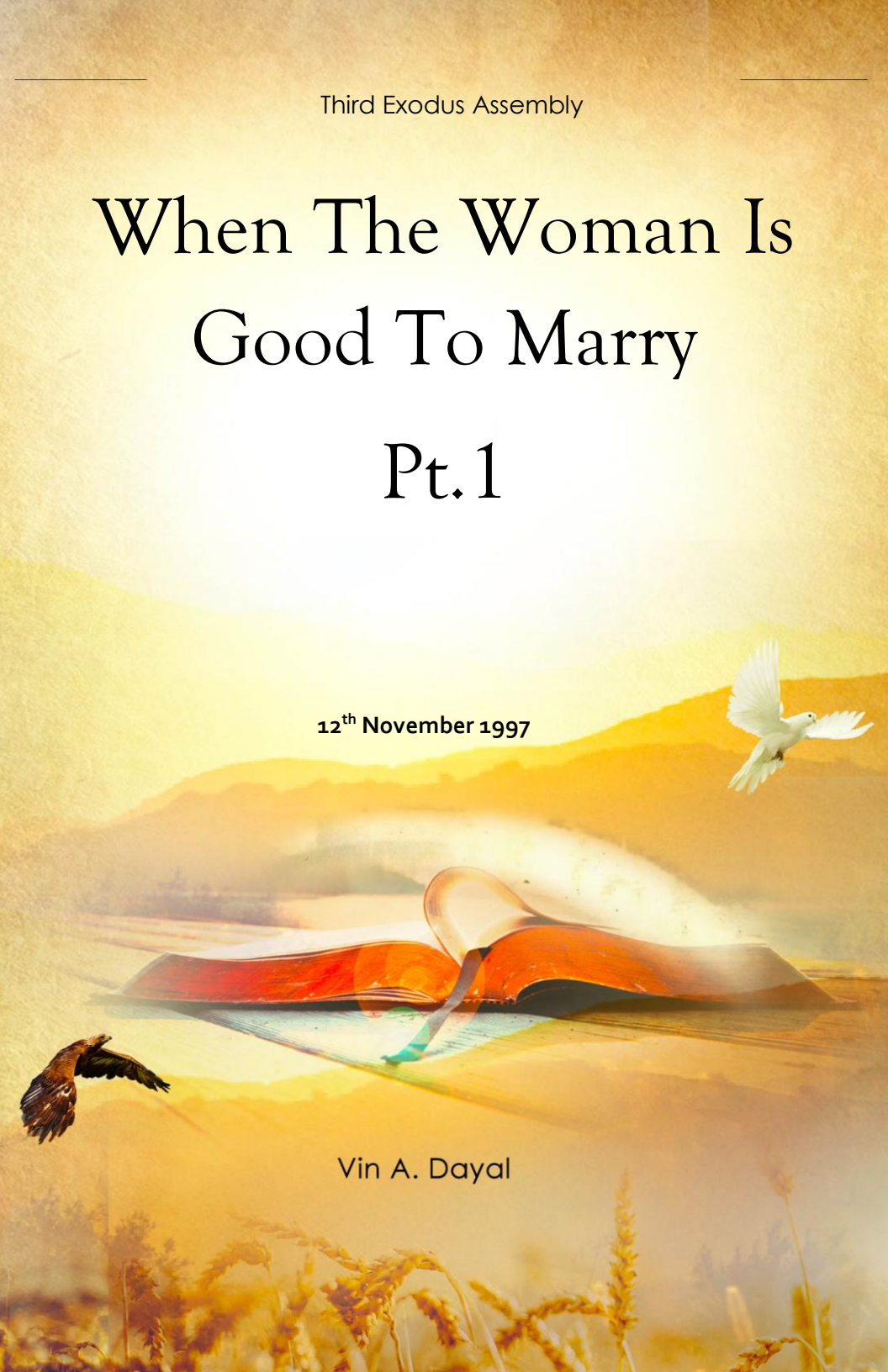

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We see, Lord, how You have come and You have taken the Seals off of Yourself. You have shown to us the Love with which You have loved us with, in the back part of Your mind, when You revealed our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, showing us that we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, predestinated unto the Adoption of children by Jesus Christ, knowing, dear God, that You first loved us and You gave Yourself to be the propitiation for our sins.

We thank You, Lord, for the representation that You have placed in our hearts, that real gift of God, by which we can hear what the Spirit is saying in every Age; by which we can recognize the Word of God, and by which, dear God, we can come forth to live a life worthy of this Gospel.

Gracious Father, we pray tonight, even as we have come into Your house and gathered in Your Divine Presence, Lord, that You would meet with us in a special way tonight. Lord, You know what we have need of, we are convinced of that. And we are also persuaded that You promised You will supply our every need according to Your riches in Glory.

We come and we humbly submit to You, Lord. Take full charge in this service. Take each and every one under Your Divine consideration; even those who are not present with us here tonight, we ask that You would remember them also. And Father, we pray that Your Holy Spirit would minister unto us, because Lord, You

know the desire in our hearts. We desire to serve You and to please You. We desire, oh God, Father, as Your Prophet said, "A holy man's taste", to see this Word be confirmed in our very own lives; that we truly can be that city on the hill which cannot be hid; that dear God, we can be the salt of the earth, that when people would come in contact with us it would cause them to hunger and to thirst after You, Lord.

Gracious God, help us in this Hour that our light could so shine, that other men could see our good works and glorify You. Give us a little lamp-trimming tonight, Father. Lord, sometimes how that wick could get all smothered up, Lord, and the lampshade gets smoky and the light cannot reflect as it ought to.

Your Prophet said, "It's lamp-trimming time." May You just trim the lamps for us tonight and give us, Lord, a refilling of Oil, Father, that we could continue to shine and see this Light be truly reflected, burning brightly in this late Hour, giving the witness, dear God, that this is the Coming of the Lord. May You grant it, Lord.

Bless all that are gathered in Your Presence, even the strangers and the visitors, all within our gates, Father. May there not be one that would leave this place tonight, Lord, when we are dismissed at the end, but Lord God, that we would be so grateful and full of appreciation for the grace with which You have visited us this evening. Grant it we ask, for we pray and believe in the wonderful and precious Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

God richly bless you. Certainly happy to be in His house tonight and to be gathered with you in His Divine Presence. I would just like to invite your attention tonight to the Book of St. Matthew, Chapter 19.

I haven't been here for three Sundays now; when I came in, I just made little announcements and so on. It's kind of hard sometimes to fall in the preaching mode because I haven't been kind of speaking to you in that way, but I certainly have been laboring for the Lord out

in Princes Town, and certainly have been thankful for the grace that God has been giving unto us there, and what we see taking place. We certainly appreciate God's grace.

Some really wonderful things, God has been helping us to bring to the hearts of the believers. And I will just take a little talk tonight myself here, just trying to feel my way around with you and trust that God could just crystallize something to us, that will help us.

Matthew 19, verse 3:

³ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

⁴ And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

This was His answer to them. They were asking Him the question, tempting Him: "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" You see, they were thinking about divorce, about separation, but He, in answer to the question of separation, was beginning to teach them about union. He said, "For this cause shall a man *leave* – not cleave, but leave. Separation is with your father and your mother."

But think of it: the man who comes from that father and mother, that father and mother came together to produce that man. He is a product of the union between father and mother; father had a sperm and mother had an egg and they produced him. And he is called to leave that union and cleave to his wife – not separate, but to cleave to his wife.

... and they twain shall be one flesh?

⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

⁷ They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

You see, they didn't like His answer too much. They had the next quote in case He didn't answer them with the answer they wanted to hear. But you know, He was really pulling them out by His answer. So, they came out with the next one. They said, "Well, look at Moses."

... Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

See? They were still on this 'put away', divorcement.

⁸ He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

He took them back again to the beginning. Every time they tried to bring Him somewhere else, He took them back to the beginning. Why was He doing that? He was doing that because He was letting them know God's first thought is His perfect thought. He is infinite. He is omniscient. He cannot learn anything. His first way is His perfect way. He cannot add to His knowledge. He can't improve on anything that He has done.

So, He was trying to show them that was God's first way. This was another way, (see?) what Moses gave you. But Moses gave you that because of the hardness of your heart. Because God gives people things when they can't receive His first way. Like Balaam, when people can't walk in God's revealed will, He'll give them something. He said, "Okay, go and do what you want to do then. Since your heart can't submit to the Word, take that, if that is what you want." See? They never knew that that was because of the hardness of their heart,

but that was their condition. See? They had that stony heart.

⁹ And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication...

So, He was telling you, "You could put away a wife, but except it be for fornication."

They asked, "Could you put her away for every cause?"

He was saying, "You could put her away for *this* cause." See?

... except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery...

So, watch that closely. If a man puts away his wife, and he didn't put away his wife for *that* cause, and he marries another woman, he is in adultery.

... and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

Now, this is the One Who ordained and instituted the marriage institution. This is not Moses now. Moses didn't institute that. God instituted marriage. And this was that very God in flesh because the marriage was to reflect Him and His Church. So, He was telling them now, "Maybe you never knew that that was a natural reflecting something; a negative reflecting something." So He was showing them now, if a man marries her who is put away, he doth commit adultery.

¹⁰ His disciples say unto him, if the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

They caught a revelation. They caught a revelation. She is really not good to marry. Watch the next verse.

¹¹ But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying...

Not every man could receive that. See, they spoke something as it dawned on them. And He said, "All men can't receive this."

... save they to whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb...

He is dealing with men now who are not married, because the woman is not fit to marry. See?

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs by men: and there be eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

But all men can't receive it. See?

And let's just read one more. Ephesians 5. In verse 22, Paul is speaking about the husband and wife, the role of the husband, the role of the wife, typing Christ and the Church. And I'll just take a couple of verses there.

Verse 30:

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

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

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

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

So, as I said, everything is going fine so far. And we have been trying to keep you in the assembly here, under the auspices of the fact that we are fixing to move, and move the saints up on this side. And with this whole transition period, you need to know that it's a time of adjusting, and we are trying to...

We have quite a lot of things to discuss and fine tune and put into place to get the work operative because when we do that, we don't want to come to a stall, we don't want to come to wondering where we are going or how we are going. We are just hoping that we can, in a unified body, just accelerate and move on up, by the grace of God. It's not a retrograde step. It's not a backward step. It's not a stagnation, but it's really an advancement, and so, it is important that we keep that in mind.

And we try to have it presented to you from the Word, that you can understand that that is necessary because of what we believe the Lord wants to do among us, and He sees that now it is timely, it is seasonal for this. And that is why we are trying to do that, by God's grace. So, I trust that you are really trying to get adjusted and you are anticipating what God is going to do tonight.

