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[# 270 - Songs That Live -Ed.] No, He'll never let go of my hand Till I stand... Till I stand in heaven's fair land, Till I'm safe forever more, On that happy golden shore, No, He'll never let go of my hand.

That should be a strong consolation. That should give blessed assurance. If we express that as a divine revelation, surely it gives us peace in our hearts that He will never let go. Well, that's just exactly what He said, *"All that the Father hath given Me, I will lose none of them. No man is able to pluck them out of My Hand."* If your hand is not there, that's the place you want to put your hand, this morning, amen. You want to put your hand in the Master's Hand. He will uphold you with the right hand of His Power. What a great thing.

I am so happy to be in His house today. We have a little betrothal, this morning; that would be the service. I take the opportunity to speak a little bit to the young people again but in this form. Not just talking maybe like we did in the back but with the betrothal taking place also.

It's a great time for us when we could be perceptive to see how God plans things for us in our earthly journey, in our journey as a church; the places where He passes us. When we could be perceptive of these things, we know what to pull for, because we know what God is doing. You must first know what God is doing, what is His desire. That's why He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to bind the broken hearted, to open the eyes of the blind, to open the prison doors, to set the captive free." When you know what the Spirit is anointing the Word for, that's the time to pull for those things. Because it will show that your heart and mind are in alignment with what God wants to give, because not everyday God wants to do those things. But God knowing our needs, makes a way, provides a way, gives us the opportunity to draw from Him what we have need of. What a great thing.

Let's bow our hearts this morning, as we go to pray once again. Take this moment to remember what you have need of. Take a few seconds and pause and look into your heart and mind and see where you are in life's journey. Some might be sick, some might be going through difficult times, some might be oppressed. Some might seem as though everything is shut before them; they can't seem to have access. Yet they see so many needs in their lives.

But that's why this is such a good place to be in today because 'where two and three are gathered together in His Name...' and we certainly have gathered in His Name today because we know no other Name. There is no other Name given under Heaven whereby a man could be saved, but in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The family in Heaven and the family in earth, in this Hour when He's gathering all things in Christ, in this great gathering time, we know He is in our midst.

When we have this opportunity, we want our thoughts to be clear. We want our mind to be discerning to know exactly what our real need is right now. Don't think about some temporal thing that will just pass away. Think about something that will give you grace and power to overcome. To walk closer to Him, to come under His full control in your life, to be able to trust Him and believe Him. To know this great mighty God that has come down in this Day and unveiled Himself; that we might not walk with some theory in our mind. We might not walk with some superstition or some fable that may have influenced us that we hold as Truth. But when God would come down and vindicate His Word and prove that He is the one true and living God, what a blessed opportunity that is; to *Recognize our Day, to Recognize our Message*, to recognize the Presence of God.

Gracious Father, we are so grateful, so appreciative, for this time that we could come and assemble in Your Presence, on this first day of the week honouring Your resurrection. Thinking of the significance and the meaning of the day, yet not worshiping the day but knowing we are in the Presence of the resurrected Christ; the living God Who set aside this day. This day that commemorates that You are alive forever more and have the keys of death and hell because on this day You rose triumphantly. The sun has risen this morning. It was so dark through the night and as the day dawned it became even darker, because the coming of that sun. The rising of that sun was pushing the darkness to one side. Now we look around and we can't even see the darkness; it's so bright because the sun has risen.

Lord God, to know that You did this when You created that sun; the light of the world, that gives life to everything that is upon the face of the earth. It was just a symbol of You, the Son of God, the Son of Man (hallelujah), the Light of the world that gives Life to Your people, those that live under the Rays, the Life-giving Rays of the Quickening Power of this Risen Son. Blessed be Your wonderful Name. May this Divine Presence sweep across this congregation today; this congregation that is scattered throughout this region, from here all the way up into Canada, where the saints of God are in attendance, journeyed from their homes to the places where they assemble, Lord. But now, we are gathered together in Heavenly Places, linked up, oh God, with one mind and one accord in anticipation of what You will do in our midst today.

We realize, dear God, that there are so many needs amongst us because we are such a diverse people, living conditions. faced different with different under circumstances. But the one assurance we have is that our God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory. You promised this, and that's why dear God, it gives us confidence because we know You are faithful Who promised. You are the God of the unfailing Promise. You said Heaven and earth will pass away but Your Word could never pass away because it is impossible for You to lie. There is nothing impossible with You. There is nothing too hard for You. You are a God that keeps Your Word. That's how we know You, Father. That's where we stand, tied to the Absolute of Your unfailing words of Promise that You will make it good.

Let that faith be in every heart today; knowing without faith it is impossible to please You, but You give faith to Your children. You increase faith when they will ask like Your disciples asked, "Lord, increase our faith?" instead of looking at themselves and condemning themselves and worrying that they don't have enough faith, and they are unstable in their minds and they are wavering. How we waste our time so many times, Lord, just thinking of what we don't have, when all we have to say is, "Lord, increase our faith?"

Jesus, may You have Your blessed way. Take full and complete control in this service. Bless this gathering today. Bless everything that is to be said. May You meet every need. Those that would believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths; those that would look to You now and trust in You and know, dear God, if they ask for a bread they will not get a stone and when they stand praying, if they believe that they have received what they asked for, You said they shall have it, that should cause them to go rejoicing. Grant it, Lord.

We depend on You to lead and direct us in everything that is to be said and done. And we pray that it will be pleasing and acceptable in Your sight because our desire is to please You, Lord, to let go and let You have Your way; to get out of the way that You can come in and do what You know because we don't know, Father, but we know that You know and we are grateful that You know.

Lead us, Lord, and we will follow. Order our steps in Your Word. Get Glory to Your great and mighty Name, the Name of Jesus Christ in which we pray and ask all these mercies. Amen.

God bless you. Before you have your seats, I would like to read a little Scripture. I want to welcome all the family and friends of the Sankar family and the Balladin family. Our Bro. Dwayne Balladin and Sis. Devika Sankar is to be betrothed this morning. And we are very happy that God has planned this for them in their lives. And the Hour has come and God is bringing it to pass. I'm sure they are very happy, and we are happy, and God is happy. Amen.

To all the other strangers and visitors, may God bless you. I pray that it would be a blessing for you, being here today.

Proverbs... I would like to read from Proverbs 19, verse 14. And also you could find Ecclesiastes Chapter 3. I want to take for a little title and call it, "**GOD HAS ALREADY CHOSEN THE MATE FOR US**." He knows how to lead you into it, when to lead you into it because all things... all His works were finished before the foundation of the world. God is not doing anything new;

there is nothing new under the sun, but what we need is leadership. What we need is direction. What we need is to line up with the plan of God, so that God can bring to pass in our lives the thing He has planned for us.

When you serve a God like that, it gives you peace, it settles you. If you think God doesn't know what He's doing so you have to take things into your own hands, you have to run ahead of God, you have to do something; you know you'd just make more trouble for yourself because God changeth not. What He has already done, nobody is going to influence Him to do anything else that He didn't plan. But when you are satisfied that God knows what is best for you, and knows how to bring it to pass for His glory and to be a blessing to you, it's planned with you in mind then you're just so thankful. You could have that kind of confidence in God this morning. Amen. This is the way.

Proverbs 19, verse 14, It says:

<sup>14</sup> House and riches are the inheritance of fathers:

It's great when fathers could store up things in this earthly life; build a house, build two houses, leave one for you as one of his children, leave some money in the bank. You're glad that, maybe things are kind of hard with you and your family, and your father was mindful of you that when he divided his inheritance for his children, he allotted a portion for you. Jesus said, *"If the earthly parents know how to give their children good gifts, and they are evil, how much more the heavenly Father"* because He is the real extreme Parent. The earthly parent is just a shadow of the real Parent.

It says:

<sup>14</sup> House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

'A prudent wife is from the Lord'. You see earthly fathers could leave these things, but it takes the Lord Who planned your life to know the right mate for you, and 'a prudent wife is from the Lord'. In other words, it's a gift from the Lord. Salvation is a gift from the Lord, and the next best gift that God has after salvation is a prudent wife, a virtuous woman. This is a wonderful thing. Do you believe that? [Congregation responds amen -Ed.] Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, verse 1:

<sup>1</sup> To every thing [everything] there is a season, and a time to every purpose... [to everything and to every purpose]

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

*'Under the heaven'* means *'on earth.'* That is under the heaven; that is on earth.

Verse 8, He gives us a whole list of things: a time to be born, a time to die. All these things, giving you contrast: birth and death, embrace and not embrace, break down and build. It is contrast continually, but I am coming to verse 8.

<sup>8</sup> A time to love...

There is a time to every purpose. God's purpose is for you to have happiness, to bring love into your life. God doesn't want to fill your life with sadness. God doesn't want to fill your life with heartaches. We can't blame God for our heartaches. Half of the time, our own heartaches are our own selfish doing. Do you get that? These are what are called the wisdom Books of the Bible. It teaches us about the wisdom in which we should live our lives on earth; that we on earth know that God has a plan and to everything there is a time.

There is a time when God made the man. There's a time when He gave the law. There's a time when Christ came and died. There's a time when He sent the Holy Ghost. There's a time when the church went into the ground and died. There's a time, it is restored in the last days. There's a time for the Rapture. There's a time when the Bride is going to be changed. There's a time for the Millennium. Is that right? And God has a

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purpose, 'you are the called according to His purpose.' So,

<sup>8</sup>A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Verse 11,

<sup>11</sup>He hath made every thing beautiful in his time:

There's a time when He makes things beautiful. There's a time it doesn't look...You don't even know what He is doing. You see, like a man just comes and a big truck pulls up in your yard and drops a load of sand. Next truck comes, you know, and drops a bunch of BRC, [wire mesh -Ed.] you know, steel and these things. And if you don't know what is happening, you would think somebody is littering your yard. Do you understand? But then you see a construction starts to take place and when it's finished you see something beautiful at the end of all of that. And it's something that you can enjoy and be blessed with. But it didn't look so enjoyable at the time when that was coming. Do you understand? But as it goes on, you see what God's thought was.

<sup>11</sup> He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

The world there, is not talking about the world... The word there doesn't mean like the world, like cosmos; it is speaking of Eternity. And so, God's Work it can't be found out by man because these things have to be revealed by God.

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

"GOD HAS ALREADY CHOSEN THE MATE FOR US". Flexibility is a great thing in serving God. Sometimes if you are not flexible you could get so set in your ways. You could get so set in your understanding, so set in your opinion, so selfish in your own desire that when God reveals to you, "I don't have that plan for you," then it is hard to change around. And then self-will begins to clash with God's will. And you know who's going to win, right?

If you are one of God's children, you throw your hand up in the air, you surrender and you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God. Otherwise if you are not one of God's own you'll fight your way to hell. No man goes to hell, he fights his way to hell. God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man," because that's God fighting a man to keep him back like He was trying to push Balaam back. Angel stood with the drawn sword, but when a man has his own desire, he has his own self-will, and he wants the permissive will more than the Will of God, then he's going to get in real trouble.

