they bought food, they bought clothes, they brought them to church; they would pull them up when they do something wrong.

You never taught them; you never prepared them to face things. They were never sensitive to know that, at certain stages, they were going through certain changes in life, and they were having certain problems. And then they are unequipped to deal with it, so they don't want to display their ignorance sometimes. So they say, "I'll carry you to the deacon," you know, or, "I'll carry you to the minister," you know. And they start to use... Like people would say long ago: "The ghost outside (the Lagahoo [In local folklore: a mythical shape shifting monster -Ed.]) is passing." See? So now they are using 'deacon' and 'trustee' because they are in a church environment; they are using something to bring a scare again. And they think *that* is being responsible.

Now listen. Hereditary sins, hereditary sicknesses and weaknesses is what I'm dealing with. I'm trying to show you; we are all going to be tempted, and we are all going to have temptation. You cannot fall without being tempted; and if you fall and you don't know where you failed in the temptation, you can't really get reconciliation, because you don't know what to confess or how to confess. And your repentance could never be complete: to make you be loosed from the sin that you got trapped into. And if that is not completely loosed, there is always guilt and condemnation that hangs on

to you like a stain. Unless the Bleach breaks that, and moves every molecule of that stain away from you, you would never have peace in your heart.

And the reason many people are victims is because of weak 'pulpits' (weak ministries); unconscious people who are unconscious of working in the realm of the Spirit with the Word.

Like I said last night; when we come to the prayer line, we are going forth unto the war; we are taking the Sword (the Word) and going forth against the Enemy (demon power), to slay that thing. Because that devil could have a grip on a person's life. And it takes spiritual power to hold the person in that condition, then it is going to take Spiritual power to loose the person from that condition.

It is not human power that's going to loose spiritual power. Spiritual power is working through the agency of human beings that It is ordained to work through. That is why the Church is in union with Christ and we must understand that union. So listen.

Look at this family here now: the mother is German, the father is Irish (high-strung). This young boy now did something to the girl; he can't apologise to her for it. He is showing *why* the boy can't do that. He goes back to the boy's father, and he goes back to the boy's mother; and he's showing you something: that the body the boy has, he got it from them.

And now the young man is about seventeen or eighteen years old, very fine...

But the girls, the mother's family live close [but they won't go to church.]

Now the genes in the father and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy.

Remember, a mother doesn't go to the doctor and say, "I want to have a child, so me and dad came. Take us through the test, find the best genes that we have and bring them out because we want this boy to be a fine

boy who is going to obey us." If it was so, God couldn't visit the sin. So because God has control over it, God knows, "You were rebellious to me; I'll give you a rebellious child." Be not deceived whatsoever a man sow that shall he reap.[Galatians 6:7-Ed.] A man's works do follow him. The sin is visited from one generation to the next. It has nothing like 'get away.'

Many of you as young men and young women may already see the person that your heart (affection) has reached out for, and you may just be seeking God's will and trying to understand God's time and season, or trying to get yourself in a secure position, maybe to ask the proposal or something. Well, what about if you have all that arranged and you go into marriage, (and even to have children and these things), and you are not fully conscious of what you are going to; and that responsibility. Think of it.

Think of if you have a craving in your body for a companion and you feel that, "I've reached the stage," you know. "I want to settle down in life." That isn't wrong. It is normal to feel that way at a certain age, but – how are you going to come into it? Why is it right there they get influenced to end up in fornication; to end up (you know) behaving themselves uncomely—Why? Because when they begin to move into that realm, they even begin to discover further things in themselves that they haven't yet learned to govern and bring under control, by the Word.

Why do many, after they get married, end up domesticated, and then just get lost and can't go on serving God afterwards, and their Spiritual life takes a dive—Why? Because they went in there themselves never understanding these things. They just got married because they had a house, they had a car, they had a good job; and they find (well) they are old, so it's time to get married. And they had a girl that they had influence over, who found that she was too long in her mother's house; and they came out and so on.

But when they get there, to handle these things now they are so...They are babies, now; not knowing about the facts of life, not knowing about their own selves; why they are a certain way. And knowing that when they come together... Brother, let me tell you. Even if they cross the races, then they are breeding out certain characteristics and putting a child in a certain type of Age, and into a certain type of condition, with a temperament that might not be able to deal with the pressures of this life. And they are not even conscious of it. They are not even conscious of that responsibility.

And when the child is born, it has dimples, it is nice; curly hair, a pretty smile, and they think it is heaven that God gave them in their hand. And then fourteen years after – fourteen years after, when they see what they did, then they start to understand: God is not deceived – God is not mocked. They start to understand something different. Then they start to learn that they didn't bring forth a Christian; it was their flesh, interbred since the beginning, coming down that family tree; interbred out to that boy. Even though they are Christians – *converted*; that's their soul not their body.

Many of you, the problems that you are getting are in that realm.

Listen, now listen close. I want to move on quickly. So,

...the genes in the father and mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains flesh that has been interbred to this boy, therefore the boy has a complex in him just like from his mother's family and they are not forgiving. They will not apologise and that is where the boy stands. Now, I said to the father, "No matter how much you raised that boy up..." I said, "Now look at you out of your family: all of them drunks, and fighting, shooting, cutting and so forth." "Now look at your family," to the mother. [I told the mother] "They're a bunch of people [that they] won't speak, very independent and so forth, irreverent to religion. But," I

said, "it's not you. You're the only one of all your sisters and brothers, and you are sweet, kind and forgiving. What does that? You are a tree, you are part of a family tree. Yet you have received the Holy Ghost. [And] That's the thing that made you tender and sweet. It is not your people anymore, it is [the] your Christ that lives in you."

In other words, if it is corn and it is yellow corn, it has to keep breeding – yellow corn, yellow corn, yellow corn, yellow corn. If it is a long mango, it has to keep breeding – long mango, long mango, long mango. Unless something gets converted to change it into a julie mango or something. Do you understand what I'm saying?

He says, "You're being sweet, but look at the family that you came from."

Now, he's opening these Scriptures for us.

I said to the boy, "Look at your family, practically all of them are [drunkards] and so forth," I said, "And how moody, high-tempered and high-strung but you are not. You are kind, forgiving, (he's talking to the father, now) What is it? The Holy Spirit. You are no more what you are. It is Christ in you. I said, "Now, that same thing has to happen to your son [that boy].

And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptised correctly in the name of Jesus Christ and water baptism in the pool." He said, "I know my son has come to Christ."

I said, "That may be alright, all the outward motions. He might be identified as a believer with believers but until he's regenerated, born again, I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make hell on earth for her. Until that gentle sweet forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in, then that will be a paradox in itself to take the very nature out of the boy that's bred between the father and the mother. And yet in his intellectuals, he's trying his best to overcome it. He can't do it.