I'm just going to speak a little bit. I want to take a little thought, **"WHEN THE WOMAN IS GOOD TO MARRY"**. When Jesus was preaching this, and the Pharisees were asking these questions on marriage and divorce, Jesus began to answer them, and it was something. I guess there was so much divorce, because if the Pharisee church was one of the great churches of the day, and they had people living under that kind of concept that they had, that you could put away a woman for every cause, then you could imagine how much divorce and broken homes and everything else.

And no wonder there was so much prostitution back in that time because it was just rampant; the immoral condition of the society and everything else and even the condition of the people that they were under Roman dominion. And you know, the Romans themselves, wherever they extended their kingdom, they had their sin and their pollution just spreading everywhere.

We see that today. Like America, the whole world, western world, is coming under the influence of America. And you see all the sins of America are just

being televised, and then in magazines, broadcasted, everything – the fashions, everything; the television programs, everything, until the world is thinking in the American trend. And then, the people look up to the Americans for their fashion, for their education, for their standard, for the places that they go to, everything. They just became Americanized, even though they live in Trinidad.

It's a cultural revolution that is taking place. People — systems, and societies that have been established for hundreds and hundreds of years are being dismantled socially because of the new lifestyle people are adopting, because it makes them feel as a better class. If you wear American clothes, fashion designer clothes, and go out to these places, it gives them the false sense that they are a better people, that their standard has been elevated. And that is such a deception.

Well, since Rome was the superpower in the earth in that day—remember, they were the fourth kingdom, and that kingdom has never gone out of existence because that woman Jezebel is the one behind the whole American system, which if we get a little time we will show it tonight, how that spirit is what people have to contend with, and that spirit is what is overpowering many people.

And many people don't even realize that they are being seduced and enticed by that Jezebel spirit because they don't understand the spirit. And the influence that is coming from that spirit, they don't even know that they are being anointed by that spirit because that's the spirit to drunken the Age. She is drunkening the nations with the wine of her fornication.

It is either the Bible is right or the Bible is wrong. Every abomination that comes out, comes out from the great whore. So it's either the Bible is right or the Bible is wrong. But if that's the Spirit of prophecy, if that is the Holy Spirit speaking through the Prophet pointing out those things in the Book of Prophecy, in the Book of

Revelation, and we are living in the End Time, then we know the whole world will be controlled by that woman Jezebel.

And if we had the spirit of Elijah in this Age, then surely the spirit of Jezebel has been here. But the spirit of Elijah comes five times, and every time the spirit of Elijah comes, the spirit of Jezebel is there, because the spirit of Elijah comes against that Jezebel system, that Jezebel condition.

And so, it's a great thing to have spiritual discernment in this Hour, to know that as believers we are not just going along on a social class, a social level, but we are walking with spiritual understanding because Light has come, revealing Truth – the Book has been opened. And then, God has begun to uncover to us things in the earth, ancient, ancient things, that the religion of Nimrod never went out of existence. That is why Rome is called Mystery Babylon. See? That is why there is a plague of hailstones to come and stone this generation and all these things. That is why they are going to be fed to the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field. Why? Because all these ancient things and these ancient judgments will be applied in this Last Age, in this Last Day.

Even as we approach the twenty-first century; even as we come to the year 2000, the whole world knows that a great thing is happening. Look where the world is heading. Look where the society is rotting, even while there are people on the earth that are peculiar to all peoples, because they have been called-out by a vindicated Prophet that has been rejected.

Do you know that that makes the Bride-class a significant and special class in the earth? Do you know that in the days of Noah, the people who were called out by Noah's message were peculiar? Do you know in the days of Moses, the people who were called out by Moses were a peculiar people? Sure. Do you know that when

Jesus came and called out His group, that was a peculiar bunch to everybody else in the world?

Do you know that this Last Day group who are talking about the Rapture that is already unfolding and the Seals are opened, and they are gathered in the only provided place, and their bodies will be changed; do you know that is a peculiar people? Sure! There are no people like this on the earth.

There is no other message but this Message that could put the people in this condition, that this Message was sent to put them in. Why? Because this is a promise in the Bible. This came for a specific purpose. And that is why, when the believer understands the Messenger and the Message that has come forth, and they receive that into their heart, they know the results of believing and receiving that Message. Did you get that? Because that Word is spoken to accomplish a definite purpose. When God said, "Let there be light," was that just for light, or was that to accomplish a definite purpose? When God said, "Let the waters separate from the dry land," that was for a definite purpose. God, speaking, brought an Eden. Is that right?

When Jesus came preaching, that wasn't to start an organization. That was to call a people out of organization and bring them into a New Birth; that never a man could have brought anybody, from Adam to that time, into a New Birth. How many know that is true? Did they come into it? Did He teach them about it? Did He tell them the results it was going to bring? Did they see it in their own lives? Did they display it? Did people take note that they had been with Him? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Sure!

So, if you have believed in the Message, if you have received It... And you know, It's not just a Message to gather you and bring you to church. It's not just a Message to make you feel a little religious or give you a little superiority complex, that you are better than denomination. You are going to settle right there if you

think that is what the Message came for. But if you understand why It was given, and It is to bring you into the Stature of a Perfect Man; It is to bring you to become the Word again; It is to bring you into Full Redemption, you will be looking for the results of what It was sent to do in your own life.

And so, when He came, here He was walking in the earth and He was bringing them to a New Birth. He had come for that. He had come to open up the way to bring them back into Original Life. When His Message was delivered and the results that were to follow His Message, which was the Holy Ghost, that Holy Ghost was going to come to the people who had believed and received His Message. And that was going to take them and put them into a covenant relationship with God. That God was going to begin to deal with this peculiar people who had received and believed that Message in their hearts.

Did Paul say, "Because you obeyed the form of doctrine delivered unto you from your heart, you are freed from sin"? [Romans 6:17-18 -Ed.] It was designed to free them from sin. And did He say, "Sin would not have dominion over you"? It was designed to give them dominion over sin. Those were the results of the Message.

That is why, if you believe this Message, you are not coming down struggling and trying to live a Christian life. The Message wasn't sent to make you struggle. The Message was sent to free you from struggling. Before you had the Message, you were struggling to live. Before you had the Lifeline opened up to you, you were struggling to get victory; you were struggling to have peace of mind; you were struggling to love those who hated you and despitely used you. But because the Message had come to you, It gave you the power you lacked to do those things. Otherwise, the Message is of no benefit, friends. God spoke a dead Word. But how can a dead Word come from a Living God? Amen! The

Word that came from God was to give you a New Birth! Amen.

And brother, homes that were broken up, He began to come with a revelation of Marriage and Divorce, to do what? Start to straighten back up homes. Men whose minds were messed up, brother, with all kinds of affairs and relationships, He came to make them clean by the Word He was speaking to them. "Father, sanctify them by Thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth. And the Word I have spoken to you, has made you clean."

He was washing the inwards with water. The Word was quick and sharp. He was flaying them, (amen,) exposing from within, brother, every evil thing that was inside of there, to set their minds in order for Holiness, to get them ready to receive the Holy Spirit that could make them walk like Him and live like Him.

What He was talking about that was coming was not just going to make them good people. It was going to make them like Him. He said, "The works I do shall you do also; and greater works than these. I will be with you and in you." Did He say it? [Congregation says, "Amen!" Ed.] Are you going to let Him have that tonight? Do you know He still wants that tonight? Do you know that is still the same Message? Do you know it came three times: to Abraham; to Abraham's natural seed and to Abraham's royal seed? Do you know, in the revealing of the Son of Man, that that same God will live in you and walk in you the same way? Those are the results of the Message!

Not you are coming up here in Abel Country, you are coming up by Bro. Vin and they, or you are kind of like..." No, no. The thing is, you are coming to a place where you are going to live the Word! God, in union with His people in this Hour. That is why we are trying to get everything centralized to a spot where the Church of God that is called-out in this part of the lake, (amen,) the fishes that were laying there, Rainbow Trout that were ordained to be caught by the Third Pull, amen,

brother, they will be shown how to prepare for a Rapturing Grace.

I am not talking about little men going and having little self-styled things and feeling like they have a feather in their cap and so on. No sir! It's the results of the Message to come forth in this Hour. Hallelujah.

Look at it here. And He, right here in His Ministry had to deal with Marriage and Divorce. Why? Because a Church was going to be called out, who was going to be espoused to Him. He had come like the Last Adam. He had come at the beginning of the New Creation. He had come, brother, to bring forth the New Race. That's why He had come, because the whole creation had fallen.

Because the only people who had Truth were the Jews, and they themselves couldn't recognize the Word when It was manifested. They called Him the Devil. They had the law, they had the Psalms, they had the prophets, they had the ordinances, they had the feasts. Not the Egyptians, not the Babylonians, not the Greeks, not the Romans – the Jews had it. Not the Gentiles. It was they who had it. And when He came in the volume in the Book, they rejected Him, showing that the entire world was in total darkness.

He came unto His own and His own received Him not. The Light shone in darkness and the darkness comprehended Him not. And that's why, when He began to shine, He said, "They that sat in darkness saw great Light. John was a bright and shining light, but I am a greater Witness than John. This is the True Light that lights up every man that cometh into the world." Oh my! He said, "I am the Light. He that followeth Me will not walk in darkness but have the Light of Life."

It was a dark Hour when He came. People didn't even know. Remember, when Nicodemus came to Him, He said, "We know that You are a Teacher come from God."

And He began to teach the New Birth, "You must be Born again." And Nicodemus, he couldn't understand.

He said, "What do you mean? Go back in my mother's womb?"

Now catch this. When the Son of Man came the first time to Adam... When Adam, rather, came to Eve, because Adam was a type of the Son of Man. And Eve was already deceived, polluted with perverted seed, she was thinking about trying to bring forth the race and she had a devil in her womb already, a reprobate who was going to come out and look to kill somebody. She had a little murderer inside of there, because his father was a murderer from the beginning. She had a little liar inside of there, because his father preached a lie.

She had a false worshiper inside of there who couldn't submit himself to correction of the truth, who tried to start his organization in Heaven and got kicked out. Is that right? And she was coming to teach. She was coming to teach him, and she didn't know anything about being born of God. All she knew was being born by sex, because that was how he tried to bring the children. And then, Adam, seeing her in that condition...

Look at Jesus when He came, when the Son of Man came in the middle of the Bible and came to the teachers in Israel and began to tell them about the New Birth, they didn't understand.

He said, "What do you mean? Go back in my mother's womb and be born again?"

He said, "Marvel not that I said unto you, that you must be born again."

But the Pharisees didn't know about the New Birth, the Sadducees didn't know about the New Birth. And that's why they didn't even know about Marriage and Divorce, because the New Birth and Marriage and Divorce go together. The New Birth is your New Marriage. The old birth is your old marriage. Is that right? Because the original sin, friends, adultery, is what broke up the home to begin with, is what brought the children by the old birth, to begin with.