And that's where a lot of people, many times, need to have their thinking filtered. Because you see, your eyes see through your heart. What the desire in your heart is, that's the thing you are going to be influenced to go after. "But the heart of man," the Bible tells us, "is deceitfully wicked." God said, "I'll take out the stony heart and I'll give you a new heart," because "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." See? And this world that we live in is what shapes and molds the way we think.

From the time you're born in this world and you start to talk, they would put you in kindergarten. You start to know 'Sesame Street'. You start to know this, you know that. Then you come into elementary school. Then you go into Junior Secondary. By the time you get there, your mind is so perverted because there are drugs in the school, there are guns in the school. They're beating teachers, children are getting pregnant. Do you understand what we're saying? The system is gone. So before you could even come out of there...Some people don't even survive coming out of there. By the time they come out, they're a wreck in society. But thank God for the mercy of God that the Gospel can go and reach down and pick one up, amen, that though they were a piece on the scrap heap pile along the road...And that's where God took us from. 1973 that's where we were, on the scrap heap pile at the side of the road but thirty-nine years after, He grows sweeter as the days go by, amen. Each day you want to live closer to Him. You want to live everyday as though He's coming today. Why? Because His Promise is true *"Lo, I am with you always."* And I have seen that for thirtynine years, twenty-four seven, seven days a week, He is there. Sometimes your mind tells you, maybe like God has left. He hasn't gone anywhere, amen. It's just the curtain fell between you and Him but a little repentance and sincerity, He pulls the curtain back and you get restored fellowship.

You see, sin breaks fellowship, but repentance restores fellowship. "If you walk in the light as He is in the Light, the Blood of His Son cleanseth you from all sin," because God cannot fellowship with sin; but God made a provision to remove sin so He could keep in fellowship with us. We didn't make the provision, God made the provision. So it shows who really wants fellowship with whom. God wants fellowship with us more than we want fellowship with God. See? This is where church people many times they fail to realize how much God wants to fellowship with them. They think, it's they seeking God. Man is not seeking God, friends. Jesus said, "The shepherd leaves the ninety and nine and goes and looks for the lost sheep." The shepherd is not lost; it's the sheep that is lost. The Shepherd is the One who is redeeming; delivering the sheep from bondage.

So it's a beautiful thing. **GOD HAS ALREADY CHOSEN THE MATE FOR US.** I want to maybe just talk to you a little bit this morning and see if I can put that in your heart to what we've being speaking on, *Marriage by Appointment and Marriage by Circumstance*  [2012-0930 -Ed], and *The Heat of Unholy Passion* [2012-1007 - Ed]. Can a man take fire in his bosom and not be burnt?

And now this morning, **GOD HAS ALREADY CHOSEN THE MATE FOR US** - A Prudent Wife Is From The Lord. It's hard to change my mind from that. I certainly believe God has already chosen the mate for us. There is not one Scripture where a man could say he chooses his mate for himself. We are only choosing after He already chose. Jesus said, "You didn't choose me, I chose you." So when you come back and making a choice, it is because He is the One behind that choice that you are making because, "no man could come except the Father draws him." He puts something in you to hear. "He that has an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying." He puts something in you to hear His voice. Amen.

You see sometimes we look at life, you know, like religion confuses us where God is concerned many times. We want to go to church, we want to worship because man is made to worship. Cain wanted to worship. Men of all religions want to worship because there is something about...That is why some people worship the stone. Some people worship an idol. Some people worship the sun, the moon, and the stars. Some people worship a tree. Some people worship their job. Some people worship their car. Some people worship their house.

People can worship anything because there is a desire to worship. Some people worship people. You'd see all these rock stars and all these different things, hundreds of thousands of people gather there and they will have such a sway over those people. And those people are so fanatical under that kind of influence.

So you look at those things, you realize that man is made to worship something. But since man is made to worship something, you see, there's something... that he wants to go to church. He wants to go to some form of religious gathering and so on. But because he doesn't realize religion and God are two different things. What happens is... And religion doesn't really have a plan for you.

Religion is like a guide. It's like somebody trying to give you direction. Just like a man on the street and you're looking for a place and you say, 'am...' —You want to know where the General Hospital is in San Fernando. You have never been to San Fernando before. He said, "Well I think it is somewhere down by the wharf you know. I think it is somewhere in the South if you go down this way." Next man may tell you, "Where are you coming from?" If he is coming from, let us say, Cross Crossing or somewhere there, he is coming up Independence Avenue. If the man is coming down from High Street side, he may be coming down the Promenade. If the man is coming from the wharf, he is coming up Chancery Lane. So you know it's where you're coming from and what you're looking for.

So, that is like somebody trying to give you a direction to find somewhere. Every religion is trying to tell somebody they're going to get some hereafter, some eternal life, something you're going to come into, but nobody knows. They can't tell you. They all have a theory. They are trying to point you to a place, a location somewhere.

Like the scientists, they are looking for life and they are trying to go from planet to planet. So they went to the moon, they didn't see anything there. So they sent something on Mars and they are kind of looking around. They are looking for life through science. Some people are looking for life through religion. Some people are looking for life through health, eating and drinking and these things. Some people are looking for the wonder drug that will lengthen life but life is in none of these things. *"He that hath not the Son hath not life."* All life is in Jesus Christ. All life is in the Creator of the universe. And this is the One that promises: *"I will come to you. I*  will manifest Myself to you. I will lead you and guide you into all truth. I'll make my abode with you."

Now, nobody really promises these things because if you want to be safe, you wouldn't make such a promise. You will say, "Do this..." And this is the best you can do. And somebody will have compassion on you or pity on you and they give you something to do. But this One is not up there on a Throne somewhere, He said, *"I will come to you."* He said, *"Know you not you are the temple. I want to dwell in you and walk in you. I will be your God and you shall be My people."* 

And this is what so many people miss because to do this, this takes surrender. This takes obedience. And the first thing you discover in yourself is; you're born with a nature that makes you desire the things in the world you are born into. That's why the Bible says, "We were dead in sins and trespasses. We walk after the course of this world. We walk in the vanity of our minds." Because we come into a world and that world already has a plan waiting for you. And you're going to look real odd, if you don't line up with that plan very quickly. Because the very parents and they will say, "This child has to go to school. It's time for the child to be in school. It's time for the child to do this, time for the child do this." And the world has ordered a way for you but God also has a plan for you too. I am talking by experience, I'm not only talking about a theory.

My mother and they sent me to Queen's Royal College (QRC). I'd passed the exam. I didn't know what school I should go to. I was a little boy ten years, eight months, when I write the exam back there in 1962. And, you know, she made the choice; Queen's Royal College. I used to go to St. Stephen's A.C. in Princes Town. When we get there, the school already... now wanted to know, —this is a prestige school. Dr. Eric Williams, Sir Arthur Mc Shine and Rudranath Capildeo all these different people were in the school—had gone through the school. So the thing now is like, ah...The teacher comes over, "What do you want to be?" When you look around, it's all these white boys in those days and you know, highcoloured people and all kinds of different things. Everybody is saying, "I want to be a doctor. I want to be a pilot. I want to be this." Well, I grew up in the estate. We know climbing up on the train, pulling the cane, coming with the cane on our backs. We know playing 'Stick'em up' [a cowboy western game -Ed.] in the bush, we know riding horse, we know walking in the dairy among all the cows and these things.

So when he asked me what I wanted to be, I didn't know what I wanted to be. And then I felt stupid in this environment. Do you understand what I mean? I'm trying to figure out what I want to be. I want to be a doctor, but I don't know how to be a doctor. In my mind I want to be a doctor, but I am not seeing hospital; the kind of hospital. I want to be a lawyer, but I'm not seeing that kind of court house. Something in me wants to help people. I want to stand up for the weak. I want to help the sick and dying but I didn't know there were 'spiritually' sick. And I didn't know there was a 'spiritual' court. And all these natural things are only shadows of the real thing. It's only this civilization I know.

So when God came now, then I started to realize, they're preparing you for the shadow. God is preparing you, not for the shadow. God does not deal with temporal things. God prepares you for the Eternal. And earth is a school...earth is a school. This life is a temporal life. God only allotts so much time for a man on earth. And when a man goes through this time, if he leaves without recognizing what was his purpose on earth, why is this happening on earth, what is his destination when he leaves this place and he doesn't know these things, he could be in real problems. But here we are seeing in the Scripture that to everything there is a time. There was a time to be born. That makes you think.

I am the fourth. Now my father married before. I don't know why I am saying this, but I am saying this... All I need is to follow Him. I don't even know where it is going from here. I've left off 'my thing' already. My father's first wife died. He had two children (with her). And I never would check my position in the family from my father's first two children. I've grown to sixty years and just recently here God showed me, "You would have check from your mother; your mother has six children, you are the fourth but you came from your father. You were in your father's loins. Your father's first wife died and he married a second time. And when he married your mother you came." So I am really the third boy in the family.

Now when things start to... I was preaching for you recently, *Breaking of the Seals on the Book of Your Life*. That is why I got into some of these (things). Do you see? Because there are things in your life that you need to see and understand because your life is pre-planned. That's why I wonder how people pursue education that doesn't help them for when they leave this world. And they leave this world ignorant of where they're going. Yet, while they are on earth, they will never make a journey not knowing where they are going. They will find the thing [Education -Ed.] useless.

You jump in your car and you say, "I'm going by the sea." And you're taking off somewhere where the sea is not.

They say, "What sea do you want to go to?" They say, "That is not the way."

You say, "I have my children here, we are going to spend the day by the sea."

They say, "You're going up San Fernando Hill; you will see the sea from up there, but there is no beach to walk in. You are going to the refinery or something?"

So the thing is, if you wouldn't even make a journey on earth ...You get on a plane and you say, "Where is this plane going?"

They say, "Well, we don't know. We are going up to Miami."

You say, "What does it take to go there?" They tell you to buy a ticket to go to Miami. When you get to Miami, you don't know where to go from there. You realize now, you want to go to Africa. And they say, "Okay, you want to go to Africa. Why didn't you take another route? Because here now, the fare you are paying...the place you're going to, you might need a visa. Then you should've applied for that visa in your country." You'll run into problems. You would want to know where you're going.

They put so much emphasis on an earthly journey while they're on earth. And life itself is a journey that comes to an end, and then you have to continue on that journey in another World. The body that was formed in your mother's womb —you came into this world and you came into that body. And then you drop that body when your school is over. That is your school clothes, you take off your school clothes. Am I making sense to you?

You see, it shows the mind has shrunk, so people think small, they think right here. And Trinidad is seventy miles by forty miles. Look at the size of the universe. And man is made in the image and likeness of God. So that's why, on earth, you want to know if God has a plan for you. Before you start off, at least... planning for yourself, get an idea, a little bit of what God has planned for you. Maybe some of the things you're planning for yourself and trying to get, you realize God has already planned that for you. And God said, "The time for that is this time."

And when you're running planning for yourself; you marry, you divorce, you remarry, you end up with somebody's wife, you get into all kinds of problems. And then now you get old and you're loaded with sin and you don't know how to come out of it. That is a horrible condition. And when you get there now, you don't know, you say, "Maybe I was born in this religion or born in that religion or something." And you aren't sure of what that religion teaches and you never keep the teaching of that religion. So you can't even say well you have the assurance of what that religion promised or try to provide or point you to that you're going to get There. Do you understand?

