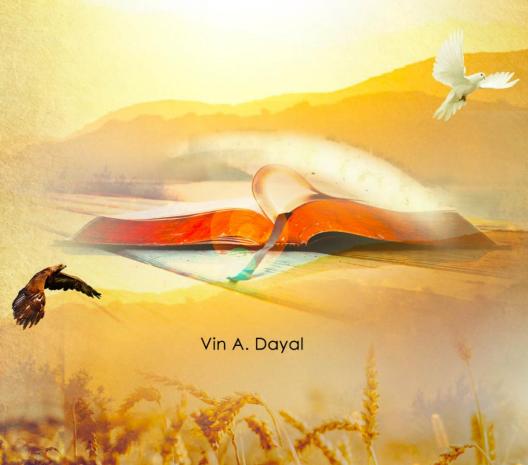
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And I know that Thou art with me,

Wilt be with me to the end.

Oh, let's lift our hands and sing it to Him.

Jesus, Jesus...

Let's express that great faith that we have in Him today.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Hallelujah. Let's just bow our hearts all around the building, as we look to Him in prayer, knowing that He is faithful, He is desirous to give to you this morning, what you have need of.

You've come into His Presence, offering the fruits of your lips, giving praise and thanks unto Him; coming by a New and Living Way through His precious Blood, with confession and faith, knowing that He is faithful Who promised, that He is interested this morning, in every need. He is the great High Priest, that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

He is the great, Mighty One, Who stands to intercede upon the confession of our faith. We know that there is a power in true confession, when we in our souls can line up with His Word and say what His Word says, in the face of all circumstances; a faith that does not take circumstances into consideration.

Like father Abraham, he was strong in faith giving praise and glory unto God, not staggering through unbelief; believing in hope against hope; not looking at his symptoms, knowing that they were lying vanities; not forsaking his own mercy, but lifting his eyes, and looking to what God had spoken.

You will find that He is faithful. You will find that He is ready to prove that Word, to confirm that Word of promise in your life. That's the attitude we want to come with this morning.

Praise His mighty Name. He, Who has spoken to us: "Fear not, Ruth. Now it is true that I Am thy near kinsman." We know what these things mean, friends. That was not just some good feeling, but that was His blessed assurance to us, that we have nothing to worry about. We have the privilege to cast our cares upon Him, knowing that He careth for us. Have faith, and believe Him with all your heart.

Our gracious Lord Jesus, we are so grateful for Your unfailing Words of promise, that as we would come and assemble ourselves in Your Divine Presence, Lord God, drawing nigh unto Thee, in a true heart in full assurance of faith; coming on the approach, oh God, like the priests of the Old Testament that had the privilege to have access into Your Presence, through the shed blood of an innocent sacrifice.

And God, You Who designed the garments that they should wear, and told them that they should put bells and pomegranates on the hem of those garments, that when they would come on the approach, it would make a sound, playing out, "Holy, holy," unto the Lord.

A people, dear God, that was chosen and predestinated to be part of a priesthood; born into a family of priests, dear God, something that they didn't join, but by a birth, by election and calling, they could come into Your mighty Presence.

And dear God, this was such a privilege that was envied by all others who could not have that privilege,

Father. And dear God, knowing that today it has not changed, but it has come from shadow to reality. And we, as a Royal Priesthood, a Chosen Generation, a Peculiar People, a Holy Nation, may this, oh God, by Your election and calling, by the Blood of Jesus Christ, we have this privilege to come into Your Presence today, to assemble, oh God, to offer spiritual sacrifices, which is acceptable unto You, dear God. And knowing oh God, that You, our great God, Lord, here in the presence of Your people, oh God, in the form of this great Pillar of Fire, this Shekinah glory, You said, "I will meet you in there."

To know that You still meet with Your people in the place where You have placed Your Name. You still meet with Your people, oh God, Father, in the Holy of holies; a place that we can come by faith, this morning, by Divine revelation, that has been imparted unto us, this grace, that we can come.

And so, dear God, we come this morning, remembering You said, "Blessed is the man that You chooseth, and causeth to approach unto You." And so, we come on the same approach this morning, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; coming by that Allsufficient Sacrifice, this morning; coming, oh God, knowing that You have given us promises, oh God, that Lord, when we could stand in Your Presence, and believe that we have received what we asked for in prayer, we shall have it.

And I pray, dear God, that that would give encouragement to every one that is in need this morning, that has come up to Your house today. Like Israel of old, when they said, "Let us go into the house of the Lord," knowing that at that time, they came up under an animal sacrifice. But today, we come up, Lord, by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that the promises of God are 'yea' and 'amen', and that You said, "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I Am in the midst."

And Lord we pray that, Lord, Your Holy Spirit will quicken and make this such a realization in every heart, that Lord, all circumstances will fade away in the face of these things. Faith will be inspired, dear God, the promises will resound in the heart of the believer, oh God, that has come to worship You this morning, in Spirit and Truth.

And may Your Holy Spirit, dear God, lead and direct us in the paths of service. And may all that stand here believing, Lord Jesus, have access to faith, that faith could be inspired to their heart; that they can break past the realm of the five senses, and like a spiritual astronaut, soar into Heavenly places, recognizing what You have made us as believers in Christ, (hallelujah!) Lord, as part of that great Family of God, with this Name revealed and written in our foreheads, this morning. May You grant it, oh God.

And I pray, Lord Jesus, that Lord God, You will just move in our midst and stimulate that faith, Father. And bring us, oh God, into the place where faith can take such a grip upon what You have given and made available through Your shed Blood, oh gracious God, that the sick can go back home well today; that Lord God, they that are oppressed can go back home rejoicing, delivered, oh God, the weary can receive strength this morning; they, oh God, that are struggling, oh God, Father, Lord, can receive the Quickening Power that can raise them up, Lord, that Lord, they can live by that law of faith on the inside, where they don't have to struggle, oh God, but to set their wings of faith in the current of the Holy Spirit and see You take them into the promises. Oh God. May You grant it, Father.

Bless the strangers and the visitors also, within our gates. We ask, dear God, that You'll remember each and every one. We ask that Your grace and Your mercy would be poured out abundantly.

And Lord, Jesus, even Your children out in the region, oh God, they who were gathered with us here,

just last weekend, oh God, when we were rejoicing, dancing, shouting, worshipping You, dear God, together; Lord, we pray as they go back, Father, oh God, that Your Holy Spirit will continue to bless them, and continue to be poured out, Lord, in their midst, dear God, and that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Oh God, have Your blessed way.

Remember our precious Bro. Sankar [Bro. Baldath Sankar - Ed.], Lord God, in the hospital this morning, recuperating. We pray that the Holy Ghost, oh God, will just overshadow him, oh God, with Your great, mighty Presence, Lord; that his deliverance would be so complete, oh God, Father, the doctors will have to testify of Your great mighty work that You have done, that the Great Physician moved ahead of them, oh God, and wrought a great, mighty work. May You grant it, Father, in the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Remember our Bro. Selwyn [Bro. Selwyn Dyer -Ed.] also. Oh God, Father, we pray You would touch him in the Name of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit, oh God, quicken him, Father, knowing what a gallant soldier, what a believer, oh God, he is, Father. In the midst of circumstances, may the praise, may the exhortation, knowing all things are possible, and with God there is nothing impossible. We pray that You will touch him, Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We pray, Lord God, the sick and the suffering will not sit down there under the oppression of their sickness and complain and wither, oh God. But Lord God, they will catch faith, they will mount up with eagle's wings, that the Holy Ghost will tear away every veil, Lord God, that's blinding them, Father. Everything, oh God, that the Devil is trying to put upon them that is negative and have them talking about death and all kinds of things, oh God, may You move it aside and give them faith, oh God, to rise up above these things, and watch You come on the scene, and change circumstances, oh God.

