

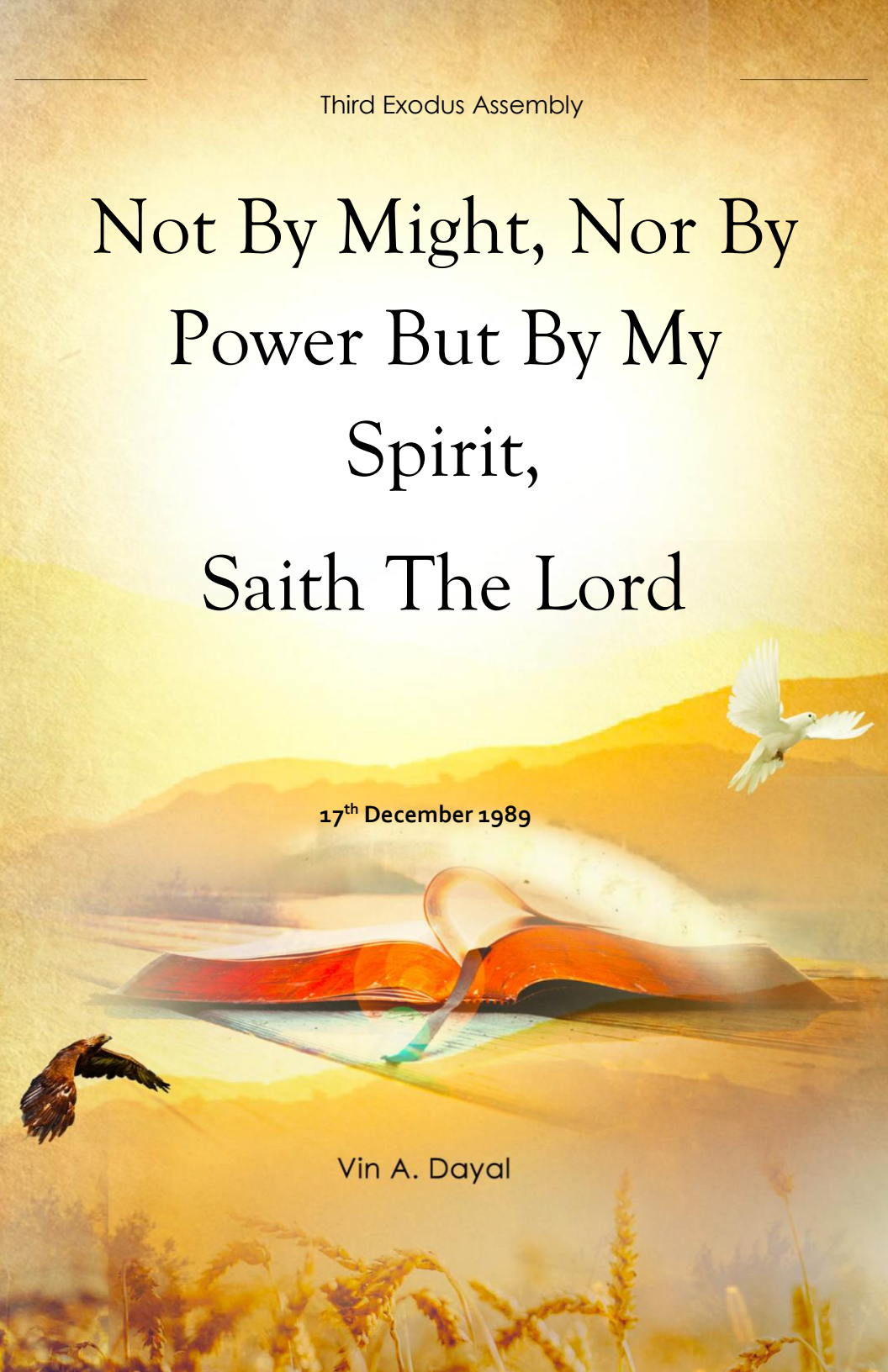
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[#569 Dove Leading The Eagle - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*He has come to lead God's Eagle*

*And I know He will guide me*

*And keep me in His Word.*

Amen. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes for a word of prayer.

Almighty God, how we thank You, Father. We so appreciate You today, Lord, that we could have this blessed opportunity to come into Your house. It's always good for us to gather like this together, seeing Your people coming from the east, the west, the north and the south, no doubt Lord, to feast with the King; coming with the expectations in their hearts, knowing You promised where two or three are gathered together in Your Name, there You are in the midst.

And Father, as we gather today, we look forward, Lord, that You will meet with us in a special way; that You would take Your Word and You would break the Bread of Life, and You would feed every hungry heart. Lord, we pray that Your Holy Spirit would do something special for us today, Lord; something that would show and confirm Your great Divine Presence in our midst; something Lord, that would make plain to us Your will, Lord; something Lord that would give such a definite direction that we can walk in, having great confidence, Lord, in Your Divine Leadership in this hour, knowing exactly what You want us to do.

We pray dear God, that You would just take full control in this service. You would bless each and every

one in Your Divine Presence. Father, no doubt there might be many needs here among so many people, I pray dear God that You would meet every one of them. Let the Holy Spirit, Lord, move and bring such a Faith and lift the expectations in the hearts of Your people that they could see, Lord, that it's a finished work, that they could go forth and receive what You have already given unto them. Let Your Word drive the doubts and fears away.

Lord, I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. If there be one that might be flusterated; if there be one, oh God, confused; if there be one, Lord, in the midst of deep problems this morning, oh God, let us think upon You, Lord. Father, Your Word, Lord God, has shown us so clearly in this hour, Lord – Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. We don't have any need to fight in this battle; this battle is the Lord's battle.

Oh God, so many times, Lord, we allow the enemy, Lord to blind us with circumstances and these things but I pray You would wave the Word in the midst of Your people one more time, Lord, and they would rise and claim the victory. Grant it, Lord. We pray and we ask these mercies and blessings in the precious Name of Jesus Christ, Lord, for Your honor and for Your Glory. Amen.

Amen, let's turn in our Bibles. I would like to get Zechariah 4 and Philippians Chapter 3. Amen. Zechariah 4.

*<sup>1</sup> And the Angel who talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,*

*<sup>2</sup> And said unto me, what seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top of it,*

<sup>3</sup> *And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side of it.*

<sup>4</sup> *So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?*

<sup>5</sup> *Then the angel who talked with me, answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord.*

<sup>6</sup> *Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

<sup>7</sup> *Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; [See, he could speak to that mountain.] and he shall bring forth the headstone of it with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*

<sup>8</sup> *Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

<sup>9</sup> *The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*

<sup>10</sup> *For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.*

Also, *Philippians Chapter 3*, reading from verse 3.

<sup>3</sup> *For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

*4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath reasons for which he might trust in the flesh, I more:*

*5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;*

*6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*

*7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*

*8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

*9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith;*

Let us pray one more time. We have a couple of requests here; we want to remember them. Sis. Leonora Jackie, requesting prayer for the restoration of a sum of money that was misplaced on Friday. Also, Bro. Ulric Andrews, requesting prayer for his baby girl, Susanna, who is suffering from a very stubborn skin rash.

Our gracious, Heavenly Father, as we bow in Your Presence, having read Your Word, the Scripture says; *“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.”* How that ought to give us rest, Father, to know it’s not him that willeth or him that runneth, but You that showeth mercy, for which one of us by taking thought could add one cubit to our stature, Lord. Lord, we realize all of our struggles, all of our efforts, all of our human energies amount to naught; it is vain. Without



You, we can do nothing, but through You Lord, we can do all things, for You strengtheneth us.

You said in this day we will know it's I in you and you in Me; and greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. As we stand here in this hour, Lord, I pray that this grace will be so revealed in our hearts. You said that this great Headstone was going to come, and we know that it has come, and Lord, it was going to come with shoutings of grace, to let us know that our struggles should cease. All of our efforts should be laid aside now. Sovereign grace has come down to take over.

Lord, I pray that there could be such a great uniting with that Grace, that Headstone today. There could be such a great thing take place in this church this morning that that Great One, that Supreme One would so move into the hearts of His people that we would be moved from here on in, by Your Divine grace, by Your power. We will have no confidence in the flesh, Lord. All what we think we can do, we'll just lay it aside and count it as dung. All that we may want to glory in, all that we may want to see ourselves as, that grace could so strike our hearts with such reality, it would humble us Lord, and make us lay it aside and at no time ever want to put confidence in it and think that we are something, but when we see it through Your grace, it would be dung. Oh God, that we could come to a revelation like that this morning.

When we rejoice, we rejoice in the Spirit of God. We are the circumcision who worship God in the Spirit. May You cut away all that flesh by Your Spirit, Lord, that the church could not be flesh but become the Blood of Christ by the Spirit of the Living God. Hallelujah! Glory and praise be unto Your Name. Then we could stand before that mountain and say, "Who art thou, O mountain? Become a plain." Oh God, we could speak to that mountain, Lord, and see it be removed. Surely that Headstone, that Capstone revelation of Seven Thunders

was supposed to give that kind of faith. It was supposed to make us recognize our position.

I pray, dear God, even that grace would go to work upon these requests: this little girl with this skin rash, oh God, that devil, holding her in that affliction, then Sis. Jackie, misplacing that money, Lord. Lord, You know where it is, even this very moment. We saw You bring back motor cars that cost so many times more money. We saw, oh God, in the Bible when those horses were lost, the Prophet knew where they were. Even way back in the Old Testament, Samuel knew where those straying asses were.

God, even now You know and You are the great Restorer, You are the Enforcer Who could enforce a rightful condition of restoration. I pray that grace—Might and power have tried but failed and the condition still lays there, Father. We ask that Grace will go to work now. We ask that Grace will take over now, and what You can do by Your Holy Spirit, beyond what we can think, beyond what we can understand, beyond what we can even imagine, that we would have to stand and confess, “Not by might, not by power, but by Grace, by the Spirit of the Lord.” That we could really worship You in Spirit and never trusting in the flesh anymore, never having confidence in it anymore but having supreme confidence in the unfailing Word, in the Holy Ghost. Grant these things we pray. Bless your Word to our hearts.

This message that You’ve laid upon my heart, I pray oh God that Your Holy Spirit, Grace, would take over now and speak it. I stayed there trying to study and waiting. Lord, struggling within my own self, but now, I pray that all of this would be laid aside, grace would take over, and what is done now would be done by the Spirit. The Spirit would speak and the Word would be quickened and inspired to every heart.

If You have to break down flesh, circumcise it, cut it, lay it aside, if you have to shake us oh God, shake us,

Lord. We want to make it. As your Prophet said, we could only make it if we make it at all, we'll make it by the grace of God. Blessed be Your wonderful Name. Just have Your way amongst us and get glory in this service. We ask these mercies and blessings in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Praise His wonderful Name.

I want to take for a title this morning, "**NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD**". And I want you to understand something, because I believe the Holy Spirit is speaking something to us. The last time I was here, last Sunday, when I spoke a little bit on Communion on Friday, about Him paying that debt for us, but last Sunday I was... The Sunday before that rather (we had a visitor last Sunday), I was speaking on, *Stand Still and See the Salvation of the Lord* [1989-1210 -Ed.]. You don't have to fight this battle; this battle is the Lord's battle.

And you know, so many times God has to tell us things like that because there are many times we find ourselves trusting in our flesh, trying to put confidence in the flesh, and we get disappointed when our flesh and all of our human ability fail. But you know something? It's going to fail every time and if you live right there, you are going to live in disappointment all of your life, until you find out that you will never serve God by the energies of your flesh; that God didn't come in flesh and die and send back His Holy Spirit for you to go on living in your flesh, and frustrate the grace of God, and make the work of Christ of no effect. What God wants is empty vessels. We saw that Thursday night – empty vessels. Is that right?

If there's anything that is going to amount to something in this hour, it would be something that is only done by the Holy Spirit. There'll be nothing you will point to and say, "I did this. What do you think of it?" We may be jealous of one another, we may appreciate

one another, we may covet what one another could do and all these things, but it will stink in God's sight, if that's all we have to offer. As nice as we may look at it, as proud as we may feel at what we do, how great our accomplishments are, it will be a stench in God's nostril if it's not something that is glorifying to God. If it's not something that ever originated in God and inspired by God, God will not be identified with it. As much as you may want to give it to God, as much as you may want to offer it to God, as much as you may want to say, "Well, I did this for You Lord. Here it is, accept it. Bless it. Send Your Fire upon it."

Cain found himself in the same position and God never responded and God said, "That stinks. I don't want that."

He said, "But do you know how hard I worked? Do you know how much I sacrificed?"

God said, "You didn't consult Me. You didn't find out what I wanted. You didn't find out what pleased Me, and that's where you made your mistake. You are not going to bring to Me the work of your own hands. You are not going to bring that to Me, because I have already given you what I'm going to accept. You are going to surrender what you can do, and identify yourself with what I have given you."

Let me tell you, that is your whole Bible right there. That is your whole Gospel right there. And that's where I want to preach from this morning – NOT BY MIGHT... to bring this right in with *Stand Still*. Stand still, because it's not by might, it's not by your power. You are going to try to struggle. You're going to try to want to do this, you're going to try to do this. You wouldn't have to fight this battle; this battle will be the Lord's battle. If anything that will be done, it will be by His Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Ghost is here. The Lord Himself hath descended and He has come to have the pre-eminences in His Body to show His victory. Not to build up our

reputations, not to give us a little following, not for us to attract some attention, to show His victory, to show that He has accomplished what was in His mind since before the foundation of the world. What He started there in the Garden of Eden, here it is in the last days. He's not going to accept anything else. That is why He came and cursed every man-made Organization.