And this is where at this stage of your life... And if you are a young person and you're unmarried, marriage is a big, big thing in the plan of God. Marriage is not a little thing like your job. Marriage is not a little thing like your house. Marriage is not a little thing like your money. All of that are little things. You hear what he says here, *"Houses and land are the inheritance of your fathers..."* earthly man could give you that, *"...but a prudent wife is from the Lord."* To prove what I am saying, the Bible opens with marriage and the Bible ends with marriage.

So marriage is not a temporal thought. It is not some passing idea of God. The whole Mystery of God is about marriage; that God has chosen a people called the Bride before the foundation of the world and put their names on the Lamb's Book of Life and God came down. And the reason He went to Calvary is to bring this Bride into expression because God was lonely by Himself way back There. So then you start to realize now, "Well, if He planned this for me and this is His whole Mystery about Himself..."

The reason God planned that for his sons...The first thing you see God giving the son when He comes on the earth was a wife. Because before the son came, God made everything and put it there but the one thing he was lonely for was the wife. And though he had all those things, it never satisfied something inside of him (for this wife) because that wife she was made and designed by God for him. She held a very important part in him being able to relate to the greatest love that there is. Because the greatest love is God's Love for His elected people. And that is the Mystery of marriage. He choose a people, a people who could comfort Him.

It says, "And when Rebekah came Isaac was comforted in the days after his mother died." [Genesis 24:67 -Ed.] He was comforted. She is the Holy Ghost; she is also a type of the Holy Ghost. That's why I'm talking about the dove, the female dove, coming at evening time. It's she; the mate. The Blood of the Male was put on the female dove and she is flying 'holy, holy'. Why? Because that Blood was the Love of the Male that took the judgment so the female could fly free. Look at this great mighty God, taking little things like a bird that He made but you see this is the highest form of wisdom.

Where was I teaching this? Oh, in the funeral, in Omega Wilson's funeral, and talking also about an ant. And when Jesus came; the wisest of all, God Himself in the flesh, the Divine Wisdom, the Infinite Wisdom, He started to teach about *"Be ye not anxious for anything; consider the lily of the field, consider the fowls of the air."* [Luke 12:27 -Ed.] Solomon said, *"Consider the way of the ant."* [Proverbs 6:6 -Ed.] I said He could have quoted something Plato said. He could have quoted something Socrates or Aristotle said, who were the wise learned men of the day. But he never quoted them, he said, "Pastor Lily here has a message for you."

Job, the wisest of man in his day, couldn't catch the mystery of life after death. And the flower starts to preach to him, and the tree starts to preach to him, and the rain starts to preach to him, and then he rose up with inspiration. Today when they're trying to teach somebody, they tell you about Business Management; you have to take a course in that. They would bring down these motivational speakers who're successful in business. That is joke. Jesus says, "Consider the way of the ant," man. The ant will put them to shame. Do you see that? But you see man is always elevated in some way that people can look and be mesmerised by some man, maybe his personality or his educational achievement or something. But there is a wisdom of God that makes all of that foolishness because the wisdom of God teaches us the way of life. I'm not against if you're a teacher in here this morning. Don't feel bad, I am not against you because I am a teacher too so I am teaching my subject. You know that?

But really and truly, in there, they tell you about higher education. Well higher education is just a little more complicated than what the lower education is. But when you're talking about higher education, it's knowing God. There is no higher education than that when you're coming to know God because when you come to know God, you become like God.

If you're just thinking it's a book some man wrote and that man isn't saved, he could only give you a knowledge that might be good for here and you can use that knowledge maybe to help somebody work in Satan's Eden. But that knowledge doesn't prepare them for where they're going. So that knowledge, if it is just for temporal life, it is not fit for Eternal Life. But when God came that's why He didn't bring us that kind of knowledge. God brought us knowledge to know Him because He is the source of our life.

Look at man with all the wisdom today. We have the best hospitals, we have the best medicine, we have more highly trained doctors. Through technology and science, they have more refined instruments and everything else. And you have more diseases, and you have more sick people, and you have more people dying every day. That's right. That is not the solution.

So, we come back to God's Plan. God has a Plan. "Houses and riches are the inheritance of fathers: but a prudent wife is from the LORD." You see this Book of Proverbs is wisdom. It's showing you, this is a gift from the Lord. Now, many times, people, because this seems so opposed or not magnified in this physical world, they bypass that quick like it has no importance. But when you stay and you look at that Word, you are going to find the secret to success in life. And successful life doesn't necessarily mean you increase in your riches, because in the end, if the goal is to accumulate riches, *"naked you come in the world and naked you are going to leave"* [Ecclesiastes 5:15 -Ed.] and who are you going to take it with?

That is why Jesus said...That is the Scripture I used when I preached the funeral. It said, "This rich man, he built bigger barns and everything. And then God said, *"Thou fool, tonight your soul is required of you."* [Luke 12:20 -Ed.] And he was saying, "Now I have all this and I have enough for many days to come." And while he's thinking he had many days God says, *"This night."* Why? Because *"Is a time to be born and a time to die."* A lot of people get the impression you die because of sickness. That is wrong, you die because your time on earth is up. The Bible tells us that. That is why he said, *"Teach me to number my days and apply my heart to wisdom. A man's life is like a handbreadth on the earth."* 

The Bible tells us, "Moses was neither," you know, "his eyes weren't dim neither was his natural force abated." [Deuteronomy 34:7 -Ed.] And God said, "Moses, your time is up, go up on the mountain and die." [Deuteronomy 32:48-50 -Ed.] He lived a hundred and twenty years. His life was in three cycles of forty: first forty years, he grew up in Egypt. Second forty years, God emptied out that education in the wilderness. Third forty years, he delivered the people. He became God. When God got the education of Egypt out from him, he became God to the people. God said, "Moses, you be God and let Aaron be your prophet." He could speak into existence. Hallelujah! It is God we're talking about.

So you see how far God's plan for us is. This is a great thing. I am not saying leave your job. I am not saying that. Work, make as much money you can, give as much as you can and save as much you can. John Wesley had that motto about money that that's the way to use it. What we'll call money today is not riches; it's paper. You spend your life working for fifty years. You'll gather up a lot of paper. You'll build a big house. One grain of match will put that out of existence, all of that. How could one grain of match remove labour for forty years? This is a world of illusion. People don't take time to look at reality to see what is real.

The Bible tells us, when Sarah died Abraham had a revelation in his heart. He bought a burying place and he put Sarah there. He buried her where Job was buried. Then when he died, he was buried right there where Sarah was. He didn't let Keturah and they handle that funeral. He didn't let Hagar and Keturah come together and plan that funeral. No! No! Isaac was in charge of everything in that funeral. He didn't even let Ishmael...He had some gifts for Ishmael but he left everything for Isaac. Is that the Bible?

Then when Isaac died and Rebekah died, they were buried there too. Why? When Jacob died, he was buried there and Leah was buried there. Is that right? Why? They knew that they were going to continue in the other World. The mate God gave them was the plan for them. Remember the dream? William Branham he is coming up the ivory staircase to receive the reward to go into the New World. His wives in life were there. He said, "They bore children for me on the earth." God told him by revelation, "Go and marry this person." Is that right? This is the thing, "A prudent wife is from the LORD."

God doesn't give you things for the temporal. When God plans for you...You see, you have a will and you have a desire. You have self-will and then that self-will makes you desire God's permissive will. But when you conquer self-will, then you come to the place where God can reveal to you His perfect will. Real joy, real satisfaction, real happiness, lies in what God has planned for you. That's why God, in bringing the first woman, He planned it like that. He put the man to sleep. He doesn't even know how tall she's going to be. He doesn't even know what colour of skin she'll come in. He doesn't even know the size. He knows nothing. He didn't even know the world he was coming into. God is doing this to show, "I planned for you. I know you. It's I that made you. I am your Creator. It's I that designed you.

You ever see when you buy an appliance, they tell you "Keep this stored in temperature this way —don't let it exceed this temperature. Use this in this manner." The manufacturer of the appliance gives you the brochure; the manual, and shows you, "If you want to get the service this was designed to give, it must be according to these principles of this manual." Because the manufacturer knows that you don't fully understand what was in their thoughts when they were making that. And they made that because they know you have a need and they've provided that to supply your need. But they're giving you instructions for you to enjoy the appliance, for them to be happy for you, for it to serve you well, for you to appreciate it—how it must be used.

Well, this is the same thing God did. God who made us has a Book here. The Bible is God's manual; this is God's manual. And in that now God said, *"Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it."* [Ephesians 5:25 -Ed.] You know. *"Wives,"* you know, *"be in submission to your own husbands, as the church is in submission to Christ."* [Ephesians 5:24 -Ed.] That is the Creator in the manual telling you how you ought to relate in these things, so that you could enjoy the benefits and the blessings of what He has planned for you concerning this part of your life.

Is everybody here happily married? Who is married? Well, if you are not happily married, I am sure He can put some happiness into your life. You might require a few adjustments. Some of you might be tight; you might be bolted down in your ideas in some place. You might be a little strained in your attitude over here, but you know, the Holy Ghost, He is the Chief Technician. He could come in now, and you know, pour some oil of the Holy Spirit in there, kind of get the rust out in all the places that kind of...aren't functioning as they should. And then you could leave here with a spring in your step by the grace of God. You could feel the butterflies in your heart. You could feel the joy bells ringing again, you know, this is how it is.

I want to go on a little bit and read a little more. I want to move into the Song of Solomon. So far we're talking about how a prudent wife is a gift from the Lord and that God designated a time and a season for His purpose in our lives, because to everything there is a season. There is a time for love. And this young couple is coming into a place of 'a time for love'. And, you know, I just want to show you how people in love know that time.

You know nature is a Bible. Nature is the expression of God's Intelligence because God is the One Who created the world. God is the One Who designed it. God is the One Who brings the seasons. God is the One Who created botany life, marine life, bird life, animal life; from little humming bird to the big eagle. From the little, you know, sardine to the big gigantic whale. From the little hyssop that grows in the wall to the great cedars of Lebanon. From the ant to the big elephant. God created millions and millions of species in each kind of life, and why is He doing this? He wants to show how great He is. He wants to show, He is all powerful. He wants to show that in these things there are mysteries of the Creator —of God, that we could know Him.

People think today...Look what the devil does to people. They say, "You want to know about God, you have to go theology school. You have to learn Greek, you have to learn Hebrew, you have to learn the Bible, you have to learn homiletics and different things." And they'll teach you about religion and all these different things. No! When God made that, there was no Bible school for Adam to God to. There was no homiletics. There was no Greek. Nobody's talking Greek yet because they haven't reached Babel yet. But God, teaching in nature; he (Adam) could name every tree, he could name every bird, he could name every tree, he could name every bird, he could name everything. Why? Because he is aligned with God. He is an offspring of God. He was in God when God was creating it.