The boy is baptised; the boy comes to the pool and accepts Christ. The boy is coming to church. The boy is behaving nicely. It looks like he is saved. The boy is not

drinking and smoking. The boy is not running around. The boy sees a nice girl. He starts to go around with the girl and it looks like a nice sweet match. But then something happens, and he can't forgive. He walks away mean. And then when they add it up; "How could a little thing like that get him so bent out of shape. We don't know what to do." Call the Prophet; he gets under vision and begins to go back generations. And when he begins to go back generations, he said, "I will advise that boy, never to marry. Any woman he marries, he will make hell for her on earth, as long as he's in that condition."

As a pastor for many years, I've seen it. I've seen it. I've tried to tell you. I've tried to warn you. They think that they're in love. They think they have 'butterflies' in their stomach. Their dreams are sweeter than what I'm saying. You come like 'Dr. Killjoy.' You want to stop the 'party'? And before you know it; it crashes, it is in a ditch, it falls apart; it can't go on. A shame, a reproach, disgusting, miserable; a wreck. Think.

Christ will have to overcome it. When he lets Christ in... Now catch this. The boy is lost. Look, he's offering the way for him. Look at the value. You see, he was still in Adam, the old man. He never got divorced from there. He never got cut loose from there. He came to the water and all these things.

Christ will have to overcome it...

No matter if the parents (the father and mother) are converted. No matter how they raised that boy in the Lord. It was the parents' influence so strong on the boy (brother); he didn't run out into the world at ten years he came and went straight to the water.

I am sure all of you young people here tonight; many of you who have to face things in life, many of you who try to work out your own problems. Right now, many of you who are faced with pressures from all sides, have decisions to make and don't know what to do. And thank God, He didn't let you have enough money

coming your way, and He didn't have you in a home where you can express your own self-will to the extent that you might want to express it, so you still have to stay under mammy's roof and daddy's roof. And because God has you bound by certain circumstances still, that is what is helping you from not going completely to your own destruction.

And while that is holding you back there, the Holy Spirit in grace is coming with the Word and trying to tell you (Hallelujah!) – the Holy Spirit is coming with the Word and trying to say, "Don't be afraid," (amen), God will get it under control for you. But you have to obey Him, you have to let go, you have to take His Word into your heart; you have to submit to It. He is not condemning you for your condition, because He could tell your father and mother, why you have that kind of body.

Sin that they got wiped out and they didn't look for it to come in their children; it is coming right back there.

Christ will have to overcome it. When he lets Christ in then he's already overcome then. It'll be a perfect paradox, when a man is born of the Spirit of God.

Oh my. Hallelujah! Glory!

You know, many times (you all know the Prophet's ministry), he would have a meeting and call a prayer line, and with that gift of discernment, (Hebrews 4:12, the Messianic Sign); a gift that displays God's Omniscience. God Who knows every flea that bats its eye. Under vision he tells the people, he said, "The only thing that He doesn't show me is something that is under the Blood." He said, "I go up to preachers and they say, 'Oh Bro. Branham, I love you,' and everything else." He said, "I see them lying right there." He said, "I watched a minister with venereal disease, sitting down there saying, 'Bro. Branham, I love you." See? He said, "That's why I don't get around people sometimes. The vision would break, and I would see things." He says, "And whatever It says...

He said, one time he was speaking in a meeting... the man was telling the man's wife.

"Bro. Branham," the man comes running from his seat, "what did you say about my wife?"

The woman said, "Honey it's the truth. Honey it's the truth?" See. Because God knows. See? Now that gift there. That gift there.

Now watch. I am saying that to read some discernment for you. People would come, and under that discernment, a woman came to him. And this is going to help you—some of you.

Some of you are nervous; you don't even know why you are nervous. "Well, the child is just nervous." Some of you have a bad stomach; you don't know why. It is the body – the body that you got.

Listen to this. [1950-0713 Obey The Voice Of The Angel –Ed.] A man came in the prayerline.

He said,

Yes my brother, you are a sick man. You have many troubles wrong with you. One of them is heart trouble that's been bothering you for some time. You have stomach trouble also. Isn't that right? You have consulted a doctor about this too, and they don't give you much hope. You believe with all your heart? Look, I want you to look at me when I'm talking to you. (He tells the man.)

Your whole trouble has been, is your makeup.

Now God is telling the man in the line—The man came for stomach trouble. The man came for heart trouble; the doctor gave him up. As far as he is concerned, "I am sick." He came in the line. He said, "Sir, you have this, but I'll tell you what your trouble is: stomach, heart." He said, "But the real problem is your makeup."

"What do you mean, 'your makeup,' brother?"

"Cosmetic?"

"No, no, no! The body; the kind of body that you got." Listen.

You are more of a kind of a deep thinker, you are nervous to begin with; an inward nervous, a type of

nervousness that causes you trouble easily. Really, your heart trouble is a nervous heart. I believe that you were told that. And your stomach, it's a peptic ulcer in your stomach that causes you this trouble. Stress.

You say, "I've got a lot of stress, I'll go and get some antacid tablets." Well, that is not going to take it away friends; your makeup has to change. You will take antacid tablets for the rest of your life. Medicine doesn't heal; medicine kills. Listen to this.

He said, "It is like you have rats eating out of your cupboards. So you take rat poison and put it there." Medicine is like rat poison; you put the rat poison to kill the rat but when you kill the rat with the rat poison, rat poison doesn't build back the place that the rat ate out. Do you get that? Well, he says, the doctors give their medicine to kill germs, but it doesn't build cells and tissue. If God doesn't come and heal that place, you're finished.

I was reading where he said, "Penicillin doesn't heal anybody." Recently I read the article; they said, "After forty years of penicillin, all the diseases that penicillin was supposed to drive out are still there." See? It doesn't do it. So what it is now. Listen.

Your whole trouble is your makeup.

So here is a man that has sicknesses coming from a condition; trying to get deliverance from it by going to the doctors. It is bringing frustration in his life; he can't do his work well, he can't be with his family as he ought to; he can't be happy, with his health run-down. All the money he is working for, he can't really enjoy it; it is going back to the doctor. What is his problem? He finds out now, "It's your makeup."

Your heart trouble is a nervous heart.

Listen again. [1951-0729E The Second Miracle -Ed.] Another person comes to him; he said,

Good evening lady. [He said] A timid spirit. That's the kind, usually that's kind of a little timid type. [You] Don't have too much to say, [You are a] deep thinker.

Have you ever seen people like that? They don't talk too much, but you know that they are figuring something out in their mind. Oh, they are going deep. When they do speak you realise how much they are concentrating on that thing. See?

He said, "You are nervous to begin with, because you are a deep thinker; you are always planning ahead."