For hundreds of years men sweated, men poured their life's blood, paid millions of dollars, had all night prayer meetings, tried to missionary the world, built schools, built churches, built hospitals, built all of these things and God said, "It stinks!" and refused to accept it. Is that right? Anybody who knows their Bible, knows that's correct. Amen. Do you know why? Elijah has restored the original Atonement. The Original Word has come back, not for us to go on with our own works, our own ways, our own ideas. When that came, when the Son of Man was revealed, every man-made system came to naught.

When the Seven Seals opened, it revealed that God only wants pre-eminence in His Bride. He knows He wouldn't get it in the world. He knew the world was going to reject the Message, so He prophesied, He said, "They're going to reject the Message." Two thousand years before it could even happen, He showed John Christ on the outside of the Church knocking to get back in. He said they would not be converted. See, they having ears but they can't hear, having eyes but they can't see. [Mark 8:18-Ed.] They would not be converted or be healed. See. He knew they were going to reject the Message. He hid it from the wise and the prudent, but He knew He predestinated a people, He shed His Blood for them that He might sanctify them, that He might come and live in them, and that He might show His Glory in them.

And all we are going through by the Word is to find out if we are one of those people. And if we are one of those people, let me tell you, when that revelation

strikes your heart, what he has made you, already, it humbles you and surrenders you to Him. If you are one who hasn't seen it, you are going to be resisting, fighting, coming along. You want to keep your religion but you are resisting the Holy Ghost. That's exactly what Stephen found those Jews doing. Is that right? They had their religion, they had their big churches, they had their great following, they had their long phylacteries and all of the Scriptures stuck inside of it. They had all the religious works and everything else, but he said; "You are uncircumcised in heart." They were circumcised in the flesh too. He said, "But you are uncircumcised in your heart, resisting the Holy Ghost." Because they so held to their religious works, rather than to accept the revealed Word.

You see, man is prone to do that. Man's nature leans more towards works and legalism because, you know why? It gives self a place. It makes self something: "I fast for forty days. My dress is longer than hers! I never committed adultery; you will never get me doing that." And what we can do, makes us look better than somebody, and we think that saves us. It doesn't. That's where the disappointment comes because that doesn't glorify God. That's what you are doing for yourself. Amen.

You see, the Bible says God said, no flesh will glory in His Presence. That's why when God is choosing He says consider. He goes to take the base things of the world. He doesn't look for a man with ability to use the man's ability, no! He takes the things that are naught. And when He finds a man with ability, He beats him out and makes him perfectly weak before He can use him to show always that no flesh will glory in His Presence. And God's great battle is to try to get that out of us, because the spirit of competition is inside of us. We want to outdo the other one. We want to be the one in front. We want to be the one in the spotlight. We want to be the one to make the best achievement. We want to be the

one to do this. That spirit is in the flesh to compete, to outdo, to put you right back in the struggle.

If people could only stand still and rest, God will lead them into everything because He knows what you have need of. And when He came and died on the Cross, He paid the price and gave it to you; all that He knows you would ever need. But we don't come God's provided way. We go seeking to get this, seeking to get that, seeking to get the other, seeking to get this, and then when that happens, we run into problems.

And here we are at a time when the Third Pull, all these Things that I have been preaching and bringing to you from the time we had hit a certain experience and I came and preached the Message, *Still Tied to the Absolute* [1989-1001 -Ed.], and I said; there's a total war against all unbelief in this church. Do you remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Amen. And then from there ...God brought *My Compass, My North Star* [1989-1005 -Ed.], and *Be not Afraid, Only Believe* [1989-1026 -Ed.], all those things coming up. See, then *Junctions* [1989-1119 Changes At Junctions -Ed.], and *Another Junction Time*, [1989-1112 -Ed.] and *Junctions in the Word* [1989-1109 -Ed.], and *Expectations and Junction Time* [1989-1126, 1989-1130 Expectations And Leadings Of The Spirit At This Junction Time Pt.1 & Pt.2 -Ed.], and *Standing Still at this Junction* [1989-1203 -Ed.], and bringing those things. Why? *A Witness with a Testimony of I Know* [1989-1105 -Ed.], and these things are rising off your ash heap and coming into a New Ministry. See?

So what is happening? Why are these things? Why are we trying to get the church focused in? Why are we trying to 'zero in' the believers in this hour, directly to what we are looking at? All these messages, trying to zero us in, trying to find the feeling, trying to catch the heartbeat of the Spirit, catch the things that are hindering the people.

Bro. Branham said ministers do that. They try to find the weak places in the church and they study those places because those are the places that need

strengthening; the thing that hinders the Holy Spirit, the thing that causes many people not to really get the victory, the thing that when the situations confront them, they run haywire and don't know how to handle it when the Word is coming there, step by step to show them how to take it under control.

They forget that the Lord is here. They forget that the Seven Seals are opened. When they have their problems these things don't relate. If they are having a religious discussion, they could talk those things: "Yes, what do you think about such and such and such?"

"Yes, that book, I was reading that book. Such and such and such"

But when the situation is there, they don't know that the Lord has descended. That doesn't relate to their situation. That doesn't relate that He's having pre-eminences now; He's in prisoners. He's in flesh fulfilling His own Word. That doesn't relate because brother, they have to get this done. They have to do this. They have to get some money. They have to pay this bill over here; they have to do this. Their child is in trouble here and nobody would leave their child in that condition... And they get all worked up. And then, when they get back into a religious discussion - "Yes boy, such and such and such. And I find that Brother isn't deep enough and he didn't bring the Word from this side and ..." and we get there.

And when you see that, you realize the people are missing the thing by a million miles. They are nowhere near what is happening. They could try to tell you they are in harmony with the Holy Spirit but they are not in harmony with the Holy Spirit. The evidence of the harmony of the Holy Spirit is when that Word, brother, is projecting Itself out through you to handle every condition and you know it's 'I in you'. Every day you know it's 'I in you'. You are seeing 'I in you' because 'I in you' is here fulfilling His own Word through you! Amen! What kind of Christ? Christ working with your



hands, speaking through your lips, walking with your feet, thinking with your mind. That is what He's doing in His Bride now! Amen.

And you know, it's something here, as I have been thinking on this and it just struck me. I waited and waited and waited to see how to go and how to turn. I had the inspiration, and it was just like how to bring it. You know, sometimes God shows you things, but it's not just preaching a message, we are walking in a path. We are walking on a journey and something is happening. And when God reveals something, it is relevant to what He's taking us to. Amen. And that is why you see every time you come here, try to catch back those Things. Try to capture those Things and bring them in such a way that it would keep us living in a world of faith, of the continuous unfolding of the Word, that there will be no blank spaces. There will be no dark spaces. There will be no guessing. You'll be seeing the whole thing; the Word laid out, and you will see where you are at and the Scripture Itself would be alive to you, that there will be no doubting.

If you do not live there you do not have much contact with God. You don't have much communication because basically, you look at your own self and then you come to the next service and then you just try to get schooled a little better and these things. But the place where there is faith, where there is constant expectation, you are expecting God, there is a hunger in your heart daily (amen), it's becoming greater. Something is telling you, you are coming up to that place. Something is telling you, you can almost touch it. Amen. Something is telling you to walk humble. Amen. Something is making you take deeper inventory. Something is making you question yourself: not how you look before men, but how you look in God's eyes. "God, am I pleasing you? Are you pleased with me, Lord?" Amen! "Did I do that right? Were you pleased

about it, Father? Did I get myself in the way, Lord? Show me!”

See. It's a prisoner. It's a walk in there where His Word is coming to pass. And if I could just get that to drive that down into your heart this morning, into such a place that we could see that all these things are built right up to this hour and the Holy Spirit is just trying to get the church in the right atmosphere. See, to know the Word for the situation; what is the Word, what is the situation. Have a correct discernment of what you see.

A lot of people get all kinds of things and then when they go to apply, they apply so many contrary things. It shows there is no spiritual knowledge in them. If you don't have knowledge, you don't know what to apply. If you don't have discernment and have your senses exercised, you don't know what is really happening. If you don't have Faith, you can't even step out to begin with. You don't have a revelation. You don't even have the Super Sense to see the unseen. You are just living in a physical world of the flesh, governed by five senses. Do you understand me?

It's such a constant walk and when you see the pressures. I mean, you think of the pressures in the communist world at this present time and what they are under. Look at the pressure in the realm of business; breaking nations, breaking economies, (see?) because everything is brought into the place where it has to be, whether it wants to move or not. You are ordained to be part of the tares; you're going to get bundled. You are going to try to resist and say, "I don't want to go in there. I want my own way" Brother, the pressure is going to push you inside of there. And that pressure is no ordinary pressure. When you see whole societies, countries that have hundreds and thousands of years of history being broken up like that, who do you think caused that? It just shows the tremendous amount of

pressure that the society is under. As they called it recently, an ideological earthquake.

... [Inaudible -Ed.] When we preached the message there, with that earthquake, coming back after Poland, and then the earthquake struck in California, and I said, "Judgment strikes West Coast once more."

And they said, "Dress rehearsal for the big one." And I said, if that is the dress rehearsal for the big one, then what about us? When the big one comes, it will be a super Church, it will be adopted sons and daughters. So then it means that's the dress rehearsal for the big one and we took those things in the message and brought it down and showed exactly where they're at because the Church must be in perfection to bring the resurrection. And when that earthquake goes down at the end of every Son-of-Man Ministry, there is a resurrection. So there must be a perfect Church standing here in this hour. That has been the Message all along! But then, have the people ripened into these Things? Have the people been matured into these Things? Have the people died out? Have they surrendered? Were they convinced enough? Were they willing to pay the price? Samson was willing to pay it. He knew there was a possibility. Is that right? He had the willingness but some people are just not willing. There is a resistance, a stubbornness.

They want to be... Self wants to be so preeminent more than the Word. Children of disobedience, it is promised to be here in the last days too. We are living in a tremendous time. You try and get focused in and listen to me real closely this morning.

Not by might... Where does your energy come from? Is it the Word being inspired to you? Could you identify your actions back in the Bible relevant to this hour? Jesus knew His behavior. His action was exactly timely to every type that identified what season He was in. When He had to behave and be dumb before His shearers, He was dumb before His shearers. When He

had to go forth healing the sick and on all those all-night prayer meetings, and going to every city and preaching, He was doing exactly that. When he had to prophesy He was going to raise the dead, His actions were exactly doing that. When He had to weep over Jerusalem and be rejected like David, He was exactly doing that. What did it do? It showed the man's life was zeroed in and governed by the Bible. It showed His Life was the expression of the Word. It showed where His influence was coming from.

You may not have the ability to go in the Bible and find yours, but when the Word is preached to you, do you see yours identified? Because God is going in the Word and bringing it out and showing you where you ought to be in this hour. He is not leaving you without understanding. He is not leaving you confused. He is not leaving you guessing whether you are right or not. He is bringing the Word clearly and showing you the picture and showing which one of those Johnnies you are. Exactly! Then you can't bluff that. If you try to sow, you know, something inside of there and say "Yes, you know..." and try to bluff yourself, you can't bluff yourself.

Let me tell you, the hour is here just like when the Prophet reached to the place where he made the death walk a few times, he knew he can't bluff it anymore. After one death walk, after two death walks, you're still bluffing yourself, but when you realize, "But wait, that storm is coming in greater and greater." You can't bluff it anymore. You have to start to confess, "Oh God, I'm lost!" Otherwise, God is going to leave you to keep on walking to see how strong your stubbornness is, to see how strong your bluff is. The Lord didn't move until he came there and began to humble himself. Then He said, "I'm a present help in the time of trouble. I'm a present help in the time of trouble. You are lost and you know it. I'm a present help in the time of trouble." Is that right? Sure!

But you see, many of us are so dumb sometimes, we don't even realize God is trying to break self-will. Because, you know, we look at ourselves and we try to call our human ability the Holy Ghost. We try to call our energy of the flesh inspiration and that's the problem with people. You have to look at your own self and know if that is the Word. If it is not the Word, it is the energy of the flesh. It is zeal, and enthusiasm without knowledge. Sure it is!

Now, I'm not fighting you this morning, I'm just trying to preach the Word. Amen. I want you to lose confidence in the flesh and have faith in the Holy Ghost! Paul said, "We have no confidence in the flesh. We will not trust in the flesh." He said, "I count all that dung." Amen!

What happened? The Scripture says Zerubbabel, who laid the same foundation was going to bring back the headstone, the same one to build the house of God, rebuilding it. Is that right? And God in symbol form through a natural, physical experience, having them to rebuild the house of God (amen) that was broken down, brother, it was only a type of unfolding the Mystery that was in God's mind that He one day will really build a house for Himself. Because David desired to build God a house. Is that right?

See, Moses was instructed by God in a vision to represent what he saw in Heaven on earth. See? He was told, "Come up in the mountain." He can't see a vision. He was shown the vision, what was in Heaven. He saw the pattern. He was commanded, "Go back on earth and do it." He was told, "I will put the Spirit on men to do it. Is that right?