Watch how in God's time and season just like the...What we call autumn, they call fall in the States. Because... They call it fall because the leaves fall off the trees. But just before the leaves fall off the tree, the leaves are green all through spring and summer. But when it comes autumn, it starts to turn brown, it starts to turn red, it starts to turn yellow. Oh, and the place is pretty and lights up. The same tree, but it is prettiest when it's dying. And all those beautiful leaves now start to fall off the tree. Why? Because that tree knows the season is changing. It knows the winter is coming on because autumn foreruns winter. And the life in the tree goes down in the root and waits until the winter is passed. And when the winter passes and the earth comes back around and aligns with the sun again, then that sun begins to melt off all the snow. And that water gets down into the root and the life in the root begins to come back up and push out new leaves again; a type of the resurrection. New Life is coming forth in the springtime. That tree knows the time and the purpose.

It says, the ant... Now that is botany life but watch in animal life. The ant now, knows winter is coming too, so he is storing up food in the colony because when that winter comes they would burrow deep into the ground. And they're in their colony but they have all the food they need down in there to go through the winter. And that's why you see those ants and they're busy, busy, busy. And you see two of them carrying something ten thousand times their size.

Did you ever see two or three ba-chacs [local word for a leaf cutting ants -Ed.] with some big branch and a leaf? Watch the size of the ba-chac and watch the size of the leaf they're carrying. And nobody's sitting down and saying, "This is unjust! We are not getting enough pay for this." And nobody jumps up and says, "I will be the union leader and we're going and strike because we have to get better conditions." No! They have harmony and unity. They are not arguing among themselves. They're courageous, they're industrious, they are influenced by a vision of a time coming when they wouldn't have and they wouldn't be able to go out and work and get, so they're storing it up. They know there are little ones in the colony that will need food too. They aren't influenced by how big a task they have. They know, "We are ants, we are built courageous, we don't have fear. No matter how big the problem, we have what it takes to work in harmony and unity and get the job done." That is right.

That is why God is telling man who is in God's image and likeness but who got away from God, who is at the top of the food chain, who has all the education and the degree, God is saying, "Consider the way of the ant." "Look at your home in shambles, you have all these degrees, you are the big person there. Look at you with some young girl messing up your mind, an old man like you." Do you understand? "Look at your house in shambles! Look at that ant! He doesn't have that problem." God, God, God. God is real.

You would see some ants in your house. You would walk in the grocery pushing your trolley; you come down that aisle, you see insecticide. You're already planning a chemical war to wipe out a civilization. You know why? You're growing up in a society where they say, "No, we are going and deliver this country. We are going and deliver Iraq." Or "We are going to bring democracy in Afghanistan." Making up your own lie and believing in it. But they're planning to go and kill and wipe people out to control territory. And you're thinking you're living a social, you know, civilized life. You come home with that big tin, and by the time you see those ants, you don't care where they're living, how many other ants are with them. You go in your cupboard, in your arsenal and you pull out your bomb and you start to spray. And you feel good when you kill them because you tell yourself you have delivered this place...pest control. They are not pests; God sent teachers to teach you, but you can't humble yourself to that teaching. You go out in the big school and you have your iPad and you're taking notes. And you have video thing, and you're on 'i education...' This is it. This is reality. This is reality.

So you don't see the world so. That sounds humorous but it just shows, in the end all you do, is that you are trying to keep conformity to what you call being scientific. Because science, they killed all the trees. God made them for...If we don't have those trees, brother, this whole earth will be destroyed. They turn, (what?) carbon dioxide into oxygen...Photosynthesis and all these things. And then they pollute all the water. All of this is science. They destroy the rivers, they destroy the sea. Look at all this Horizon Deepwater [Deepwater Horizon] thing that went through couple years ago.

Look at this...What is it? The Japanese, Fujima? Is it Fujima? [Fukushima]...where they had the earthquake and the radiation, all the nuclear facilities. Man kills everything. And now they even bring it down to a domestic level, with that same kind of 'killing everything' in the domestic environment. Because they breed a race of killers to make us feel, "No, we are civilized; I don't want that around my house. I don't want that around my house. No, I don't want that around my house." But God wants to show to us, God created that. And man with all their wisdom can't create one of that. But man invents this thing here with chemicals to kill. And you now under that influence — killing.

I don't want to get too deep into that, next thing some of you get fanatical because people live in so much of fear. They fear a spider, they fear this, they fear that. And the devil makes them fear all that and the thing they're really are supposed to fear they don't fear. They are running headlong into it because that again too, is culture. Do you understand? That is culture.

You see civilization has messed up the way people think. And man has been so deceived in thinking he's becoming more educated and more built up and a better person, has really become an educated unbeliever. He has been desensitized from the reality of God. But watch. In the simplicity of the Word God designated a time and season for His purpose in our lives.

He knew when He wanted us to be born. You had no choice whether you wanted to be male or female. You had no choice which race you wanted to be born in. You had no choice which time you wanted to live in. You had no choice which family you wanted to live in. God planned all that, you had no choice. The reason God planned it without you having a choice is because God had a plan for you.

Some people say...Like Michael Jackson, he didn't like being black, he didn't like how his hair was. So he started to bleach his skin, take operation, make his nose straight; do different things. Why? To blend into a next set of people. So when you look and see how people —science is deforming them and changing the way they are and giving them a false feeling. It is better to be that way. Only to realize, they are missing God's purpose for their life because the only thing to change defects is the Blood of Jesus Christ, not operations.

Some people don't like themselves the way God made them. Again, because of the images they're seeing that are glamorized and put out there as, "that's nice, that is the in-thing, that is what the crowd wants, that is what people admire." So they have this pressure now upon them; they want to be accepted.

Now that 'accepted' they want to be 'accepted', they are accepted in the Beloved. That is the real acceptance. When God accepts you, you are well accepted. But Satan has blinded them. And what they are looking for and the satisfaction and the joy that they think that that would bring, is what only the Holy Ghost can bring in a life. Man was made to thirst for God. But Satan is giving people things in a false way and the joy and the satisfaction are only temporal.

But in Song of Solomon here, watch and see how, just like the tree knows the winter is coming, just like the ant knows, just like when a season is coming in where God wants to do something in the lives of people because God designated a time and season for His purpose in our lives. And because a prudent wife is a gift from God, when God is bringing this into the life of a son, and a son into the life of a daughter of God, look how it has a season and a time for that. And look how in God's time and season this love comes about.

Do you know it was a time and season when Adam started to feel lonely? Do you know it was a time and season when God made the Bride and brought her to him? Do you know it was a time and season when Isaac needed to be comforted? And Abraham being a prophet; receiving the thoughts of God knowing where that bride is. How did he know where the bride was? He said, "Don't take from here, go over there and take. Eliezer, go in there," And he said, "The Angel will lead you." When he goes in there, Eliezer prayed a certain way for the one appointed, because there is one planned and waiting and preserved and kept back for him. But watch how he's coming into true divine leadership.

Watch how God is bringing to pass the things He planned for us because all things are provided for us in Christ. Your life is pre-planned.

Verse 10, Song of Solomon, chapter 2:

<sup>10</sup> My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*My* beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. <sup>11</sup> For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is

over and gone;

If the winter is passed, what season is it? Spring, Spring. Watch how they knew time and season. Why, "Come, let us go now." Because now is the time and season to go. Now is the time of love. Let me break it down for you a little bit. You see... Some of you are watching me in a strange way like if you don't know the Word.

Rebekah was married in the evening time. She received the bridegroom in the evening time. Is evening time a season, and morning time a season, and midday a season? That is right. Ruth... Boaz was an old man and his bride is leaving Moab coming with Naomi. She's coming with Boaz's family. She is married into that family and became kin to him, but doesn't know all of this as yet. And all that time Boaz is waiting. Do you understand? She was married at harvest time.

Why didn't the marriage take place in the days of Luther? Because God had a time for it. Why was it at evening time the Messenger went out to choose a Bride for Christ? Because God foreshowed it in the Scripture; it had an appointed time for the marriage. Why does the Bible say, "The marriage of the Lamb is..." What? —is come. Is come; the time is come, now! This is the preparation now for the Bride. Why is the Bride in this Hour coming to perfection and has the fullness of the Word to be dressed and could only marry in this Hour? Because for the two to become one, She has to be in the image and it didn't have enough Word yet to make Her into the Image. It was a growing Body of the Word; from the feet all the way up to the head, that when She comes into His Own image in order to be united with Him. That's why the marriage couldn't take place before; She is being formed. She is changing from glory unto glory, from glory unto glory. She is becoming like Christ until She becomes what? Jesus in Bride form. She is Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit, Word of His Word. She is the matching piece to the Masterpiece. Now the marriage could take place in the *Uniting Time and Sign*, in the Hour of the invisible union, in this time, at evening time, at harvest time, the marriage can take place.

Adam was reflecting this because the first marriage was God brought that marriage. And God formed a bride from the feet all the way up to the head. And when she stands, she was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh; then the marriage could take place. Is that right? And what happened when they were married? They went and had dominion in the Garden over everything.

What is going to happen after the marriage here? Christ and the Bride will have dominion in the millennium over everything. Even the Promise in the last Age, *"You will sit with Me in My Throne"*, *"You will share My dominion with Me."* What were they singing when the Book was opened? *"We shall reign as kings and priests on the earth."* Amen.

So it's tremendous when you think of... God has a season for this too. God has a season for that. And the natural marriage is a type of the Spiritual Marriage. God gives marriage to His sons because He has planned marriage for Himself. And He gave them; being a son made in His image and likeness to be a little one like Him. Because the first man...He changed His Name from Elohim to *Jehovah* which means *He who exists with His family*. He made a little one like Himself. So man now comes and God gives him a wife. But the wife God gives— the first wife God gave, she was part of the very man. And I am going to show you how God never changed and God can never change. And every wife God has, God has that missing rib somewhere and knows how to bring it back.

Watch the Bride of Christ. Some are in this island seventy miles by forty miles. Some are in Grenada smaller than that. Some are in Barbados smaller than that. Some are in a big continent like Africa. Some are in a big continent like Europe. Some are in a big continent like North America and South America. Some are in a big continent like Australia. But was God able to find them all? Would one be lost? Would there be a name that wouldn't come up? And all of them make up Christ's rib; Christ's missing rib. Of course, of course!

So no matter where a man's bride is, God knows how to move those two people together. Does God move the planets around? Does God move those constellations and bring them to a certain place? Does God do that? Did God move that Message from there and sent it around the whole world to get the Bride everywhere? That's right, because God planned all of this. Why can't we believe Him? Why can't we believe Him? Why can't we trust Him and have faith in Him? Why do we take things into our own hands and bounce our heads, and trip and fall, and disfigure ourselves and scar ourselves. And then try to behave like —you know? Why won't we let Him lead us?

Don't you want Him to lead you? Don't you want to put your life in His hands? Let His Word be a Lamp unto your feet and a Light unto your pathway? Don't you want to open your heart that the entrance of His Word could bring Light and illumination to your mind? Wouldn't it be a great thing, if God has a plan He could reveal that plan to you?