Usually [it] never happens that way though. But you've had some good teaching. You have had many sorrows too. Had a great scare once in your life too. Something seemed like when you were a school girl. I believe it was a dog or something along. I see something bark or go on and you jump, [you] scream. You were just a little child. [girl coming down through life]

He is watching her back down in her life (a little girl) and he is saying, "You are a timid person." He's watching that spirit. "You are coming through life; you don't talk much. But you are a deep thinker; that is your makeup. And because you are a deep thinker, you're planning things ahead. You get worried... you worry plenty. You take on other people's troubles. It gets you nervous, it gets you flusterated. You are always on pins and needles (See?); then that affects your heart and that affects your stomach. You can't eat properly (See?); you can't digest your food properly so you start to get an ulcerated stomach and different things." But, what is causing this? Your makeup.

Now I want to get to this to show you: that makeup is hereditary. That makeup is hereditary; it came down to you. The sins passed down. You don't have sickness without sin. The same Gospel that deals with sin, has to deal with sickness. The same Atonement that saved you is the same Atonement that heals you, because sickness is an attribute of sin. That is how the chastisement for sin comes.

Now remember, even though you are a believer— Remember what God told David, "It would be in your house." Remember David's sin; he was forgiven by the prophet and everything else. Then it went from his son, it went to his son's son; and the same 'woman problem' that he had, started to come up in his children. Absalom went with one of them; Amnon went with them. When you walk with God, do you know what you get to find out, friends? Sin is a deadly thing.

My brothers and my sisters, may God take it to teach you something that will bring a responsibility in your life; that will bring a certain attitude that even in your own problems, you will know there is a way out of it.

If you stay in Adam (if you stay connected to the old nature), you will die. Forget coming up in church. Sometimes there, the Devil could give you a great hard time; the devil could manipulate you—sure. But it is that body that you have, he could really wreak havoc with. And that (what you are susceptible to; the type of temptation you are susceptible to) is because of the type of body that came to you; that came down through your parents. The sin went on to the third and fourth...

You say, "My father is a Christian. I was born and grew up in the Message.

Oh yeah, Amnon too. Amnon said that his father sits on the throne. It is not the way that you think, friends. No. Let's find out. There is a way to come out of these things.

Sometimes people commit suicide; sometimes they want to take their lives under pressure because they don't know those things. And because they don't know these things (brother), they want to give in, they want to end their life; Satan wants to put a pressure upon them, but not telling them how they got there. They look and they see daddy and mammy so saintly. Yes, because when they were born and growing up, daddy and mammy were going to church. What were daddy and mammy? What were grandmammy and granddaddy? And what were great-granddad and great-grandma?

As I was telling one of the brothers here recently too, about that, when he started to look at the boy. He

started to get bent out of shape with it. I said, "You can't do that." I said, "You are talking carnal; you are talking like a child. Where has all your revelation gone?" I said, "What do you think, did you bring him here by the Spoken Word?"

Telling some others before that another time too, I said, "Look at the family that you came from; watch the attitude that runs in your family. The truth is friends...[Inaudible -Ed.]

You see, when you are a 'surface' Christian, (like I said last night) the roots don't go deep; you don't get to the moisture and you don't get the inspiration in the Word to open it to see things. You deal with things according to the flesh. You find everybody nice. You find, "Don't the two of them match? Look, they went to the same school, and they live in the same neighborhood; I like him for her." Or, "I like this one for that one." Is that so? When you go back and find out what kind of 'gas' that is, or when you find out what kind of 'dynamite' that is, and what kind of explosion that could make; when you go and find out what kind of children that could come there. See?

Friends, let me tell you. Let us not be children – not in this Age and under this Message, where we're carnal and just think of things in a fictitious way.

Oh God, help me. My time is running out. Another lady came to him. He said, [1953-0903 Expectancy -Ed.]

Now you are a nervous person, not in a nervous of shaking and jumping. But what you are nervous at, it is a mental nervousness...[jump]... because you are a deep thinker.

I want to show you, once you are a deep thinker; nervousness, upset stomach—yes you have it. May He help a lot of you.

I want to pick up one or two sins here that came down, to show you – where it manifests – there's a way for it to move, too.

You see Jesus... When Jesus came, every miracle that Jesus did wasn't just a miracle, it was a miracle that manifested itself in some way to counter some plague or something that came from the fall.

Everything that God did for us (under this Message) in this day, is to help us out of conditions in our lives. Things that no theologian could find for hundreds of years, and the Church was oppressed and pressured; and no medical science could even know it—no instrument. But when a Prophet came by the Word and began to open these things (brother), it began to unlock a door of liberty for the children of God, to take them out of all kinds of conditions. Because God – the Omniscient God was speaking through that Messenger (brother); the God who knows every Elect around the world, on the face of the earth, could speak a Word for them in this Message. This was God's voice in the last days.

He said,

You are always thinking and taking other people's troubles. You cross bridges before you get to it. Isn't that right? That's the old expression. That's your nature, your makeup. What your trouble is, you got stomach trouble.

Listen to this one. [1951-0727 The Church Of The Living God -Ed.] He said,

Sir, you are a deep thinker, aren't you? Yes sir. You're always studying things. I'll say this, you might cross bridges many times before you get to them. Now that is hereditary, that's your makeup.

"Your trouble is your makeup. That's hereditary. You came that way. The sins of the parents..."

Let me show you that in a more juvenile form. This one is a little deep; let me show you it in a more juvenile form. Children's character is molded and shaped by what they see in their parents. You get a girl that grew up in a home where the home was broken—a single parent. The boy grew up living by an aunt. He didn't have any real parental example before him; he's not

growing up in the Word. He goes with that girl. She is nice; she is shapely. He likes her. They have something in common—do you know why? Both of them are from a broken home; a law of attraction brings them together. They look and see that each of them have similar problems, so they kind of feel a sense of security. Nobody feels bad towards the other; they kind of understand each other. And so, they find a friendship; they find security, because they don't have something that the others around them have. They came from stable homes with parents and different things. And they think that they have it made.

But as they get married; she never saw the mother taking care of a husband, so she doesn't know how to take care of a husband and he never saw a father taking care of a wife, so he doesn't know how to take care of a wife. So all of a sudden they find that the thing that brought them together, gave them security, gave them a nice relationship and made them feel compatible – they realise both of them are at a loss; unable to deal with their situation. It doesn't last six months. They start to regret what they got themselves into. Because to see that, they have to accept their condition.

They have to accept that the provided way for God to mold and raise a son and raise a daughter is under parental influence – godly parental influence by the Word. It is the way a man comes into the knowledge of what it is to be a husband, what it is to be a father. Because as a son; he is a potential husband, and he is a potential father. He doesn't go in a book and study fatherhood, he sees it displayed through the life of his father. She sees the mystery of motherhood displayed through the life of her mother.

She sees when daddy is sick and hurting, mammy becomes a nurse in the house. They see when they have no money, mammy gets contented and comes out with her ingenuity and begins to make a meal, when they didn't think a meal could come. And see no complaining, and see sweetness, and realise what is holding the family together.