Then he was unfolding the Mystery of Christ, the real tabernacle and it was Christ he saw. See? Because God was going to prepare a body for God to come down and veil Himself on the earth, a tabernacle. But then, when David came now, he didn't see any vision at first, he didn't see, you know, he just had a desire (we will get to it in a little while) and he was looking at himself and

said, "I dwell in a house of cedar and God dwell in tents. He's comparing his standard with God's standard. He is comparing his condition with God's condition, and that's exactly what self-righteousness is. And he said, "I will try and do something for God." You don't do anything for God.

Let me tell you. God stopped him right quick. You don't do anything for God at all. You don't even desire to do anything for God. No wonder the Prophet told those brothers... They said, "Bro. Branham, shall we go and seek gifts now?"

He said, "Don't you do it!"

See? Sometimes we try to trick people to seek this, seek this, seek this. Watch, the Prophet never did that. Zerubbabel in this Day, never did that. He knew what was going to come. Amen! He knew how the church was going to be built by the Holy Ghost, by the Word. He knew what it was supposed to represent. You see, if you look at the article and you don't know the pattern it came off of, and what inspired the pattern, you could never understand what you are looking at. He never even asked God if God wanted him to build a house for Him. He never asked God what purpose is a house of God, if God couldn't build a house for His own self. He never even consulted God. He never said, "I wonder if God would want it or not." He said, "I will do it for You. I will give it to You. It will honor You. You will accept it. And then all those other heathens who have their temple can't glory over You because David did that for You."

Let me tell you. You see, he was out of the will of God; the biggest mistake he made. God said, you can't build, you are full of blood; all those people you killed and these things. Now, he never even looked at himself that way. He never saw that he had things in his life to disqualify him. He was only looking at his own desire, what he wanted to do for God, and getting motivated

because maybe God will like it. “Because I’m not wasting my time here. I’m doing this for God.”

Now, that’s why a lot of us get trapped. That’s why a lot of us make our bitterest mistakes. Let me tell you, that is not serving God at all. God rather obedience than sacrifice! Sure! “Not By Might, Not By Power.” That’s what Cain did: “I will get this for God. I will bring it to God, and give it to God, and God has to take it.” God didn’t ask for that. God didn’t want that. Do you understand what I’m saying? Sure.

You see, that wasn’t works in appreciation for God’s grace you know, because God never accepted it. It was contrary to God’s revelation. A man could build a house for God? He doesn’t even know the kind of house God wants to build to live in, to begin with. God doesn’t live in that kind of house? So where did the inspiration come from? Do you understand what I’m saying? God came back and said, “God doesn’t live in that kind of house. It’s so useless!” Amen.

He was not getting God’s thoughts. He was looking at his own self. And let me tell you, you see God in your environment but your environment is your deadliest enemy too. God reveals to you your occupation and your person, but that is your enemy right there too. I’m going to show you that in the Word here. That’s why a lot of people pull occupation and person and a lot of these things half the times, and let me tell you, you know, it’s not God. God’s Spirit will always stay with God’s Word.

Don’t get trouble with me. I am the one who preached occupation and person, so I come back and tell you, “It is also written.” All right. Look, some people defend their little tear-up coat quickly, you know. But go let God rip up that coat and put you with a real mantle (amen) and you go by the Spirit of the living God. Amen.

Now watch, let’s drive this down – Not by Might. What was the Spirit saying? It said, the Headstone was going to come. Zerubbabel was going to bring the Headstone.

The same one who laid the Foundation Stone was going to bring the Headstone.

God—How did the temple start? It started with Moses. Moses was taken up on the mountain. He saw a vision. God was representing what was in Heaven on earth. Nobody ever knew what was in Heaven; only God knew what was in Heaven. Nobody understood why it had those Cherubim by the four ways in the garden. God was representing what was in Heaven. So then, when it came there and God showed Moses, Moses built that by the commandment of God. It was the revelation of Christ unfolding, coming. Then God now, was going to... When He built His tabernacle (a Body hast thou prepared), He built His own tabernacle. He pitched His own tent. Is that right? By the Spoken Word He created a body to live in on the earth! God in His human temple. While they had the natural temple there, when the veil was rent, it had nothing behind it, because God was in the real Temple! The one Moses saw in Heaven was now on earth. Then, He, when He comes now, was going to build a temple too but this One was going to represent the Bride.

You see, that is why David—God told David (which David is a type of God), He said, “Your son, which is the Son of David, will build Me a house.” See? When Jesus came, which is God in His temple, He said, “Upon this Rock I will build My Church.” See? That One represented the One Moses had, but then He was going to build one now that was going to be cut from all different types of materials coming from all over the world, and it was going to be built in silence. And after that now, He was going to establish His Throne. But that one is a type of the Church, now. God has a temple, His corporal body, and then He has a mystical Body too. See? And that revelation of God’s temples was unfolding, down through the Word and coming down through the Bible.



So when that temple, Solomon's temple was destroyed, what happened? God couldn't leave it there. If he had left it there, do you know what was going to happen? It means after that bride falls and these things, it's not going to have anything more. So God had to rebuild it to show that there is going to be a restoration of that Bride. He had to do it, and then here, in doing it now, he came and Zechariah caught this vision. Because Zechariah was one of the prophets, prophesying the time when they came out of Babylon after captivity, coming back to rebuild the temple. Cyrus passed the decree. You know that, if you read your Bible? He passed the decree and they were able to go back and rebuild the temple, in the time of Nehemiah and Ezra and them. And during that time Haggai, Zechariah and different ones, they were the prophets speaking. Zerubbabel and they were like the priests and then they had all the people come out of captivity there in the economy of Israel, and they were rebuilding again the house of God.

Now, when God was showing that, because the symbol was speaking of something greater to come, God was giving prophecy. They were rebuilding that temple, but it was really speaking of a greater temple and the prophecy in type. He said, okay, Zerubbabel laid this one, the foundation stone, but He will bring the Headstone.

Now, listen to that here, on the message, *The Message Of Grace* [1961-0827 -Ed.], the Prophet (that is where I'm taking this from), after reading that same Scripture, he said,

*We are all acquainted with this Scripture, that reads the Bible. We know that this was during the time of the preparation of the restoration of the temple. And Zerubbabel was a great prince amongst the people, who had laid the foundation of the building. Now, you, I want you to put on your spiritual thinking, anointing jacket this morning...*

That's what he's telling them. *You put on yours too.*

*... as we think. And this great prince had determined to rebuild the house of the Lord. And then, when he did, he had laid the foundation stone.*

*And as we read on farther, we find out that God said, "Zerubbabel has laid the foundation with his hands; he also shall bring forth the headstone." I want you to notice: He never said he shall bring forth the Cornerstone. He shall bring forth the Headstone.*

Now, here's the Prophet now, in the Age when the building is to be completed he knows that is his ministry just like Paul, Paul knew he had to lay the Foundation. Paul said as a wise master builder, I've laid the Foundation, but he couldn't even express one thought about laying any foundation until Jesus said upon this Rock I will build My Church. If God didn't say He's going to build a house, what foundation are you going to lay? You understand what I'm saying? Now, don't get sensitive, please! You know people get a little touchy and sensitive. Be open in your heart, by the grace of God. Amen. I'm in the Word. I'm in the spiritual part of It. Amen.

Now watch. So what was happening there, Paul knew the Church was being built. He knew Jesus came. He knew his time. He knew the Holy Ghost had brought in lively stones, identified who were the lively stones. He knew a habitation for the Spirit of God was being built. Peter knew it was a spiritual house was being built up; they understood that in the first Age. And Paul, he took a role. He identified himself: "I am not a mason at the side." He said, "I am the wise master builder and no other foundation can be laid!" There were many apostles. There were many different ones but he understood the role! And let me tell you. The rest of the builders around (amen), Peter and all of them, they drew back, because they knew that man met the Pillar of Fire and had the Blueprint in his hand. He could read the Plan. Amen! Glory!

He wasn't going to ask a Pharisee or Gamaliel. "Gamaliel, what do you think this is over here, this part of the plan? I can't read that part of the plan. What did he put here, Steel? What did he put here, concrete or what?" Brother, he was interpreting the Thing because God took him up into Heaven and showed him back the same thing He showed Moses, the same thing He showed David and Ezekiel and them. He said, I see things in that Plan not even lawful to speak. Amen! Brother, I tell you, it is a tremendous thing. Something struck his heart. Let me tell you, revelation changes our lives.

One day in darkness, out in the world, when you want pleasure, when you want peace of mind, you look for the man pushing the weed, or you look for a good party if you want to be happy. If you want quietness or something, or you want a little entertainment, you go to a cinema and that's the way of thinking. But one day, something struck you, turned you around, pulled that nature out of you. Something happened to you. What was it? You are still the same man outside here but something's different. Your desire is different. Your way of talking is different. You relate differently to the same conditions. What causes that? Revelation, the Pillar of Fire, God Himself. Something struck your heart. That's why you see, you can't be schooled into these Things. There's something, let me tell you, that God Who did that first thing He does it so all along the journey until you're changed and taken back to Eden. That same God works the same way!

You don't stop getting revelation! Daily, you're living under the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen! Why? God is pushing you, especially in this hour when you are nearing that Land. All those Things that the shadow was pointing you to, brother, you are coming right up in the reality of them now. You are in the place. Amen! You are getting ready to cross over into these Unfailing Realities. Amen. They begin to get real.

Now, let's look at Paul a little bit because he had laid the Foundation. And the Prophet, when he came in this Age, he knew the Building was being restored and he knew the time had come that there were no Builders after him. He knew he was going to bring back the Headstone. His Message was Capstone. He had the prophetic Capstone Ministry. He was going to bring the Capstone message of grace and redemption, and here it came and God proved that that was his Message. He said, "That's my commission. It's those Angels coming. Is that what was coming there?" He said, "The healing never hit the spot." He said, "I know there's a Message all along." That Word is what vindicated him to be a real Word-Prophet for the Age.

Brother, when that Word comes back; there was going to be a restoration. There was going to be a dedication day. There was going to be an ushering into the Kingdom of the God of Heaven, the Son of David. Why? Because that Message is the consummation of the whole Thing! This Bride is not going to die and another Age is going to rise up and keep pressing for the Promise. Brother, this Message is to sweep the Bride up (amen) into Glory! God showed it in type with Enoch, the Seventh from Adam; showed it in type with Elijah being translated; the translated saints and all those Things. All down through the Bible, God, in type, showing those Things. Rebecca, brother, in the Evening time, went straight to the bridegroom! All through the Bible, God is showing this last day Bride will not see death! She will not die out; She'll go straight to the Head. Amen! We are in that hour. It is happening! We are living in that reality.

Oh, my. It makes me wonder sometimes, are people getting it? Are people understanding? Are people seeing? Are people, you know, receiving it, by the grace of God? Some are just hearing it. Are they receiving it? Amen.

And He knew His place, and brother, it had all kinds of things in the Bible. But when He came, He took that Scripture, and you read in *The Message of Grace*. A couple of days before he had seen those three rainbows come into one, heard the Voice say, “Jehovah of the Old is Jesus of the New”; had a few squirrels spoken into existence, spoke for the sun to come out and shine, spoke for no mosquitoes to bite him. Three things happened, he said. Then he came to the pulpit after and said somehow the Holy Spirit changed the message. Before he could even preach, a prophecy came forth. By the time he was ready to preach, another prophecy came again saying, “I will speak this morning. The wrath of God is coming.” And here, He said, “My servant doesn’t even understand the message. Why? Maybe, he’s being turned that way to preach those things this morning.” Listen on the tape and see.

And when he came, he was placing his very ministry there, that Prince Who was going to bring back that Headstone, he was going to look for it to happen. He knew It was going to come. Amen. He said, “By the grace of God I believe I am called to direct the Bride of Jesus Christ. I have a message from God.” Amen. Which man you know in this generation got a message from Angels? There isn’t a man on the face of the earth who got a message from Angels! Seven Angels prophesied it was going to come, showed it in the Bible (amen), God vindicated it.

What does it mean? It was laying in prophecy from Genesis (amen) that the woman was going to get a Seed to bruise the Serpent’s head to bring back the full promises in the Garden of Eden; all in type from Genesis. The first Messianic promise, the first promise of redemption in the Bible, here it is happening in the last days and we are being caught up into it. Amen. Not church, no sir. Not join this, or join that. Not someone trying to influence this person and make him a little proselyte or something; no, sir! Sons and daughters of

God born with a deep that they can't understand, inside of them, making them call for these things, and the Holy Ghost coming to them and revealing these Things by the Spirit (amen), taking them into these Things.

And he says... he says, [You know] *I want you to notice: He never said he shall bring forth the Cornerstone. He shall bring forth the Headstone.*

*And we know that the Scripture says that Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, and He's also the Headstone. Now, if we will think for a few minutes, that the seventh church messenger was to restore the faith of the children back to the fathers, in other words, rebuild the church again under the power of the Spirit. "Not by power, not by might, but by My Spirit,"*

I want to show you something. That Third Pull, it's going to take the Holy Ghost. That Third Pull is preeminences; that is what it is. It is God the Creator in man who is a prisoner, and God having preeminences. Amen. God in man that's doing the speaking: "I in you and you in Me." Amen. That is what it is. That is why I'm bringing this because I don't see any other way, how to get into it. I don't know. I can't come and explain to you, "It's going to be such and such and such and such date and it will pass and it'll do this." No, I don't know. I'm walking by faith and every time I walk, I'm looking for the Word to unfold. Because the One Who started me on the journey is the One Who has me here, by His grace (amen) and He will lead me Home! He is the Author and the Finisher. He only tells me to be confident; that "I Who began the work will perform it until that Day. Just keep walking." Amen! Sons led by His Spirit.