Now by a simple look in the Bible, in every Age God had a plan for people and people came to the plan. God had a plan for Moses. Is that right? God had told Abraham, "In the fourth generation; four hundred years from now..." He says, "I will deliver the people with a mighty hand." When Moses was born, did Pharaoh have a plan? Did Satan have a plan to kill Moses? Did he kill a lot of children, but couldn't get Moses? Moses' mother puts him in a little ark, floats him down that river with all those crocodiles. Passed different houses, ends up right where Pharaoh's daughter was bathing. She had no children, she takes him, hides him. He's raised up in the palace. He learned all the ways of Egypt. And when the time for God's plan comes, he refuses to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches. He laid aside all that, went down in the mud to help God's people. And when the time comes to die...Is God who saved him from those crocodiles, tells him now, "Go in the mountain and die," not even sickness could take him and he went and died. Fourteen hundred years after, he was with Jesus Christ on Mount Transfiguration.

God has a plan for us. Nothing could stop God's plan for us. God planned your salvation, how you're going to come to receive the Word. God planned your marriage. God planned your future home. He already showed you the plans. God already showed you the kind of man you are going to become when He unveiled *The Stature of a Perfect Man*; how you are going to get in the Rapture in the next World. What you are actually seeing is God has His timetable. He is right on time, and He's working everything together for your own good. Now who has a better plan than that, that you want to take things into your own hands? No.

We are in a betrothal here this morning, two young people. At one time they didn't know each other. At one time, maybe they saw each other and maybe went through something and didn't know what they were going through, and think that is the devil and shut it down, and say, "Satan, get thee hence." Maybe at that time, Satan's trying to tie up somebody with the wrong person too. Do you understand what I am saying? But God now is working. God is working. Why? Because...And which I am proving to you here by Scripture, *"A prudent wife is from the Lord."* 

In other words, God...That's in Proverbs. Now I could have started in Genesis where God says, *"I will make a help meet for him,"* [Genesis 2:18 -Ed.] you know. Not "He will give Me his plans and I am going to say, am...I have a workshop here. You want a bride? How tall must she be? Give me your blueprint, I'll see if I could make it like the way you want it." No, God planned it for you.

Some girls say, "I grew up so hard and that boy likes me, you know. And he is a nice boy but he is poor. And this rich boy is interested in me and maybe I could have a better life!" No, you grew up poor there because God is preparing you. You are overcoming inside of there. And if God is giving you one there, he is showing you *"Life does not consist of the abundance of things a person possesses."* And, *"Godliness with contentment is great gain."* And in there it's going to be faithfulness and loyalty.

Because this rich fellow like Shechem, he figures his money could give him what he wants. And he could take what he wants and have what he wants. And then, you, who were like a no class, think you land a big fish, are going to realize that, you know, he is seeing that you should be very much grateful that he paid some attention to you. Somebody of his caliber and stature would allow a nobody like you to come into his world. So you come in there as property with a little more privilege than the dog and a little more privilege than the maid in the house and so on. Do you understand?

But watch how God works. You see the thing is, the reason people get motivated and influenced to take things into their own hands and go looking are two things: one, society's impact and influence upon their minds. They get caught in that fairytale world that they see on television, on billboards and magazines and these things. And then the next thing, out there, they don't realize, "No, God already has this for me." If they knew God has this for them, then they wouldn't go trying to get it for themselves. They would realize God leads this and God brings it in time and season because to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose.

And so in Solomon here, we are reading; in Song of Solomon, we are reading, she is saying:

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

This is not an elopement, you know. This may sound like it's an elopement, but this is not an elopement.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

There's a season when the rain comes and there's a season when the rainy season is over. And there, the winter is passing. He says:

<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

All of that happens when the winter is passed. And now the spring is come and the first rain has fallen, because it takes two rains to bring that mature grain. And when the winter is passed now the life comes out of the earth. See? The flowers appear on the earth. This is poetic language describing time and season, but showing, now, it's the time of love because in nature there's a time of love. Nature has a time; a mating season, when the deep calls to the deep. And God who is writing that first Bible in nature, the deep calling...

Have you ever seen when the dogs are mating mating season for dogs come? You would see that male dog in that yard, [Brother Vin makes a sound like a dog in mating season] and he's making all that noise. And you may say...You'd take up a big stone and hit that dog, "Keep quiet, I want to sleep." But that fellow now, he is in mating season and that is a love call but that is not...You don't see that as any love call.

That is why when the Message came and Seven Thunders uttered their voices, denomination said, "Ah, that is false, that is of the devil, that Message." That is the love call for the Bride: "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." It's a time of love, the Headstone is coming with shoutings of grace. It's a time of joy and expectations in the Church. That is why they say, "Fast and pray, fast and pray, fast and pray," you know, "We want a revival." The Prophet said, "Watch them, watch them; still hang over with that Age; fast and pray, we want a revival." He said, "They failed to see the awakening of the Bride. They fail to see the Bridegroom has come. There is a Man here that could turn on the Light." Romeo is on the scene; He's taking Juliet away, "Arise, My love," The Easter Seal is opened, the resurrection is here. The Quickening Power is quickening our minds to our Promise, quickening our lives to our Age, raising us up in a spiritual Atmosphere in heavenly places. We, who were dead in sins and trespasses, raised up to New Life. It's Easter time. Hallelujah! The resurrected Christ, the living One, the Son of Man is among the people. The Ranch-boss' Son is here. Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest! He's come for His Bride. The Shout is gathering them together! Hallelujah!

When that deep starts to call; that's a longing for union. God puts it in the animals, He puts it in the birds. They're saying...This is two lovers, human beings but they're seeing the rain. "And look the rainbow in the sky; look at the seven colours, look, it's speaking of a covenant." They're seeing...They say, *"The voice of the turtle..."* which is turtle dove, not turtle like you get in the water; *"...turtle dove is in the land."* You're hearing the Dove. The Dove flew into my heart. I know that He did. See, it starts to coo. The Seventh Dove has descended, she's gentle. She came unto us at evening time and lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf. What is it? It's the time coming now, to enter into the New World. We are on the last mountain before the other Country. Do you see?

And these lovers who're coming into union are looking at nature and seeing, "Look, the flowers are appearing, look, the birds are singing." When you're in love everything gets beautiful. Because why? When a man and a woman that God planned together to be married, and in that season of union He is drawing them, and He has awakened that longing and desire inside of them; longing for fellowship. Do you see? Longing for fellowship...That is what Adam was longing for.

And when God saw that longing getting intense and Adam began to cry out, (see?) and that call went out, God heard that call. *"Hear my cry, oh Lord, attend unto my prayer. From the ends of the earth I cry unto thee."* And God came down and God tranquilized him. God tranquilized him; God is getting ready for surgery. God is getting ready to bring the bride out. God is getting ready to bring the feminish [feminine] spirit into expression. God is seeing marriage, God is seeing union.

The whole Garden started to rejoice, all the animals and they. Brother, it was couples' meeting. Male lion and the female lioness, the male dove with the female dove, the male eagle with the female eagle, the ram with the ewe; they were all there in the Garden. It was a great thing because here was coming forth the crowning thing. Why? Because a virtuous woman is the crown of her husband, hallelujah! The husband was there, God crowned him with glory. Yes, he had power and riches and everything else but the real crowning was coming when the virtuous woman came. When is Jesus really going to be crowned? The Bride; the saints will crown Him. Amen! The Bride will crown Him, friends! Glory be to God! You see the reality of this God.

And watch Solomon because remember Solomon is only a type of Christ. Solomon had the kingdom. That's right. Solomon had a bride made up of many, (Is that right?) typing this Bride in this Hour. Solomon built the house that it took seven years, like a type of the Church built in Seven Church Ages. Then the Throne is established and all the kings of the earth bring their glory into Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

...lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree...

He has gone from the rain; the seasons to botany life: the flowers to bird life: the turtledove singing, the nightingales, all the other singing of birds. And then the fig tree, he goes down now into the fig tree, a time when Israel who is the fig tree is putting forth its buds. Is that what Jesus said? *"When the fig tree puts forth its buds…"* He said, *"And the fig tree putteth forth her green figs."* Hallelujah! What is it? You see Israel is going back in the homeland. Boaz is getting ready to be married. Boaz is coming down in the field, Boaz sees that Gentile when Naomi; Israel, comes back in the homeland. It's a Mystery of Christ; the Bride is being married in this Hour, so He could go and bring full redemption to them. Oh my! *"Shall I not seek rest for thee?"* Shall I not seek rest for you? Hallelujah!

Do you want to labour, labour, labour in the energy of the flesh or do you want God to lead you into rest? Get the real rest first, the Holy Ghost, then you'll come into marriage rest. Glory be to God in the highest!

...and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Do you hear communication? This is two people...This is Jesus and the Bride talking. This is the Lord Who descends, skipping over the mountains, those Seven Mountain Peaks there, drops down. That's right. Watch, watch where this goes. Watch where this goes.

Verse 10, he starts off, he says:

... Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Now he tells us about all the winter is passed, the rain is over, the flowers appear and the time of singing of birds. The fig tree, the grape vine, the vines where the tender grapes give a good smell; the fragrance, the atmosphere there.

...my love, my fair one, and come away. He says,

<sup>14</sup> O my dove, O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,

Where is the Bride? Is She in the cleft of the Rock? *Rock of ages cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee!* That's where She is; this Rock in a weary land, this Shelter in the time of storm, this Rock of Ages, this Ever-present Water that we're getting from the Rock. That is where the dove is because doves go into a secure place. They're tender, but it's like in a fortress; "A Mighty Fortress is our God. He is my Refuge and my Strength. He is my strong Tower."

He tells them, "My dove, thou art in the cleft of the Rock." What is the cleft of the Rock? An opening in the Rock. What is the Rock? That represents the brother's dream. That represents the Bible in the brother's dream. The Rock is the Word, and there is an opening in the Word. And the Dove goes in the opening, and the Dove lives in the opening. She is not out there in the First Pull and Second Pull. In the Third Pull, in the Opening, She comes into Him. She comes back into the place where she came from. He had a cleft in His side where She is taken out from. That rib came back inside to make them one, "Father, that they may be one as I and You are One." This is uniting time. Arise, my love my fair one and come away! Hallelujah!

... in the secret places of the stairs,

In this Pyramid Rock, there are seven steps. And each one of those seven steps is a secret; it's a Seven-fold Mystery of how you come from flesh to Word. And in every Age you had the Holy Spirit; the Dove: *"He that hath an ear to hear,"* was a Seal opened and a Mystery unfolding. He said, *"And you're hiding in the cleft of the* Rock and in the secret places of the stairs."

In that Pyramid there are seven steps; the great grand gallery that brings you to the Prophet's chamber, where you will enter into the Throne Room where there is an empty coffer, where the transformation of the body is to take place. And the Fourth Guard, the Eagle standing there, to bring the comer into the Presence. To usher them into the Presence of the King at the end of the Age, to bring them into union with the Headstone. Because that Pyramid is a Mystery of Christ in the Bride! Christ is the Headstone and that Bride is the New City. The Lamb and His wife. "And I saw a Bride adorned and He showed me the City; Heavenly Jerusalem, as a Bride." And He said, "This is the Lamb's wife and the Headstone was Christ Himself. The Lamb is the Light of the City." Hallelujah! He is the Head. He is the Capstone of that Pvramid.