But when the pull of the world comes and Hollywood comes, and the fashion of the world – what it does, is blind the mind that that was not God's provided way to educate them and develop them. So to them 'love' means sex. It means lustful pleasure; that is what they call love. Love to them is an art: how they see it in the movies; how it looks in front of the eyes. How they were out by the moonlight; how the pool was in the back there; how they took a toast—soap opera.

Like man-made chemicals that ate out a hole in the ozone and opened them up for fallen stars, so that ate out their understanding and opened them up to demon power and they don't realise that they are being deformed.

My brothers, my sisters, you all are God's heritage. You all are the ones that God called under this Message. You all are the ones that are called for a purpose. You all are the ones that the Devil is trying to bring a pressure on. You all are the ones that this Message was sent for in this Hour: to pull you out, break those things, and bring you to a place where you can come into the Reality; where you will not be deceived by the tempter; you will not be caught in the snares; you will not get your mind perverted from the Reality. He will not be able to put the lust veil upon you and blind you in this evil Age, when God has opened the Word to bring Light to your heart, and show you the reality; that you can show (brother) that though you might be an endangered specie, yet you are going to stand there and you are going to survive this world. Amen! You are going to stand there with the genuine characteristics that you are a real son or a real daughter of God.

And when God gives you a wife, or when God gives you a husband it will be the next best thing that He will give you after Salvation. It will be a companion in life to serve God with – together. Does that sound like the truth? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.]

He said,

That is your makeup.

Oh my, I'm bringing it to a close. Let me take those sicknesses here. Hereditary sicknesses. We looked at hereditary weaknesses; how they come. You are part of a family tree. Watch your father's family and your mother's family. Teaching right now might have a control and an influence mentally upon you, so you see yourself different from your father's family and your mother's family. Remember, your teaching doesn't change your genes. Right? To know your genes; when you watch your father's family and your mother's family you see their genes. Your teaching might help you to hold it in subjection but your teaching hasn't changed it yet; it's still there.

That is why, when a person starts to go through changes, they get a pull for certain things in the world, because daddy (when you were inside of him); when part of you was inside of mammy, that was the influence on their life. That is where all your thoughts... Remember your thoughts are not private quiet things, you know - your thoughts speak louder in Heaven than your words on earth. Your thoughts are an attribute of vour spirit. So it is not like, "Nobody knows my thoughts, and the thoughts I do." By the character you have, if that thinking is not filtered, if you are not converted and you don't come through the waters of separation, that sin is there. The only thing (friends) that could give you the power to change that makeup you have to come into Christ. The only way you can get away from that sickness that haunts you and holds you there - spiritually and even physically - you have to come into Christ. Watch, I'm giving it to you out of the Word.

I am closing.

Sin was inherited. You inherited the sins. They didn't live out and fulfill all their sins before they went into the grave; that is why it was visited to the next generation. Some men's sins go before them, and some men's sins come after them. So if you know that you are under pressure with certain things, and you realise that *that* is there, you don't have to carry it any further than this night. Do you understand what I am saying?

I'm saying all of that to bring it to this point. If you are here for the right purpose. If you want to come out of that condition. If you believe that the God Who has the answers to the things that you struggle with in your life for years, that condemn you; that hold you back, paralyze you, bind you up, make you ashamed; that make you try to hide and cover up things for years.

Because, little children growing up—do you think that they'll think in their mammy's and daddy's world? Never. It takes revelation to put your mind there. All little children remember are the nice toys; and that's their mammy's and daddy's good. Do you think that their lives, or their thoughts... Unless God deals with them with revelation and they understand life: to look back and see what kind of man their father was.

When I got saved I started to understand who my father was; what kind of man he was. I started to analyse him. I started to look at my mother's life. Because before, I only knew mammy and daddy: "Mammy, I want this. Daddy, I want this. Oh, I love my mommy and I love my daddy." Because, by nature, a child (an offspring) learns to depend on their parents.

You watch a little chicken in the yard; you watch a little pup with the mother dog, or you watch a little calf with the cow; it is dependent upon them. So, all they think of is what they could get to exist and survive; and they feel secure when they are around them. They don't analyse them to see, "What kind of cow, my mammy is? What kind of bull, my daddy is? I wonder what farm my father was raised on? I wonder what strain he came

from? I wonder what the big bull that he came out of a few years ago – what that bull used to run down and do? I wonder..."

"Now I realise that he used to come home late, late in the night. Now I realise that *that* is why we never had shoes; he gambled out all the money. But my mother was hiding those things when I was growing up. Only when the quarrel got uncontrollable, it spilled out. And we know that, probably because most of the time when he'll come home, we'll be sleeping soundly."

We don't see them as sinners under the judgment of God; because it is wrong to think of them that way. And I'm not saying to think of them that way. But I'm trying to say: the body that you have came from them. What God saved them from – that was manifested in their body – they got it from their father and mother too. And God says, "It comes down."

When the Prophet came in this day with the boy and with the people; going back in their lives and showing that it was not an Old Testament thing. In this day, he was going back to the third and fourth generation, finding them. They didn't even have a family picture, but he was telling them their name; he was telling them what they did. They didn't even know that. He was standing there under vision telling them.

You heard the testimony: Up in Canada; way up in British Columbia where some of these Canadian Indians were living on the land; they couldn't read or write. The Government was going to divide up the land and they were going to lose out if they couldn't fill out the forms from the Government. The Prophet was up there and when he saw their plight, under vision he started to tell them, "Your great grandfather," (what his name was); how many children they had—filled out the entire form, so that the people wouldn't lose their land. Think of it friends. That is what was among us that the Pentecostals killed; crucified what God came to deliver His children with. But thank God they couldn't touch

him until the Word was over, and all that we needed to go had been spoken and laid in the books and tapes.

The same Holy Spirit is here to come and tell you tonight, "You've struggled with that thing, but God, the strong Man is going to break that chain, open that prison door; give you the strength to raise you up above it. You could begin to take dominion over your earth. You could begin to talk to your body, amen. The very Creator in you; "Greater is He that is in your heart, than he that is in your flesh" (Hallelujah!); to bring every fiber under the control of the Holy Spirit. Glory be to God in the highest!

You watch people get crossbred; the temperament that they come with, sometimes too. The Prophet said, "They mix the races." The black man is happy-go -lucky and the white man is a very worrisome person. He said, "What do they want to cross the races for; they are breeding out the spirituality. This man likes to worry. The next one only wants to know about God. Problems. He said, "If you mix that you have a mulatto, "Well, I don't find that is 'douglarization'." [Local term meaning - a mixing of people of African with Indian descents -Ed.] It sounds good to the politician but not God. The Word friends.

I love Him tonight. Don't you? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] He is faithful. Let's finish up. Let's take a couple of these sicknesses. In a message called, *He Swore By Himself* [1954-1212 -Ed.] He said,

Now sickness, sometimes you have sick, say, "[Well] Did I sin?" Oh it might not have been you sinned but remember the sickness visit... The iniquities of the parents upon the children and the children's children and their children, on to the third and fourth generation. See? It is just a wearing down, wearing out of the human's bodies and sin piling up. Like venereal and so forth, it visits on down.