For You, oh God, are the Almighty God. Hallelujah! You hold life in Your hands, oh God, to give to each and everyone, Father, that death is trying to take to a premature grave. Your Quickening Power can cause them to overcome these hurdles, and go on to finish their allotted time upon the face of this earth. May You grant it, Lord.

Let us be encouraged today, and live to Your glory and live to Your honour, oh God, knowing that You are the Almighty, the All-Sufficient God. Increase the faith of Your children, Father. We pray and we ask it for Your glory, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen and amen.

Hallelujah. Praise His mighty Name. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word. Just to rest upon His promise, and have that blessed assurance. Confess in the midst of everything, "All is well." That's the faith that God is looking for, friends. That's the Word of God being proven and tried, in the lives of believers. God can't try it in the pages of the Bible. But God will take it out of the pages of the Bible, put it into the heart of a believer, and test that Word, and watch the testimony come back and say, "I see it live."

You can't see it live while it's on the page. You can read about it. It's a promise laying on the page. But it's a promise believed and acted upon, when it falls in the heart of a believer. God proves His Word by them that believe. And if the Word has been spoken, the Word has been revealed, the Word is anointed, there must be people to take that Word and make it manifest.

That's why we are *called*, friends. That's what our Christianity is all about. Abraham was not just a good man who lived and died. Abraham was a man given a promise. Noah wasn't just a good man who lived and died and served God, and wasn't a heathen. That's a man, who was given a promise. Amen.

Joshua was a man given a promise. He wasn't a man just leading a bunch of people to a new land. They had to go in and fight and take it. Because God said, "The

Lord, thy God *shall* be with you, and no man shall be able to stand before you."

Jesus Christ didn't just come, you know, as a Holy man, not drinking and not smoking and these things. He came to prove that the God of the Bible and the promises for that Age were being made manifest.

Bro. Branham wasn't just a good man, friends. He was a man who had a promise, in the face of all denominations, in the face of all heathen religion, to prove that Jehovah God is still the same and does the same. And that He is not dead, He is alive, and to give witness to St. Luke 17:30, Hebrews 13:8, and prove these things.

And that's why we are here, because they talk about a Church, and they have all kinds of churches to replace the true Church. And God said the true Church never went out of existence. There are living descendents on the earth this morning. Hallelujah! And God has to witness those people, and God has to test them and try them by the Word, to make that Word manifest. Amen.

Then the denominations of the world become guilty. Then a person who doesn't walk in the Truth becomes guilty. Because there is somebody who could have believed the promise for the Hour. That is what it is. It is not apparel. The Kingdom of God is not that. The Kingdom of God is the Word made Spirit and Life in the believer. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Amen. Even the heat doesn't bother that faith. Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest.

I thought I was so tired, couldn't even get up and I thought I wouldn't come to Church this morning. Finally, I decided, I said, "Let me go." Amen. But I came and I feel good already. Amen.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Turn with me in the Bible, James Chapter 1, verse 2. I'm just going to pick a few places and read. Do you have it? Amen.

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work...

Let it. Don't interrupt it.

... let patience have her perfect work...

Let God try the Word in you. Don't ask God to remove It, and don't fight up and squirm. Amen. Don't find it's taking too long. Don't complain and say, "Like God doesn't love me."

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Verse 12:

¹² Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

"Even to them who are called, according to His purpose," another Scripture said. [Romans 8:28 -Ed.] And verse 17:

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

¹⁸ Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth...

"Of His own will." Not by the will of man, not by your will, but by God's election. God came down and you were begotten again to a living hope. He gave you a New Birth, (amen,) because only Seed could be re-born. And He begat you by the Word of Truth. After you heard the Word of Truth, you were sealed with the Spirit of Promise. Do you know that?

... that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

James was saying, "We, in the first Age here, are a kind of first fruits. There is a whole harvest coming. It will take about Seven Church Ages, but we are a kind

of first fruits following the Ministry of the Son of Man." Amen. Glory! What a great thing.

James Chapter 5, verse 7:

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren...

He was still in the same theme. It is good to read the Book of James. Do you know why? James said, "Man must see the works inside of you." Paul said, "God sees the faith in you." Paul justified you by faith, but James justified you by your works. James said, "Faith without works is dead."

You can't speak and say, "I'm in the Message, I have the Cloud, I have the eagle belt-buckle." James said, "Nonsense. Away with that." James said, "Let me see your life, proving you are making ready for the promise. (Amen.) Let me see how you stand when you are tried. Let me see if you count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations. Let me see if the testing of your faith worketh patience." Glory!

But James said, "Rahab, the Gentile at the end of the Age, had faith and works." Is that right? Paul justified her by faith in Hebrews 11; James justified her by works in James 2. So, if Rahab is here with the token, she has it. She has both of them.

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

He said, "We were a kind of first fruits." But he said, "Be patient. You, endure your temptation unto the Coming of the Lord, because the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth." It's a whole harvest coming forth, not just us, because Alpha and Omega will be the same.

... and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Two rains make a mature grain. Two rains bring the harvest.

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Again, verse 7 and verse 8, what is his focus? The Coming of the Lord. What is going to happen at the Coming of the Lord? There will be 'the precious fruit of the earth that the husbandman was waiting for'. There will be a whole harvest. There will be mature grain.

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Now we know that James was looking for the Coming. Jesus told them, "When you see the Son of Man come in a Cloud, you know the time is at hand." That's the time we are living in. We are not looking for that, how James was looking for it. We have seen it in this Day. We are part of it. We are caught up in it.

⁹ Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned...

Watch in that Hour, just like Paul said, "In the last days, men will be incontinent, fierce, despisers of them that do good, false accusers, trucebreakers," in the last days. That's the Spirit on the Age, pressing its way into the hearts of men.

In this very Hour, watch people hold grudges. Watch them get bitter. Watch them, they can't forgive. That's right. Watch them be competitive and fierce. Watch them, they would step and push down one, so they could get on top. This is the Age, friends. This is the Age. This is the time.

Why? "When iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." In the last days, the only place there will be love, will be among the true Elect of God. And that is not any little 'jokey' love. "It will be like what I saw beyond the curtain, it will be here before the Rapture goes." Amen? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

When that kind of love starts to come in, you watch faith move. People are trying to struggle with faith and work up a faith, because they don't have genuine love. But if you have real love, you are going to have faith. It's

impossible to love God and don't have faith. If you love Him, you trust Him. If you love Him, you believe Him. And if He revealed Himself to you, He will shed abroad His love in your heart. If He gave you the New Birth, the Holy Ghost, He put His love inside of you. He that loveth not, is not born of God, he doesn't know God. But he that is born of God, loves. Amen. Glory!

That's why faith is natural. It's like a natural thing for a Born Again believer. Seeing is a natural thing, hearing is a natural thing, smelling is a natural thing, for somebody with the first birth. Your first birth gives you those senses. You aren't trying to see me this morning. You aren't fighting up to hear me this morning, unless you have some defective hearing system or something. But if you are normal, and you stand there, you can see me and hear me. You know what colour my clothes are. You know it is I, standing in the pulpit. You can see me and know it is not a tape playing. Amen.

Well it's the same way if you have faith, by the New Birth, you can contact the God that is here. Hallelujah! Is that right? Because the New Birth gives you that sense, the Super Sense. So you know it's not a feeling. It's walking in the realization of what He has made you. It's staying and living in that same realization.

- ⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
- ⁹ Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat. He said:

... lest ye be condemned...

Because the judge, the judge condemns and the judge acquits. But it depends on the condition of your heart. Obey and live or disbelieve and die. You know that.

¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

Still on the same thought. He is saying, "You are enduring temptation but you shall receive a crown of life. You are being tested and tried, but count it all joy. Nothing is going wrong." He said, "And if your faith wants to waiver and buckle, look back in the Bible, and look at the prophets, that's your example; how they had part of the Word in their Age, and they overcame."