As he showed me in the Bible, two weeks ago, I preached here for you how He was leading Simeon and He put a revelation in his heart and He came back to lead him by His Spirit! He didn't lead him by His might. He showed me there: "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Saying, "You don't have to fight, My Spirit

will deal with the matter.” Amen! “You just go praising Me.” Amen!

Watch where the message is coming. I’m coming back this week now saying; “Not By Might, Not By Power But By My Spirit Saith The Lord. Amen! Too much flesh is in the place. Amen. A lot of people only have problems and trouble because they’re still thinking with their minds, still trying to work with their own hands, still trying to do—a lot of Jacob is there still; a lot of schemes and different ideas and these things. Amen. Brother, how we could just be eagles; just let the Dove, the Holy Spirit lead us into it. Amen. Yes, sir. My!

He said Zerubbabel, see... *Not by organization, not by denomination, but by the Holy Spirit God will bring forth the church in the last days.*

*Zerubbabel, the prince with Joshua, was the one that was to bring forth this headstone. He had laid the foundation; he’d took the people back to the foundation in type.*

See? He said this prince was the one to bring forth the headstone. He had laid the foundation and it took the people back to the foundation in type, he said, “He’s taking them back to the foundation in type”; this one.

I want to show you it was the Spirit of God in Paul who saw the grace of God in Jesus Christ, the fullness of grace, and he was a Pharisee of the Pharisees. Brother, the way he was taught to serve God, you had to get educated, you had to do this... He said, “Zeal, persecuting the church.” He said, “Keeping the law, blameless.” He said, “Circumcised on the eighth day; touching the law, a Pharisee”; the strictest sect they had. But it was showing that he had everything there. Man was looking at him and wanting to be like him. “Brother, he could talk. Brother, he could do this. Brother, he could do that.” Afterward, the same man said, “The life I live now, I live by the faith.” He said, “All I have I count them dung.” He said, “It’s not I that live any more. What was gain to me, I count it loss.” Amen.

He said, "I don't come with enticing words that your faith stands in the wisdom of man. I come in the power and demonstration that your faith will stand in the Holy Ghost."

What changed the man around? What made a man lose confidence in this? What made a man just... coming now in fear and trembling that he was going to get in the way? Revelation struck him that made that look so filthy. When he saw it, it was dung, filth.

The trouble... All of us have our little golden calf that we polish up a little more every morning; just get some nice... keep it shining; keep your little golden idol, your little golden calf shining; call it God. "Yes, that is God. That is the 'Lord'. The 'Lord' is doing this. The 'Lord' is doing that. The 'Lord' is doing this."

Watch. So this was... He knew he had to bring the people back to the Foundation and he knew the Headstone was going to be the same Message. When he saw it in the visions, he said, "Alpha has become Omega"; the same Bride, same power, same everything! Oh, it makes me wonder sometimes. I try to nail that down as hard as I could. You have nothing different to what Paul had.

A lot of people are so carnal, they want to feel they have something different. Tell me what you have different? You have nothing. His Message was prophecy for the last days. "Paul didn't see that, this, the other." You hear all kinds of things. "Bro. Branham brought the fullness of the Word." Don't let anybody fool you with that. He was sent to restore. Restore means to bring the same thing back to its original condition. Alpha is Omega. It was the same Bride came back. The man's words became the Bible. Heaven and earth will pass away. The man said, "Not God say, I say." That is—This Prophet called that the Power of Infallibility. It only has one Power of Infallibility; that is God!

He said, "I have not shun to declare unto you the whole counsel of God! Zerubbabel in type was to bring



the people back to the Foundation, bring the Headstone and cap the whole thing off that He could be Alpha and Omega, He could be the Foundation Stone and He could be the Headstone! The same Son of Man that was revealed to the natural seed was revealed to the Royal Seed!

Every doctrine that came in this—that's why when man wanted the Seven Thunders to be somewhere outside the Bible, the Prophet said, "What do you mean outside the Bible? It has to be in the Bible." If Seven Thunders were in the Bible, then it was inside of There. Then, He saw it in There. Then he only revealed the Word the prophets wrote. Amen. See?

You see, people get mixed up with the Holy Ghost. There are no two Holy Ghosts. If God in that Alpha Bride... Let me tell you, they had Perfect Love. Sin couldn't stand among them. He said that Day is going to come back here again. It wasn't time for the Rapture to go; that's why they had to go down in the ground. You plant a grain of corn and you're going to get a grain of corn; you're not going to get anything different. You could plant a half of a grain and get a whole grain here? Are you crazy? You have to have all the Word to go down inside of there. See? You could lust for knowledge or you could try to think of yourself a little more highly than you ought to think of yourself, and kind of feel you're better, but only in your mind you're thinking that. Amen. See?

The same Holy Spirit Who speaks and says what is going to happen to the dot in the last days, thousands of years ago is the same Holy Spirit Who speaks into existence, you know. And when the Prophet came to the Word, do you know what he said? He said, "I've never worked in the realms of the supernatural like this." He said, "This is beyond miracles," which was the bringing forth of the Word because those things came by the Word. It is in the Word, and you don't have it unless you have the Word. Amen.

Brother, you watch and see, every doctrine that was preached, even when the Prophet crossed over, he said, "Will Paul have to be judged?" He said, "I preached exactly what he preached? That is what I was watching. That is the standard." See?

Now watch. So when that Foundation Message struck his heart, that Message of Grace, you think of it now; if that same message was to come back in the last days to the Church, when it struck his heart, he learned to live now, by the faith of the Son of God. What he had as gain, he counted it dung. In other words, you go out to live by faith there, throw away your degree? You could have gotten a salary. You could have been a big teacher. You were going for High Priest So-and-So in a couple of years' time. See? Read Paul a prisoner of Christ and see.

You mean you come out there just to go out there and sail on a boat to go out there in a heathen world, trying to establish a church when you're secured here in Jerusalem? You are the chief man here. What is it that turned the man around? The same revelation that you're claiming you have and seeing deeper, and trying to grab all that the world has in the hour when you're seeing all the signs of the Coming? Only yourself you'll bluff with that. You're not bluffing anybody else with that. See? Because when that revelation struck his heart, he could have no confidence in the flesh.

He came to the place, he said, "Look," he was trying to get those Jews. They were still going around, you know; they were doing this and they were righteous. They were doing that and they were righteous. They were keeping every holy day, keeping all these things, and they were righteous. He said, "You're not righteous." He said, "I used to think I was righteous too. I used to think that's serving God too. I thought that was acceptable." He said, "And you know I was beyond you all in zeal, when it came to zeal, and you know, when it came to the strictest ones in the church," he said, "I was one of the strictest ones. There were few like

me – Going to the extreme, I’m going.” That is what he was telling them there. He said, “If you think you have something you could trust, something you think you could reason or you could trust in,” he said, “I the more.”

He was talking to people there showing them how he had belonged to the same sect. See? He said, “You were circumcised, you tell yourself, well, you’re clean. You’re not uncircumcised, you’re not like those Philistines and them, you’re separated, you have a sign, the mark in the flesh, that you are called with a holy calling from God and you’re a set-aside person.” He said, “I too, on the eighth day; the same as you.” He said, “And that, I know it’s nothing in God’s sight, right now.”

Do you know what he was doing there? He was shaking the old foundation, shaking it down to lay the real Foundation of Grace, to lay the real Foundation of the real revelation inside of them. That is what he was doing. He was shaking it down! He knew they had the same thing that he had. He said, “I call mine dung. What do you call yours? What do you call yours? See? He was belittling them. He was showing them all the waste... They were in the wrong channel, that’s why they can’t have faith. They don’t understand where faith comes from. He had found something in the Old Testament. Oh, we have time, man; I was thinking we were late. Amen. It is now a quarter past twelve. We have about forty-five minutes still. See?

Now watch. What was happening to him? He began to see something. He began to understand something in the way God was dealing with people. Now, if you don’t understand God’s objectives, you wouldn’t know how to relate. You wouldn’t fully understand why God requires what He is requiring, because He has a motive for doing it. God doesn’t give you commandment, “I like to see people with no smile; so everybody, have a pious look.” God is not on that, just for that. He has a purpose. It’s Himself He wants to make known to His people. He

wants to bring them into a relationship with Him, that they could know Him, because they are a part of Him, that they could worship Him and serve Him voluntarily, and they don't have any fear, that they could come into a perfect faith because... faith has no fear, you know. Faith is based on love.

So look at this. He had that revelation and he was trying to divide to them that Age and showing them, he said, "Look, that time has passed. What you're holding on to here," he says, "that is not even what God gave you to begin with." They were holding onto the law and they thought that they were righteous by keeping those things in the law. But all it was doing, it was just kind of making their flesh feel they were in something. And that was not the only thing because... Hear what the Prophet said on *Jehovah Jireh*, page 48. [1962-0705 -Ed.]

He says, *Man's always...this is '62, 1962. Man's always only trying to save himself. You can't do that. God's already done it. You just have to accept it and believe it.*

See? And then he's talking about the Pillar of Fire bringing Israel out.

[They had a] *Pillar of Fire to lead them and guide them, to lead them in a way. A power, grace had provided a power to condemn their enemy and make them free. The power had already been given. They crossed the Red Sea. They'd smote Pharaoh. They done all these things with grace. And then they exchanged grace for law, but that had nothing to do with the royal Seed of Abraham.*

Even though, when He came and He stood up there to Israel and that was the fullness of grace being revealed, and Paul saw it and knew, this is what God had promised Abraham – the Seed, that all the nations are going to be blessed. This is the Word that we fell from in the Garden of Eden. This is the real Lamb here. This is my Righteousness here. This is the Thing that has come to take me out of what I was in. This came to bring an end to my struggling. I'm not going to live by

the energy of the flesh. I'm not going to try to serve God now. I'm going to surrender to That and make myself available to That and That is going to start to live through me, that God could accept That.

Let me tell you, that is what the Message came for. Because the Message is Jesus Christ today in the form of the Word – the same revelation in the form of the Word. He is the Lamb today. He is the Holy Spirit today. He is the woman's Seed promised the Church to bring redemption today. That is what it was. The same foundation Stone is the same Headstone coming back. And when that revelation struck his heart and he saw the grace of God, let me tell you, something began to happen to change his values. Something began to change his approach about the way he served God and walked with God. Something began to make him lose confidence in the flesh, in the energy of the flesh and the achievement of the flesh. He found another security that he doesn't have to depend on that fragile security!

If your security is your bankbook, if your security is your home, if your security is your job, you have very fragile security! Exactly right. See? You have very fragile security.

What makes a man walk away from those things? Let me tell you, God is the same in every Age and His Word does the same... Every time He could find the same kind of heart, His Word does the same. That's why you watch and see people's behaviour and you want to know what is the influence. Why can't they give up that? Why can't they step out there and do that? Why can't they do this here? They haven't seen the grace of God. They don't know the grace of God. They are still trusting in might and power, and that is why they're always struggling and failing, and end up in disappointment, and they have to come right back down and ask God to help them.

Well, God wants to help you, to begin with. And you would have never ended up in that condition if you had

let God help you to begin with! But he says, God let Moses be educated in all Egypt, to do what? To fail, kill a man, and run for his life, to let him see it's not going to come that way. God let Paul get educated and do all those things and then came and took it back out of him to let him see it's not going to come that way. He wanted to prove to them and show them, it's not going to be by might or by power. And you crossing over into this New Ministry here, "Oh, when the Third Pull comes brother, we would do this, we would do that, we would do the other."

You would do nothing. God will be doing everything where God could find preeminence; where God could find people who know the grace of God, because he said, "I never even asked Him to speak those things. It is He Who came and told me, 'You need that, speak for it.' It's He Who told me, 'Give her what she wants.' It is He Who told me this. It is He Who told me to do it." He said it is the sovereignty of the Almighty God. He said, "Look, there are so many better people than me." He said, "Look at me, my father was a drunkard and all these different things." He had a seventh-grade education. What is it? He said, "It shows it's the grace of God." He said, "If we make it, we will make it by the grace of God."

Now, I want to get a little deeper than that and show you those Seven Thunders, that Capstone, which is the revelation of the Son of Man, the same Message is the same Word coming back in the last days to bring a continuation of the Book of Acts, to take the Bride into Glory. That same Word, that same revelation that is coming back, when it comes, it will do what? Turn the hearts. What do Seven Thunders do? Turn the hearts of the children literally back to whom? The Faith of the fathers.

It doesn't take an education to know that. See? It's simple. Just accept it. Just accept it. How simple it is. It's the same Holy Ghost. The same One Who laid the Foundation, the same revelation that came back. If it

wasn't the same revelation, how would you have known you have the same revelation? You have to have the Pattern to check what you get in this Age to know if what you get is the correct Thing. That is why you need the Pattern. That is why we are sure we have the right Thing, because It fits with the Pattern. It fits with the original Thing. It dovetails. Amen. See? It dovetails.

So watch. So, here it is, you're seeing people are supposed to be moving into faith now, and the conditions coming in, it's the grace of God sent the Message so many years before the Squeeze comes. Do you know why? Because faith comes by hearing the Word, and when the Squeeze comes you will have faith to meet the Squeeze. If God sends the Message the day before the Squeeze comes, you don't understand anything about the Message. But the grace of God, with all the confusion in the Message with all kinds of ideas, and contrariness, and man misplacing, mislocating, the grace of God raised a people to keep the Message straight and say what He said, so His people's minds would not be polluted and confused – the grace of God.