'Venereal' is sexual disease: syphilis, gonorrhea and these things; that keeps coming down, because it started in the garden of Eden; and we breed from generation to generation by sexual desire. And everything... That sexual disease travels with the sexual way. If there is no Resurrection, the human race will be destroyed from the face of the earth. Judgment is to save the world, friends. Judgment is to take a people out.

When God destroyed the world in the days of Noah, it was to save Noah. When God was killing out the Canaanites, it was to save Israel; and so the whole world wouldn't get contaminated. When God had to get the foolish virgins out, who missed the Rapture, He had to destroy the world to seal them away! Think of it. Is God angry and vexed with people? Brother, God has to do that because of His love for His children!

He said, "Look at how these things come down."

Here some time ago, a famous doctor here had two girls, that they took and examined. They were going blind, they found out, venereal disease. Just as clean and moral little ladies as they could be, right here in the city, both of them going blind. And they didn't know what to do. They made they glasses.

(My glasses came because when I reached forty years, my eyes got flat. I didn't need it all the time.) [Bro. Vin laughs –Ed.]

If you see little boys and little girls wearing glasses right away. Find out. Listen. Do you see how people bypass things in the natural? Watch the Spirit here.

And they checked it back; it was their greatgrandfather. There you come, now. See, it comes down through the generations. It breaks down. Well when you are dealing with sin you are dealing with sicknesses the same time.

And sin [listen] is the cause of sickness. Now sickness is either a direct or indirect cause by sin from the fall. Maybe nothing you've done, but something that your parents done. You've inherited their weaknesses... [1951-0503 As I Was With Moses -Ed.]

You just inherited their weakness. The home fell apart; mammy grew up weak—do you know why? The position of motherhood, childbearing and different things; the security of a husband and headship was to develop her to her full potential. She couldn't be that because the marriage broke up; she had to raise you up. See? So a lot of the things (virtues) remained undeveloped. So she's, "I am not trusting any man again. No!" She raised the girl to be afraid of men too. She tells the girl, "Don't trust any man, you know. 'Man' is too advantageous!" When she got hurt, she had nobody there to teach her the Word and show her back – why did it happen? But the Word came to free our minds from these things.

Sin in the head of the kingdom brought judgment on the whole kingdom. Sin in the head of the race brought judgment on the whole race. Sin in the head of the church brought judgment on the whole church. Sin in the head of the family brought judgment on the whole family. You'll find it in the Bible.

The same way the blessing—Abraham's seed got blessed; David – "I'll always have a lamp in Judah." The lamp in Judah will never go out until Shiloh comes. God sent the blessing too.

He'll destroy this generation, but, "I'll turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers." "We're going back, we're going back." [Bro. Vin sings these lines from Song #757, Going Back To The Faith -Ed.] We're going back. We're going back. We'll walk on the water again. Hallelujah. We'll translate like Elijah again. Why? We are going back, friends. The Message has come to take us back. Why? There was a blessing of the fathers back there. They died in the Faith; they gave their lives in martyrdom. But God was going to visit the blessing one day: He was going to send Elijah, he would open the Seven Seals, and bring a Message back to a people. It has come back to us.

He said, [1951-0503 As I Was With Moses -Ed.]

[Look at me], my father was a terrible drinker. Well, I would have been a drinker, but the Blood of Jesus Christ cleansed me from it.

But you know something, he had a bad stomach from the drinking – his father's drinking problem – for fortytwo years, then the grace of God came and removed it. The snow-white Dove came and removed it.

Can't It come for you tonight? Can't that Dove fly in here tonight? We didn't choose the tree that we came from; we didn't choose this body, but we have a chance to choose Jesus Christ who could deal with this.

Listen. On a message called, $Be\ Not\ Afraid$, $It\ Is\ I$ [1961-0414 -Ed.]

Maybe it's not something that you've done, something that you've inherited.

Today in the private interviews.... Which, there is a place where you should see the Holy Spirit. There's men and women sitting here tonight, that even... the Holy Spirit goes plumb back today into three generations.

Brother, I'm not saying it like this (how he is saying it there), but when these children's grandmother was dying (you all in the church know), and she began to speak—all kinds of things she began to speak out, in Hinduism. The woman used to be a big director and leader in the Open Bible church. A Christian (supposed to be, for thirty-something years), and at death the woman was talking—and praising different gods.

Finally, when they got desperate and nothing seemed to work, they decided to take an old, 'flat tyre'; worn and thrown in the garbage heap (saying maybe they would try anything). So they said, "Maybe you all can tell your minister to come too." Went there, the Holy Spirit came down and began to go back and trace the woman's life. And the two aunts sat down there; they were astonished. They were astonished. And then one got up and said, "Yes, that is the truth. Yes, if you go back you'll find it." Because they saw [sealed] things started to come out of the woman's subconscious (started to

pull it out); that they knew their mother for all those years and never heard her talk about those things. All kinds of people came there and it couldn't come out but the Holy Spirit started to bring it out.

He was telling them about an interview there,

...the Holy Spirit goes plumb back today into three generations; and brought down the people and told them their name, and what they did, and all about it, and why this thing was on this person, and took it off of him and healed him, standing right in the room.

He said, "The man came, the Spirit went back three generations (according to the Bible), found the thing, and explained to them: why it is on the man."

Remember in the Bible, the man had a sin (he was blind), and they said, "Lord, did the father sin or the mother sin?" They understood that principle. He said, "No. Not this one. This one is for the glory of God. But that law is true. This one is for the glory of God." See? They knew that law. He brought it down.

And so he says,

[And well then] Tell them, their grandmother, their [great] grandfather who they were, where they come from, what they did. The third generation, they couldn't think but the next generation brought it out, and the next generation. And then to them of course they knew. He knows all things.

Now that did not heal the person but it raised them to the place where they had faith...

He is talking about the discernment; going back and telling them. He says, "That didn't heal them but that revealed to them why it was there and built their faith to take it off."

If these words that I'm speaking to you tonight, could build your faith; and say, "Yes I could identify with what you are saying. I'm struggling with a lot of things, and now, a whole world is opened up to me. Oh my, and to realise I was so frustrated. but God made a way. I believe in it tonight." Then right there friends, if your

faith is like that, then (think of it) that could leave you tonight, right there.

Listen. Talking about (1963 here) *Spirit Of Truth* [1963-0118 -Ed.] You know this one. He says,

"Eddie, I got 'THUS SAITH THE LORD' for Bud."

He said, "Bro. Branham, what happened?"

I said, "A vision. I seen his brother."

He said, "Yes Bro. Branham."

I said, "I want to tell you something." And described him.

He said, "Yes. Who told you?

I said, "Nobody. The Lord just showed him to me. I said, "Will you believe me as His servant?"

He said, "Certainly Bro. Branham."