Abraham overcame and received the promise. Moses overcame. They suffered. They were tested. Elijah, overcame. Job, overcame. Take them for an example. They are put there for examples for you in this Hour, in the Coming of the Lord.

- ... for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
- ¹¹ Behold, we count them happy which endure. [Endure.] Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.
- ... Ye have heard of the patience of Job; and have seen the end of the Lord...

In other words, 'end' is 'aim, purpose, achievement, objective'. God had an end, He had a goal in mind, behind what Job was going through. Job wasn't just going through this just for nothing. God had something He wanted to achieve in his life. God was working out something in his life, for a testimony, for an example for us in this Hour, in the Coming of the Lord.

... Ye have heard of the patience...

He is talking about patience, endurance. Verse 7: "Be patient." Then he talked about "The Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit." Verse 8: "Be ye also patient." Verse 10: "Take the prophets for an example of

suffering affliction, and patience." Verse 11: "Count them happy which endure."

You have heard of the *patience* of Job: patience, endurance, waiting for the promise. And then you have not only heard, but you have seen. You have heard and you have seen. I have heard, but now I see. You have seen the end of the Lord. The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Job went through all this, but the Lord was very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

You may say, "Well, I'm going through this but I don't see anything pitiful about this." You are seeing it the wrong way. His grace is sufficient for you. He doesn't give you more than you can bear. And think it not strange, nothing is going wrong. You need to have your thinking filtered. You need to line up your thoughts with God's thoughts, because if you can't see it the way God sees it, you are walking by sight, thinking you are walking by faith. Satan already pulled the wool over your eyes, and you are sure to go into defeat.

The only way you will have victory, is to see it the way God sees it. Then, you can confess what God said, and then, God will intercede upon your confession. Because you and God will be in agreement. Because, "Two can't walk together, except they be agreed."

You see, people think they are walking with God, and then, they are not agreeing with God's Word. No, no, no. You are going to church. You are religious. You've joined a church and you are going to service. Walking with God; you could stay home on Sunday and you are walking with the Word. And you could go to church on Sunday and sit in the church, and you are not walking with God at all. It depends on whether your soul lines up with the Word or not. It depends on whether you are saying what God is saying. Don't be religious, friends! Be spiritual! Religion is for denomination. Be spiritual! Spiritual is to be Spirit filled. That is New Birth.

Drop down to verse 16. Verses 12 to 15 tells you about the prayer of faith for the sick and the suffering.

Why? Because in there you will be suffering affliction, you will be enduring hardships, in the Coming of the Lord, right there. And you'll see your body wants to decay on you and fall apart, but you are standing there looking away from that, and believing for a Change. Is that right? Like, "Abraham, considered not his own body now dead"; didn't take that into consideration. Why? Because the mystery had opened to him. He had nursed from the El Shaddai.

¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Oh, that God will help us as believers to discover this power that can prevail with God in prayer; prayer that can avail, and you who can prevail in prayer, so your prayer can avail before Him.

You who are not coming all the time, don't know if you are righteous, but you know God has made you righteous. He has acquitted you from guilt. He has declared you righteous. And if you stand in His righteousness imputed to you because you believe, then, think of how your prayer can prevail. My! That's what the Church needs in this Hour.

Elias, Elijah, he is talking about prophets.

¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example...

Then he gives you Job as an example. Then he gives you Elijah, another example, of prophets.

¹⁷ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her [precious] fruit.

Praise His wonderful Name. May the Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seats. Turn with me over in the Book of Peter, 1st Peter, Chapter 1. I just want to talk to you a little bit this morning. 1st Peter, Chapter 1.

This is a great time for us. This is a threshing time. This is a time God is purifying your souls. This is a time many are enduring afflictions. This is a time people are finding themselves in some places where they will experience pain and hardship.

It is not easy to be under the feet of the oxen. It is not easy to see a stripping take place in your life, to bring you to a condition of purification; getting you ready for translation; bringing you into garnering condition. This is a reality. It's in the Coming of the Lord. It's in the Harvest.

James was speaking about the Harvest and the Coming of the Lord, here. The husbandman, waiting for the fruit; giving the former rain; giving the latter rain; bringing it to maturity; putting the sickle in. We went through these things in the Book of Ruth. And here we see in that very Hour, James is showing us, in that time, how so many can just fade away because they don't understand, they don't realize what it is. They could fight up in the flesh, fight up in the mind. But you serve God by knowing the plan of God.

It is not him that willeth or him that runneth. It is not about your will. This is not about trying to be Houdini [Harry Houdini, Hungarian-American illusionist -Ed.] to escape things. This is asking God for grace. Jesus looked at Calvary and prayed, "What shall I say? Father, save Me from this Hour: for this cause came I unto this Hour. Father, glorify Thy Name. Shall I not drink this cup that is prepared for Me?"

He knew that He had to go through those things. The Prophet knew he had to come to a time of separation, when the shuck had to pull back to let the grain out. And he said, "All men have forsaken me." And he went

back to the Bible, and he proved that when the rejecting time came, and he had to go through that time of suffering and hardship and loneliness, it was the time of the crowning of the Ministry. And he prophesied, he said, "I'm looking for the crowning." It wasn't a couple months after, the Holy Spirit dropped the vision, *What Time Is It, Sirs* [1962-1230E, Is This The Sign Of The End, Sir –Ed.], Seven Angels coming to open the Seven Seals and to crown the Ministry.

It only proved to us, as believers, how well he understood that every believer has to pass these places, every believer that is going to come into Adoption, (this is the Age of Adoption,) that is going to come to the place of maturity, the place of approval by God; that God has to approve you and He has to approve me. We like to approve one another. But thank God, He didn't leave that approving to you and me. Because the way He approves man is by trials and harder trials; final testing before the promised gate. That's how God approves.

And overcoming means what? To stand the test. To stand the test. And so, this is about standing the test. This is about proving yourself worthy of the promise; the promise that has been revealed to you; the promise that you see is allotted for this Hour; the promise that you are called unto, to make manifest; the promise that you have contended for down through the years; the promise that this morning you are fighting for; the promise that God wants to confirm in your life, that you are a true wheat-seed Elect of this Age. And you are a son—you proved that you have come to maturity.

On *It Is The Rising Of The Sun* [1965-0418M -Ed.], he said, "This is the first one that proved it is wheat, that proved it came to maturity, that proved it had the Token – the Person of Jesus Christ, not just a gift."

Pentecost was talking about a gift, "Oh, we have a gift, I spoke in tongues." He said, "No, that is not the Age, you have to have the Giver." And this is a man that proved he had the Giver, not just a gift. He had the

Person of Christ. "He, that is in you." And then he quoted the Scripture, "In that Day, you will know I in you, and you in Me." [John 14:20 -Ed.] And he proved that in this Age, you don't have to have a gift, you have to have the Person Himself, the Giver of the gift, the Life of the gifts, the Person of the Holy Spirit Himself; not a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Because you can have all the gifts, and still go to hell. Many will come and say in the last days, "Lord didn't I speak in tongues, didn't I prophesy, didn't I cast out devils?"

He will say, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, I never even knew you."

He needs more than that. You have to be Born Again by the Holy Spirit. You have to be formed in the image of the Word. That's the time, friends.

And so, it's a great contending. And that's why we as believers must understand God's plan to bring us here. That's why it is so important in the Book of Ruth there, to see how under two rains in the field, the wheat grew to maturity.

Then Mark 4 [Mark 4:29 -Ed.], he said, "After the grain is formed in the ear, you thrust in the sickle and you reap the mature grain." But then it does not go in the garner, it must go to the floor. Because there are still things to be separated from. God's Word calls for a total separation, not partial separation. Coming from the field is only partial separation, but the threshing floor is total separation.