Do you know why? Grace sent the Message from Eternity. Nobody was praying for It. Nobody knew that a prophet was supposed to come. But grace sent a Pillar of Fire. Grace sent a prophet. Grace brought a Message. When he was going to bring Larkin's and Scofield's notes in the pulpit, grace came down and revealed what the Seals were. When he was going to be a murderer and shoot six boys in cold blood and commit suicide, grace jammed the gun. When he was going to electrocute himself, grace threw him off the high-tension wire. "Had it not been for the grace of God," he said, "I would have been a quitter, I'd be a murderer." What could he claim for that?

He was afraid of his mother-in-law. He was being pressured into a situation and forsaking the will of God to do what he was pressured into. But God didn't let his human desire for us save us; it is God's love for us that

spanked him, made him a prisoner, and sent him with the Message, because God was thinking about us.

He said, "You don't know what it cost me to bring this Message to you." Because he wanted to run west and be a cowboy. When he wanted to come off the field, God said... He said, "I will break up your home. My children are still outside there that need to be quickened. Go out there with the Message!" He sent him back out. Is that right? The grace of God, thinking about us. Sure.

When they tried to tie him up and throw him into prison and silence his voice with the tax case, with the government and these things, he said, "I don't know how it happened but I just came out of it." The grace of God took him out. God was watching over it. Do you know why? Because there is going to be a people here who the fullness of that redemption, which came by the grace of God, was going to be made known in the last days. The Election was going to be made known according to grace... was going to be made known that when we see it, we will know we will never ever want to do something for God again, other than what's God's will. Man will live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Man will not want his will or run. Man will come, "Not my will but Thy will be done."

In that day you will know 'I in you and you in Me'. He was telling him, "When the Headstone comes, not by might. That Headstone will come saying, 'Grace, grace,' and it will not be by might and it will not be by power. It will be by My Spirit because when it comes, I am coming to take over."

Now watch, it makes you wonder why people are not rising into that faith in this hour. Oh, they're there. I have been dealing with some people these past few days – problems, flusterations. I'm trying to help them with their problems, but looking at them, I'm seeing the Word had spoken directly in the messages that foreran those problems. God, Who had seen the problems and what it was going to be in a week or two weeks from that day



when the messages were preached, had spoken to them out of the Bible to give them rest to face the situation when it comes. And when they were in the midst of it, the Word was a million miles from them, and you have to try to get them tuned back into the Word that was spoken to them while they sat here right in the church. Because you can't point them to another Word. If you believe it's inspiration, it's the Bible, and it's the Word and the Holy Spirit speaking, what will you tell them, another Word than That?

The Holy Spirit will bring you right back and say like the angel told the disciples, "Didn't you remember what He spoke to you when you were in Galilee?" It will point them right back. You were in the service that day. Remember I was telling you—we were showing you that last week, there... Wednesday? They went into the tomb looking for the dead body and they met two angels. And the angels said, "What is the matter with you? What are you all doing here? Didn't you remember when He spoke to you in Galilee?"

You mean those angels were around that service? Those angels knew who sat down there? Those angels remembered what He preached when they were in the service? Those angels recognized that they were in that same service, hearing that message and pointed them back to it? But didn't the Prophet say the angels do bring you to your seat and put you down there? Are not the angels ministering spirits sent to minister to you who are the heirs of salvation? Didn't he say you will hear from your theophany, your angel? Amen. See?

When we get into the Word, then we realize God is speaking. God is taking us somewhere and we have to believe that. We have to walk in it. And that Word unfolding, is unfolding the way and we are coming. But if we are missing the Word, when the Word strikes, you don't run from It. When It shakes you down, say, "Lord, I don't want to see that in my life again," and mean it. You don't have to pray any big, long prayer and go and

fast for ten days and these things. Just sit down right there in your seat and mean it sincerely in your heart when that Word comes. Sure. Because Jesus said, “I have made you clean by the Word I have spoken unto you. Father, sanctify them by Thy Word, Thy Word is Truth.”

You think that is only back there He sanctified them by His Word? You think it’s only back there? Anytime He speaks, you are washed by the washing of the Water of the Word – filtering your thinking, bringing your thinking through the filter of His Word! When your thoughts change, your attitude will change. Your way of seeing things will change. Your approach will change. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he and it is your heart He wants to turn back. He wants the mind of Christ to come into you! Is that right? Sure. That is why He is bringing understanding. He’s bringing the knowledge of His Word into you that you could know what He wants done. You could know His will. He’s not just giving information. He’s bringing understanding into you: how to deal with this; how to deal with that; this is the wrong approach; that is the wrong way; this is causing you trouble, throw that aside; prune that off. That is what the pruning hook is for. He is pruning the vine, purging out certain things! Sure. Why? That it brings forth more fruits.

But this is the time that Ministry is going to come but it’s going to come by His Spirit. It’s His Spirit that comes to the Prophet that said, “Go around the world now in the First Pull.” It was the Spirit that came in the Second Pull and said, “Okay now, you will know the secrets of the heart,” and the Spirit starts to reveal it, even when he thought he was doing it. The Spirit said, He said, “Do you think it’s you with your wisdom who tell those people who they are?”

He said, “Oh no, Lord.”

The Spirit had to rebuke him. He said, “You think you are the one telling them their names and where they

come from?" ... new ministry, see? And then when he came there again, you watch and see, when it's time for the Word, it's the Spirit that came to open the Word. It's the Spirit that came in the woods and said, "I am Jehovah Who created the Heaven and the earth. Speak to the storm." It's the Spirit that said, "Stand to your feet and speak. Whatever you say, before the doctor touches your wife that tumor will go!" Not by might, or by power, but by the Spirit! But the Spirit must first get us under His control, get in the control tower. We must let Him into the control tower. We must desire to be controlled by the Spirit.

Paul said, when I sing, I want to sing in the Spirit. When I walk, I want to walk in It. When I want to talk, I want to talk in the Spirit. What I do I want to do in the Spirit (amen) because the flesh profiteth nothing but the Spirit that quickeneth. Is that right? We don't serve God according to the oldness of the Letter, but by the newness of the Spirit! Jesus had to be anointed with Oil, the Meal Offering had to be anointed with Oil. He went forth under the Anointing. He said the Spirit hath anointed me to preach. Jesus Christ, a man approved of God, anointed by the Holy Ghost with signs and wonders. Wherever He went, He was doing good. He did it by the anointing and by the unction and power of the Spirit!

Bro. Simon was telling me, he said, "I went up on the land," he said, "I stood up there and began to pray, I said, 'Oh God, you promised in the Scripture to give us skill and understanding.'" He said, "Just like that, things started to show: 'do this so, do this, do that.'" Why? The Spirit! It's not by might. He might have welded that and had to cut it out and do this and do that, do this and do the other and do it four, five times, but when the Spirit came, He said, "Do this that way and do this that way." Bam! It's a paradox before you. Sure. Glory.

His headship, He having the preeminence is the oversight, the leading, having control, making you a prisoner. But you see, it's something you have to give up. He's not just going to take it from you; you have to give it up. And He tries to convince you of His love – What are you fearful about, to eat? I am Jehovah Jireh. See? You want to go to My Kingdom and you're working here and thinking, you know, you are secured and you're going to have this. And because you are working here and getting a salary here, so you could live here, but when you come into My Kingdom and you don't have to work (do that kind of work), what are you going to do? You are going to live by faith. Sure. You want to live by My faith over There but you don't want to live by My faith here. You're smart.

You see, it doesn't make sense. If it's Eternal Life, it's not that you will get Eternal Life over There; it's Eternal Life over here, now! If it's the Holy Ghost, It came from There before It comes in you! Is that right? It's the Life and Spirit of that Word, that Kingdom that comes in you to live in this world here! Sure. Then where are the fear and the doubting and all these different things? It's not there. It is not supposed to be there.

Where are the people that need to be convinced and bolted down and all those fears, and you say you see the grace of God: “Yes, amazing grace. Yes, yes.” And when you think of the grace of God, all you think of is, “I am an old sinner. I used to smoke, and drink, and commit adultery, and I don't do that anymore. Thank God for the grace of God.” That is not the grace of God. Hindus and Muslims do that.

You stopped drinking and smoking then you still want to do the works of the flesh here? Like the Jews, they were not drinking and smoking, and Jesus rebuked them and called them sinners, and said, “You are of your father, the Devil and in vain you worship Me.” And they were not drinking and smoking. They were the holiest people on the earth! They weren't living

by the grace of God; they were living by the law. They were living by the energy of the flesh. They were living by something that gives 'self' a place. And they looked and they saw they did this, and they did this, and they did the other; and they felt important, and they felt they were better than this one because this one was not doing that; and they were better than that one because this one wasn't doing that. And they started to compare themselves with one another and see one another in different places. And then they wanted to be admired for what they did. Sure, and it stinks before God.

You take the Bible and watch and see because grace was before law. Grace was during law, and grace was after law. It was always grace. Salvation is wholly of the Lord. There is nothing, not one thing man has to do with salvation. Nothing! There is nothing you could do! Because what saves you is His power to quicken you, and without His power, you can't be quickened. You were born cursed, you're going to lust all your life and covet things of the world, even though you try to play righteous and moral in the flesh. And His power couldn't come except He came and died! And nobody could go up there and pull Him down and beg Him to come down because they were right, because they disobeyed His Word to begin with – exactly.

Something started to happen to Paul when he saw it. When that revelation struck his heart, the first thing he began to see, he couldn't have any confidence in the flesh. In other words, let me put it this way for you. You would be walking in a certain sphere because your birth puts you in that sphere. You would be thinking a certain way because your birth makes you think that way. And that, you could upgrade that, and you could refine that, and you could bring that more cultured. Through education and civilization and science, you could improve on that human personality: you could start to dress a little better.

You started off wearing drag slippers [a type of locally made leather slippers -Ed.], you start to go in your little nice shoes now. See? You didn't care how you combed your hair long ago; you start putting a little comb inside of it now, fix it up a little bit. See? Wearing a little old cotton dress, it didn't matter how you looked, who laughed at you. Now, you start to wear a little rayon and upgrade your standard a little bit now. See? You used to walk, and take the bus, now, you could drive a little car. You start to feel a little better. You start to feel, you know, maybe all the work you used to get before was domestic work, now you get a little secretarial work or something, a little office, little atmosphere and things, and feel a little better.

You are still the same old, rotten, stinking sinner, if the Blood hasn't cleansed you. Exactly right! Because that doesn't impress God. That is nothing to Him. But you see, there is something in man that makes man want to hold on to that because he actually feels he has become better, and as far as God is concerned, you still have the same nature; you just put a little more civilization and polish to it. That is all you did to give it a shine.

And when Paul saw that revelation and it struck his heart, he began to realize that the thing he was drawing from, and the thing that he was trying to make an achievement and be accepted by and climb in the religious realm, not in the world, in the religious realm, climb there and being seen as a man, you know, he got this degree now. Now, he has a Doctor of theology, and now he's speaking Greek with the Hebrew, and he understands some Latin too, and he moved from this position, right next to the high priest, and came out of the best school they had, and he is respected for that.

Some of the brothers tell me that, sometimes you walk into somebody's office and they maybe just see you in a suit, you know. You just walk in maybe with khaki pants and they don't take you on. You put on a suit and

tie and with a briefcase and you walk in there, brother, they give you your respect and they call you 'Mister', right away. But the world relates to that. And then the world relates to that so much—because the world is shaped that way, we get deceived and think God functions that way too: "And because I am wearing a long dress, and because I don't paint my face, and because I don't do that, and because I don't smoke and drink, that is alright; I have reached the mark."

No, no! God doesn't accept that either. That is just parallel to what they're doing in the world, on the other side of it. Because remember, this man was a legalist. This man had a zeal for God trying to establish his own righteousness but not according to the righteousness of God, which is by faith. In other words, the man was living a religious life, but not a faith life. And this is what you discover in this hour as the council begins to tighten up, as the economic situation begins to come down, as things begin to get harder and the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to step out now with faith, you find people getting scared and they're afraid and they are cagey. And then you realize, it is not a faith life they were walking with all the time, because they would not be scared if it was faith. Faith has no fear! And you realize it is not faith they are walking by at all. They are trapped in the realm of religion. They are looking at the wrong things for their identification.

Now, in this Day, that same revelation that Paul had (he laid the foundation in the building of the Church), it was to come back. And when it came back, it was going to be the same Word. When that Word comes back, do you know what is going to happen, and we see what God is doing this day? Paul began to realize God had become man. When he saw Jesus Christ being revealed, the Word that he bypassed, God had become man that man could become God. It is he who wrote It and said, God became sin, that we could become the righteousness of God. [2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21 -Ed.]

In other words, he started to see in what was manifested in his Age, what Elijah revealed, which was Jesus Christ, the Word. As he began to examine that Word and go into that Word, he started to realize God had become man to reveal to man how to become God; and that man doesn't have to live by his own righteousness, that God's righteousness was going to be transferred on man now. And now, God was going to accept man as long as man identifies with what He did; truly identifies with it! And when he saw that, he realized then, what is this before God? What is all this? What are all my works? What are all these things? What are all, I am trying to hold my world together, trying to hold my acts together, trying to hold my home together, trying to hold this church together? I could hold this church together? You could hold your home together, really? Do you know what the children do when they go to school?