I said, "Send down," about eight hundred miles back [from] civilization, "[Go] get your brother [and bring him] up here. And the first time that he falls into one of those fits," I said, "He's had [them] since about two years old. You might not believe it, but it is hereditary. Your grandfather had them."

The man was getting epileptic spells and didn't know what to do. Mash up the house; burst up the place. [Inaudible -Ed.] Changed over everything; bringing out things, man sprinkled the place, man put seal, man repaint the house, changed the furniture, then did this here; all kinds of things, but it is still there. He said, "I see in the vision," (he went back), "his grandfather had it, and he [The man being interviewed -Ed.] – it came on him from two years old, and he has had them since."

He said, "My goodness. How do you know that?

He said, "God showed it to me. It is right there." He said, "It is hereditary. They come down; the sin, the weaknesses; the sicknesses come down."

Man is going through that struggle in his life; he doesn't know, "Why is this on me?" He doesn't know, "Why do I have to do that?" He doesn't know, "Why am I getting this trouble? It is interbred.

You might be a Christian and in your heart trying to serve God, but your body came from generation to generation.

Levi was in Abraham. We were in Adam—come down. It gets weaker as the generation...

We are in the last generation where the atomic bomb comes to clean off the earth. Man is at his filthiest today. Young girls, ten and twelve years [old], in pornography, and all kinds of things. You see the filth in the world. All... Big, old eighty-year-old men; they are taking little boys. You see the filth, and the degradation of the human race. The only thing left is the atomic bomb. Think of it.

But here tonight, we have a promise of a new body. A Message opened up the Mystery: "Seven Thunders is going to show the Bride how to prepare for Rapturing Faith." We'll drop this vile old flesh and rise to see the everlasting Prize. The Holy Ghost came down to quicken this body; to bring it in obedience to the Word! No matter what kind of renegade! No matter how it is interbred! No matter what kind of complex! No matter whether people can't forgive or it is not in them to say "Good morning", or they sit and stare, or they're high tempered like a buzzsaw; It brings it into subjection!

The Holy Ghost puts you in the Second Adam; makes you a New Creation. Old things pass away, all things become new. Your temperament becomes new. Your attitude becomes new. Hallelujah! It gives you a different personality; makes you soft, tender and nice. The Potter breaks the vessel, remolds it and makes you into another vessel. A vessel of honor, set aside for the Master's use.

"The next time he has those fits," he said, "rip the shirt off of him, throw it in the fire and say, I do this in the name of Jesus Christ.' It'll break the curse right there."

He'll never have another one...

Glory be to God. *It Is The Rising Of The Sun* [1965-0418M -Ed.] This is the last one.

Let the musicians come. I want you to know that I'm talking the truth.

This one, It Is The Rising Of The Sun [1965-0418M-Ed.], The Easter Seal [1965-0410-Ed.]; the Quickening Power when It came back in this Day.

Oh, I feel Him here tonight. I know He is mighty. I know He wants to do something for you tonight, friends. When God made me take this approach today, from a way that I wanted to express certain thoughts. He carried me this way. He said, "Pass this way."

People are going through temptations, pressures; everybody's own is different. But they lack...nor understand—they don't know why. They build up a pressure inside and they don't know how to deal with it. They are in that environment, in a society, in a situation where half of the time all they see is parents standing there talking about God. Some of them don't the discernment to know have mammy's weaknesses or daddy's weaknesses. They think mammy and daddy are perfect. But mammy and daddy many times, in dealing with them, don't show them their weakness - don't show them their failures. They feel that maybe it is wrong to tell them that, or if they tell them that the child might get loose.

Like some people are afraid to preach, 'Grace,' because they feel if they preach, 'Grace,' the people will continue in sin. So they preach, 'Law' because they feel that... hold them by fear. Burn the child's eyes out so that they can't see any evil, rather than give them a new heart and put them out there where they can shine the Light; and spit the world out. The Armenian wants to 'burn the eyes out.' God changes the heart; changes the taste and sends you out there.

That is what God wants to do tonight, friends. Let Him, tonight, my brother, my sister. Don't resist Him tonight. Not after He has spoken to you like this. He's spoken to you in love. He's spoken to you with understanding. He has spoken to you with deepness of consideration. He has spoken to you in a way that you know that there are things you can't deal with, and you will never be able to deal with. No psychologist, no psycho-analysis, no positive mental attitude, no mind over matter, no transcendental meditation; none of these things, friends. The old, rugged Cross; the Refuge where the righteous could run into and be saved. The Rock in the weary land, tonight. He can make the difference.

You don't have to have two identities: one out of church and one in church. You don't have to try to please two crowds. All those weaknesses are inbred. That is why the Bible says, "You were born in sin. You were conceived in sin. You were shaped in iniquity." It shows us the depravity of the natural man: why we need a New Birth. It shows us the value of what Jesus Christ did. It shows us the love of God Who understood the problem of the human race, Who had the solution to that problem, and Who was able to make over man. This great Potter Who can make over the vessel, is what the story is all about. It is not about hiding anything. It is not about trying to paint a picture and project an image. It is not about trying to use clothes; that was what Adam and Eve did. They thought clothes could disguise their nature. God ripped it off of them, and God brought them under the blood of a lamb.

Today people miss the purpose of the Gospel and try to use clothes again. Get a nice wardrobe and they come out looking nice; and they actually believe that people can't see through their wardrobe, and see the real them.

On this message, *It Is The Rising Of The Sun* [1965-0418M –Ed.], he is talking about the Abstract Title Deed. A Deed that is searched all the way back. A Deed that a man could make a claim without fear that anybody is going to come out to make a claim; then he finds out the deed that he has is not really the legitimate deed. If you have

the Holy Ghost, that is as legitimate as it could get. If you have the New Birth friends, and the revelation of Jesus Christ in your heart, it can't get more legitimate than that. There is nothing that could come up to rob you from what God has given. You can present that Token with your prayer and find any promise is real; and God keeps every one of them, tonight. No matter what your situation is tonight.

He said,

And that gives us the abstract when the Holy Ghost comes upon this title deed that God saw back yonder before the foundation of the world and put your name on the Book of Life; but was born through a man and a woman and subject to sin, and guilty of sin. But when I believed on It, I received the Deed; but when the Holy Ghost come, It was the Abstract...

Many of you have the Deed tonight but you don't have the Abstract yet. You want a clearance. You want the Holy Ghost to come on that to tell you, "You are a redeemed product," and that you are made over, friends. No family background is going to keep you out—do you know why? You've become part of the new Family: the Family in Heaven and the Family on earth is named after the Lord Jesus Christ. You have citizenship from another Kingdom. Here we have no continuing city but we seek one to come. We are pilgrims and strangers—a City whose Builder and Maker is God. Your family are those that were chosen in Christ. That's your real family.