Even from things you like, even things that you may say, "Well, that is me, that is my sign," all these things you'll have to separate from when you come into real separation, that you'll say, "The life I live now, is not I that live. It's not me, the son of Charles and Ella. I live by the faith of the Son of God. It's Christ that liveth in me."

You've come to the Token. You've come to the identified Christ of all Ages, now being identified in the

Bride, in the Bride Age; Jesus in Bride form; Jesus, in your brother; Jesus, in your sister; Jesus in you; Jesus in the Church. Amen. What a great time.

I want to speak a little bit on **"SUFFERING AND GLORY"**. Just to talk to you a little bit, because this is what is in my heart. Because we are in the month here of September and it was my desire to have the services that we didn't have for a long time, some years now. And, *On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove*, and I... Then, I came and I had to go to Australia, and I thought, well, I can't have the services any more.

Then, they put back the meetings from September to October, and so, I saw I had the time that I could have them. And then, things began to happen and to give, like a little witness, "Go and have it. Go and have the Services." And then there was such an attack again of so many going through hard trials, and testings and crushing.

And sometimes people, under these kinds of circumstances, are where they fail to realize, "We are delivered unto death for Jesus' sake. We are killed all the day long. But yea, in all these things, we are more than conquerors." And how God wants the Church in this Hour, the real Bride, to come to the place to know that all of this is the Word, all of this is the plan.

I just want to maybe talk in a little way, that maybe God could help bring out some of the things, to bring a little consolation this morning to some of you, to help anchor you, so you would not be shaken in mind, where you'll just yield and let go, to the Holy Spirit.

This is an Hour of letting go, trusting Him, putting your life in His hands, completely. I'm not talking about some mental kind of surrender, "Hallelujah. I surrender to Jesus." Putting this hand up here, is a sign of surrender. It's not surrender. This is a sign of surrender, a *symbol* of one surrendering.

But to surrender, you look in your life and you have no more fight, you have no more retaliation towards the

Word of God. Long ago, when you were fighting a man, you'd say, "Say surrender." He is fighting, he still feels he could come out. When he realizes he can't come out, he'll say, "Surrender, surrender." Jacob finally surrendered. Jacob finally surrendered. See? He was fighting, fighting, but he finally surrendered.

So when you could surrender, you'll surrender by revelation. Because what makes you surrender? "Hey, He is not trying to kill me, He is not trying to destroy me. He is helping me. I was living with a false concept about what my enemy was. And I didn't know how deceiving this flesh was, and this human spirit, how easily it could be manipulated by the Devil. But since He taught me to walk in faith and live in the realm of the Sixth Sense, I've begun to discover the law I was built to possess, the place I was really supposed to live."

Because the man He made in His image, was to live by faith, not by sight. It is the fall that has man living without the New Birth, living by sight. The man who lives by sight is the man without the New Birth. It's the carnal man. But the son of God and the daughter of God were designed to live by faith.

And the quickening of the Holy Spirit is to bring you back to live in the channel of faith. But the world is designed to hold us in the realm of flesh. And that's why it has become so predominant, until, through the opening of the fourth dimension, Satan now has got a hold of technology, and by science, having the key of science to open there, he has control of the spirit of man, completely, (that's right,) by opening up that realm: television, radio, all these things, the internet. That's not the flesh of the man, that's the spirit of the man that he got control of here. See?

But the Holy Spirit, coming into the believer, quickening that soul, quickening that seed inside of you, and raising you up into a place where you can unite with God, where you can start to come under the

headship of the Holy Spirit, where the Word in you—you are discovering now, a Life of the Word.

Not reading your Bible. Denominations read the Bible. You start to discover, in the Bible, there is a revelation: By faith, Abel – but not everybody else; by faith, Noah – but not the whole antediluvian world. By faith, Enoch. By faith, Abraham – not all Sodom, and all his family in Haran. No, no. By faith, Abraham. By faith, Isaac. Men that began to break into a channel, the channel of revelation, where they confessed they were pilgrims and strangers. They began to see another world, a world to come. They began to understand another life, a Resurrection, and they began to lay down their lives. They began to have visions to see way in the future. They could look back at the past and see the faith civilization, and know man fell from something.

They had experiences. He met Elohim. He met Melchizedek. He met El Shaddai. He met Jehovah Jireh. And he was being schooled in a revelation. He was being trained in God's university in the wilderness. Hardships, trials, testings, but inside of there, something was building up on the inside, a character of God, that when God said, "Offer up your only son whom thou lovest", he could break through all fear and do that, (amen,) where a man was trained and developed in a way to walk with God.

We speak about the Prophet, how the man couldn't even pray, so he wrote the prayer on a piece of paper and tacked it on a tree. He said, "I know God passes through these woods. He will see it and read it." He had a lot of faith. That isn't foolishness, that is faith!

He said, "I don't know the right way to pray, and nobody ever taught me. Out there, I saw one picture and a man did like this. I saw another picture of a man kneeling down this way." So he didn't know what form to take. Then he saw, sometimes he would go to church and would hear a man talk one set of long prayers. Then his mother was Catholic, and he saw a man with some

beads and a rosary. But something in his heart said, "God can read. And this God has to be a just God. If I put this here, He will read it and He will know what my thoughts are. He'll know it is I who wrote that. He'll know it is William who wrote that. He'll know it is William who wants an answer about certain things."

It might do some of you good to write yours and tack it on your door or somewhere you know God passes too. Sure. And people who write prayer requests and send it up aren't far from that. Isn't that right? They aren't far from that. When you read it in the church, don't you believe God is hearing it? Did you get that?

So sometimes, you know, we get all scholarly, we get all studious, we get all so, you know, we format what we think it should be in our minds, and we don't realize we've come to that sometimes. And as the trial comes, it shakes all that down and we realize all we have is a little self-made religious life.

But the real believers, you'll find them in their testing time. Let me tell you, you find real believers in their testing time. When you see a man on his back, when you see a man, the doctors say, "You don't have far to go again, we can't do anything more for you"; when you see the doctor tells your family to get ready, "Any day expect the man to expire," and that man sits down there and says what God said, you'll start to find a believer. He doesn't have on a tie, he doesn't have on church clothes, he doesn't have a Scofield Bible in his hand. He sits down there, the feet are swollen big, the belly is swollen big, the doctor says that the kidneys are gone, the doctor says this happened here; and you could sit down there and say—and when people come, you could encourage them, and exhort them, by the grace of God, you've found a believer.

That is where they found Job. That is where they found Job. And that is what James is saying, "Look, God has examples there." And if they are examples, they have to be examples to some people, because some

people will need those examples because of where they have to pass. And if those are examples of believers who came back to restoration, and came to be approved by God, that will be people who God has to approve and who will come into full restoration also. They are being made an example of these people. Is that right?

Okay, let's read Peter now. 1st Peter 1, together with James.

Verse 3:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again...

See how Peter, James, all of them, this is the revelation they had. They knew that they were *begotten*. They knew they were Born Again. They knew by the Word of Truth that came through the Son of Man, It birthed them. They knew they were part of a New Race, that Birth put them in a New Family. These are things that must be settled in your life.

The Holy Ghost experience is not like, "Well I have It. Well, I think I have It. Well, I might have It. Yes, I really have It." No, no, no. This means, "Do I have It? If I have It, 'Yes', I'm part of a New Race. In that Race, there is no condemnation in that Race. There isn't any curse in that Family. If I have It, I have all the potential of the One Who gave birth to me, I'm part of the same species." Do you get what I'm saying? Because the seed brings forth after its kind.