So here we see Jesus teaching the Pharisees. The same Pharisees that Nicodemus was from, the same Pharisees that Gamaliel, was the great teacher who was teaching in the land, that Saul of Tarsus sat at the feet of Gamaliel. It's a wonderful thing when you think of it; the darkness. Then, since no church could have given the New Birth or knew about it, how could they bring somebody born in sin, into a relationship with God?

They couldn't do it. But they gave them religion, they conformed to it. They gave them a church program. They built them up into an organization. They had political backing. They became prominent in the society. The people were glad to belong to it because, brother, they superseded the other organizations. So it gave them a better feeling to belong to that organization. They didn't know Him, but He began to come now, "You must be born again."

When the Son of Man came in the End Time and looked at every church, from the Catholic to the Pentecostals, there was not one who had Light on the New Birth. The Baptist could only bring forth a Baptist. The Methodist could only bring forth a Methodist. A Pentecostal could only bring forth a Pentecostal.

The ones who had the most light, that was the Pentecostals, they thought speaking in tongues is the evidence of the Holy Ghost. So, there was nobody who had Light to teach on the New Birth. Do you realize where that puts it, friends? Think of it closely. Think closely. If that Birth and that revelation is not there, it cannot bring a person to receive God's Life.

They can be schooled into church. They can be trained into ritual. They can exercise in routine. They could be governed by tradition, but they would not be in a relationship, in a union, under a Headship, in a fellowship, have Divine leadership in their lives. They wouldn't have that. And that is why a person wants to know what it is you have. Think of it, what it is you have.

And so, He was teaching here when they were asking Him about divorce, because they just saw marriage as, "Do you like this woman?"

"Oh no, she isn't good."

"There is something in the Word that the prophet Moses said, well maybe, that can apply to you."

And they were trying to apply things to them that they were reading out of the prophet's Word that didn't apply to them.

You know how people today say, "I read *Marriage and Divorce* [1965-0221M -Ed.] and Bro. Branham said, "You could get remarried. There is a grant." It doesn't apply to them. They are trying to read something there that is not there, just like the Pharisees. Jesus said, "That is because of the hardness of your heart." In other words, "You couldn't receive the first word, so you get a second word." And they didn't realize the second word was damnation. It was because of the condition of their heart.

Balaam got the second word because he couldn't take the first word, and he couldn't take the first word because of his heart.

Hezekiah got a second word because he couldn't take the first word. Are you getting me? The Holy Ghost always takes the first word, friends. If you are Spirit-filled, you will always take the first word. Now watch.

So, He began to speak on this here and they said, "Well, in that case if the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry." Maybe they didn't even have the full Light of what they were saying. And He turned around and watched them and said, "Not all men could receive that saying." And then, He began to tell them something about marriage.

Let's read something in Proverbs 31. Let's read some Scriptures, to kind of open it up a little bit for you. Remember, Paul said, "It would be good that all men are like me."

I'm speaking of WHEN THE WOMAN IS GOOD TO MARRY. When is the woman good to marry?

I think that is good teaching in a Day when the sons of God saw the daughters of men and took unto them wives, when it is prophesied for a fall of sons of God in the last days, a sin that will not be forgiven. "As it was in the days in Noah, so shall it be," in an Age when women will be put out there in all their beauty that science can give them, to trap sons of God. And God doesn't design His daughters to make His sons lust after them. Would God do that? [Congregation says, "No!" -Ed.] He would be messing up His own program.

Now, watch here. Proverbs 31, verse 10. Solomon:

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Now to find a virtuous woman, you have to search for one. You have to know what virtues she must have to identify her as virtuous. Now catch this. I want to open this a little bit here. Who can find a virtuous woman?

You say, "Well, she is virtuous, boy. I mean, she likes to serve. She would be a good air hostess or work in a restaurant or something. She has a pleasant personality. She is very friendly. That is virtuous." I don't think the Bible is talking about that. I think what the Bible is talking about here, a virtuous woman is a woman who has her three sacred virtues intact; that the virtues are not marred. I think that is what It is speaking of. Her sacred womanhood is still intact. Her sacred bedding ground is still undefiled. See? Her sacred motherhood is still intact.

Because, why is he looking for a virtuous woman? He is seeking a wife, and he knows... Why does he want a wife? To build a family, to build his house, to get a posterity in the earth, to share his life with; a wife that can reflect the Mystery of Christ. And if he is looking for a virtuous woman, and not any kind of woman, that is a thinking man. He is not just thinking about sex. He is

not just thinking about pleasure. He is not just looking for a figure.

And here he is saying, "Who can find her? Her price is far above rubies." Why? Because you can't find one. If you find one, brother, it will be a real price. Her price is not just a couple of cattle. Her price is not just a little, small three bedroom house in the country or something. Her price is far above rubies!

Now remember, my other Scripture, Ephesians 5 is a Mystery concerning Christ and the Church. Don't get all too lost in the natural here.

Proverbs 12. You know, Solomon had a thousand wives, the Bible said – seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. And he didn't just pick up a wife from anywhere. He said he sought these things out. And even after seeking out and having a thousand in variety... Because, what is the sense in having two of the same kind?

And that is why the Book of Proverbs, as I keep telling you, It talks about every different kind of woman there is on the earth. There is the strange woman, the brawling woman, the contentious woman, the adulterous woman, the virtuous woman, the prudent woman. See? It tells you about the different kinds of women: the woman whose feet can't stay in her house, the woman who is loud, the odious woman, the adulterous woman. He covered the women.

And that is why in seeking out a woman, it's like a man, as the Prophet said, who is seeking out a church. There is the Baptist woman, there is the Methodist woman, there is the Pentecostal woman, there is the Jehovah's Witness woman. See? There is the scholarly woman, there is the fanatical woman, there is the radical woman. There is the legalist woman – the Seventh Day Adventist. There are all those kinds of women. Are you getting me? Christ can't find a wife among any of them. See? Anybody could get that. They have lost all their virtues already. They are putting

themselves in place to get a little recognition, to get a little status. But watch, verse 4, Proverbs 12:

⁴ A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband...

See? The man who is looking for a virtuous woman. Who can find one, one who will be a crown to his life? She will be the crowning thing in his life.

... but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Brother, if a man has rottenness in his bones, he is a dead man. What he got as a wife to bring joy and fulfillment to his life, brought death to him. See? Now watch. Now, remember we are not picking on women here tonight, please. I'm not picking on sisters, so don't get that kind of way. I'm bringing a thought on Marriage and Divorce, because I want to show you something about the Church and Christ.

... but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 18:22. We are trying to unfold this here.

²² Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Because the man who finds the wife is not an ordinary man. This is the man who searched and his search has been successful. And the reason he went searching; because you don't really have to search for a pretty woman today. You don't have to search for a pretty woman today. Brother, science has made every woman on the street, almost, look pretty. See?

You don't have to search for an available woman. The Bible said, "There will be seven women to one man, and they'll say, 'Let us just take your name.'" [Isaiah 4:1 -Ed.] Is that right? Sure.

So, the thing here now, though it has all this, here is a man seeking one. Who shall find one? And the one who finds one, finds a good thing and obtaineth what? Favor from the Lord.

Did Eliezer obtain favor from the Lord? Did he go seeking a virtuous woman? Did he find one? Sure. At Evening Time, one was found.

Proverbs 19:14:

¹⁴ House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Lord.

It's easier to get houses and riches than to get a prudent wife. But you know, people don't think so today. Now, remember my thought is, "It is good that a man shouldn't marry." That is what they said.

And He said, "Not all men could receive that saying." So, I'm showing you now, the same Word is saying, "Who can find a virtuous woman?"

Then if one is so hard to find, and you see people in the world, brother, everybody trying to go woman-chasing, what are they finding? What are they becoming married to? And why are nine out of ten marriages ending up in divorce courts? They are finding out that it was better if they had stayed single. Do you understand what I'm saying? They are finding out it wasn't good to marry. That is what they are finding out.

Listen. Ecclesiastes 7. I'm just throwing out some Scriptures here to show you how the Scriptures speak on this before we really bring it down to show you what a real woman is. When you find a real woman, you are going to find a real church. When you find a woman following other women just because it's the modern thing to do, you are going to find churches that follow other churches just because it's the modern thing to do.

But when you find a woman with character, who doesn't care what people do in the world and run after; who understands principle and knows how to stand for what is right, you are going to find a church who knows what to stand for when they find Truth. Are you getting me now? Because the natural woman only reflects the spiritual church, spiritual condition of the church.

Now watch. Verse 23, Ecclesiastes 7. Here is Solomon again now, after he had told those Proverbs about

women. Remember, it is said that Solomon used to tell about 3000 proverbs. So, we'll look at some that he used to tell about women; a man who had a thousand women.

Verse 23:

*²³ All this have I proved by wisdom: I said,
I will be wise; but it was far from me.*

He said, "I'm going to be a wise man. I'm going to seek wisdom. I want to know. I want to understand about life. I want to know what is happening in the world." And he began to seek and he began to acquire and accumulate wisdom and knowledge and understanding. He found that the more he learned, there was so much more yet to learn.

*²⁴ That which is far off, and exceedingly
deep, who can find it out?*

Remember like when God told Job? He said, "You gird up your loins and let Me start to talk to you. Who can bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades?" See? And He began to talk to Job, and Job started to realize what he thought he knew, and how he saw himself as a great beacon of light, he realized he knew nothing. See? When Job ended up, he said, "I am vile."

And look at Solomon here now, after all his search, He said:

*²⁵ I applied mine heart to know, and to
search, and to seek out wisdom, and the
reason of things, and to know the
wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and
madness:*

He did some reckless things in life too, just seeking, and in the end, he realized what a waste. And look at this now:

*²⁶ And I find more bitter than death the
woman, whose heart is snares and nets,
and her hands as bands...*

'Nice', well, I can't call all the modern names of those creams, 'Soft and Nice', 'Silk'. She always sits down in

the car, throws out her hand lotion. It smells nice. She always gets the latest perfume and just, "Ahhh," just smells nice. Soft. They don't even want their nails to get into washing, they want a dishwasher. They don't want to put their hands and wash a whole set of clothes, they want a washing machine. They have to keep those hands soft and nice. They don't want all those fingernails looking all scarred and these things.

And Solomon said, "I find it as bands." They lock a man up in a prison and he can't move. And those snares and nets that catch all those big lions and tigers that they put in the zoo; because they didn't walk in the zoo like how Noah's animals walked in the ark, you know. They caught them. All those fish they snared in the sea with their big industrial nets, he said, "A woman's heart is like that."