And look at Solomon with this wisdom. He said:

Oh my dove,

Now watch me. The Rain has been poured out in this day, the Former and the Latter Rain in the last days. The winter has passed: that denominational Age is gone. This is the resurrection time under the *Easter Seal* when He's come to us; the Mighty Angel came down on the Sunday at Easter Time. That's right!

Watch. And that's the time He is calling Her, "Come with Me now, we're going. Come, My fair one, let's go." Romeo is taking Juliet. Solomon is taking the bride; Christ is taking the Bride in this Hour; taking us out from here. *My faith in Him will take me out from here; I've never heard a Promise like this.* It is He, Himself, who comes down among His people in this Hour.

## ...O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock.

He is telling her where she is. You tell me if I'm not in the cleft of the Rock this morning here; that's where I am. You tell me I'm not in those secret places of the seven stairs. Hallelujah! You tell me this is not the Mystery, that this is the time of love when the Headstone came, (amen) when Agapo Love comes down, the greatest Power there is. The Church comes to know this Love in this Hour that we...We have always thought it was some kind of mighty power. One told us, "This is Divine Love; It will make and bring to pass the tremendous Victory in the Love Divine." Hallelujah! The Third Pull, this is what it is. The Spoken Word that could bind that devil in a knot.

...let me see thy countenance, let me hear

thy voice;

"I give you a Voice." You can't be in the cleft of the Rock and in the secret places of the stairs, and you don't have a Voice. You are the Final Voice to the Final Age. "Let me hear your Voice. Let me see if your Voice is saying the same thing I'm saying." Hallelujah! "Let me see if it's the Spirit speaking through you. Let me see you. Let me hear you say, 'amen' to the Word. Let me hear thy Voice." He said, "Let me see your countenance to see if My face is in your face so that we could see face to face." That's fellowship. That's fellowship. "The angels behold the Father's Face..." and "when that which is perfect is come, (the Bridegroom) that which is in part shall be done away...we will know as we were known... we will see face to face...let Me see your countenance."

Did we see His countenance? It shines like the sun in its full strength. His eyes were like a flame of fire. Is that right? Who was that? The Son of Man. When? Between His Priesthood and His Kingship in the Lord's Day. What time are we living in? When did He came down? Between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpets? At the Last Trump where shall we go? To the Marriage Supper. The Rapture. Is the Rapture unfolding? Is the Rapture a Mystery that is unfolding? Is it a threefold Mystery that is unfolding? Are you part of the Mystery? To be part, you must see the Bridegroom. Did you hear the Midnight Cry, *"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh?"* Did Eliezer introduce you to Him? Are you in the tent with Him? Are you having face to face fellowship with Him?

"A prudent wife is a gift from the Lord." God designated a time and season for His purpose in our life; *a time of love...to everything there is a time and season.* The Song of Solomon showed, in God's season, in the time of love, deep calls to deep, they're longing for union.

What am I doing, young people? I'm giving you steps. I'm giving you the steps how God brings you into what He planned for you. If you can't see these Scriptures in your experience, you are going in a way that seems right, but there is only one way provided by God for everything. When you're coming God's way, it's a gift from the Lord.

That brother or that sister will be a gift from the Lord to you. And for Him to give you the gift of a husband or a wife, it means to say, He knows your need. He knows the time this is to be introduced in your life. He knows the benefit this is designed to bring to you. He knows that from here on in your life, at this junction, you needed this because of the challenges that await you. And now, a twofold cord is not easily broken because now He unites you all together. Your gifts and your talents in your life, and her gifts and talents in her life, putting you all together to come forth to show God's Mystery of oneness. To bring forth fruit out of this union, to raise a family that you two can become a Jehovah; you'll make a little one like yourself. You are a little one like your papa. You are living out the same Mystery of Christ. God is beautiful, I think. I think God is wonderful.

Because in Genesis 2:18 the Lord said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a help meet for him." So if a prudent wife is a gift from the Lord, and the first time God is giving the first son a gift of a prudent woman; a virtuous woman... It is God Who makes it. He said, "I will make the help." The help is a prudent woman. The help is a virtuous woman. And this is what God is making for His son. And what He does the first time He must do every time. Because why? Marriage is a Mystery of Christ and the Church. And God has to give you something to reflect that Mystery of what He and His Church is. That is why Isaac and Rebecca, Boaz and Ruth, Ahasuerus and Esther, Salmon and Rahab, (that's right!) all of them were a type of Christ and the Church because those are the Mysteries of Christ and the Church coming together. And everything that's happening here is also a further Mystery in our Age, in our time. But now, the reality is not far off; it's like the shadows and the substance are becoming one. Now, this Mystery can be revealed in such a reality.

You see God made the first bride with three sacred virtues for His son and brought her to him. God made the bride and brought her unto him. God took the rib out of him, went into His workshop, made her and brought her out and presented her to him faultless, without spot and without wrinkle. Three sacred virtues: the bedding ground was sacred; the womanhood was sacred; the motherhood that she was going to come into, (because God had given the commission to multiply and replenish the world) was sacred. God didn't present a halfway bride. God presented a perfect bride to him there. She was chosen in him and she was blessed in him. And she went with Him and had dominion and reigned over God's Eden. That's exactly what's happening in this Hour.

Bringing it to a close here now. God made that first bride with three sacred virtues. You want to be a bride with three sacred virtues. You want to keep those virtues sacred. Do you know why those virtues are marred and fall into disrepute? It is people trying to go their own way to get what they want, not being led by God into what God has planned for you. Did you get that?

God has planned for you and only God can lead you into what He has planned for you. Not, Eliezer found the girl. No. Eliezer prayed because he was instructed that the Angel of God...Abraham said, "This Angel will go with you and He'll prosper your way." Because the Angel knows the appointed one. But he is praying in accordance with the plan because he grew up under a prophet (name) ending with H-A-M, of seven letters. Do you understand? It's a great thing. It's a great thing, friends. How beautiful God is.

Now hear... Look what the Scripture is now. Proverbs 31:10 says:

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

Now remember, the woman is a gift from God. Remember God is the One Who made the help. God is the One Who made the virtuous woman, the prudent woman. *Prudent* means *discretion... Circumspect* rather, *discerning, perceptive, enlightened.* God wants to give a man a prudent wife: circumspect, discerning, perceptive, enlightened. God wants to give a man a virtuous wife: sacred womanhood, sacred motherhood and the bedding ground sacred. Because remember,

<sup>30</sup> Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

So many men become charmed by a woman showing them favour but that favour is just to get that person. Beauty is vain.

*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:* 

A beautiful woman who is very charming and she can offer a man what he wants. Sometimes she would even go to the extent to give up her virgincy [virginity] just to get him and seal the deal. And when the marriage takes place she is a different woman all together because she got what she wanted.

And you know the old people say, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." A woman could be hospitable, a woman could make nice things, a woman could be charming, a woman, you know, she could be so many things. And if that man does not know what God has planned for him and is leading him into...Because most marriages today, they come about through some woman who knows how to treat a man well, being a good hostess.

You ever travel on the airline? "Oh, would you mind if I take that coat for you? I'll hang it up here so you can relax." You know. Then, they recline the chair and they turn it back for you so. "Oh well, would you have some red wine or white?" Or, "We also have apple juice and we also have, you know, something of your choice." You know. And you kind of find you start to feel nice already. But that's a course she takes, that's a training she gets for a job. She does that as long as the flight lasts. And notice, they're all attractive too because beauty and attractiveness are part of the package to get the job.

Because it's a way...There is nothing designed as a woman in God's creation. And every feature and every aspect of her design is so visually stimulating to a man. And that's why today, the whole world is hypnotized and being pulled into pornography and all these things. Why? Because it exposes the woman to the eye of the viewer; but "...he that looketh upon a woman to lust have already committed adultery in his heart." [Matthew 5:28 -Ed.]

So when we look and we see how these things are, friends ...There's a way people try to come into things. And a lot of marriages take place because it's a beautiful woman who's treating somebody nice. Because that beauty is so visually stimulating that a man wants to land the big prize. And he's not looking for loyalty, he's not looking for compassion. He is not looking to see if that woman prays; he is not looking to see if she reads the Word. He's not looking to see if she is dedicated there, to see if she is teachable, if she can take correction, if she could humble herself when she is wrong. And you just get carried away with a nice straight nose and a nice smile and dimples and curly hair or something. You're in problems. Because that doesn't make a marriage. A man must choose with character.

But you see beauty is glamour. We're in an Age where the beauty of women is most glamorized. So that's why most young men growing up today are swept and it's hard for them to keep a control because in the last days women have become more fair through cosmetics and science and cosmetic surgery and all kinds of different things. Because a woman could get what shape she wants with cosmetic surgery today. You're walking along there, you don't even know how much silicone and airbag you're dealing with.

Apart from being in that condition spiritually and then physically, well sometimes in this Age of transvestite and sex operation, turning woman into man and man into woman, you better check her papers real clear when you think you're going...Because they can enter —now with the laws, they could enter beauty contests.

But what God planned for you God leads you into it. And sometimes you're looking for it in the environment and getting frustrated, and it is not in your immediate environment. God told Jacob, "Go by your family." God tells this one, Isaac, "Go by your family." Did you hear that? Family; I hope you get that; family! How do you know the family? They better have the same Seed and the same Blood your daddy has. If they don't have the same Seed and the same Blood, that is not family. Family is blood relation. This is Apostolic Blood. This is the Blood, the faith of the fathers. Get that clear. So you know when I say 'family' what I mean. And I know the family; you don't know the family. You don't know the family at all. You think you know the family because I am sent to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. I preach the Gospel among family and not among family and some is pumpkin vine family and some are other kinds of family; but I know the real family. I know the House. The kinsman is the nearer Kinsman. Redemption is really the nearer Kinsman where the Blood is thicker and the obligation is greater.

I am making life simple for you. I am making life so simple for you that you could see how clear God planned this for you. He gives that wife, right? We went through that. That's His gift, His best gift after salvation, "A prudent wife is a gift from the Lord." Then God has a time and season. A time for love and God brings that season. And just like the Bride is going through hers now, I read it in Song of Solomon, the two people know. They are able to read the signs in nature, read the signs in their experience, read the identification and know 'this is the time', because this is deep calling unto deep. This is the time of union. That's right.

Then we find God made the first bride with three sacred virtues for His first son and brings her to Him. Then in the Scripture I just read now:

Who could find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies?

God knows where to find the woman with the three sacred virtues, God knows where she was. Abraham said, "Put your hand on my thigh and swear. She is not here among the Canaanites! Go where my family is." Did you get that? The point I am making, God knows where they are. Don't get frustrated, "I can't find my mate." No, God knows where it is. Start to talk to God in the line of His Word. Say, "Lord, am I overlooking my mate here? It's right here; You already brought it to me and I can't see it because my mind...I'm trapped in a concept. And my concept has me looking for something and I can't recognize You amongst us."