And if I'm born of my father's seed, I'm like my father. If my father dodges issues and runs, if my father can't take pressure and he throws it on my mother, I will be like that. But if I'm born of Him, and He faces the issue, He carries the burden, He doesn't squirm under the pressure, He stands flat-footed, He says what the Word says; if I'm born of Him, I will be like that too. Is that right?

That is why your birth is important. You don't go anywhere after you—your birth will determine your

placing, and your placing goes with your destiny. So, it means to say, if you are here, and you are trying to reach a place, and you don't know where your birth is as yet; no, you have to know where your birth is, first.

Because in Adam we all die; in Christ we are all made alive. There are only two people we could be in, the first Adam or the last Adam. The first birth, that came by your father and mother, put you there. You have to know somewhere between there and where you are now, the Quickening Power came and quickened you. God rich in mercy has quickened you when you were dead in sin and trespasses, and raised you up into Heavenly places.

There has been a quickening and a raising up in your life. And that raising up in your life, raises you up into an understanding of a position in the New Family. Do you get what I'm saying? You know "My thoughts, I think differently; I've raised up to another level of thinking; I've raised up to another level of living; I've raised up to a faith that I never had and walked in before; I've raised up to a peace and assurance that I'm not easily shaken in mind and troubled in spirit." You know these things.

So you can point back to a place by seeing the results that follow your experience, and be able to identify your experience. You are not looking for some experience that you want to call the New Birth, and then the results don't follow that. Whatever experience it is, whether it is different from each other; one says, "Wow! I felt something warm." One says, "I felt something like rain fall on me." One says, "Boy, I was slain." One says, "Like I got it without sensation." Well that is true for everybody, but then, what follows it? Was it the same old life? Do you understand what I'm saying? What kind of fruit did it bear? When you see what kind of fruit it bears, you'll know what has happened. That's right. You know what happened.

That's why there was Ruth deciding, Ruth serving, Ruth resting. Ruth serving is not Ruth resting, you know. It took a revelation, an opening, to bring her from serving to resting. It took Deuteronomy 25:5-10 opening, to bring her into resting. But serving, was Leviticus 19:10. "Go into the field and you are entitled to the leftovers. You are a gleaner." Gleaner is not a wife. Gleaner doesn't say, "Kinsman redeemer."

When she said, "Kinsman redeemer," something about 'wife' opened to her. Do you get what I'm saying? The New Birth is the revelation that you are part of Him; something He has done in your life. That's why you are looking to go into Boaz' house, to change your dwelling place. Because there is not much difference from Moab's house to Naomi's house, you know. You have religion. Praise God. You are in a foreign land and you are eating. That is what you have. Do you get what I'm saying?

But when he tells you, "Under the God of Israel, Whose wings you have come to trust, I've seen and I've heard about you, and the city knows you are a virtuous woman," then that has results coming out, something is coming forth that the people are seeing and the people are talking about: "They say you are a different person. You are not any ordinary Moabite. You don't have Moabite birth any more. Something is different about you." People recognize a work done. People who know what a Moabite is, and what you are, they know you are not Moabite, a work was done. Moabites aren't virtuous. Do you get what I'm saying?

So, God could use people to see and witness and testify that you are different. Even your enemies testify. That is right. There are certain things that can't be denied. You'll be the biggest fool to try to deny something that everybody else is seeing. It just shows something is wrong with your spirit. So sometimes, the safest place is even to say what everybody else is saying too, in a case like that. Are you getting what I'm saying?

People used to look at the Prophet, even his own enemies would say, "I totally disagree with you, but I have to admit you have the Spirit of Christ. Because when they looked there, "We don't understand the theology, you are false, you are going straight to hell, you are a cult leader. But I tell you, if we could love like how you love; if we could be humble, like how you are humble; if we could stand like how you stand..." See? They knew there was something different there. They had to testify of It. Oh, brother!

... begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- ⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- ⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Again, looking for this great Hour where we who are kept by the Power of God, Dunamis – the Power of God, through faith, revelation, something revealed to them. Notice, the New Testament, they understood so clearly how the great acts of the lives of the believers expressed through the Old Testament, were connected by faith. Ruth went out by faith. Rehab received the spies by faith. Sarah brought forth that child by faith. It was by faith they were doing these things. Something was revealed to them. Sarah, a woman who had been doubting for twenty-four years, struggled to get a grip on God. But then revelation struck her one day, and she moved into another realm. She started to live out the mystery of the New Name; a sign that it was a New Birth, a new nature in her.

⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, [Peter is telling them] though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness...

You greatly rejoice, but now for a season. You greatly rejoiced when God called you, and you saw the Message, and you saw the Prophet, and you got baptized. *Oh happy day, oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away*. [#174 - Songs That Live -Ed.] You greatly rejoiced when He came and He gave you the Holy Spirit. "Oh my, I'm a child of God." *Oh yes, oh yes, I'm a child of the King. His Royal Blood now flows through my veins*. [#80 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

But then, when the testing time starts, now you are getting into 'heaviness'. Because a woman, when her hour is come, she is in agony, she is in labour, she is in distress. But what is happening? She is getting ready to give birth. She is getting ready to give birth! The thing that she talked about, the thing that she testified, the experience that she said she had, is now going to be seen by the eyes of many people. Do you get what I'm saying?

So, can you understand how in this season it's impossible to say "I'm going in the Rapture", as a believer, and in this Hour, in the Hour when the Rapture is at hand, you don't have pain and distress? That is a sure sign, friends. That is a sure sign. Threshing before the garnering, it is a sure sign to the believer who has been carrying the Word inside of them. That is why their faith doesn't fail here, but they rise up the extra notch, by the grace of God, and their expectations get greater. Why? Because understand birth pains; groaning to bring forth the promise; final testing before the promise gate, to prove they are worthy of the promise. Trials, but now harder trials, to prove they are not some hot house plant.

That is why it's so important to know the plan of God for the Age. God has a plan, and these things are according to the plan.

Which was the time of Jesus' most suffering in His Ministry? First Pull? Second Pull? The opening of the Word? The last part. It was the

humiliation, the public crucifixion, the spitting upon Him, the beating upon Him. And that was the time He looked the weakest. That was the time He looked like He had the least miracles. "Prophesy who hit you! Show us a miracle, then we will believe you." And it seemed like He had none of those things. But He was dumb before His shearers. He had power to lay down the Life; power to lay down the Life!

These things are too deep for people who don't have the Holy Ghost. They could never fathom these things. Because they live a 'gimme, gimme' [Slang for 'give me'-Ed.] life with God. But the people who know, to reign with Him, you must suffer to reign. You have to have the character to reign. Those people, who understand that gold cannot break with the beating. Gold does not break with the beating! But the gold will reflect the One Who is beating it, by the grace of Almighty God. That's right!

It is people who understand what they are called unto. That is why, "Make your Election and Calling sure." If you are called to be in Bride, this is Bride life. If you are called to be a foolish virgin, you'll stay through the tribulation to be purified and come up in the second resurrection.

No Bride goes in without these things, friends. This is what grain... Notice, at the threshing floor, it is only grain there. Tares don't go there. Tares bypass the threshing floor, and go to the burning place. Did you get that? But the wheat has to go there to be separated from the chaff, the good things that protect it and help bring it to maturity; that must leave it at that stage.

God didn't end up calling the Bride "Wheat", you know. God is the One Who designed the wheat plant, knowing what the Bride has to go through, every phase the Bride has to go through. To become bread on the table, it has to be grounded into powder, and baked in a heated oven. It is God Who designed that, so He made the right thing to type the Mystery in His mind.

That's why He was the first Corn of Wheat. That's why He had to be grounded into powder. That's why He had to go through all these things too, to become the Bread of Life, to give Life to a people. So, it's not like, "You are explaining that that way." No, no, no. God designed that, because the Bride was before the wheat plant.