You look back at Job, and you see your family. You look back at Rahab, when she came out there beleiving the message of two spies; she was made all over. She came into the lineage to bring forth the Messiah. You look back at Tamar and they; they came in lineage to bring forth the Messiah. You look at Ruth; a Gentile – a stranger who came into the lineage. Look at Bathsheba who came in the lineage. Look at what their past was, but they came in the lineage. Something happened; you

came in union with the right Thing. God in sovereign grace.

Who brought the Message to you, friends? How did you hear about It? That was the grace of God. That was the predestinated Mystery, because God had to get the Message; because it was by this Message He was going to change you.

The Rapturing Faith to change you; the Holy Ghost to give you the New Birth, couldn't come by a Pentecostal message, by a Baptist or Methodist message, it had to come by this Message of the Hour. And so that Message is God's Voice and, "My Sheep will hear My Voice." And that Voice begins to teach you; the Spirit of Truth starts to lead you and guide you into all Truth. And you who came into the world speaking lies, born in sin and shaped in iniquity; He begins to make you all over. And you watch those old things fade away. You don't have to try to give up; it starts to leave you. It just starts to leave you. Something inside starts to push it out – push it out.

Where you are tonight, receive It into your heart. God designed these meetings for you that He might give you Something. Many of you are going back to school just now; it is going to be really rough. You don't have to be...

Today, (you know) things that you used to find in nightclubs,, and try to hold your children from the nightclubs and the world, they are finding that in school now. See? So this one, "My child doesn't go to nightclubs; he'll never know that." The books are in school, the music is in school, the guns are in school, the knives are in school, the drugs are in school. Teachers are having sex with students; students are having sex with teachers, in school. There is no place free from it. It's in the church too. Why do you think Paul said, "Loose him to the Devil that he might be delivered to destruction." Man was living with his mother and different things inside the church (in the

Book of Corinthians). Satan is no respecter of anything, friends. It takes God to stop that Devil.

So we are not trying to play a 'holier than thou', we want to be grateful for the grace that God has given. We want to be thankful and be humble and say, "Lord, if I didn't know this, think of how my frustration could have lingered. But Father I pray You'll break that frustration and cast it from me tonight. I feel You, breaking that chain, Father."

"When I see the family tree that I came from," he says, "I'm ashamed to be a Branham. There is nothing good – to be proud of being a Branham." Brother, none of us... We don't know what a family tree could be. You might see your father as a 'big' school teacher; your great-grandfather here – if you go back through – you might get a buccaneer. You might get some gunrunner or something back down there, a few generations back. You don't know what you are going to get. Think of it friends.

And that is why sometimes it is in people, "Well, daddy didn't have that, and mammy didn't have that—where did this come from? Find out where daddy and mammy came from. He said, "You inherited it." Maybe you didn't do anything to get it, but because you are in that family, and that sin had to run out its course in that family. Just like six inches had to run out in a man's life, things run out in a family; things run out in an Age. It runs out.

But the thing is, when a man comes into Christ, the Holy Ghost breaks it right there, because Jesus Christ paid the price to loose every chain. But the man doesn't get it outside of Christ; it is in Christ. We are blessed with all Spiritual blessings in Christ, "Any man (Where?) in Christ is a New Creation." Not any man outside of Christ – in Christ; they who walk in Christ Jesus. "There is therefore no condemnation to the man who is in Christ Jesus." The difference is that the man is in the

City of Refuge – not outside – in the City. It is your position.

The boy came down like that.

...whether my mother done it, or my grandmother done it...

Like the little epileptic child I prayed for a few minutes ago, that came from the grandparent. The epilepsy fell down [He is talking about epileptics now] upon the child. I said, "But when the abstract has come, It struck it off, [immediately] omitted everything. I'm an abstract holder.

It came right down on that little child but it was struck off right there.

They found the two girls going blind—glasses; thicker glasses. They went back again; they needed thicker glasses. They said, "Well the child has weak eyes from the ultraviolet, and maybe from the food (the sugar in the blood) or something"; and it stopped right there. The doctors said what it was.

You read in the Bible that Levi paid tithes. He didn't even know he was paying tithes and when the time came, God put him to receive it. And God said, "Because you were in Abraham when he was paying to Melchisedek." And so there is a blessing.

You are blessed tonight. There might be a curse that came to your body; that held you in bondage for years – held your family in bondage: the same type of sin, and the same type of shame. From the time people hear a certain kind of family's name or something, they say, "They! They are a bunch of thieves. You can't trust not one of them. Look at the brother here. Look at this one here. Look at the next one over there. This one is 'playing church'. You don't know what is going on in that church. I would like to see where they go to church, too."

The Devil could say what he wants; but tonight, it can be broken because you have the opportunity to make that great step to get into the Presence of God, where you can surrender everything to Him. I trust that you appreciate the Word, tonight. [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] I spoke on it because in my heart I feel we have the most precious young people in this island, in this Message; in these little Message-churches scattered throughout the island. And yet under the Message, you are seeing so many of them facing different types of pressures.

Many who walk in the Light of the Message haven't yet learned how to deal with the problems that they are having. And, so many are lost because they condemn them, put them aside, and don't know how to deal with them. Many are using psychology – using mental concepts on them and it is not working, and they think that maybe they're unsaveable because their philosophy (their interpretation) isn't working on them.

But may God give us revelation to make us workers; to understand spiritual things, to realise what it is to be a worker in an Assembly; to realise what it is to walk with Christ, what it is to restore a brother and a sister, and where the power of this revelation takes a person to make them a real servant of Jesus Christ.

Let's bow our heads for prayer.

Right where you are. I called the altar-call last night. I'm not one for too many altar-calls and these things; I have faith in the Word. The Word – faith finds its bedding ground; the Seed of promise finds a place to grow.

Last night we saw that It fell among stony places; It had no root, and didn't get any moisture. Though they rejoiced in It while they heard It, yet when the heat came, It withered away; It had no depth. Thorns and thistles choked It (the cares and pleasures of this life), but where It finds a place to grow. You found out that temptation had to do with where you hold the Word in your heart. Because where you hold It would determine whether you get a birth or not. Where they held that Word in deep, rich faith, Transforming Power went to work – to change them.

Take it into your heart tonight, my brother, my sister. You know your life. It is out of love that I spoke It; even for my own people here, first. I know that many of you are in the same situation but we are all striving today. And that is not just for young; that is for old too, who, though many years walking in the Message, still haven't learnt yet how to possess their vessel in sanctification and honor.

But may God, tonight, in His great Supernatural grace...as we with a sincere heart look to Him, and in our own way even now say, "Lord Jesus, I thank You. I thank You that there is a way out of this. There is a key to unlock this door and release me from my frustration and my pressure; and the Light could shine in the night. I want to rise up and really serve You in this Hour. I don't want to be following from afar. I don't want to lag behind, because what you are showing me Lord has a power to deliver me. It is not condemning me; It is teaching me how to deal with my situation where I could come to a real, complete, total deliverance, never having to be under the bondage or the chain of these circumstances that we have."