Remember, everybody was looking for Jesus to come in the sky? And then he says, *Presence of God Unrecognized - True Sign Overlooked*, right in their midst. For four thousand years, they looked for the Messiah and when He came in their midst, they called Him Beelzebub. The Mate had come to them and He had found the wife in such a condition. Remember Jehovah? He says, "Israel's treacherous sister...Judah, a next treacherous one." What they did to Him? He said, "But yet I say come back." But they were going after many lovers. That's right. God works this.

Then finally God came down, right among them and they humiliated Him, they rejected Him, they ill-treated Him. Look what they do to Him in this day, the same thing; a second crucifixion. Yet they're talking about Jesus, "We love Jesus, we love Jesus." And Jesus comes right there and they call Him a Beelzebub again. They say He's fortune telling, He's reading the people's minds and hypnotizing them. They did just what their fathers did back there, because their organizational fathers were back there.

The organizational fathers of these denominational churches today are Sadducees and Pharisees because they come together to reject the Message, the same way these today reject the same Son of Man. And the Apostolic fathers say, "We are the children whose hearts are turned back to them." They recognized the Son of Man and received the Spirit of the Son of Man and that Ministry was continuing in them; the same thing. My! That is Word. That's the Word going forth there. That's the Word.

God designated the time and the season and the provided way. He designated the time; a time for love, a time to marry, a time to embrace. And the season, because to everything there is a season and to every purpose there's a time. And God also provided the way; there's only one way provided by God, for the bride, which He appointed and made for you. Because God made the first bride, and He appointed the bride. Rebekah was the bride appointed for Isaac. Eve was the bride made for Adam. God made her; she was a compliment to him. God is making one who is a compliment to you and God knows how to bring them to you.

Watch. Just let me read verse 14, then Genesis 24. You don't have to turn with me, you could listen. If you want to turn, that's fine. I'll call the Scripture. This is Eliezer by the well praying.

## <sup>14</sup> And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say,

Look at Isaac; Isaac is there lonely looking for the bride. No bride, he can't see the bride, he's only seeing Canaanite women. But the bride is down there waiting. And the 'deep' starts to call and little Rebekah down there is keeping herself in the midst of all those Babylonian spirits down there; obedient, full of service, full of industry (industrious). And then now, the messenger now is going. Because God is getting ready to bring his missing rib to him; the one that God planned for him, the one that God designed for him, the one that God appointed for him. Look how God, through prayer and divine leadership (are you catching that?) Marriage by Appointment...Through prayer and leadership, God appointed the virtuous bride for His son.

God designed the virtuous woman for the first son. In the Garden, the Father is preparing the bride for the son; Genesis 2. Genesis 24, Abraham, the father is sending out the servant to get the bride for his son. That's right. In the Evening time, the Father sends out the Messenger to get the Bride for His Son. God is consistent, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* [Hebrews 13:8 -Ed.] God doesn't change His pattern. God has a time and season (The time and season have come for these two young people...Let the musicians come for me) and a provided way for the bride which he has appointed and made to be found.

And Eliezer prayed:

<sup>14</sup> And Let it come to pass...

Watch the prayer. The prayer is proving he understands that the bride is already there. He is being led by the Spirit, by the Angel, to the very place. And he has the faith. He's been instructed and he knows he is carrying out the instructions as it had been given to him.

> <sup>14</sup> And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say...

I shall say and she shall say.

...Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; (let the same be she that thou hast appointed...) and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

And verse 50; it says,

<sup>50</sup> Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

<sup>51</sup> Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

Laban and Bethuel, the brother and the mother, say, "We cannot speak unto thee bad or good."

He says: But,

Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken."

"We cannot speak because the Lord hath spoken."

"We cannot speak but the Lord hath spoken."

"Let her be that one that is appointed."

My last Scripture here, showing how God has a bride appointed for His son, but He brings her into manifestation in the time and season of the son's life. She came in at a time and season in Isaac's life. We are coming in, in a time and season in Christ's Life. Christ had to wait for Seven Church Ages before He gets His Bride. But God built up this Bride, the growing Body of His Word, from faith to Perfect Love in Seven Church Ages.

And now, a Bride is coming in His very own Image in order to be united with Him. And we see the first mature one waved that was Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit, Work of His Work. One that was...Everything was Jesus except the corporal body. Christ was formed in Him as He is being formed in every member. And every member is being brought to their position and established in their place in this Hour. She was appointed as Rebekah was appointed.

She is brought into manifestation in the time and season of the Son's Life, as Eve came in that time and season of Adam's life. As Ruth came in the time and season of Boaz's life. As Rahab came in that time and season of Salmon's life in the Hour when the iniquity of the Amorites was full and the wrath of God was going forth at Harvest time, at Evening time, at the end of the Seventh Age. Look how God has a time appointed in the son's life, 'as he has need of her'. It's when Adam had need of her, when Isaac had need of her and as it becomes needful for her to know him and come into union with him. Did you get that?

When it becomes needful for you to know him, God will make him known to you. He has never failed. Ruth didn't even know who the husband was going to be. She just came to serve. She just wanted to serve. She was about service. She didn't arrange, *"It was her hap to light upon a field that belongs to Boaz, a kinsman of Naomi." It was her hap to light...It is like by chance, by opportunity, by Divine Providence. She just keeps on*  walking and not realizing, she walks into this field today, when previously she wasn't in that field.

And then in that field, she witnessed something. There was a Chief Reaper telling his life story how the Pillar of Fire came in the springtime –in the spring time and hang over the crib. And how the Angel came and commissioned him and gave him gifts to go out. It was the beginning of the barley harvest. The Bible is very clear, it was an appointed time, a set time in the economy of God and Naomi was coming back to her homeland. God is painting a picture because every son and daughter that is truly married by God is a Mystery of Christ and the Bride; Ephesians 5: 30-32.

From the very first son and the first wife was a Mystery of Christ. And God, down through the Age has brought every son and daughter into union, whom He has planned to be together. A lot of people, they don't like to submit to God's Word because they don't have faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. They lean on their own understanding. But the Word says, *"Acknowledge the Lord in all thy ways and He shall direct thy paths...Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not on thine own understanding."* [Proverbs 3:5-6 -Ed.] This God loves you and this God has planned for you. But this God planned your time and season because this God has a story to unfold in your life.

That's why Boaz and Ruth is not the whole Mystery. Neither is Isaac and Rebekah the whole Mystery. Neither is Ahasuerus and Esther the whole Mystery. Neither is Salmon and Rahab the whole Mystery. Neither is Judah and Tamar the whole Mystery. You are not the whole Mystery either; you are part of the Mystery. You are part of Christ; you're just a part of the Word. You are a feminish [feminine] part taken out from Him. But watch how wonderful this God is.

Nowhere that we look at...It's a gift from God. He made the first one, "I will make him a help." What is a help? A prudent wife, a virtuous woman, "I will give him the gift." Why? "It's not good for him to be alone." He is in the season where he is longing for union. The deep is calling for union. And now, God is bringing it in the season. Because God had a season, that's why He didn't make them separate from the beginning. God had an appointed season when that Mystery was to be made known.

We had an appointed time to be here on the earth when the Seals will be opened, when the Mystery of the Bride will come forth. Because we have had churches, churches, brides, brides, just the Word in part, but the real Bride is to come forth in this Age. Just like down through the Age, each messenger bringing part of the Word to reveal the Bridegroom, but then all seven spirits become the Mighty Angel coming down, Himself, on the earth. And all seven parts of the Mystery that each Age produced, is all gathered up in the Bride. And now, a greater than Esther is here and a greater than Ruth is here, a greater than Sarah is here just like in this day, when the very Person Himself came down in human flesh to reveal the Son of Man again. What a great thing, friends.

How beautiful when we look and see that God has planned for you. And watch when God does all this planning, in Matthew 19 God is the One Who designed the bride, *"I will make a help."* God is the One Who appointed her. God is the One Who knows how to, by His divine leadership, find her, *'Who can find a virtuous woman?*' No man could find her. God is showing, it's He Who brings her to you. You can't find her in your own self. It is not within man to direct his own steps. "The footsteps of a good man, is ordered of the Lord." [Psalms 37:23 -Ed.]

God brings to pass what He has planned for you, just like you couldn't find the salvation for yourself. No! But God... because *"No man could come except the Father draws him."* [John 6:44 -Ed.] How beautiful. God had a designated time and season. A provided way for the bride, which He appointed, which He made for you, to be found through His divine leadership, through prayer, through the working of the Spirit, bringing the bride out to recognize the day of visitation.

Then when God brought the two; the one He designed, the one He appointed for Adam —God had the blueprint; God knew how he wanted her. God knows how to please us, friends. God is confident. You might like a lot of things but when God provides for you, your thoughts go back, and you see the wisdom of God and how God's thoughts are higher than your thoughts and how God's ways are higher than your ways and how your carnal mind is in enmity to God but it's God's grace and power to bring His goodness to you.

As he had need of her and as it became needful for her to know him, it was time for Eve to come into expression and know who her head is going to be and come into union with him. And when God brought them together God joined them. God joined the man and the woman together in the designated time and season according to His purpose, according to His plan.

God is the One Who joins; God designs, God leads to find, God appoints. God brings her to him and then God joins them together. God put the deep, the longing to call on the deep, "Arise, my love, my fair one, come away," the time of love...when that season comes. [Matthew 19]

> <sup>3</sup> 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?

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

> <sup>5</sup> And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother,

Father and mother are the closest of relationships a woman or man could have because we all are a product of the union of father and mother. Father had a sperm and mother had an egg. And when the father's sperm and the mother's egg united, we were formed in the mother's womb, this body. And we have to leave that, *"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother,"* and cleave to the one God appoints for him, to the one God ordained for him, to the one God planned for him, to the one that God...Why? Because in God's time and season, now, God is ready to express this Mystery one more time in the earth, to show His glory, to show His wisdom, to show the great Love He had for the Church. God does this.

And "For this cause," he says, "they shall leave father and mother and shall cleave to each other."

> ...and they twain shall be one flesh? <sup>6</sup> Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder

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Friends, God only joins Word with Word. God only joins a man with his own rib. That is why Rebekah is blood relation. That's why Eve was blood relation. That's why we are blood relation with Jesus, because in the thoughts of God, we were already part of Christ, chosen in Him and blessed in Him and predestinated to the Age we're coming in, to manifest the Word for the Age.

There's a great mistake in desiring a partner that God hasn't plan for you. You are being influenced with favour which is deceitful and beauty that is vain; outward beauty. But God leads you to the one He planned for you and then God identifies and confirms. That the parents could say, "This thing proceedeth forth from the Lord." And the parents could let go and say, "Take her and go," because when God plans God is working in everything. What a confidence we could have in God. We don't have to take things our own way. We don't have to be motivated by lust and desire and carnal human influence or a mind bombarded with Hollywood and Bollywood and all these different things. We don't want Hollywood, we want Holy Word. We want Holy Word by the grace of God.

We have these two families here, today. Bro. Baldath and his wife, their daughter, and they know that she's in love. They remember when they were in love. Her time has come and they have given consent. And I was hearing some of the little testimony how the brother has been building the place there. And you know, the two families they're so happy. Sis. Tolly and her husband are happy for Dwayne. And these are happy for Devika. The families come and they're working in support because they could recognize that God has done something here in the lives of these two people. They feel a sense of peace.