But God made something to unfold the Mystery of the Seven Church Ages, the Book of Life and the Lamb's Book of Life, and the experience of the believer, and how she grew to maturity from a stalk to a tassel. All of that, God designed in that plant. And then, when He came Himself, He used that to illustrate the growth of the Life on the inside. And what did He call it? The Mysteries of the Kingdom. The Mysteries of the Kingdom. And the wheat is what? The children of the Kingdom. That is why we see where the wheat ends up and we see where the tares ends up. We see who sow the tares and we see Who sow the wheat.

So these are things in your life. And Peter, if you are a Bible reader, I've preached on this many times, Peter's epistle here is on *suffering* and *glory*, and showing that the pathway to glorification is through suffering. And James, speaks about the works. Because James is justifying the believer by works, and is showing that they will have this measure of suffering, but when that time comes, they will look to the examples.

And then, they'll count it all joy, because they saw how Job worshipped God on the ash heap; not complaining – worshipped God and was speaking his revelation. And Bro. Branham said, "God was not chastening Job, God was approving His servant." Because He told Satan, "Have you considered him?" Right there we learn how God thinks about His children. And to prove certain things to the Devil, He can't use unbelievers, He has to use believers. Did you get that?

And then you as a believer, start to see what it is, that, "Lord, You can use me to teach the Devil a lesson? Oh God, Lord, it will be an honour." The 'He that is in

you'. The 'He that is in you'. And you start to realize, "Who will go for Me? Who will go for Me? Who will stand for Me in this Age? Because I want to prove to the Devil, this Bride is not like the first two. I want to prove that to the Devil. Who will go for Me and let the Word be tested in them? I will have to take you through some things."

Like the Holy Spirit was showing us there in the workers meeting, on the Saturday morning, God can't make it a false fight. God can't make it that you will win and you really don't deserve to win. You know, a kind of hometown decision: You rob the other person and you give this person the victory because they are from this city. God can't make the battle so. Because it isn't really you fighting the Devil, it is God in you fighting him. And God already said He will bruise Satan under your feet. And when the contest is to take place, God now has to let the Word in you be tested. And when the enemy comes against that Word, then you begin to see the 'He that is in you', is greater.

Because, you see, God has nothing to prove in the corporal body again. He laid that down and raised that up. He did a work for us. That didn't even come by sex. But the ones that came by sex, the people who got deceived in the garden; the people who were robbed of coming by the Spoken Word, God said, "I'll come in you, and the Holy Ghost will prove to be greater in you, and I'm going to overcome him, in you. And that will be the real victory."

Because he could still say, "This is the fullness of the Godhead bodily that dwelt in human flesh in the corporal body. And if He had come by sex, I would have had a better chance. But He came by the Spoken Word, so I didn't have a chance against Him at all. He couldn't fall because He came by the Spoken Word."

God said, "Well, you have these. These came by sex. I will come in them, and have union with them, and I Am going to defeat you in them. And they will be

tempted and tested in all points, and I will prove to you that faith in them will overcome you. They will live by the faith of the Son of God, and overcome you."

He said, "I'm letting you afflict their bodies with sickness, like Job. I'm going to let you bring out all your bombs, and all the different mind battles you could bring out that send people crazy and make them neurotics, to throw at them. You are going to find that they have the helmet of Salvation. The loins of their minds are girded with Truth." Hallelujah! "You are going to find in the end, it is you, Satan, who are going to have the biggest migraine you ever had. You are the one who will get a nervous breakdown. You are the one who will go back into hell."

He has to prove His Word by believers. This is the real victory. He said, "The real victory... On the Cross, was a victory." But the real victory... You see, what the Cross did, it made a way for Him to come into you. And when He comes into you, then is the greatest battle ever fought. You see, all the time Satan has been winning the battle one-sided, because he was showing how big and powerful he was, because nobody had the New Birth down through the Old Testament. Do you get what I'm saying?

But now, God has made a way, a legitimate way through dying, because He just couldn't step into you just so. But He made a legitimate way; He died, He paid the price. He overcame there: death, hell and the grave; He has the keys. But when He comes into you, He has to be tested in you now. He has to be tested in you. And He tests the Word in measure: in Luther, one measure; in Wesley, one measure; in the Pentecostals, one measure.

And He limits the Devil, too. "You could only touch them so far, because they didn't have all the Word. You could only touch them so far, because they didn't have all the Word. But I'm going to give one all the Word. Test them. I'm going to give an Age all the Word, test them

with all your tests! I'm going to let you come with everything you have, I'm not holding back anything. I'm going to let you bring hell here. Bring hell here. The key will be given to you to open the pit. How much reinforcement do you want?"

"Two hundred million."

"Take them, you could have them. Bring them here. Set the battle in array." This is what is happening!

But how could you relate to your battle there, if your thoughts do not understand the Age; if you are living your life in your village, in your house, and you come to church in your seat... When you are walking in the Word, the Mystery, the Seventh Seal is pulled back, you understand the Age, you understand the contest, you understand that this thing started in Heaven and God has a point to prove. And God just can't take these people in the Rapture, they'll have to overcome to go in the Rapture. Overcomers resurrection; qualify for the First Resurrection, the out-resurrection from among the dead. To get the rewards, you have to have overcomers. Do you get what I'm saying?

And that is why, when the battle starts and people don't understand... But it is good too, because it brings up Bildad, Zophar and Eliphaz. You thought they were believers all the time, and then, they surface. Because they'll say, "God is chastising him. God is chastising her. Look at that one over there." And they have explanations. But it brings out some Elihus too. It brings out some Elihus too. And it will identify the real Jobs. It will identify them because they have a revelation.

It's a great time, friends. This is a great Hour. When you understand the objective... You see, there are soldiers fighting in Iraq, in Afghanistan, they are just shipping them out, more and more soldiers. They are training them, throwing them on a ship, sending them into the battle ground. And they are going out there, and they'll shoot anything that looks middle-eastern.

They don't understand the war. Do you understand what I'm saying?

But a people who... We cannot fight like that. We have to know the war, the objective of the war. We have to know what victory is. You see, when Jesus died on the Cross, it didn't look like victory, you know. It looked like defeat. But it was victory. In death there is victory! Now, you only know victory according to the objective in the war that is to be achieved. Did you get that?

So that's why, when you know this is the enemy testing you; wanting you to deny God, wanting you to deny your faith, wanting you to succumb under his pressure, and feeling that all things aren't really possible with God; you will know where to tie, how to tie, what to confess. And even though Satan realizes that you are not weakening, he tells God, "I still have one more privilege that I haven't used yet. I'm going to use it now." He calls up his Bildads, Zophars and Eliphazes, and he brings them around you. And he is saying, "Girl, you can't be a fanatic. Girl, you don't know nah. I know somebody that came and..." And you get all these sympathizers. You get all those people talking to you to put you off the Word, people who have no faith and are full of reasoning and full of stories, and who don't even understand the objective in the battle, and who don't want you to pick through the egg shell. They are coming to help open it up for you, "Oh God, I don't want to see you suffer." And they want to open up the egg shell, to kill you.

You don't want those kinds of friends. You need to say, "You don't understand what is going on here. Move back, please. Don't come around me right now. We'll be friends after this. Don't spoil our friendship here. You don't understand the objective of this battle, this is between me and the Devil, here. You don't understand this. You hold your peace. This is not about feelings and how I'm looking. My physical health has nothing to do with this. This is the *soul* in me being tested!"

This is where you have to get your faith anointed. Your Christian life can't be: coming to church, "I'm in Third Exodus Assembly; this is a convention, boy," and you want to be happy for the next convention. So, we have to keep giving you conventions to keep you happy. No, no, no. Revelation, you have stimulation. Do you get what I'm saying?