That is the natural woman in the world he is talking about. See? That is not the real Church. In other words... You see, understand the spiritual. How come you have a billion people in the Roman Catholic church? Do you understand now what I'm talking about? How come they have millions in the Anglican church? How come they have millions in the Pentecostal church? That is a woman, you know. She snares men, you know. Her gates are the gates to hell, you know.

Those women, God is going to stone them with hailstones. But when she starts to give those men their certificates and say, "Twenty-five passed out this year," and they come out nice and do their graduation ceremony, and they go up in Hilton and they have a nice big thing there, and they put it in the papers and they publish it. See? And they get a chance now, to put up their own seminary where they are teaching people their stuff, and they are advancing and so on. That is a woman. And he said, "I find more bitter than death..." Do you mean to say, there is something more bitter than death?

Now I want you to follow me closely. This is not Bro. Vin dramatizing anything. I'm trying to bring you the Scripture, the Word of God, trying to bring you a revelation here. I will show you why Jesus said, "Not all men can receive that saying." And why Paul said, "It is good if you were like me." See? Because Paul wasn't married, he was a eunuch for the Kingdom.

He said, "But if you are burning, then marry." And he said, "Marriage is honorable and the bed is undefiled." See? He said, "But let me tell you something, if you marry, you will start to seek everything for your wife. And if you are a young, virgin girl and you want to get married too, watch and see how quickly you'll get domesticated too, and all your spirituality disappears, vanishes, evaporates like Cinderella at midnight." Watch and see.

You say, "Brother, so what are you trying to do? You are making pressure for us now." No, no, no. I'm trying to bring a thought, but I am laboring in my thought, bringing it here, because I don't just want to run over it. I want you to understand something about the original sin. I want you to understand something, why people in denomination can't be saved, and are not saved. I want you to understand, if right in the womb of this church, children don't come forth in the Image of Jesus Christ, that means this woman is a strange woman too. And then, you could understand why the ministry stands up here and deals with things to keep it a certain way, because it is to make sure this woman doesn't come up an adulteress. Then you are going to understand. Listen.

²⁶ ... I find more bitter than death...

Watch the comparison. Remember, this is the Bible. This is the Scriptures. These words became the Scriptures. These are God's thoughts.

*... the woman, whose heart is snares and
nets, and her hands as bands: whoso*

pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

Everyone whose name is not in the Lamb's Book will be deceived and worship the Beast and the image – 'will be taken by her'.

²⁷ Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account:

Watch: "I find more bitter..." See? "This have I found... To find out the account.."

²⁸ Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

Are we getting somewhere now? You say, "But I see nice, nice, a lot of nice women all over." You are seeing better than God. God's Word is saying, "I don't find any." God said, "I didn't find any." Listen.

There isn't another Bride for Jesus laying out there other than the one Eliezer found. There were not others who would have made it if Rebecca didn't make it. He prayed that the *one* – not the four and five – "The *one* appointed for Thy servant, Isaac."

God answered that prayer, and he obtained favor, and he recognized it. He said, "God has prospered my journey, let me go in peace." What was that to reflect? The Evening Messenger at Evening Time who came hunting the Bride. Are you getting me now? That is why the Message is not dealing with people, the Message is dealing with names in the Book. Because outside those names, the whole world will be deceived. Do you see where we are getting now?

And people take their Salvation loosely. People take their relationship with Jesus Christ and the unveiling of the Bridegroom, the revealing of the Headstone, the unveiling of the mighty God, Christ, the Mystery of God being revealed to them, Christ revealed in His own Word, people take that as a light thing.

They want to walk in the Message, walk back out, walk in the Message, walk back out. Tell me if they are understanding, according to the Word. Tell me what kind of virtue they have, and what kind of wife – if that is rottenness in His bones or if that is something from the Lord.

Remember, the reason he said, “Don’t take one from the Canaanites,” was because those Canaanites had some of the prettiest women. But this thing wasn’t a beauty contest. This wasn’t this woman in Trinidad who said, [when she was asked –Ed.] “What is the most outrageous thing you would do?” She said, “I would take off all my clothes and walk naked.”

She doesn’t know she is naked already: blind, wretched, miserable, naked and doesn’t even know it. She doesn’t know the only people in the Bible who were naked were demon-possessed people. She doesn’t even know that. But they glorify that. Do you understand what I’m saying? That’s the natural woman. That is Miss Trinidad! That is Miss Trinidad. No wonder we have the kind of punishment and things we have in the country too.

Watch the spiritual to that woman. Did you read the papers where this Mr. Price [Frederick Price, American televangelist –Ed.] came down here? See? The Pentecostals had a meeting and they were arguing all the time that they weren’t getting enough coverage in the papers. They want exposure to the public, (see?) and they want the media to do it for them, when Jesus said many times, “Don’t go and publish this.” But they want to get on to the airwaves. Why? They want recognition. They want to be in the limelight. Look what they want to put in the limelight.

They said, “The meeting, according to our budget, we are still outside our expenses – two hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars, that we haven’t covered yet,” for a meeting. Could you imagine, they had a meeting, and it exceeded their budget by two hundred and fifty-nine

thousand? [dollars -Ed.] And they told everybody, “Well, come and pay for it.” And when this man came, they said the message was like a motivational message. See? And he refused to stay in poverty the day he found out that God can bless him with prosperity. And then the man who brought him down, the man stood up there now and he said, “Everybody has been given their envelopes. Come up to the microphone and say how much you are giving. We have to cover two hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars,” right there. Outrageous.

And then the Minister of Culture, who the papers had with somebody else’s husband – you see it for yourself when you read it in the papers, she stood up before the audience to give the speech on behalf of the government, and said, “The church has to rethink its stand and work more closely with the government to help the society.” She was the forerunner to this man.

And then, when the host minister came there, he came now and said, “And we would like to give a love offering,” after they said they had this man in Holiday Inn and driving around in a BMW... Well, it is really back to front, because BMW is really WMB. Do you know what WMB is? That is the Message. See? And then they said, “We want to give him one hundred thousand dollars to get his personal jet because he has a message to take around the world.”

Could you imagine, in this little Island? These are some outrageous people. What kind of a woman is that? That is the same—that is the spiritual woman to the next woman. Did the Bible say they were naked? Did the Bible say they were rich and increased with goods? But their way is the way of hell. Prostitutes go after money – a prostitute spirit.

He said, “I can’t find one.” He said:

... one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

And when he said a ‘*man*’, he is measuring man that God made. God made man in what? His image and likeness. Not man following around their Eves; not Ahabs following around their Jezebels. Man! Not man trying to brutalize their wives and make them a doormat. Man! Who will love their wives and give themselves for her.

He said, “I found a lot of males. I found a lot of people who think they are macho. I found a lot of that. I found a lot of ‘big-mouth’ man too. There are all kinds of man. But man have I not found. I found one in a thousand.” He said, “But a woman have I not found.”

Do you think you could find a church...? There are churches on every corner. Do you think you could walk in one and sit down and be satisfied that the water that flows out of that woman is clean water; the river of God is in the midst of her, and her water is clear as crystal proceeding out of the Throne? And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come. He that is athirst, let him come and drink”?

Do you think you could walk in any little church door... Let me tell you, you can’t even sit down for five minutes in some places and not hear error. As you go to walk in the door, you have to walk back out because you realize her gates are the gates of hell. It is a polluted woman.

And the land is covered with all kinds of women. It has Baptist woman, Methodist woman, Jehovah’s Witness woman. There are women all over this country, and all of them have their running issues. Sure! Sure. You can’t find one, hardly. That is what we are talking about, friends.

And people—when you see the children coming out from those things, you realize why they are dead. You try to talk to them about God, you try to talk to them about faith, you try to talk to them about the approach to God, and brother, they are wild, they are radical, their head is hard, they can’t see anything, they are cross-

eyed, they are bow-legged, they are lame, they can't even stand up for anything, they have no conviction. When you see the kind of children, you want to know, "What is that?"

You are looking for children that were born out of the Alpha. Brother, when they beat them, they locked them up in prison and falsely accused them, they lifted their hands at midnight and they began to sing. No music, brother, nothing to whoop them up, their backs were hurting, but they started to praise God, "I will praise the Lord." Brother, a Power came and broke open the prison doors. It began to loose captives.

You'll find a church there, brother, when they take one in prison, they say, "Well, the minister is gone. Let us get another minister."

Brother, they got there, they said, "You all took James, you are not going to take Peter," and the Church started to pray. Brother, they brought the Angel down, and brought the man right back to where the prayer was being made! Sure!

When you look for those kinds of children being born out of a church today, where are they? You see women like Dorcas who didn't have anything, but she could sew. She didn't run over here – she is not making enough money. She runs over here, and she is applying for a job. She runs over here for a next job. She runs over here, brother, she is frustrated; she wants to backslide. She is looking for a rich man there.

And we see women like Dorcas, with her little gift, in her place, sewing, clothing this one, clothing *this* one, clothing *this* one. By the time that woman died, brother, they had so many women and children around, everybody showing, "Look, she made this tablecloth. Look, she made this doily [crocheted table centerpiece –Ed.] here. Look, she made this dress over here. Look, she made *this* over here."

Brother, when they realized the kind of work, they said, "No, the church would be poorer if we lose that

woman. Send for Peter!" Brother, when he came there, he brought the woman back! Amen. Glory be to God. You see a church, brother, you see the kind of children that were coming forth there.

When we go over here, we hear gossip; we go over here, we hear slander; we go over here, we see suspicion. When we go over here, we get false accusations; we go over here, we hear rumors. We said, "What is happening? Isn't anybody's tongue here cleansed? Didn't anybody here meet a seraphim?" Do you understand what I'm saying?

And yet they talk about, "We are going in the Bride. Hallelujah! Glory to God!" Then they go outside the church and they gossip: "Boy, you didn't hear so and so and so," and were just singing "*I will praise Him*" inside the church. You say, "What is happening? What kind of children is this?"

I'm not preaching about you. You get there like some of you want to go under the bench. I'm trying to preach the Word. If you realize you are a different kind of woman, brother, you have a different kind of children, feel happy, (amen,) because you see what you are being cleansed from. You see what you are being loosed from. You see what kind of influence is being broken around your life. Amen! Glory!

That was Solomon back there, this is the end of the Age. This is when the atomic bomb is coming to cremate this generation. This is like in the days of Noah and the days of Sodom. Where are you going to find one? Where could you find one? What did Noah find? What did Abraham find? Think of it, friends. Think closely. Think scripturally.

So, look at this. He said, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" He said, "A woman among all those have I not found." See? Now if they haven't found a woman, a virtuous woman, a woman among all those he hasn't found, then what are people marrying to? And then, when is the woman really good to be married?