Parents knows... parents knows —parents who love their children knows. You know why? Because God is a Parent and God made a parent, a parent because He is a Parent. And God knows all of this goes with parenthood. Because God is the same way, He doesn't let go of His children so too. He checks them. The Holy Ghost convicts them and gives them a witness and says, "No, no, don't get involved in that." And pulls them back. And it's the same way God does and parents do because they come from them. They were an attribute in the parent like we were an attribute in God. You see it is laws of life.

That's why these things are not carnal fleshly things; they are spiritual things. It becomes carnal and fleshly because it isn't revealed to us what we're tampering with. We get in the way, we misinterpret things, we do things and then we lose direction. But these things allow God even to further convince us, He chose us, He ordained these things in our lives. And no matter what Satan tries to do, God works it to the fulfilling of His will to bring Glory to His Name, to be the same. To prove *He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.* Because the same way Eve had that problem in the Garden, God made Adam like Himself, so Adam threw himself in the gap because this is God. God passes people's lives in places to reveal Himself.

That's why when we come to things like this, it's a special time. It's an important time in the lives of two young people. May God bless them today on the day of their betrothal. They are about to be betrothed. I ask them to stand; our Bro. Dwayne Balladin and Sis. Devika Sankar. They could come forward by God's grace. Praise His wonderful Name. Glory be to God. Amen.

It's always a joy to have nice, young people in the Assembly. When they come in times like these, their family could come and even see what they believe. The things they stand for, the principles that they grow under, that they are a part of the household of faith. Here the Gospel is clear. The motives are transparent. This is not...It might be a little strange to secular people but it is very, very Scriptural. It is something not shaky and loose but it's something straight. And something where there is still parental influence here, to watch over the children of their parents. And nothing happens here outside the parents knowing because that is the way I believe.

I believe God has a principle He started with in the beginning and God has never altered His principle. If God has to do it over again a million times, He will do it over the way He did it the first time.

Sometimes as human beings, we get down to a place we want to fix this and make this to get a shortcut; discard people and move people's children a certain way. I always believe you come into this world through parents. And sometimes parents do not understand children and children may not understand parents but you respect your parents. You "honor your father and your mother that your days may be long, in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee." [Exodus 20:12 -Ed.]

And if you are a Christian and you have the Holy Spirit, then how much more you know how to represent Jesus Christ in His Word, in integrity, in sincerity, in a virtuous way, in a way that reflects Light and not darkness. Because the Holy Ghost in you gives you faith and faith stays with the Word. It's so beautiful.

And I think they have a little song. I was studying last night and hearing the song being practiced... (They could come forward.) sounds like Hadassah and David. Yes? Praise the Lord. The turtle...The birds are singing. That is what Solomon says, the birds are singing and the voice of the turtledove is in the land. And we know that. The Seventh Dove and the Rains have been poured out and the Wheat is maturing. The figs are coming forth and the grapes and it is such a beautiful fragrance.

Are you happy this morning? [Congregation says, "Amen" -Ed.] Don't get like you are in funeral. This is a time of joy, you know, by God's grace. This is a time of celebration here. Praise...Just give them another hand of appreciation, amen, a good support by the grace of God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise Him. [Blank spot -Ed.] It is going to be something that will motivate and inspire them to continue to be real ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

And their family is here with them, you know, today. And we are very, very happy for that. We trust that, you know, it has been a blessing for all that is here.

[Bro. David Dayal and Sis. Hadassah Noel sings God brought me to you –Ed.] [Song # 1083 Song That Live -Ed]

In the beginning, Adam was alone He needed fellowship That he could get from his bones God laid him to sleep Took a rib from his side And when he awoke he beheld his bride

CHORUS: God brought me to you The rib that I have been looking for I stand before you God brought us together To walk with you to that Bright City God brought me to you

'Cause God is your head You can be my head too I know you will rule with love So I submit to you With a Christ-like nature I've no need to fear I know we can have a home You lead in prayer

God brought me to you The rib that you were looking for I found it in you God brought us together To walk with you to that Bright City God brought me to you I have found a virtuous woman In you, I see the mystery of Christ God brought us together God brought us together And I love you, God brought me to you

Hallelujah! Amen. Amen. When God arranges things, there is always something special about it. Feels so nice, the Holy Spirit just...Who wrote that song? Who? Hadassah? Whooo! That was a masterpiece. I'm hearing the words and I'm, you know, and the... It's really tremendous. This also is a gift from God for them. Amen, praise His wonderful Name. Guess God has something good in store for Hadassah somewhere along the line. Oh, praise His wonderful Name.

Join your right hands together. Let's have a prayer in our hearts for them. We certainly desire that the Lord will truly give them all that they have need of. And help them from here and the way that this would be consummated and be brought to His glory, great honor unto the Lord Jesus.

Father, we are so thankful today, to feel Your great august Presence come down. Lord, it touches our hearts so deeply, to see how You always show up to give witness to Your children because You know our hearts, dear God. You know the love that we have for You and the desire deep within to serve You and to walk in all of Your Will. It makes us feel so small, dear God, when we realize that, sometimes we just can't seem to come to the place to give You all that You desire. And all that we should truly give to You we find ourselves so insufficient at times. But oh God, just knowing that You know and You understand this, Lord, it brings an assurance in our hearts that Lord, You know our hearts, dear God. And You know that You will make a way. And how to make that way, that what is in our hearts can come out in a way to glorify You and honor You and become an influence for You in the earth, dear God.

We thank You, Lord, for Bro. Dwayne and Sis. Devika. Lord, a young man and a young woman that You brought to know each other during their sojourn in the Assembly here. You drew them to this place, dear God. Lord, their parents who saw them grow from birth and raised and matured to this very time and season, and who also desire to see them come into rest, come into a settled state of married life and to see You provide for them.

They, dear God, it's such a wonderful thing that You have so arranged it, that family and friends of theirs can be here also to share this blessed moment, this special moment in their lives. And Lord, even to witness that You are here, Father. That You have drawn near today and overshadowed this place with Your Presence and especially this couple at this time, Father.

They walked down the aisles here and take their place. And this song being ministered, Lord, to them; a song that You gave such inspiration to write. Such beautiful words reflecting the Scriptures, such a sweet atmosphere of love, the way, Lord, it was ministered, Father. We are certainly happy because it brings the Scripture alive that this is the time; *"Arise, my love, my fair one and come away."* 

Oh gracious God, truly Lord, we rejoice to see the Scripture fulfilled once again. Even the Word that You gave, Father, to show You have already chosen the mate. You have planned these things. You have planned every aspect of our lives. And through Your divine leadership, You've brought them to this junction as they see Your will unfold, as they can see how You work, Father. May it be so illuminated before them, that they can realize this is the handy work of the Almighty God. "This is the Lord's doing. The thing proceedeth forth from the Lord," as the family of Rebekah said as Eliezer gave his testimony how the Angel of God directed things, the prayer that was prayed.

And in the presence of all these young ones, Father, we spent these last three Sundays, Lord, talking to them along these lines that these words would be engraved upon the tables of their heart. That it will from this day govern and influence their lives, even as You have worked it in the lives of this young couple.

Bless them, dear God. May they continue to see Your great Will and purpose, and all that You have planned for them. Seeing, oh God, on this day of their betrothal, the first climax of bringing this union to a consummated state. Knowing that next month, Lord, is the time appointed for the marriage that Lord, You will continue to unfold Your Will and open every way and provide and supply every need, just as You have done thus far. And just as it has inspired them and given them such a joy and a happiness that they can see how You have provided, how You have supplied things like You're just working miracle after miracle for them, dear God. And Lord, how You provided the help that they had need of. And truly, all these things have been such a great blessing to hear them tell the story of what You have done and are doing for them, Father.

May this influence cause them to be so rooted and grounded, so established and settled in the faith of Jesus Christ that they would carry themselves with a holy dignity, with such a sacred responsibility, Father. Lord, walking as a young man, a prince, and a princess in this house, oh God, leaving footprints in the sands of time, that all these hundreds of others, Lord God, just like them, coming behind, Lord, will see fresh footprints, clear, marked out, the Word of God. Lord, something to let them know that, Lord, You are a God that truly keeps Your Word.

And may You make them a great blessing and a great influence. And Lord, may their lives tell this great story, that dear God, it will bring glory and honor to Your Name. Keep them, oh God, Lord, growing in grace and in knowledge. And keep Your love being shed abroad in their hearts, coming to know each other by revelation, Father. Coming to understand Your Will and Your purpose more clearly in their lives. And dear God, seeing Lord, all that You have planned for them come into full fruition.

We commit them into Your Hands this day. And we pray that You will keep them, Lord, unspotted in every way. And Lord, God, bring it to a great climax that when the time appointed for the marriage next month, Lord, it will be a great and glorious time for them and their people. Grant it, we ask. We commit them into Your mighty Hands. We so appreciate You, Father. And we so appreciate what You have done for them. And we appreciate them, to know dear God, that You could bless them in this way because of the love that they love You and separated from the world and turned their backs on the world to walk with You.

May You ever keep them faithful and they will always live for You. And their lives would always be a testimony, written epistles read of all men. That Lord, it will be just like Isaac and Rebekah in the Bible, just like Boaz and Ruth and things that we read of. Stories that You put to celebrate the love, the time of love and the way You planned these things, that it might cause You to be seen that You are still that God who joins a man and a woman together. And You join them for all eternity and that nothing could put them asunder when You join them, Father.

Just like You built Your Church, You said, "Upon this Rock, I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So you've established them and joined them in this love and on the basis of Your infallible Truth that no powers, as it is written "what shall separate us from the love of God that's in Christ Jesus." May they be so bound with the Love of God and the Word of Truth. We pray and we ask it on the day of their betrothal, in the Almighty and precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless you, you are betrothed. God bless you. Congratulations. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. God bless them and God be with them. Praise His wonderful Name. To God be the glory. Amen. What a great mighty God we serve.

Let's sing a little chorus: I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord today,

because You cared for me, in such a special way.

And remember me, I'm getting ready to leave, you know, on Wednesday I leave for Brazil. I have meetings

in Campo Grande, seven churches or more gathering there for that meeting. And then to Brasilia the following week, another group of churches down there. And God help me that...It's been such a crunch time for me, I've been preaching since, (I think,) I came back from Brazil in April and almost every service. You know, we just feel kind of tired sometimes to get on a plane and go into more meetings but you know, God knows. But I certainly need His grace and help and strength and support in prayer that everything will go fine by the grace of God. And God makes it a great success and blessing for His people there.

I trust you've enjoyed the service today, amen. Everyone is happy to be in the house of God. God bless you. And to all the visitors and strangers and all the friends and the family, I say, come back again, amen. Come back again and hear a little more by God's grace. I'm sure that you are going to find that it's something that will do you good. Amen.

As the song leader comes,

[Song # 430 Song That Live -Ed] I love You, I love You, I love You Lord, today. I love You, I love You I love You, Lord, today Because You cared for me In such a special way...