You understand the battle, you understand the season, you understand the Word. You understand the Anointing, you understand what God has been doing. When these things happen, "It's a threshing, boy, threshing, threshing, threshing." And then, as a trial comes, you are getting troubled. What are you talking about, all this threshing? Do you understand what threshing is? Do you understand what I'm saying?

This is not cosmetic, to put it on to look nice. This is the time to take off cosmetics, because you are going to be under pressure. And when you are going to get under pressure, you don't want cosmetics. You want only real things that you can put your hand on in this battle, here. Can I get a witness? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.]

Prepare to fight. Prepare to fight. You aren't too young to fight. You still have to fight. You see, you might be in the bantamweight, one might be in the flyweight, one might be middleweight, some of us are in the heavyweight division, because we are dealing with the big devils. But at your level, you have to fight also. Just where you are at, God has devils for you, at your stage. But everybody has to fight, young and old inside here.

Remember my message on *Child Soldiers*, there are child soldiers. Sometimes, where big, big soldiers can't go in, God uses child soldiers, you know. Do you think God wanted to use Jacob and Abraham to save the world, and Joseph was there? Do you think God wanted to use Isaac, who was still alive with Jacob to save the world? No, no, no. God wanted Joseph, the seventeen year old boy, to save the world. God's thoughts are different many times.

Do you think the old woman, Elizabeth, should have brought forth Christ, and Mary, the young girl, should have brought forth Elijah? No, no, no. God wanted to bring out the Christ in the young girl. Let the old one bring forth Elijah, but in the young one, He wanted to bring forth the Fullness of the Word. So, you'll have your battles, the same way!

Quickly, let me read, I want to read this to make a point here with this also. Verse 6:

⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

That is the 'growing pains' of your grace. You see, because why? Verse 3 said, "You have begotten us again." So, after you are begotten, you have to grow up into Christ, unto a Perfect Man, to the Stature of the Fullness of the measure of Christ. So, that is the growing pains of your grace.

⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth...

He is a man... Do you remember Peter? This was the man who had the 'big mouth'. This was the man who used to get emotional and say things he shouldn't have said. This was the man who talked about challenges, and played as if he had so much faith that he could back up Jesus, and defend Jesus, and then he ran for his life. But, hear the man with the Holy Ghost now. The man understood trials. The man said, "The trial of your faith is much more precious than gold that perisheth." This is the man who backslid and went back fishing. Do you get what I'm saying?

But now, the man has the Holy Spirit and he has been raised up on another level, and he understands the Christian life a different way, now that Jesus was not *with* him, but *in* him. And now, out of his faith, his revelation, he was giving virtue, he was strengthening others with his Epistle. And he was trying to admonish them.

⁶ ... ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations...

All kinds of diverse trials and testings. Some have this kind of test; some have another kind of test; some, are getting tested in the flesh realm; some, in the spirit realm; some, in the realm of the soul. Everybody is getting different realms of testing.

Remember the first test that Job got, it touched his property and his children. Is that right? The second realm tested his person; boils and sores. This nice, stately man, this man was on an ash-heap, look how this man was looking. Brother, if you get a little Chicken Pox or something, you don't want anybody to see you. You'll be locked up in the back of the room. You'll ladle down yourself with calamine-lotion, "Tell them I can't see anybody right now." You don't want anybody to see you that way. You are ashamed. You look disfigured. Yet, he was out there, a man of prestige and honour; a man that people used to come from far and near, just to sit in his presence for a few minutes.

But then watch, watch the same man. Then, in the realm of the soul now, even his wife said, "Curse God and die."

"But we have heard of the patience of Job, and we have seen the end of the Lord." And James, in writing that Book, was drawing inspiration from the Book of Job which he had studied, because he had to be qualified too, to write about suffering. Because he had suffered. He had been tested and tried, and he knew places where he drew inspiration to overcome. Because he said, "We are like a kind of first fruits."

Some of us in the church are a kind of first fruits to you too, on a church level, in the same way. You say, "How could you all stand for thirty-three years? You all never went back. You all never did this here. You all are still on the forefront fighting today with the two-edged sword. You all seem so determined still. What is your secret?"

Sometimes you say, "I can't get any inspiration. I'm trying to read the Word." Come and talk to the Elders who have obtained a good report, through faith. Come and sit and talk to some of them. Come and talk to some written epistles read of all men. Don't just go and try to read Epistles in the Book here. Come and read some of these. By faith! Think of it. And he was telling them. He said:

⁷ ... [this is] much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, [that you] might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Watch what they had in mind; "The Appearing of Jesus Christ." This is what they had in mind; this very Hour we are living in. This is the Hour when we are in heaviness through manifold temptations.

⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Peter was saying, "I preached Him to you, but we saw Him. We were with Him on the mountain." He said, "But you all didn't see Him." He said, "Yet you love Him so much."

We didn't see the Son of Man in human flesh, in this Day. We saw It on film. We were not with him on Sunset Mountain. By identification in the Spirit, we were there, but not physically. We didn't sit in the Meetings in Jeffersonville. But how do we love him so much? Because through the Word that the Holy Spirit has opened, He has unveiled this one out of the Word, and made him so clear, that he becomes so clear to us, even more clear than those who sat there without the revelation. Did you get that?

In other words, Peter was telling them, he said, "You all have a revelation, because the Holy Spirit unveiled this Word, and made Christ so real to you that you know

Christ more in this day; what He did in this day, why He came, what He had to do, what He achieved, what He made available."

You know Him in such a way. You know what he was doing in Shreveport. You know when he went up in the Catalina Mountains, what happened. You know where they put the sword in his hand. You know when he laid the foundation stone in the tabernacle, and the Holy Spirit said, "This is not your tabernacle." You know, when the Angel met him in the cave. It opened to you in the Word so clearly, until you saw and you loved what God had done!

Many of them to whom Peter was preaching to, out in Babylon there, had not seen, they had never been in a single meeting. But Peter was telling them, he said:

⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

He said, "When you heard this Word so, it stimulated you. It is like you were right in the tabernacle, and he called you in the room, and he spoke that personally with you and told you, 'You are going to live until He comes." The way you believe it, it's like he did that to you.

You didn't even see the Son of man, you didn't walk with him. But you love him with joy unspeakable and full of glory, whom having not seen. And though now you are in hardship, and hard trials, you hold to his Word. You pick up that love letter and you read that Message, (amen,) *Masterpiece* [1965-0705 -Ed.], about how when He is making the Masterpiece, it has to be smitten and something speaks to you and says, "He is talking to me."

Because he said, "I am speaking to people around the world. These tapes will fall in the hands of the Elected." Amen!

And you put yourself in that place, because when you hear it... That is why, I knew when I heard *Looking To The Unseen* and I heard him say, "I am speaking these things. It will fall into the hands of the predestinated in other countries." Oh my. Look at my faith. I rose up there. I said, "He is talking to me!" God knew I was going to come in this Message and believe this Message. Oh my. And what an honour it is.

I remember one time I was in New Zealand in1988, and some sisters gathered around there and said, "Look, we have never seen Bro. Branham, but we feel so privileged to sit in your presence. We feel like it is the same Spirit." A couple years later, I went to Nairobi, Kenya, and some of them met me outside the Service, and they said, "Oh my, we heard you preach the Word. We feel like it's the same Spirit that was in the Prophet there."

It didn't make me feel puffed up. I said, "Oh God, Lord, I wonder if these people know what they are saying, but something in them told me. Lord, maybe You are talking to me. Lord, I needed to hear that; that it is the same Holy Spirit that was there in the tabernacle. Because Lord, that's the way I believe it, when I saw how He directed me in the Bible!" That's right. Oh my. "Whom having not seen, yet we love." Amen. Glory. That's exactly what it is, friends. That's exactly what it is.

⁹ Receiving the end...

Here we come to that word again.

⁹ Receiving the end of your faith...