Almighty God, these precious young men and young women; if there is going to be a tomorrow, they would be the ones to carry on this Message. If You would tarry any much longer; if You might have to maybe lay back here a while before You take us out of this earth, many of these here would be married, and raising children.

Many of these, oh God, sometimes find themselves irresponsible; can't hold on to a job. Many find that they lack ambition and discipline in the workplace: to take orders and to be in subjection to their bosses. Many, oh God, Father, can't even make up their own bed in their house, and fix their own room. And in the smallest of responsibilities shows that there is no order in their lives, oh God; and because they have failed to understand why that is the way it is. But Father to every situation, to every circumstance and to every event in

our lives, and every condition, there is a reason behind it.

And so, dear God; that Your Light will shine tonight. Just like that man who couldn't say that he was sorry. Just like that family couldn't go to that church. Just like that man who was high-strung, or that woman, oh God, whenever they would talk to her to start a conversation, she would just stare you in the face. Oh God, they were part of a tree; there was a strain in that family. No matter oh God, if they were Christians afterward, and became sweet and changed, yet they were the only ones like that in the family. The others were still the same old, rotten way.

Father, I pray tonight, that where we may see similar circumstances in our lives Lord; attitudes, different types of behavior under certain circumstances. Different types of attractions; things, oh God, that we get lured into easily. Things that we don't seem to have a defence for. Things, oh God, that in some places we seem so strong, but our lives – the events of our lives, the circumstances and the environment of our lives; they do not stay in that state or that condition all the time.

And so we find that we could never maintain the atmosphere as we should, because when our circumstances change we find that we become so vulnerable, so easily influenced, and fall away; that we wish we had power over our lives to order things, Lord.

But Lord, even in these things, we realise You are allowing us to discover our weakness, our need for help; how futile we are, Father. But You are letting us see, dear God, that *that* is not the end of us. We don't have to go down in despair. We don't have to go down in darkness without seeing any light at the end of the tunnel.

But we realise tonight, it is because of where we are standing; outside of Christ. But *in Christ*. Even though we might be baptised; even though we might be active

in church; even though, oh God, Father, we might take a place among believers; even though we might grow up under the influence, yet still, oh God, when circumstances come, it seems that certain behavior comes out so automatic even before (God) we could conceive in our minds what we should do; how we could avoid certain manifestations.

Lord it is only to show us our need for You; to understand where we are weak; to know that even though we are weak, You are strong, Father; to bring our case to You Lord, that You could take it under Your consideration, tonight; that we can get Your attention tonight Jesus; that You can look in our direction tonight. And Your great help and Your great grace could flow out to us tonight Father, that we could leave this place different.

Every plague, every curse, every evil thing that hindered us, hampered us, paralyzed and held us so impotent; held us in a condition, oh God, where we couldn't be a blessing; and we see, oh God, our best plans come crashing down. But Lord You can change all of that tonight.

I pray Lord that as hearts invite You; in their souls, as they move closer to You, Father; in their hearts, as they open up to You; as they ask You to take this Word and drive It down into their hearts. Engrave It, as it were, with an iron pen; write it in their hearts and in their minds, dear God, and teach them further on these Truths; and bring them, oh God, to fellowship with You in a deeper way; and to walk in a greater consciousness and realization of their condition as they examine their lives in the Light of the Word tonight; to see their true state, Father.

Let all false self-estimation and thinking of themselves more highly than they ought to think; and oh God, realising Father, that the Blood can break up every molecule of sin here, tonight. You can break every fetter, Lord. You can give strength where they are weak, Father. Even though, oh God, their mother and their father couldn't help it, Lord, but you can come and give them what they need to pull that body in subjection to the Word, (Hallelujah!); that they can live a life that is worthy of this Gospel. A life that is pleasing unto You. Grant it tonight, Lord.

Bless them tonight, Father – Your children. Children of this Message. Children, oh God, You have called, Father, desiring them to live for You. Some don't know how but You are teaching them how. They are learning—as the songwriter said, "I'm learning to lean, I'm learning to lean. I'm gaining more power than I've ever dreamed. May they trust in the Lord with all their hearts. May they not lean on their own understanding, tonight. May You direct their paths, Father, oh God.

May you bring them out; even the strangers and visitors who might belong to some formal church-joining, thinking it's salvation. But they're getting exposed. You sent a Message in this Hour. You are still the same God of the Bible and You have given them a Word that can help them to come into a place where they can walk with You in reality, Jesus.

Oh Father, may You grant it unto them tonight; every hungry heart, Lord. You said, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled." It is just a blessed to hunger, Father; not even to be filled yet, but just blessed to hunger for It. How much more when You will fill them, Lord.

You said, "If you seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, all other things will be added." Didn't You say that Lord? We believe that You will keep Your Word. Your promises are 'yea and amen'. In You there is no variableness or shadow of turning. Great is Your faithfulness.

As we draw nigh unto You tonight, draw nigh to them Lord. May they go home and remain under Your influence. May tomorrow, the Holy Spirit pass through the homes. Be with them out on the job. Follow them

out in the streets when they go to work, dear God; sitting in their vehicles traveling, oh God. We know that You do that, Father. Your Prophet told us the meeting continues long after it is dismissed here, because it is You dealing with Your elected Seed. Not by might, nor by power. Not of him that willeth nor runneth but it is You that showeth mercy; that we can be confident that the work that You began in us, You'll perform it even until the Day of Jesus Christ.

So I commit them into Your hands, dear God. May You bless them, and keep them under Your presence. Oh God, just deal with them in a way that You feel. In the Name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

Oh, Trust in the Lord with all thine heart... [Song #399 Songs That Live -Ed.] Let's just sing that; worship Him a little bit before you leave the service. The people are waiting with the meals outside. When you go up on the hill, take a little time; take your meal.

Tomorrow evening, let's try to be in at five [o'clock]. Let's start the service on time because it would fall back to back with Sunday morning; the last service. So we'll have to go out and come back in the morning time, instead of the evening time and so it would take more out of us.

So I pray that you take the Word in your heart and get it sealed up there by God's grace. And when you plant a seed (a germitized seed)—do you know what will happen? Just keep it under prayer and let the moisture rise, and watch what God will do for you, amen.

God richly bless you tonight. God's peace be upon you. God's Presence be with you. Just worship Him in your seats before you go.

They are the servers, they are going out to get things ready for you. But you – just worship Him a little bit. Give Him thanks out of your hearts, in thanksgiving. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.

[Song #399 Songs That Live –Ed.]

Trust in the Lord

With all thine heart

And lean not to thine own understanding

Say, "Lord, make It real in my life, Lord Jesus. Teach me how to apply It in the places where It needs to be applied, Lord. Make It plain to me; I'll never forget It."

...thine heart

Oh, once more. Trust in the Lord.

God richly bless you. As the songleader comes.

Trust in the Lord...