I want to show you something. She is not good to be married until she gets the Holy Ghost. She is not good to marry until she gets the Holy Ghost. There is nothing in the Bible like God giving a son of God a woman who doesn't have the Holy Ghost. I challenge all my brothers on that tonight. There is nothing in the Bible, nothing. If you get that thought, you got it from the Devil. There is nothing in the Bible where God gave a man a woman who doesn't have the Holy Ghost, for a wife.

You say, "I can't agree with you."

Alright, the natural types the spiritual. Does Christ have a wife who doesn't have the Holy Ghost? Could Christ marry a denomination? We are back to square one. If that is good, then why can't Jesus marry the Baptist church and be settled? Why can't Jesus be impressed with all that the Pentecostal world has? They have all-night prayer meetings. They cry, "Oh Jesus, we love You, Lord. Lord, we love You!"

They go on the radio, sacrifice thousands and tens of thousands of dollars for Jesus; get all the ministers out there, praying for the sick all across the nation, "We love Jesus." Why isn't Jesus impressed? Why when He was showing them, He showed them as a witch dancing to rock and roll music? Why wouldn't He take them in the Rapture and carry them to Heaven? Why wouldn't He plant His Message inside the system? Think of it. I want to pause to give you spaces to think.

How many sons of God are like Jesus tonight? Little Jesuses. If Jesus brings forth after His kind... Adam was given a wife to do what? Bring forth another son of God. Jesus is given a Bride to do what? Go to parties? Have little programs? He was given a Wife to bring forth the Race that God told Adam, "Multiply and replenish," that Eve failed to bring. Is that the Bible? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.]

Did the bride of the second Adam fall the same way the first bride fell? "As the Serpent beguiled Eve so did these come preaching another Jesus and corrupted

their minds the same way.” And He said, “Repent and get back to where you fell from. You have the deeds of the Nicolaitans inside of you, which I hate.” Is that right? So, watch.

What is the union that the Church unites in with Christ? The New Birth. The old husband had to die, right? He is not marrying any woman whose old husband is living. Is that right? The old nature has to go from the first birth. Is that right? So then, it means receiving the Holy Spirit, bringing a New Birth in your life is what puts you in condition. That is your Marriage Certificate. That is your Wedding Band of Grace. That is when you take the Name.

And you are married to Him that you should do what? Bring forth fruit, bear children for Him. That is why you marry. That is why the Bride has to be pregnated with His Word, bearing His Life, bearing His signs, bearing His preeminence.

Paul said, “I travail in birth until Christ be formed in you.” There was a woman travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. She was carrying a Baby. And who was that Baby? A Man-child that was going to rule the nations with a rod of iron. Glory!

My! We have a few more minutes here. Quickly. *Choosing a Bride*. Just let me put some of this in here. Maybe Sunday—I will be here on Sunday, the Lord’s willing, so I’ll be able to preach because I want to get into *The Designer and His Model*.

The Prophet said, “Satan is her designer. He got her before she could fulfill her purpose. And before she could fulfill her real purpose, he marred the virtues.”

Do you remember when we took *The Law of Motherhood?* [1997-0920 -Ed.] When a man-child was born, how many days was it? Thirty-three days, and seven days for the woman’s purification. When a woman-child was born, how many was it? Sixty-six days, and fourteen days of purification. It was forty days in all for

the man-child, eighty days in all for the woman-child. See?

Because remember, the woman was not in the original creation. And when she got deformed, perverted, then everything that came from her came dead and perverted. And they were coming—*like begets like*. When she came to Adam she was already a defiled woman, a perverted woman, a prostitute. She was coming to teach him something, and all she could teach him was what she learned from the Serpent.

What did Sarah teach Abraham? She said, “I can’t bring forth the promise. It’s not me God is talking about. Take Hagar.” What did she give Hagar to him to do? See?

Look at Rachel. “Well, I can’t bring forth any children. Give me children lest I die!”

Jacob said, “What do you think I am? God?” Fighting for mandrakes and everything else, little aphrodisiacs, or whatever they call it, (I’m looking for some of my people to give me a little help,) to stimulate them a little bit.

And when she couldn’t bring forth, what did she do? “Take Bilhah.” That is all they could teach. See? And God said, “And you have that woman Jezebel who you are suffering; who calls herself a teacher; who is seducing my servants to eat things sacrificed unto idols and to commit fornication.” That is all she could teach.

What is the whore teaching today? She is drunkening the whole world with the wine of her fornication. That is all she could teach, but she has an ambition to teach. That is the woman of the world we are talking about. We are not talking about the Holy Ghost woman. That is the unholy ghost woman. The Holy Ghost woman is the Bride.

I’m trying to show when the woman is fit to marry. If a boy has a woman pushing herself upon him and she doesn’t have the Holy Ghost, he had better get some little backbone. Either he doesn’t have the Holy Ghost

to tell her something, or if he gets under the influence, with the eyelids and the body language and the different things, then those hands like bands, and that heart like snares and nets – he is finished.

My children here, let me teach you what God said, and may God give you a heart to submit to what God said, and may you learn of God. May you know the way to walk in God's Word, that we can be true representatives of Christ in this Day. That there could be a Church that would bring up the ones who are sleeping and waiting for this Church to come to perfection, because they without us will not be made perfect. We have to come to that place.

Listen. *Choosing A Bride*. [1965-0429E -Ed.]

Now, if the spiritual, or, the natural is a type of the spiritual, then, the choosing of a bride, in the natural, is a type of choosing a Bride, the Bride, in the spiritual.

You will see how, when the woman is good to be married.

Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife...

Watch God in the Evening Messenger whose ministry was to choose the Wife. And if he is going out, then, as Solomon said, "You can't find any", and "Who can find a virtuous woman?" and, "Whoso findeth that one obtaineth favor of the Lord."

And then God, in the Scripture, showed that there was an appointed bride for Isaac who was a type of Christ. Isaac was the beloved son. He was the heir of all things. See? He was the one who laid down his life, who went with the wood on his back, going up the mountain. He was the one who was obedient to the will of his father. Isaac was a type of Christ. He was the beloved son. He was the one that came back, the child of promise. So, watch something. He was the one that was persecuted and rejected.

Ishmael represented what? The Jews, earthly Jerusalem. Hagar represented Mount Sinai, who

brought forth her children to bondage. And earthly Jerusalem: "There they crucified Him." Watch.

And so, when he went out to get a bride for Isaac at evening time, there was one, but he realized he couldn't go—he didn't know where to find her. But he stood by the well and he began to pray. He began to pray to God. Through prayer and by Divine appointment and the operation of God Who can draw her from her house and bring her at that time, brother, he prayed. His prayer wasn't just an ordinary prayer. His prayer was so rightly detailed, that she had to have a certain character and do certain things to fit that prayer. No impersonation could fulfill that.

When you think about this Messenger that came out in the Evening Time, brother, he knew he wasn't going to get—he wasn't thinking about getting more people in a church. He wasn't thinking about building the Branham Tabernacle and having a great ministry. He was thinking about choosing a Bride for Jesus Christ, because he understood this was the Evening Message. This was the time for the Marriage. The Marriage of the Lamb is come.

And do you know something? You are called under the Message. You can see it, and the world can't see it. You can believe it. Doesn't that make you feel good? Brother, if you know man didn't politic you to come; if you know man didn't influence you; if you know it's by the grace of God you came in the Message; if you know there is a love for the Truth in your heart, brother, it should make you the happiest person in the world! Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest! Because you came by Divine appointment!

If you know God kept your mind from getting pregnated with all kinds of Baptist doctrine and Jehovah's Witness nonsense, and Seventh Day Adventist lies, and Catholic dogma and creed, and those things could never hold you – you wanted a greater reality than that, and when you heard the Message, you

said, "That is nothing but the Truth," brother, it should make you the happiest person tonight, (hallelujah!) to see what God has done for you. Oh my! I feel to dance! Amen. Hallelujah! Brother, I've seen the reality!

Do you know what He is saying? You are good to marry. Hallelujah! He is saying you are good to marry! You could receive the pregnation of the Word for the Age. You could receive the Holy Ghost. You don't just want a sensation. You don't just want to speak in a tongue, but you want to bring forth His own Life, His own preeminence, His own characteristics. He saw that desire inside your heart. You don't just want to be another church member, where you dress like the world, paint up yourself, expose yourself, live hypocritical and live in pretense, and then pretend to be a believer. He sees that there is something inside of you that doesn't want hypocrisy and pretense. You want reality. Hallelujah! You have a taste for something real. You have a taste for something real.

He said: *Now it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife...*

Watch the one who was sent to choose, what it took; the Evening Messenger, the most faithful servant that... Abraham was a type of God, the Father. Isaac was a type of Christ, the Son. Rebecca was a type of the feminine spirit, the names in the Lamb's Book that were laying there, to be brought to Light.

Eliezer was a type of the Evening Messenger, going forth, brother, with the revelation of the son. Amen. Hallelujah. And he was going to call the bride. And he had the beast, the power, to put her on to bring her to the unseen bridegroom. And he knew the way, (amen,) to get to her from where she was, to the tent that she was supposed to come into, (hallelujah!), where she and the bridegroom would become one. Oh, thank You, Jesus! Glory!

He found you where you were, in your everyday surroundings, in the course of your normal activity.

Like Mary, she was going to the well; like Rebecca was going to the well; like Rachel was going to the well. It's something – where there is living water, not a cistern – the well; not a man-made cistern they dug – the well. It attracts the Bride when the Holy Ghost comes down to meet in the cool of the Evening.

We are closing up with this. *Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife, [when a man goes to choose a wife] a man, for the vows here is "until death do we part." That's how we should keep it. And you take that vow before God, that only death will separate you. And I think we should... A man in his right mind, that's planning a future...*

He was dealing with the natural and the spiritual. Now catch this.

... that he should choose that wife very careful. Be careful what you're doing. And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing...

Because he said, "I only found one." He said, "I only found one man, but a woman have I not found."

You had better know what man you are receiving, because in this Age, man looks like man... Like when they had this great fashion designer who died, (Versace or whatever the man's name was,) the next week in *TIME* magazine, he and another big man were shown hugging up on a big couch. You see these men walking down the road and you could never know they are in that condition – AIDS carriers, AIDS, perverted men.

They are lifting weights, they are pumping iron, they are wearing sleeveless, they are looking macho in the body, but in their spirits they are ladies, demon possessed. In their loins, they are packing all kinds of venereal disease. They have the latest clothes on, and are looking nice. They know all the little hip movements that turn on girls. They know all the lines to throw them out and flatter them and make them feel a little special. See? And in their spirits, they are demon possessed; in

their souls, devils incarnate, coming out of the school of the Serpent, with their minds full of pornography. They want a guinea pig to practice all their filth and their carnality. [Tape inaudible -Ed.] See? Oh, brother, I tell you, this is the evil Age.