The Word you plant and you trust in, that God would give increase in their hearts, you're trusting that God would give them the heart to receive It. You're trusting that God would give them the obedience and they would see It's coming from a godly father's heart, or a godly mother's heart. That is what you are trusting God for and trying to do it loyally because you know God is true to His Word, and you are holding God to a promise that He said He would do it. Train them up in the way of the Lord that when they get old they would not depart from It. So, your faith is in what? In God's promise.

Not, "I do talk to my children. I do tell my children. I do put my children to sit down, and such and such." Not that. No. And not, "My children are different from this one's children and my children are different from these other children." Oh, maybe while they are at the age of ten, they are different. Yours are more religious at the age of ten. When yours get to fifteen, it flips. No, if you were trusting in your righteousness there, then what is going to happen here. See? Its God all along.



And you see, the thing is, why would man trust in something that is fallen, ruined, and is under the control of the devil. Because, from the time Satan trapped us into the fall, and we came through sex, and we got trapped in the humanistic realm here, in the five senses, he has all control over man. And man has a nature to begin with that he was born with, that is rebellious to God now. Yet, now, why would man want to have confidence in that when the Bible says, take care you deceive your own selves? Because there are things in man that make him want to deceive his own self. There are things in people that make them want to think of their own selves more highly than they ought to think of their own selves. There are things in people that make them want to admire their own selves, and there are things in man that make him feel self-secured after a while.

Look at Uzziah! God blessed him to make him what he was. He got self-secured and started to disobey the very Word that was supposed to be keeping him. Do you know why? The same Word backfired on him and he ended up dead, a leper; because afterward, you think of yourself.

Look at David, the same grace that came and took him out from the sheeppcote. Turn with me to your Bible, quickly. 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 17. I'm closing. I have fifteen minutes to one. This would take me a few messages to bring it out. It is grace that is going to take us into this New Ministry. It is nothing you're going to do. It is a heart surrendered to God. Surrendered because you don't rely on your flesh anymore. You don't have any confidence in it anymore. You don't have anything to trust in anymore. What would you trust in, a degree, education, something like that, that the devil could give you, you would trust in and don't trust in the promise of God that can't pass away?

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 17. Now look at this quickly, to show you this great revelation of grace. Looks strange to go

there to preach on what I am preaching about out of the New Testament, but just watch and see how it comes out.

*<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house,*

Watch where he was sitting, in his house.

*... that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remaineth under curtains.*

*<sup>2</sup> Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.*

*<sup>3</sup> And it came to pass the same night,....*

Not a week after. By the time God heard that conversation and Nathan got away from David's presence, God said, "Go right back." God wouldn't let another sunrise before He corrected that error.

*<sup>3</sup> And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,*

*<sup>4</sup> Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:*

*<sup>5</sup> For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.*

*<sup>6</sup> Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?*

*<sup>7</sup> Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepecote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:*

*<sup>8</sup> And I have been with thee wherever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine*

*enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.*

*<sup>9</sup> Also, I will ordain a place for my people, Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning.*

*<sup>10</sup> And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people, Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore, I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an house.*

Now, all this God told him to tell David that, you know. This is in response... Get the picture. Sometimes we read the Scripture and we don't know what we are reading. We don't understand what is happening. God is saying, "He's thinking that in his heart, he wants to do that for Me. He's watching Me out here and he's looking at himself. He feels he's better off than Me. I'm in a tent here, and he's in a house of nice cedar. So, he wants to get a house of cedar for Me too, so I could live like him. We could be in the same standard because he's a little better off than Me. He wants Me to be like him."

He said, "Go back and tell him where he used to be before he got in a house of cedar, in the shepcote. Tell him all the days when he used to be in caves and dens hiding. Tell him where Israel used to be, down in bondage, in Egypt, in the mud making bricks, getting whipped on their backs before they came into this land here." Do you understand what I am saying?

God was correcting David's error. He said, "Don't sit down in your house and watch Me, and then try to do something for Me." See? God was showing him, "Your life is grace. It is I Who gave you that. It is I Who brought you there. It is I Who put you there. It is I Who

made you what you are.” He said, “You think I couldn’t have made a house?” He said, “I came down from where I was and walked with Israel all through the wilderness. I camped with them in the desert. I went with them in the hot sun. I fought their enemies. I was with David all in caves when he was sleeping in caves too, watching over him. When Saul wanted to kill him, I put a deep sleep on Saul. I could have done things for Myself. I have a time and season for that.” See?

Now watch, God was correcting him because he wanted to do something for God, because he was watching his present condition, and he wasn’t watching that it was the grace of God that made him what he was. And then, he was looking at God in that condition and then started to do something for God too, to justify his house of cedar, so he wouldn’t feel too badly how he’s in cedar and God is in a tent. See?

Now, we do get some strange inspiration to do a lot of things for God, but you see, God doesn’t let the sun set on these things, sometimes. David is a man after God’s own heart, sure. But he was just like Peter too. One minute he had the ark in the wrong channel, causing people to die – Full of zeal and dancing all over the place. Next time, he’s lusting at a man’s wife and trying to kill one of his own men to even get the man’s wife. Next thing, he gets lifted up and he is numbering the people, as if it’s his military prowess defeated all those enemies. Sure. Next thing, he wants to build a house for God and God said, “No. You can’t do that for Me either.” See?

When we look and we see... Sometimes we get in a lot of atmospheres and “Yes, I’m a man of God, and I am a servant of God, and God is in the place and God’s on the scene.” Brother, let me tell you. See? But it’s something so far beyond that. It’s something so far beyond. We have to get into His thoughts. We have to relate to what He wants to accomplish. We have to walk in His Spirit. We have to walk in obedience to His Word, and then He will show us great and mighty Things that

we don't even know of. It will never be by might, or by power, but by His Spirit. God will never let that flesh glory in His Presence. Watch how God was correcting that.

He said, "Furthermore, you want to build a house for Me? Tell him, I will build a house for him."

*<sup>11</sup> And it shall come to pass, [verse 11]  
when thy days are ended that thou must go  
to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy  
seed after thee, who shall be of thy sons;  
and I will establish his kingdom.*

He told the prophet to tell him all of that, you know. In other words, God gave him a review of his life. God gave him a present view of his life and God gave him a preview of his life. He said, "Look where you were... You think My grace stopped here because you're on the throne and your life eased up and you're a little better than where you used to be, and no man is running you down. You are not sleeping in caves and hiding; you are living comfortably in your nice, kingly robe, driving the best chariot, walking about, seeing a lot of important people, feeling good about it." He said, "You think that is it? That is your revelation of my grace?" He said, "Look, after you die and go, you're getting a son. I'll establish His throne, His Kingdom shall be no end," and all these different things. He said, "You haven't started to see My grace yet. You don't know My thoughts I have for you yet."

Do you understand what I am saying? I trust it gets down in your heart, you know. Let it bolt down inside of there. Let me tell you—no wonder the Prophet said, ask that your joy may be full. You see, when we do that we are sinning against God. We are trying to, you know, "Yes, we just get enough, yes, and we are alright. Yes, I will serve God here now," and start to look at other people. Let me tell you, God is beyond that. Look at this verse. Let me go over verse 11 again.

*11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days are ended that thou must go to be with thy fathers,*

He wasn't even thinking about the death, you know. And God showed him what would happen after he dies and goes to his fathers.

*... that I will raise up thy seed after thee, who shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.*

*12 He shall build me an house,*

Do you know what Stephen said? "Howbeit Solomon built Him a house." [Acts 7:47 -Ed.] But that wasn't the house. That son God was talking about, that wasn't Solomon. God was talking about Himself coming as the Son of David; He Himself coming. And when that Son comes, He will build the house. And that house He's going to build, Paul who was catching that revelation and the grace of God was going to lay that Foundation and that temple. It is we who are the real house; we, the Bride. You think David could have built us? David wanted to build a house for God but we are the house of God! This is the Living tabernacle of the Living God! God doesn't dwell in temples made with hands.

So, while he sits down there with his little self-righteousness and looking at God in that condition and wanting to do something for God and these things with his religious anointing upon him, he thought that would have sufficed: "Well, you know those heathen nations and those heathen gods would not look better than our God. Because they have their big temple to Dagon and their big temple to Baal and their big temple to this god over here, and here is our God in some tents. See? And all those kings in those nations, they are in big palaces. They look at me as a king here, in this nation but look at the temple I have for my God. No, let me kind of compete a little bit with the world and...." That sanctuary that God is going to build—like I always say when we are up on the land there, this is the temple

God is building here, this is the temple here. This has to reflect Him and then That is going to reflect us. But we have to get our reflections right. It's a shadow of a shadow of a shadow. Watch

*<sup>13</sup> I will be his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee,*

*<sup>14</sup> But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established for evermore. [That is not Solomon.]*

*<sup>15</sup> According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.*

Let's read a little bit. When I come next week, I am going to pick up this but I'm going to read a little part of it (and close), to show you something.

*<sup>16</sup> And David, the king, came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me thus far?*

You catch anything there? First, he was sitting in his house and he was looking at God from his house and looking at himself from his house, all his worldly attainments and worldly achievements. Because if you go in 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 14 you'll find, Hiram sent masons and he was—and built David a house of cedars. But now, he wasn't sitting in his house, he was sitting now in the Lord's house and he was looking at himself in the Presence of the Lord in the Lord's house, and he said, "Who am I?" There was no more self: "I and my house of cedars; I, the king of Israel." There was no more of that now. It was, "Who am I who used to be in the sheeppcote, that Lord, You are thinking all these things about?"

Let me tell you, grace humbles. There is nothing that shows man he is so narrow-minded and deceitful and religious than a real revelation of grace, God's grace.

That is why when the Presence of God comes and Peter said, "Lord, depart from me. I am a sinful man." Because when you get in His Presence, you see what you really are. And we look and we see we are nothing, a miserable worm that God took up to make something.

Just a few more remarks and close. Next thing I'm going to show how God revealed to him the place to build the temple, but not until he sinned. And when he sinned and a plague was in the land, it was through that experience God revealed to him the place it's going to be built. That is why he told Solomon where to build it.

I want you to see how God, in working behind the lives of His people, passing us places, we don't know why. You mean to say he has to go through that experience to find the place? It is the angel. When he saw the angel with the sword over Jerusalem and people were dying in the pestilence, the angel said, "Go and get the threshing floor. Buy the threshing floor of Ornan, Araunah the Jebusite, and offer burnt sacrifice there. And when he saw the power of God, how it stayed the plague and these things, then he began to realize that same place was Mount Moriah. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles says where Solomon built the temple was Mount Moriah, where God told Abraham, go and offer the sacrifice. It's the same place God stayed the plague from the people. The same way God stayed the plague from the human race when there was a Burnt Sacrifice offered on Calvary. And it was upon there, that revelation, upon that Rock, that revelation of the grace of God coming to stay the plague of judgment for our sin, is where God was going to build the house because that house was going to reflect His Bride.

Let me tell you, no wonder, when they were restoring that temple of Solomon that was there, that was burnt down when Nebuchadnezzar had burnt it down and they were going to rebuild it, a type of the Bride, which the Son of David has come to build. Because that



Davidic covenant... Remember I preached on it some years ago. It is twofold – God, He would build a house and establish His Throne. After the house is built in seven church Ages, what comes next? the Millennium, the Son of David. And Son of Man being revealed between the Son of God and Son of David, it's coming to cap the Pyramid, the Headstone, bringing back that same Headstone, that same revelation of grace that is going to take us into the Millennium. Because the promise for this Age – “You will sit with Me on My Throne.”

You know people wonder about those ‘new names’ and all those things over the years and they never understood. And that is why I hardly even speak about that because they don't understand that. See? When the Angel came, he said he will have the Throne of his father David and of His Kingdom there shall be no end, but you will call His name Jesus because He will save the people from their sins. And when they saw the signs, they said, “Where is He Who is born King of the Jews.” He was born that. When Pilate said, art thou the King of the Jews? He said, “Thou sayest, I am!” When it says in Zechariah the King cometh meek and lowly, riding on the foal of an ass, your King! [Zechariah 9:9 -Ed.] But His subjects needed redemption, that is why John never said, “Behold, your King,” he said, “Behold the Lamb.”

But Revelation 19—Revelation 5, what happened? It says, *the Lion of Judah has prevailed*. Revelation 10 says *he cried like a lion roareth*. Revelation 19 says what? *He's coming, King of kings and Lord of lords*. It's the whole mystery of the Kingship begins to unfold from the time He left His Father's Throne to take that Seven-Seals Book. Because He's gathering His redeemed subjects whom He interceded for, that they are going to reign with Him on His Throne. And that is when He's going to be revealing the Seven Thunders because He had the key of David. He's going to write that New Name on your forehead and all these things. See?

Brother when you see those things coming in and moving in, here back in the Scriptures. Here we are at a place where to go into these Things, it will not be by your might, it will not be by your power, it will not be by your ambitions, it will not be by your desire, it will not be by any of these things. It will be revealed through prisoners, love slaves who are obedient to His Word and who will have **THUS SAITH THE LORD** or keep still, stand still. See? He desired to do something for God, something he believed that was going to honor God. He never saw it necessary to consult God, neither did he even examine himself to see if all the blood he had shed had disqualified him.