And here a Prophet is saying now... And I showed you how the Prophet could never contradict the Bible. And Jesus wasn't contradicting the Bible because He was the Word. No church was fit to marry. God couldn't find one. There is only one, an appointed one. Brother, no messenger, no man, could have brought the Seed to bring the right pregation; only one, a predestinated one, who caught those Seven Thunders, the True Sperm that could bring forth Jesus Christ. Think of it, friends.

Who could find them, out of all those thousands of preachers, all the Billy Grahams, all the A. A. Allens, all the Gordon Lindsays, all the Jack Moores, (see?) all the Jimmy Swaggarts? Think, brother. All the Archbishops and the Popes and all these things we have today; all the local so-called teachers and evangelists who claim they have this great ministry or something. You can't find a man who would say only what He said by revelation and not inject anything inside of it. Oh brother! Think, brother, of the reality of God.

Do you see where walking with God is not walking in the church realm and just, "Whoo, whee," and all kinds of sensations? And I trust my brothers in this church, they understand what I'm preaching. You know where this Word comes from. If we have to walk, where we walk, how we walk, how we see; because brother, outside of that, it doesn't have man. Outside of that, anything that is not really born by this Word and can't reflect this Word is not a man. Because in this Age, in the Evening Time of the sixth day, God is again making man in His image and likeness.

He said, "Look at the great JVHU in the skies, He Who exists with His Family." The Hour of the manifestations of the sons of God: born sons, filled sons, placed sons;

man who has been birthed by this Word, a thinking man whose thinking has been filtered, who doesn't lean on his own understanding, but the Capstone, Christ, is the Head of the man and the man is the head of the woman.

And when she obeys her husband, she is really obeying Christ, because it's a Spirit-filled man. And a Spirit-filled man doesn't go for a worldly woman, he goes for a Spirit-filled woman. Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus!

And then, you'll have a Church to carry out the commission; not this bunch of illegitimate delinquents in the Message who are sitting down there and saying, "Hallelujah, the Third Pull..." and trying to work up something and expecting something to happen, and can't even walk straight for five minutes.

Don't get seduced into something, talked out of something and talked into something, and influenced here, and suspicious and gossiping and everything else – that is not a man. Brother, a man has two wings over his face, two wings over his feet, flying with two. A man is bound with the chains of the Word, (hallelujah!) God-called man, God-trained man in shape to bring the revival. Amen. Hallelujah! Oh my! I can't move from here. I can't move. But I feel good. I hope you are enjoying it.

And you take that vow before God, that only death will separate you. And I think we should... A man in his right mind, that's planning a future...

Catch it now. Have we not heard about a Future Home? Is Christ planning a future? Has He revealed that future? Is there a promise of the Millennium, and the New Heaven and the new earth? And is His Bride with Him in the City? And wherever He goes, She is? A thinking Man planning a Future. How could we have thinking men here, brother, if they don't get their inspiration from the only thinking Man there is?

... or accepting the choice of a husband... A woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing, and

especially in these days. A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.

I think, today, what's got so many divorce cases now, that we lead the world in America, in divorce cases. We lead the rest of the world. There's more divorces here than anywhere else, this nation, and supposed to be, and thought of, a Christian nation. What a reproach, our divorce courts! I think, the reason of it, is because that men has got away from God, and women has got away from God.

And we find, that, if a man prayed and a woman prayed over the matter; not just look at a pretty set of eyes, or big strong shoulders, or such as that, or some other worldly affection; but would look first to God, and say, "God, is this Your plan?" See?

Because remember, no woman, no thinking woman, no thinking church is going to look for some Jehoshaphat or some Obadiah, to get married to. Are you catching me? Spiritually, spiritually. Oh, Jehoshaphat was a good mixer. Obadiah was a good mixer. Oh, he wouldn't cry out against Jezebel. No sir! He doesn't want to lose that position in the palace, not at all. And Jehoshaphat, he wanted peace, so he would kind of go along for peace sake. He loved fellowship. See?

But, do you know something? Not one of them could have taken the nation from the rot they were in, and knew how to get the plague away from the nation. But the one they hated, he knew how to make the atonement. He knew how to remove the plague. He knew how to bring back the rain. Do you think Obadiah knew how to bring back the rain? Do you think Jehoshaphat knew how to bring back the rain? No sir! Think, friends. You have to get the mystery of the Atonement. See?

And brother, why do you think all those denominations are like that? They can't take the Word. You can't preach a message like this in a denomination.

So, they want a Bible school student. They want somebody with a seminary education.

They want someone to put enough of the world inside of there for them to enjoy it, announce a little beach party where it could, "And don't forget your bathing suits." See? They want that. "And if you are playing mas [Trinidad's carnival parade -Ed.], try to use a band that is playing something historical." See? They want something like that. "And don't forget the bazaar is coming up." See? That is what they want. But Christ can't marry that, friends.

And that is why, when you see men doing that, their inspiration is not coming from God. Their light is not coming from the Throne. They are not conformed into the image of Jesus Christ. They never even beheld Him to be changed into Him. If you are beholding Christ, my friends, you'll be changed into Him. You'll be predestinated to be conformed into His Image and His likeness, and if you are partakers of His nature, You will have His ways, you will talk like Him, you'll walk like Him and act like Him. You'll be a true sign that you are a born child of His, that He is your Daddy and the Bride is your Mammy. Sure. But if it is not that, then think.

You say, "But we are in the Message." Yes, you can have artificial insemination too. Sure! You don't have to go and sit down there to get the Seed; you could take some of the Seed in books and tapes and ideas and influence. And that is why sometimes, in a church, you have to deal with different types of ideas and concepts and different things that don't really come out of the Message, that they never heard preached to them, but they have it. They carried it.

So he said, look: *And if we would study what we're doing when we're going to get married, when we choose our wife, our husband, if we'd study it over! A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life. Remember, the vow is "until death do we part," and he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice. But if he*

knows what, he making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault. If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you...

He is saying, "In this Age you better be fit to know what a fit husband is, or what a fit wife is." You say, "Well, how will we know?" Because, in this Age the fit Husband has been unveiled, and the fit Wife has been unveiled. He showed us why denomination can't go in the Rapture. He showed us, "Not that kind of wife." He showed us which woman reflects that – the natural woman in the street, the unconverted woman.

And then, what about people taking their influence, their fashions, their taste from the natural woman? What about when women are taking their influence from the natural woman? That woman is not fit to marry.

When that man stands up there and preaches a false doctrine, he is not reflecting Christ. He is reflecting the Serpent. That man is not fit to marry. That man has polluted seed. He will bring forth hunchbacks. He will bring forth Frankenstein, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, people with two identities and all kinds of different things. He will bring forth dwarfs and midgets and all kinds of different things. That will be a strange kind of family. He is carrying all kinds of traits inside him because he is from a line of what? Defective genes.

Is the Lutheran's message a defective gene? Is the Methodist's message a defective gene? Is the Jehovah's Witnesses' message a defective gene? They can't bring forth a son of God, but they bring forth a church member; give them a religious flavor, but make them false worshipers. Defective genes gave them that birth, to get genetic counseling. They said, "You all should not have any children. Try to adopt one. You might bring forth an idiot. Idiots run in the family."

You see a man coming with a big head like this, looking weird, with some kind of false concept about, “Satan is going to be saved”, or something; or, “God is love, and everybody will make it in the end”, some new age movement, talking about transcendental meditation, all kind of different things, and pretending they are Christians, reading your horoscope – defective genes. Think of it, friends.

May God help me, soften me up a little bit. Sometimes I feel that I could go a little lighter on some of these things, but when I enjoy it, I want to get the point home. I don’t mean it in a mean way. I want to get my point home, you see. Oh my! Let me find a place to close.

So, he said: *If the woman takes a husband and knows that he’s not fit to be a husband to you, then that’s your own fault, after you know what’s right and wrong.*

Now catch what he is saying. *So, you shouldn’t do it until you thoroughly pray through.*

The same applies by choosing a church.

You have to sit down and hear that Word and say, “Wait, that is the Word.” You say, “No, that doctrine is funny, it is strange.” See? Defective genes. Because you see, remember...

Like this girl who died recently here with the – was it hemophilia, the girl who died there and the baby could live? Now, that is a sexually inherited disease, a blood disease. And when you go back in the lineage, it is because there are things there.

And I was reading up some history where in Spain, and I think it was from England, these girls from England, two princesses, married two royal people in that Spanish lineage. And the Spanish lineage had never been known to have that disease. And when they married in there, the children started being born, and that was interbred into that lineage.

And when I read that, it struck me how Athaliah married Jehoram and all the idolatry from Jezebel that polluted Israel came and filled Judah afterwards. Are

you getting that? And that is why you have to be very, very, very careful what you let marry into you, and what you marry into.

And that is why among Israel, there were ordained channels for Gentile admission. But Jezebel didn't come in through the channel for Gentile admission. Rahab came in the right way. She accepted Israel's God. Ruth came in the right way. She accepted Israel's God: "Your God shall be my God." See? But Jezebel, she came with the avowed intention of turning Israel to Baal.

And some people wanted to mix up. And when Balaam tried to do that to the tribe, Moses said "What?" He said, "Did you let those men live? Did you let that woman live?" He said, "Cut that thing right out!" Because he was interested in taking a church to a promise. He wasn't interested in walking around with a big bunch of people, saying, "Look at this nice big church." No, no. He was interested in getting them into a promise, and he knew if they got hybrid, no promise. If they can't tell their identity...

Do you remember when those men came back in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah? How many remember that? And they started to trace those men's lineage and they couldn't find their names in the book. And they started to watch those children, and they couldn't even talk in the language of the children of Israel nor could they talk in the language of the Babylonians, that they got married into. How many know that is the truth?

And when you talk to some people in the Message and they say they are in the Message, and they were born in the Message and everything else, and you hear them, sometimes, they talk about some strange kinds of concepts. You say, "Where did you get that from? That is not the language. That is not our language." Our language is, "There is no more one-man Scripture after Malachi 4:5 and Revelation 10:7. It's a little group of the True Seed. It's Jesus in Bride form in the Bride Age in the Bride Coming!" Hallelujah! That is the language!

Could you imagine we have people right inside of here that don't even know the language? See? That is why I thank God for some of these young brothers at the front here. They are learning the language.

When all those Jews came out of Russia, and those Jews came out of Poland, and those Jews came out of Germany, and they went back in their homeland, they had a little German community inside there, and they were only talking German; they had a little Russian community and they were only talking Russian. Until they said, "No!" Israel said, "No way. Every Jew has to speak Hebrew. Break up all those little cliques, talk Hebrew inside of here – one language!" Unify the people with one language. Oh, thank You, Jesus! Amen. Yes sir!