For the present moment people get enthused in a lot of things, but we have to see if God had chosen us for certain things. And sometimes our flesh gets hurt, our pride gets hurt and these things, but we are all sons of God in the Kingdom of God, but God has different ones for different works. It is not to compete, it's not for position, it's not to jostle one another and these things. It is not to try to hug the limelight nor to get to be the center of attraction. It is to walk in humility, because they that humble themselves shall be exalted, and he that exalts himself shall be made abased. "Learn of Me, I am meek and lowly in heart. Take My yoke upon you and know My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

See, knowledge puffeth up. That is why you get a lot of people full of knowledge and these things but no revelation of grace, nothing. You get self-righteousness. You get people using their own works and all these different things, their own worldly achievements to qualify them or to make them something in God's Presence. No, we've missed the mark by a million miles! God will never accept anything that we attempt to do for God outside the channel of His revealed Word.

That is why Paul, what they were doing, he saw they were not serving God, they were worshipping God in vain just as Jesus told them they were doing. You see,

Jesus told them but they didn't believe it. But when Jesus came to Paul personally and showed him in the Word, he saw all of that was vain. God never even was accepting it.

What made him great in the eyes of man had something but it was nothing before God; God had no respect to it. And when it comes down to the end, what do you think is going to count? What man thinks of you or what God thinks of you? Who are you really trying to please? If you are an impressionist you are trying to please man. You are trying to look good in man's eyes. But if you are walking before God with a pure heart and sincere, you shall see God. God had to take David back. I will pick it up next when we come again and show you.

You watch and see when Bro. Branham had that vision of that Cloud coming. He sat there in the room, and while he sat there in the room under the power of the vision, he was so numb, he said it was the mightiest vision he ever had. He moved aside. He was laying in the corner with his Bible. He opened It. It came to Romans 9, a rock of offence and a stone of stumbling. [Romans 9:33 -Ed.] And he couldn't understand what it meant. He said, "Lord, is this blast going to kill me? What does it mean? Why am I reading this Scripture? What does this mean, Lord? After a half hour, he said, "Lord, if it's You, let it come back to me again. Open it right back to the same Scripture again, under the power of the vision." It came right back. He said God showed him, they were trying to seek it by works and not by faith.

What was happening there? When Paul was bringing that foundation revelation, it was being rejected by people who were serving God in another channel. And here, when Bro. Branham came in this day, he said that is exactly what the church has done in this day again. He said, "Why do you think Pentecost failed?" He preached the Message, *Why Does Pentecost Fail?* [1955-1111 *Where I Think Pentecost Failed* -Ed.] He said they were choosing

law instead of grace. He said grace brought them out of the Methodist Church. Grace came there and sent the Holy Spirit among them, gave them to speak in tongues, gifts, different things happened. Right away they went back and started a denomination and did the exact thing that Israel did when they came out, when the Pentecostal jubilee, the Holy Ghost was being poured out. Exactly right. See? From the time they did that, God left them. They struggled down in their own thing and then, what they ended up doing, they ended up with the works of their own hands that were cursed before them, a snare and a stumbling stone to them, a trap.

Read it. It's in Romans 11, I think it was, where David talked about a snare and a stumbling stone. [Romans 11:9 – Ed.] See? He made their table a snare and it was exactly what came and happened.

And here it is, you see many people, they get in that struggle. When the situation arises, they don't know what to do because... Why? They are not walking in a channel of faith. There is no inspiration to deal with the situation. From the time the situation comes and it overpowers them, they're all flusterated and blown to pieces. There is not one Scripture to anoint, any expectation, nothing; frustrated and depressed, because they are not walking by faith at all; emphasizing you are coming to church, or you're doing this, or just coming along. Let me tell you, you have to walk, you have to serve God daily. Paul said, "I die daily. It's not I that liveth but Christ that liveth in me. The just shall live by His faith."

Look, when that revelation of grace came to Zerubbabel, what did he do? He stood and spoke to that mountain: "Become a plain. Be removed!" When those Seven Thunders came out of the church in the last days and uttered their Voices to that Little Group, what are they going to say? If you say to this mountain, "Be thou removed." He said, is that the Mystery of those Seven

Thunders coming to cap the Pyramid? Is that what it is? Is that what Revelation 10 was, the revealing of the Son of Man, the Headstone coming back, that same revelation that Paul brought to the Church? Is that what has come back in the last days? When it struck his heart, all that he had he counted it as dung and became a slave, lived by a different righteousness now, and tried to get people to live by that righteousness. And he asked the Galatians who were trying to go back to that first righteousness, he said, "Does the working of miracles come by keeping the law or by the hearing of faith?" [Galatians 3:5 -Ed.]

No wonder you hear them saying, "We are the Book of Act. We have the Message with the Book of Acts." They're so blind, they are full of their mess and they can't see they are in the wrong channel. That is why they can't see any miracles. It's just works of the law. It's flesh. What they do, they do in the energy of the flesh and God can't receive it. God will not receive it. God will not send grace.

Grace provided a prophet; grace provided a Pillar of Fire. Grace brought back the Atonement. Grace sent a Message. Grace gave the Spoken Word and all these Things. Five manifestations of the journey and then a man came in his own flesh, with his own puffed-up mind and his own ambition and his worldly thinking, and God backed that up? Never! When a man stands and bows his head, he knows it's because of that Atonement those Things come.

I don't know if you could see where this is going, but it's going, so far. The things in my heart I want to bring to you to show you that Bro. Branham never believed that St Mark 11:22 was in the Atonement. It started off with his experience with the spoken Word. God had to show him that was in the Atonement. He said, if anybody asks me how a man could say... He said because that is putting something on yourself: If you say. He said, "I can't explain that Scripture."

The reason he couldn't explain It, he thought It was some power outside the Atonement. Because he never understood the power of that Atonement. That is not just to live a religious life; that is to bring you back without sin just as you were, where God doesn't even impute sin unto you.

That day when he saw the power of that Atonement, what the Blood really does and where the Blood brings a man back to, where grace takes a man back to. No wonder He said die to that old husband so you could be joined to this Husband; that He's the One that will be living in you. He's the One that would be leading you; that when you do, it's not by might, not by power. You know it's not him that willeth or him that runneth. You know you couldn't add one cubit to your stature. You know it's not anything you could do.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares we have already come. It's grace that has brought us safe thus far, it's that same grace going to lead us Home. He said, the very same channel that opens to you and shows you water baptism and you start to walk by faith, he says it's going to come in that same channel. Your healing is in that channel. The Holy Ghost is in that channel. He says the Spoken Word and these things are in that same channel. That channel brings you to that Atonement.

And when we speak of that Atonement that we had there on Sunday, it was no way that woman could have been loosed from that debt. The creditor was going to take those children into bondage. But here it was, God's grace provided a way to pay that debt and loose them from that debt that set them free, and give them something to pay their debt and live on the rest. When He came and paid that debt on the Cross, He gave us something brother, to loose us from our debt and to live on the rest.

You don't have to be a debtor anymore because the power that you live by, the power that reveals His Word, the power that gives you strength, the power to pray,

the power to seek God, the power to read the Word. You see, that is what makes me wonder, what Holy Ghost people talk about and they have no power to read, no power to pray, no power to witness, no power to do anything. Yet, they want power to have miracles. Well, start with a little power to pray. Start with a little power to read. Start with a little power to witness, and see how your candle gets lit. Start with a little power there and then you climb the ladder. They said Bro. Branham—He said, “Do the lesser works first, we’ll talk about the greater works after. Start with some of the lesser works first. Sure.

But do you know why? We don’t want to lose what we are, but He made Jacob who represents God’s grace in the Bible, confess what he was. After all the tricks he tried, after all where he thought he deceived his brother, deceived Laban, trying to deceive Esau again, deceived the blind father, he couldn’t get through that with God. Bluffs took him a long, long, long way and through bluffs, he had many worldly successes, but where it mattered most, he needed God to come down and change him that he could overcome, and conquer, by grace afterward.

Don’t rely on bluffing because your bluff is going to bring you thus far, you will face the World Council of Churches, and you wouldn’t be able to rise even above your own shoelace. It has to be something real inside of you, not by might.

When that Message is going to come forth in the last days, that Headstone coming back to bring us back to the early faith, it will be—What was Paul telling that first Church? Was he telling them the same thing? Not by the law. Not by that. No, no, no, no no. He said, “Abraham, before—while he was yet uncircumcised.” [Romans 4:11 -Ed.] He said the grace was given to Abraham four hundred and thirty years before the law. The law came four hundred and thirty years afterward. That

never annulled that covenant. Is that right? What was he telling them? Not by might, not by power.

That is why I am trying to bring this to show you why people can't stand still. Because that revelation of grace... The revelation of grace is, "Is not I that live, but He that lives in me." What I trust in is not my ability. That is why I could be confident, because the ability I am trusting in, greater is He in me than He that is in the world.

He said greater... He said the Creator God was in Daniel, the One Who created the lions. He could have stood up and He didn't fear the lions. The One Who created the winds could have watched the winds and don't even fear the storm. Do you understand what I am talking about now? Grace, by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. It was that Spirit that had to teach us this revelation all these years. The Inside Teacher was the One that was to teach you all these years, the Inside Teacher. And why many have not come to the revelation, they never let that Inside Teacher come in from the inside to begin to teach, to make It plain to them because when you see It, you see you are nothing. What did you do to deserve this?

He told David, He said, "Tell him where he came from first. If he's thinking about building, let us get the picture right. Put him in the right place. Let him start where he is here." He said, "Let him think why I didn't ask all those judges whom I raised up, from Shamgar and Samuel and Samson and Gideon and all of them through there, Ehud, and all those fellows to feed My people all through that time until now, why I never asked them to build me a house of cedar. So, am I not conscious I need a house of cedar? Who made cedar?" Do you understand what I am talking about?

God was showing David how foolish he was to sit down in his own house, look in his own environment and try to take his environment and make that God; bring God on that same level. And God said, "No, no,



no, no, no. I am going to build a house and it would not be the kind he wants to build for Me.” He said, “And when I build that one, it would not be one here, with brick and stone that another Nebuchadnezzar could come and burn it down and carry it into Babylon and desecrate all the vessels. It would not be that kind. And the kind I am building, the material, you don’t pay for it with brick and stone. You don’t pay for it with money and these things, gold and silver and those kinds, corruptible things like gold and silver.” He said, “You are not your own; you were bought with a price.” Is that right? You are lively stones.

You are the material He bought, and He brought His material on site and He puts it under skill tradesmen and they are building by the Spirit, a habitation for the Spirit of God. Sure. And He’s going to have a dedication day and the glory will be seen around the world! Sure, when He builds that temple.

You think a house of cedar could compare with this Bride here? Look how foolish David’s thought was. God wouldn’t let the sun set nor rise on that. That very same night He said, “Go right back. It might be a long journey,” He said, “get up and go right back, Nathan and tell him, and tell him all these words.” And after the words, do you know what happened? It says, and David came from his house of cedars, went into the house of the Lord, sat down there, even in the Presence of God now, and began to see the picture from a different angle and he said, “Who am I, that the King should bleed and die for? Who am I, that You should pray, ‘Not My will but Thine,’ Lord! Who am I Lord, that You could take from the sheepcote and give all this honor to!” He began to see his nothingness, his nothingness.

May He bring us to the place where His grace could humble us, His grace could fill us, His Spirit could move within us that every move will represent **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord. Know ye not, know ye not you are

the temple? You are the temple of the Holy Ghost (amen), a habitation for the Spirit of God. Let us pray.

You want to be remembered in prayer, "Lord, I don't want to live by the energy of the flesh, I want to live by Your Spirit. I want You to lead me. I want to be Your prisoner, Lord. I want You to be my Head. Lord, I want You to take me and mold me in such a way and shape me, that You could get all the service You desire in and through me without me getting in Your way."

Oh, if you feel like that this morning, knowing the hour is here, He wants to fill His Church with all the fullness of God, say, "Lord, remember me." Amen. Glory be to His Name. God sees your hands. God loves you for that; God... all throughout the building. Amen. My hands are lifted with yours. I desire that too, because when we see His Word, we are nothing. Who are we? Sambo said... he said, "Don't tell me about harps and crowns. Just let me worship Him for a thousand years." All those elders threw down their crowns (the Bible says), bowed their heads, even the four cherubim, and they began to say, "Amen, Thou art worthy. Thou art worthy." Only One was worthy. No man in Heaven or in earth was worthy. Oh my. May that fill our hearts in this hour. May we move by His Spirit; such a move dominated by the Spirit of the Living God. Glory be to His Name.

Let's sing, Remember me, Remember me. [#21 - Songs That Live -Ed.] He's here this morning. He just wants to come into your heart in a greater way. Like David, maybe I'm not even worthy even to say I'm like Nathan but, the Word coming to you this morning to show you, look where God took you from. Look where God brought you and look where God has you. Do you think that was your own self? Do you think that was your praying and your studying over the years? Do you think that you deserve that? Look what is before you - The Rapture, the Resurrection, the Wedding Supper, the Millennium, the New Jerusalem, All Eternity! Look what God has in

store for you. Take a review. Take a view and take a preview. You little Bride who has been called by a prophet's Message, the same way David was; he was at another junction time. God was teaching him, "Sovereign grace must take over, David. Sovereign grace must take over."

Oh my, that is what we desire. Lord, You know that is what we desire. Lord, I, standing in this pulpit today, all the way to the back bench, Lord, all in the mother's room, inside the building, round about, Father; that is what we desire.