The same thing applies by choosing a church. Now, you must pray over the church that you are fellowshiping in. Remember, churches carry a spirit.

Now, I don't want to be critical. But I realize that I'm an old man, [I'm getting to be an old man myself,] and I got to leave here, one of these days. And I've got to answer at the Day of the Judgment for what I say tonight or any other time. And I, therefore, I've got to be dead earnest and truly convicted.

But, you go into a church, and if you'll watch the behavior of that church, you just watch the pastor awhile, and you'll usually find that the church acts like the pastor. Sometimes, I wonder if we just don't get one another's spirit in the stead of the Holy Spirit.

See? It is a good thing some of you are not like me. Leave me how I am, and you stay how you are. You just like you the way God made you, and let me like me the way God made me, and we'll have a meeting place in the Word, by the grace of God. Don't go and try to make me like you, because I'm not trying to make you like me. See?

We all have our own personality but let us all be like Jesus in the Word. Let the inner man take that image,

because you know, when we start to talk like this, you know you are seeing churches already, you are seeing people already, because they got those spirits. See? Defective genes. Watch.

You get to a place where a pastor is real radical and carrying on, you'll find out the congregation is the same way. I'll bring you to a church where I see the pastor stand, jerk their heads back and forth. You watch the congregation, they do the same thing. You take a pastor, [that would] just gulp down anything, usually the church will do the same thing. So, if I was choosing a church, I'd choose a genuine, fundamental, Full Gospel, Bible church, if I was choosing one to put my family in.

You'll look and you'll find a man who is solid on the Word and is going to lay that Word straight from Genesis to Revelation, if you are interested in something real.

Okay. Can I take five more minutes? It's now quarter past, so we can finish half past nine, no problem; five more minutes. I'll give you a couple of minutes to lift your hands and just submit your spirit now, that the Holy Spirit could just...

Whatever the Word, what you saw while It was coming forth, and you were just piling up in your little garbage bag at the side, just throw it in the fire and let it get burned, so you can walk out free from that tonight. You don't just take it back. The Holy Spirit has come with the Fire through there to burn the garbage. So, I trust you've been putting it in your garbage bag while you were coming up there. Amen.

Again, the kind of woman that a man would choose, will reflect his ambitions and his character. [He is talking about Christ and the Church here because it is revealed in the natural also; one reflects the other.] If a man chooses the wrong woman, it reflects his character. And what he ties himself to, shows truly what's in him. A woman reflects what's in the man when he chooses her

for a wife. It shows what's down in him. No matter what he says outside, watch what he married.

Jesus could talk about holiness and purity everything else, and if He takes a denomination, we know something is wrong with Him. See? But because we know who He is and we know what He thinks about denomination, we can understand why He didn't take one; why the ranch boss' son, from the time he saw those girls pulling up their stockings and fixing up their things and putting on their show, he ducked out through the door and went his way. He didn't even wait for the time for them to introduce themselves. From the time he saw all that conglomeration of garbage and scientific and everything else, and a trained voice and who got 'blue in the face' and everything else, he said, "I'm gone." See? And he found the little girl in the back.

And brother, she was rejected and despised, but she was faithful to what she was entrusted with, and she wasn't trying to put herself to impress somebody out there. See? That's the difference.

I go to a man's office, and he says he's a Christian; pinups all around on the walls, that old boogie-woogie music going on. I don't care what he says. I don't believe his testimony because his spirit is feeding on them things of the world. What, say, if he would marry a chorus girl...

And I had a few Scriptures in Proverbs, I will have to get them another night for you. I'll show you the chorus girl in Proverbs, what Solomon said about her.

... or what if he would marry a sex queen...

And I'll show what Solomon said about the sex queen in Proverbs, and why he couldn't find one, and why they said, "Then it is good that a man shouldn't marry." Sure. As long as he has to marry one of those, it is good that he shouldn't marry.

Only when Holy Fire comes and removes the perversion and brings conversion; where she is no longer leaning on her own understanding, but where she is submitted to the Word and desiring to take the

place that God said belongs to her, and to conform to that place, you will know she has the Holy Ghost. When she sits there and fusses and fumes and squirms under the Word, and finds, "The Word shouldn't say that and the Word didn't say that and I don't believe this and I don't believe that," you know something is wrong right there.

... or just a pretty, modern ricketta? It reflects. It shows what he has in his mind, of what his future home is going to be, because he's took her to raise his children by. And whatever she is, that's the way she'll raise those children. So, it reflects what's in the man. A man that takes a woman like that, shows just what he's thinking of the future.

Could you imagine a Christian doing a thing like that? No, sir. I could not. A true Christian will not look for such beauty queens, and chorus girls, and sex queens. He'll look for Christian character.

Here is the Prophet of God. Here is a man in whom the fullness of the Godhead bodily was being manifested to reveal the Son of Man to show Super Sign, a manual, "A greater than Solomon is here," standing there and saying, "I can't see a son of God marrying that."

Is that what we read in the Bible when we started? That's exactly what we read. So you see, the Scripture wasn't strange, It is true. The Message is revealing It.

Now, you can't have all things. There might be one girl that's real pretty. And the other girl, maybe she's a...her stature looks better than this one. And you might have to sacrifice one for the other, but, if she's not the stature of a lady, of a woman. And, she...I don't care whether she's pretty or not. You better look at her character, whether she's pretty or not pretty.

Now, for, it is becoming, if a Christian would choose a wife, he ought to choose a genuine, born-again woman, regardless of what she looks like. It's what she is, what makes her.

Not what she looks like – what she *is*! Solomon said, “Like a jewel in the snout of a hog, so is a fair woman without character.” Her fair beauty is like a jewel, but her spirit is like the hog, wallowing in the mud and the mire. Look.

You see, this is not against women. It’s against organization, but the natural woman reflects the organization. But it’s showing you, why are people going to go to Hell? Because they belong to an organization. They are being born out of the womb of organization, and they are thinking they are saved in an organization. And the Bible said that organization is what? The great harlot and harlots; she is the great whore and her daughters are harlots.

When Christ was born, he was born out of what? A virgin. That is why if a man is going to raise children... When he wants children dead in sin and trespasses, a bunch of reprobates, he’ll marry something in the world. But the man who wants to raise a family to reflect God and glorify God, will look for a genuine, (he said,) genuine, born-again woman; she types the church.

Christ is not looking for anything—because they thought they were Spirit-filled. They said, “We are born again, we are born again. We have the Holy Ghost. Oh, we feel the power of God. This is of God.”

And then, when he started to tell them the Word, they had a temper like a buzz saw, and they put him out of the church in this Age. Is that right? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.] Sure. When he spoke to Vashti, a beautiful woman; but brother, she was not going to come under any headship of man when she could run her own program. She didn’t care if seven voices of the king spoke to her. “Go and tell him, I have my own thing to see about.” Brother, Ahasuerus burned in his anger and her name was struck right out of the book, completely. Is that right?

... regardless of what she looks like. It’s what she is, what makes her. And then, again, that reflects his own

godly character, and reflects what's in his mind and what's going to be in the future, for his family...

That is why the Lord isn't looking for any little church here just to dance around and jump around and try to look like a Christian with some little outward apparel or something. He said, "The Kingdom of God is not about wearing apparel." So, not because a dress covers your knees means that you are a Christian. No, no, no. The Robe He is talking about is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on the soul. That's the Robe. The only Robe He furnishes you with, is what was provided for you by the death of a slain Lamb.

Wasn't that how He clothed them the first time? But they made their own clothing. Is that right? And He ripped it off of them. And they thought their own clothing made them fit for worship. It's not wearing apparel, friends. And what we buy in the store with natural money, that doesn't come by the death of a slain Lamb. That is what Adam and Eve made. See?

Oh, let me stop there. We'll stop there for tonight. Oh, we just so appreciate Him. Let the musicians come for me.

Isn't He wonderful? Let us lift our hands to Him and just thank Him tonight. He chose you. He made you part of His Bride. Oh Father, we thank You. We didn't choose You, but You chose us, Lord. Oh, gracious God, how we thank You. You ordained us that we should bring forth fruit and that our fruit should remain. And if it is going to remain, then it's not a bastard child coming forth, it's the Christ-child that is coming forth, because everything that was not back in Your mind in the beginning, Lord, would be destroyed in the lake of fire. All perversion ends in the lake of fire.

And so, we thank You that it takes the incorruptible Seed to bring forth the New Birth, to bring forth the Christ. And that's what You sent Lord, a Message without creed, a Message without dogma, a Message without man's ideas; the very expressed thoughts of

Jehovah; the very Seven Thunders; the fullness of the Word coming into existence to bring the right kind of pregnation in this Age, that we could bear Word-sons, sons in the image of the Father, seed children, oh God, in this Hour. Oh, how we thank You, Lord, for this great reality, Lord. Blessed be Your wonderful Name.

We are so grateful tonight that, Lord, You've appointed us to respond to the prayer that Eliezer prayed at Evening Time. Now that we are riding on the beast, oh, that is packing us to meet the unseen Bridegroom, how we rejoice, oh God, to know that this is a reality.

And now we can see, Lord, what we are saved from. Now we can see the pollution. Now we can see the evils in this evil Age all round about us, and we thank You for Your Divine consideration, Lord, that we were considered in the plan of Redemption. Blessed be Your wonderful Name tonight. Thank You for that, Lord. How we glory in Your Presence tonight, that we are what we are, by the grace of God! Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest! Thank You, Lord! Thank You, Jesus! Hallelujah!

It took a miracle, when God saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole, it took a miracle of love and grace. Hallelujah! Let us just worship Him a little bit now.

[#87 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

It took a miracle to put the stars in place,

It took a miracle

Oh, to hang the world in space,

Oh, but when He saved my soul,

But when He saved my soul,

Oh, cleansed and made me whole,

He wants to do that for everyone that desires that tonight.

It took a miracle of love and grace.

He could perform that miracle all over again tonight.

Oh, let's sing again, It took a miracle.

... a miracle

Oh, to put the stars in place,

You are one of His stars, friends. He is the great
Bright and Morning Star. Hallelujah! You are a part of
His great galaxy tonight.

It took a miracle to hang the world in space,

Oh, but when He saved my soul,

But when He saved my soul,

Oh, cleansed and made me whole, washed away all
that pollution.

It took a miracle...

... of love and grace.

Oh, my Father is omnipotent,

And that you can't deny,

And that you can't deny,

A God of might and miracles

A God of might and miracles

'Tis written in the sky.

It took a miracle...

Oh, to put the stars in place,

Say, "Place me, Lord. Move me into my place tonight.
Hallelujah!

It took a miracle. I don't want to be a wandering star
tonight. I want to be a star set in my course.

... to hang the world in space,

But when He saved my soul,

Oh my, cleansed and made me whole, when that
Seraphim came with that coal of fire that night.
Hallelujah!

It took a miracle...

... of love and grace.

Though here His Glory has been shown;

We still can't fully see

... still can't fully see

The wonders of His might, His throne;

'Twill take Eternity.

Oh, it took a miracle, a paradox, the greatest paradox
to change a sinner into a saint. Hallelujah!

To put the stars in place,

To put the stars in place

Oh, it took a miracle,

It took a miracle,

To hang this world in space,

Oh, but when He saved my soul,

... saved my soul,

Oh, cleansed and made me whole,

Oh, it took a miracle...

He is a miracle-working God tonight. A God of
miracles.

... and grace.

The Bible tells us of His power

And wisdom all way through;

And every little bird and flower

And every little bird and flower

Are testimonies too.

Are testimonies too.

Oh, lift your hands to Him.

It took a miracle. Say "Lord, perform one in me
tonight. Let Your miracle create in me the faith I need,
Lord. Let Your miracle bring Your Divine revelation to
my soul. Let Your miracle break every fetter in my life.
Let Your miracle, oh God, open up a door for me, so I
could come out of the humanistic realm, into the realm
of revelation. Let Your miracle, oh God, move me to this
sphere where I won't be up and down every time, and
that my soul can be anchored." Hallelujah! He can give
you that miracle tonight.

But when he saved my soul,

Cleansed and made me whole,

It took a miracle of love and grace.

Hallelujah. Oh, just worship Him, just talk to Him tonight in your own hearts, friends, as you look into the face of the Word, as you see the kind of Bride you ought to be. If you say Jesus Christ has chosen you, then you are reflecting what is in Christ. You are reflecting what Christ's thinking about His Future is. You are reflecting what Christ is thinking about His Future Home, of what He is going to do in the Millennium, and the New Heaven and New Earth, if it is true that He has really chosen you and you have come into a spiritual union with Him.

Oh my! What a great thing it is to make that claim! What a thing it is, if that is true, friends. It shows the kind of character that Jesus Christ really is. It means to say, He is seeing something of Himself in you to choose you. He is seeing part of Himself. He is seeing His missing rib. Oh my! Blessed be His wonderful Name!

Are you truly that kind of Wife to Him? Are you truly that kind of Bride to Him? Is the life you are living really confirming and proving these things? Are you bearing His very Name, friends? Are you really bearing His Life? To claim that you have that Wedding Band, to claim that you have that Marriage Certificate, to claim that that Name is written in your forehead, are you really walking in that victory?

Are you really so concerned about the Lost like He is? Are you really burdened for lost souls? Do you really have compassion on the sick? Do you bear the infirmity of the weak? Are you really able to put yourself in your brother's place, in your sister's place, to forgive seventy times seven? Do you suffer long, are you kind, not easily provoked; don't behave yourself unseemly; thinketh no evil?

Is that the kind of Life that you bear to prove that you are bone of His Bone and flesh of His Flesh, when you make the claim that you are in the Bride and you are going in the Rapture? Because, if He has chosen you, it reflects what kind of person He is. Do you recognize that

that soul in you that has come into union with Him, that you are His soulmate, that you are a part of the same Word that He is, and you are recognizing what part of the Word you are? You are knowing the Word by what is happening. You have His identification. The same Word that identifies Him, identifies you. Is that what you see, that convinces you that you are Bride?

Do you know in the bottom of your heart that you believe His Word and there are no reservations; that you take your place in submission, you come under His Headship; you call Him Lord and Master, you call Him Ruler?

Jesus be the Lord of all the kingdoms of my heart. Jesus I surrender all. Let's sing that before we pray, if you feel that in your heart tonight; if you can do that out of love for Him; if you know you are not flirting around with another lover; if you know you are not trying to cheat on Him, but you want to serve Him, not in the oldness of the letter but in the newness of Spirit, bringing forth fruit unto God because you are married to Him.

Is that what it means to you, my brother and my sister, that you so love Him, you think about Him all day long? You just want to serve Him. Ask Him tonight, say, "Lord, whisper some more of Your secrets to me. Lord, draw me close, right up to You. Put Your arms around me and reassure me of Your Love." Sometimes a wife needs reassuring of her husband's love. He, as a Husband, understands that tonight.

Oh, Jesus, be the Lord,

[#204 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Jesus, be the Lord of all,

Jesus, be the Lord of all,

You are a woman fit to marry. You are the Bride appointed for Him. You don't get any trouble with His Word. You are His written epistle read of all men, His manifested epistles.

The kingdoms...

Like Rebecca, when she saw him, she took her veil and covered her head. She had no head; she was coming to her head in submission.

Lift your hands, *Jesus, I surrender all*. Let Him veil you with that Holy Spirit veil. You have no head, friends. He is the Headstone – the Headstone and the Body being united together. You want to live by every Word that proceeds out of His mouth. You don't just want, "Lord, I want a job. Lord, I want a car. Lord, I want this." No, you know how to please Your Husband. You want to serve Him. His wish is your command.

Jesus, I...

I'm surrendering all tonight. I'm taking my veil and placing it on His shoulder, "The government shall be upon His shoulder."

The kingdoms...

I'm not going to try to seek my own way. I'm not going to get worried over trying to work things out for myself. I am going to be contented that He can take care of me.

Once again, *Jesus, I surrender all*. Every heart centered upon Him, as a prayer, in sincerity now as we make this pledge and we rededicate ourselves to Him.

Jesus, I...

We are surrendering to You tonight, Father, we, the believers in this little local assembly here tonight, humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God. We love You, Jesus. We are coming without reservations, Lord. We are reaffirming our pledge of love to You, to obey You, Lord. May You be the Master and Ruler of our lives.

Almighty God, how we thank You tonight, Father, for this great grace, this great love, and this great mercy that has been made plain to us; to see Your great predestinated mystery, to see the choice that You had Lord, and how You made that choice. And the choice that You made reflected what was in You, and the kind of person You are, and Your thinking, Lord, and Your future plans for Your Future Home and Your Family.

And You made that in this Day when You came to choose a Bride, a Bride who would bear Your Name, Lord. To see, dear God, that this Bride, to You, Her price is far above rubies; so far that You gave Your very Blood, every last drop of it to purchase this Bride, Father; knowing it is written that it is not by corruptible things like gold or silver, but by the precious Blood of the Lamb of God, without spot, slain since before the foundation of the world.

Oh God, when we see what we meant to You. You sought and You sought. You made Your servant swear he wasn't going to take one from the man-made systems who was born of corruptible seed; one of those, worldly, mincing as they walked, twisting serpents; but that little, virtuous girl, beautifully dressed in the gown of Your promised Word; where You slipped the Wedding Band of unmerited predestinated Grace upon Her, and You gave Her that Marriage Certificate, the revelation of Her Name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, where She could see what part of the Word She is; where His Name was revealed, Lord, so She doesn't holler and not get anything, but whatsoever She asks in that Name, She will receive it. How thankful we are tonight.

Lord, let our life be a life expressed in service. Let our life be a life, Lord, where we are so taken up with You, Lord. As You said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and know that all other things shall be added." We don't have to worry about what we are going to eat, what we are going to wear, and what we are going to put on, and these things, knowing how You take care of these things, because You are responsible to Your responsibilities. Who can teach You better how to take care of a Wife? And we don't want to have to be nagging You, Lord, but we want to always be mindful, knowing Your ways, knowing what pleases You, knowing how to reverence You, knowing how to approach You, oh gracious God, knowing that You wouldn't withhold any good thing from us.

Take each and every one of us individually and as a church collectively, Lord. Draw us close up to Your bosom, Father, where Your heart and our heart could be in harmony, Lord, where our hearts could beat, "I believe, I believe. Lord, I believe," where there is no doubting, there is no fear, oh God, there is just a blessed assurance, such a confidence.

Let there be such a unity and a harmony, where there will be nothing between our soul and our Savior, nothing between us, Lord; where we can keep back nothing from You; where Your heart will have no fear of spoil; where we can be a crown to You, Lord, a jewel in Your crown; where we will not be water in Your Blood and rottenness in Your bones, oh God, Father, that we could be to Your honor and to Your glory. Grant it, Lord Jesus, that truly You can say, "This is My beloved Bride in whom I'm pleased to dwell. Hear ye Her."

May You grant it, Father, that we will ever be in obedience, we will not be pretentious, we will not be vile, immoral, and vulgar; we will know how to conduct ourselves, Lord God, around false doctrine and all these things, Lord, that are not of our Husband, men who have seed to plant. We will know how to carry ourselves with chaste conduct coupled with fear.

Oh God, we'll have that sacred womanhood, that sacred motherhood, raising up the children that are born from our womb, the Elect Lady, training them up in the way of the Lord, the way revealed to us through the opening of the Seven Seals, knowing that there is only one way provided by the God for everything, (hallelujah!) that they could walk in this way that is leading us all the way back to that Tree of Life; a New and Living way that has been opened up through Your great sacrificial death, Lord, when You rent the veil and You took the veil that was upon the Word, that made the Word a hidden mystery, and You rent from top to bottom and You exposed the Word and brought It into

plain view that we can see the way back to God; training them up in that way.

And Father, the sacred bedding ground is only for Your Seed, Lord God, knowing that when we are pregnated with Your Life, the womb is sealed – sealed to everything else. And a Woman who is bringing forth Your Life is the most beautiful thing, Father. That is the way we want to be in this Hour, to truly say that we are Bride, to understand what it means, Lord, the woman that You have found, a virtuous woman, one that is fit to marry. May You grant it, Father.

And may that be an influence and a revelation to every son and every daughter, oh God, that we can truly see in this evil Age how we can reflect that mystery even in our natural lives. Grant it, Jesus, that truly, oh God, the world could look and see a real example, see a real testimony that You are not dead, but You are alive.

Father, as we go on our way pondering these things, watch over us and grant us traveling mercies, take us in peace and safety. And may You get honor and glory out of our lives continually. Bring us back at the appointed time, should You tarry and allow us life. We commit each and every one in Your hands, thanking You for this grace, in the lovely, precious Name of Jesus Christ, amen and amen.

Do you love Him tonight? May His peace and His Presence be with you as you go. May you take His Word in your heart and may you mix It with faith and may It profit you much. May we all learn of Him and become more like Him. May, as we behold Him, we begin to see His identification and His characteristics, and may we be partakers of that, that we can be just like Him.

Let us just sing, *Learning to lean, I'm learning to lean, I'm learning to lean on Jesus. Gaining more power than I ever dreamed, I'm learning to lean.*

[#313 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Learning to lean, learning to lean,
Learning to lean...*

God bless you. See you on Friday night, the Lord's
willing, for prayer meeting.

Learning to lean on Jesus,

Oh, gaining more power...