I remember I was a no-good, so depressed, so frustrated, Lord. Those days are so clear before me. Those last few days especially in Santa Cruz, such despair, so perplexed, Lord, didn't know where to turn. I felt so unlovable, Lord. I felt no one cared for me. I felt so lost and helpless. I felt like I was sinking in a dark abyss, Lord, a bottomless pit just going down with no end to it, falling into a deep dark horror, but Love lifted me. Oh God, You heard my despairing cry out of the miry clay, out of the dark dungeons, Lord, and look where You have brought us by Your grace. Look what You have done for us, Lord. Who are we? No wonder David said later, Lord, if the Lord doesn't build the house, they that labor, build it in vain. He had a revelation. He had tried to build it without the Lord building it. He said, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him and the son of man that Thou visitest him. All flesh is like grass."

Oh God, you took him to such places in his life, to bring an end to all human ability that he learnt to trust in You so completely, that he said, "Whether I am in hell, God is there with me. I lift my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. As the mountains are around Jerusalem, so the Lord is around His people. He that keepeth Israel neither slumber nor sleep." You taught him, Lord. He couldn't utter those things. He couldn't say those things had he not seen Your hand in

his unworthy life. Had he not seen Your grace, Lord, had he not seen Your mercy and Your power.

Oh Father, we feel so broken, so humiliated, for Lord, many times, we try to think we can do something. Many times, we think that You should accept what we want to do for You, Lord. Many times we fail to see how we exalt ourselves above Your knowledge, when we ought to be pulling down those strongholds. But Your grace watches over us. Not one sparrow could fall to the ground, that the Heavenly Father doesn't know of. And Your eyes are on the sparrow, and so Your eyes are upon us. You watch every move we make. You are quick, Lord, to come and turn us aside; quick to correct us and instruct us, that we don't destroy our own selves. If You don't keep us in the way, we would surely stray away, Father; as we look back down through our lives, down through these years, but all we could see is Your grace. All we could see, Lord, is our unworthiness. All we could see, Lord, is unmerited favor. Who could boast, Lord? Who has some works to boast and say we did this and we did that?

The Prophet with that revelation, and over two million souls into the Kingdom, crossing the oceans back and forth so many times, until he went around the world seven times, saw as many as thirty thousand saved in one meeting, saw as many as seven truckloads of wheelchairs and crutches from one prayer, saw hundreds of thousands, maybe even into millions of visions; not one ever failed. He saw the dead raised eight times and yet, Lord, living under Your grace, he could say, "I haven't done anything for the Lord as yet. Bill, shake yourself. You're getting old. Your years are running out. You can't sit around lazy, doing nothing." Oh, God, when he saw Your goodness, he said if he had a thousand tongues, they're still insufficient to praise You. What kind of love and understanding and revelation in a man's heart makes a man make expressions like that? What does he see?

Oh God, take us back to Calvary, Lord. Take us back and let us really see what lays there, Father. Take us back through our lives to see what You have done for us, Lord, that we could get away from 'I, and I, and me'; that all self could decrease that You could increase, Lord. Oh God, may You grant it.

Search us oh God. Know our hearts today. We know it's not by power, not by might, it all ends up to be vain worship, Lord. We don't want to have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. We want the mind of Christ to be in us, Lord. We want the Word to be projected through flesh – Christ walking in our feet, speaking through our lips, working with our hands, thinking with our minds. We want to be so clothed with humility, Lord.

Oh, blessed Jesus, I don't even know how to ask these things, Lord. I pray You would understand our weakness, Lord and knowing in our hearts we just want to be what You want us to be, Lord. We just want to live the way You want us to live. We realize that overcoming is to overcome ourselves, Lord. We are our problems. We are our enemy, Lord. We are the ones that get in the way. We are the ones that feel we can do something. May You forgive us, Lord, for our wrongs, our stumblings, our pride, our self-exaltations. Forgive us Lord. Let Your Blood blot it out. Let the Fire burn that nature out, Lord. May all the glory be Yours. May, when the world looks, they see Jesus.

Oh God, let us not lose our savor. For if the salt loses its savor it's good for nothing. Wherewith shall it be salted? It is only good to be cast out and then trodden under the foot of men. Let all men see our good works, Lord, Your Word being expressed through us, for works is faith expressed. Your revelation, Your mind, Your Spirit, Your Word, that is the True works, Father – faith expressed. Bring us to that place where You could truly justify us. Where we could truly live by Your faith, walk by Your faith, the faith that pleases You, Lord.

Even the strangers and the visitors, they, Lord, who sit day after day, hearing Your grace, seeing Your grace being extended but allowing the devil to blind them that they cannot see the nail-scarred hands being extended, Lord, hands that were pierced for them, Lord, reaching out to take a hold of them to draw them nearer, to bring them closer to You Lord, to wash them, to loose them from the things of this world, to give them a place in Your Kingdom, Lord. May they draw closer to You today. May they not harden their hearts, Lord. But You said, "If you draw nigh unto Me, I will draw nigh unto you." Oh God, search their hearts Lord. The hour is late and the time is far spent. Soon it will all be over. He that is filthy will be filthy still. He that is holy will be holy still. Lord, in that hour, even man-made righteousness is filthiness in Your sight.

Who are we Lord? Who are we? Surely there were so many other people You could have chosen, for we didn't choose You; You chose us first, Lord. You said, "You have not chosen Me, I have chosen thee. You loved us first. May we surrender our all to Thee. May we not withhold anything from Thee. But may we let go completely and give ourselves unreservedly unto Thee. May from this day onwards, that head truly be laid down; those inwards washed with Water, truly be laid down; those feet washed with Water, truly be laid down, Lord, even our fat, Lord. How many times You want to hold that fat, the choicest and the most desired parts, the things hard to give up, the things that You blessed us with, Lord. May we not hold on to these things.

Just take our hands and lead us on, precious Lord. We are depending on Your Holy Spirit. We are depending upon Your grace. We are asking Lord, that You would never leave us nor forsake us. We are asking You make us and bring us to that place where we will never forsake Thee, either. Oh God, may You grant it. Lord, we ask these mercies, as we bow our hearts in Thy Presence, knowing it's nothing good inside of us, just

Your grace, just Your goodness makes us what we are. As Paul said, we are what we are by the grace of God.

When we think of that great apostle, when that grace struck his heart, he thought he was a Pharisee of the Pharisees. He thought he was so righteous. He thought Lord, he was so blameless according to the law. He thought he was so studious, Lord, had the revelation just right. Then he said, Lord, he was least of the apostles, still he didn't get the depth of that grace. Years after You took him Lord, and he saw, "I'm least of all saints." Still, Lord, he didn't get it. Years after You took him again deeper into that grace. Oh there are depths of love that we may not know. There are heights of joy, Lord, there are realms of grace. Finally, when he hit that spot, He didn't say least of the apostle or least of saints, He said chiefest of sinners, chiefest of sinners. It wasn't that he was becoming more sinful, but Lord, he was receiving a more perfect revelation of the grace that first began to be shed abroad in his life. When You met him that day, You began to turn him around, Lord. He said, "God rich in mercy."

Oh Father, may we be like that, Lord. May we be like that. May we walk in the footsteps of these who have trodden the path and laid the way that You could say, this is My beloved son, in whom I'm pleased to dwell. This is My beloved Bride, my beloved daughter in whom I'm pleased to dwell. Grant it, oh God.

Father, as we leave to go to our homes today, Lord, putting ourselves just where David stood, looking through his eyes as You made us do today, looking at Paul when the revelation struck his heart, look what he was too, Lord, trying to do so much for You, thinking he was serving You and doing all these things, and then when it struck his heart and turned him around, look what he was. Oh God, let us come to that place, Father, that we could become a love slave, a prisoner.

Watch over us and protect us. Keep us from all harm and danger as we travel on these dangerous roads. May

Your Holy Spirit, Lord cause us to go deeper in this Word, and may You teach us further on these Things and deliver us so completely from our own selves that You could have the preeminence, the oversight and the leading in our lives, because this is what You desire, this is what You are working to achieve, so it's not hard to ask that Father. We pray and we ask that sincerely, in the precious, lovely Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen and amen.

Amen. Do you love Him? Do you appreciate Him? Do you love His Word? Do you think you feel a little stronger to lay aside the weight, push aside the human ability, push aside all flesh, get all the I's and I's and I's out of the way and give all glory to Him? Not I that liveth; I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, not I that liveth but Christ Who liveth in me. The life I live now, I live by the faith of the Son of God. For by grace are you saved through faith. It is the gift of God. Not of works that some man should boast. Is that right? Amen. May that grace and peace fill your heart today.

As you go to your home, you sit in the quietness. Don't let the Word just leak out; think about It. You watch and see that same God Who is here and Who spoke these Things, Who came to David and was watching over him, Who knew what he was thinking in his heart, Who told Nathan go and tell him this and make him correct his vision, correct his desire, filtering it through the Word before he could do God the true service the way that God could accept it and be identified with it, I guarantee you that same God would come to you because He knows your heart also.

The Prophet was on the bed and he said, "Bill (talking to himself), You haven't done anything for the Lord, boy. Right there the Angel came and said, "Would you like to see Beyond the Curtain of Time?" He said, "Oh God, that would do me good. What did that? Grace. God knew what's in his heart. God knew what it would take to encourage him. God knew what it would take to bring



him a greater prisoner, to bind him tighter in the chains of THUS SAITH THE LORD, to make him a love slave. He knows what it's going to take to do it for you, too.

When He found you the first time, what was it? His love. It's love that drew salvation's plan, it's grace that brought it down to man. The mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary. Think of it. That same God that met you that first day, maybe not even a preacher preaching to you.

I remember, nobody was preaching to me. I was back there, something was turning up my life on the inside, up and down. I sat there so miserable, things in my own life nobody ever knew about me. And you're there hoping that nobody gets to find out. You know you like to cover up all your dirty things and hide them. This one mustn't know and this one.... We all had our dirty things. And God, down inside of there, knew and would come to you as a sinner there and begin to show us a more excellent way. Love, something that would not fail, began to show us a new and living way that we could come to be rid of all these things to walk in His Presence, to live before Him. Something that melted us that it made us cry and pledge and promise, "Lord, if You save me, I will serve You always. I will never leave You. If you take me out, if you solve this for me, if you solve that for me. But what happens? We are so selfish. We are so conceited. This flesh is so deceitful.

Anything the flesh could get and crave for itself to build up itself, it forgets its pledge. It forgets what it does to God and it goes after it. But when He saw the Prophet, He said, "I see you remembered your promise. I remember mine." You were not thinking of yourself anymore. You came to a place, you were not even selfish any more. You were not looking to capitalize on an opportunity and capitalize on this, and capitalize on that. No. You were walking and governed by the principle of the Truth that God made you a part of, that you walk with Him, you live in His Presence. That your

first and foremost desire was to please Him. May it be like that for all of us this morning, before we leave this place, that we have that deep desire in our hearts.

The hour is here friends. To take us into that ministry, it's going to take His Holy Spirit, grace. It will not be anything that we could do. Hattie Wright didn't know what to do. "Bro. Branham what could I ask?" She didn't know what to ask. The Holy Spirit put in her heart what to ask. Exactly right.

I just know it. Start to expect these things. Start to crave them. When the conditions come, don't get all blown to pieces, stand right there. Say, "Lord, I know the hour is here. I know You have been speaking to us. Lord, in my heart I am expecting these things. Lord, is this it? What do you want me to do, Lord?" Don't just get haywire and run to and fro, no. Just stay right there. Be still and know *that* I am God. Amen.

I tell you, they that know their God; they that know that I Am God will do great exploits, because He in us will conquer every enemy. There is nothing to be scared about, and it is not that we are too good, or we did something to deserve that; He wants to do that for us. You might say, "I wonder if God is remembering me. I'm in a situation." Sure. If you are backslidden and you are willing to repent, and to get your life right. If as long as you're playing self-righteous and 'holier than thou' or keep your little halfway, tear-up life there and not even dedicated before God or anything and want to go along just trying. No, don't bother with that.

What are you going to do? Dedicate your life. You're going to consecrate your life but you wouldn't look at that for righteousness. You wouldn't say because I consecrate my life God is supposed to meet with me. No. You are going to do it because His grace has shown you, He could do something in you, far greater than what you could do through your own self. You just want to make yourself available; that He shed His Blood for you to redeem you, that He could come and work through you

and you have seen that all you have done have amounted to a failure; that if He doesn't help you—When David saw it in the end, he said, “If the Lord doesn't build the temple, they that labour, build it in vain.”

He had learned his lesson. He had learned his lesson. And I trust that we could learn ours. That was his experience to learn his. We all have our experiences to learn that same lesson. Paul had his own to learn his. The Prophet had his own to learn his, and God has given us ours that we might learn it also; that we will know it's not by might.

If you are in this Message and you are trying to live by those things, you are in a past Age and you are an adulteress. You are living under another husband. You are joined to a past Word in a past Age and you are not serving God in the present tense, in Spirit. You are serving a historical God and God cannot accept it. That is why you walk in Truth as It is being revealed to you. You open your heart to It and you let God come in and do that for you.

Let's just sing Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound.

[#1 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Amazing grace! How ...*

*That saved ...*

Oh, sing it like you've never sung it before with sincerity in your heart, in truth.

*I once was lost,*

*Oh, but now...*

*... now...*

Oh, was blind, but now I see.