Notice, verse 3: "Begotten us again unto a living hope." Here: "Receiving the end of your faith." Between 'begotten us again' and 'receiving the end of your faith', in between there, "Manifold trials". Manifold trials.

And it's more precious than gold that perisheth." In other words, I have found faith. You got a revelation. You are Born Again. You are at the bottom of the pyramid, and the Capstone and the White Rock, that's

the end. He will cap off the pyramid of your life. You'll be in the formed Image.

But then you'll have birth pains, going up the mountain, climbing the ladder, each round going higher. Seven deaths, seven steps, that the Christ may be formed in you. [#580 - Songs That Live -Ed.] And then, the final testing: to give birth, the sons of God being placed, Adopted in this Hour. Amen. Oh my!

Look at how Peter was laying it out. He said, "Receiving the end of your faith." The 'end'; the word there means: the end of some act or state, that by which a thing is finished; that by which a thing is finished, when He capped off the pyramid with the great Capstone, (amen,) in the claiming work. The end which all things relate to, the aim, the purpose. That is Full Redemption, God bringing us back to the Word we bypassed. Amen. That is the end. God does not stop. We are changed from glory unto glory, until we behold the image of the glorious God. You are changed into the same image. You behold it, before you can be changed into it. You are only changed into what you behold. You can't be changed into it if you don't behold it.

And He was unveiled, and He pulled the seals off Himself. What for? To expose Himself in plain view. Behold Him in plain view. Oh, behold a Man of sorrows. Oh, behold the Mighty Conqueror in plain view, standing unconquered by traditions.

You beheld Him, you realized it was not William Branham. It was God, walking in his feet, speaking through his lips, thinking with his mind, working with his hands, believing with his heart. It was the Token. It was the Person of Jesus Christ. It was the Son of Man being revealed in a Son of man. It was not a man you were feeding on, it was the unfailing Body Word of the Son of Man, a Super sign; one who was in union with God. God and man in a union, Emmanuel, standing there.

It was revealed to you and you beheld the glory, and you have been changed. And the way he was teaching, interpreting the writing on the mountain, and then the next time they saw him, he was on the mountain, overshadowed by the Cloud.

He said, "Bro. Branham we dreamed you were on the mountain overshadowed by the Cloud."

He said, "Yes, that's like Matthew 17: 'This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him."

He said, "Oh, Bro. Branham, we saw you at the head of the communion table, and when you spoke, it was like you commanded. We saw you as an Indian Chief on a white horse with a military prance, (oh my,) like the Chief Texas Ranger."

He said, "Watch all this chief authority." What was it? Change of vesture; change of Ministry; placing at the head of the table. On the mountain, overshadowed by the Cloud. What was it? "This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him."

Brother, what a time we are coming into as sons and daughters of God. Don't be discouraged children. Don't faint. You will not break with the beating. You stay there and you dig your heels in, by the grace of God. You throw your hands in the air, and you begin to give God praise. And you have faith and confidence "He Who began the good work in you, will perform it, even until the day of Jesus Christ. He is the author and the finisher of your faith." He will see you through this. Through it all, through it all, you learn to trust in Jesus. You thank Him for the mountains and you thank Him for the valleys. If you never had a problem, how would you know that God could solve them. [#245 - Songs That Live -Ed.] He wants to prove His Word in you, by you and through you, in this Hour! Don't you fear, don't you worry.

It is so nice to have my brothers from Dominica here, and Guyana and Grenada, and everywhere else. God had some of them to stay back. Amen. And they are here after the convention. Oh, what a great time we had! But

then it is a time... Look how the Holy Spirit spoke so directly, "Fear Not!" How the Devil tried to take that 'fear not' out of it. And the Holy Spirit said, "Put in that 'fear not".

I was coming to preach that very first message, *Fear Not.* [2006-0824, Fear Not, Ruth -Ed.] That's right. See? *And Now It Is True.* [2006-0827, Now It Is True I Am Thy Near Kinsman -Ed.] And notice, *when* now it was true? It was in the page before, and he knew it before, that I was the kinsman, but it is now true that you are confessing it; that you are not out of the house thinking about it, you are here at the floor confessing it, in His Presence. "Then you will see what I will do. I will do it. I will do it. Oh, such a One, you turn aside." Oh my! He will do it, friends.

The next morning, Sis. Makeda called me. [Sis. Makeda Spencer -Ed] She said, "Bro. Vin, Bro. Vin, I can't see! I got up this morning and I can't see. It is like I'm going blind!" She got up and she could not even see. Something struck her.

I said, "Sister, what did God say to us in the meetings? Fear Not!" I prayed and rebuked the thing.

She called me back in the evening, rejoicing, "Bro. Vin, I can see, I can see again, I can see!"

Sis. Sankar called me about midday, "Bro Vin, Bro. Sankar had a massive heart attack!"

I said, "Sister, be calm." I said, "What did God say to us in the meeting? Fear Not!"

All I could do was point them back there, because I knew that was God speaking that Word. I said, "Don't you fear, Sister. I don't know what it is, but He said, "Fear Not!" He knew what was going to come after the meetings. He knew. I said, "It's just the Devil on a rampage, because he has been beaten fair and square and he couldn't take that licks."

God started this convention here – Part 2, this was the sequel to last year. Exactly where that one stopped, this one started. And the Holy Spirit said, "He got licks [beaten -Ed.] in the first round." God said, "One more

round, and then you are going to realize you are going to lose the two." And God won that first one in style, and won this one in style, too.

Instead of the Angel moving through to follow the meeting, the Devil came and started to visit homes, brother, on the rampage. But we are not ignorant of the devices of the enemy. And God gave us a Word of refuge, a garrison. Let me tell you, the greatest thing that God could fortify anybody with, is His Word.

In the garden of Eden, God used the best thing to fortify man with, by the Word. And when Jesus came in the middle of the Bible, He proved that It was still sufficient. He overcame the Devil with no sign, wonder or miracle. He just overcame him by the Word. Is that right?

And in the last days, the Prophet came and taught us, *How Can I Overcome?* [1963-0825M-Ed.] and then he had a *Victory Day*. [1963-0421-Ed.] Because he overcame the enemy, he came to Adoption, and he preached and showed it to us. Amen. Satan was bruised under his feet in the first ride. Now he will be bruised under our feet in the second ride. That's right!

We are coming to glory. We are coming to glory. Sure, we are coming to glory. But we are coming to glory through suffering. The pathway to glory... Joseph in the Bible, remember my message, Joseph in the Bible reveals the glorification. Amen. Abraham, like Luther; Isaac, like Wesley; Jacob, like the Pentecostals. But Joseph was Perfection, the Glorification, (amen,) the son that God was pleased with. And what happened? When he came there, we saw how Jacob—Joseph rather, had these great visions. Oh, such powerful visions that inspired him! And when he spoke it, it caused religious disturbance and everything else. It caused him to be thrown into a pit and everything else.

But then, what happened? He didn't see where he had to pass to come to that, he just saw the end. He just saw the end. God never showed him Potiphar's wife.

God never showed him the prison house. God never showed him the pit his brothers would throw him in. All he saw was the visions of them bowing down.

And we see Super Church and Super Race, and Second Cycle and Unknown Language, and Chief Authority, and I will ride this trail once more. We see all of that, but we aren't seeing where we have to pass to get in there. Because it was already laying in the Bible.

But look at Peter and James here. They said, "Yes, you are in heaviness. But that is nothing to worry about. That's right in order. Yes, you have this, but blessed is the man who when he has endured, (amen,) is tested, then he shall receive a crown of life." Oh my.

He said, "Look at the goal. Look at the objective." He said, "We have heard of the patience of Job. We have seen the end of the Lord. Rise to your feet Job."

"Though the skin worms destroy this flesh, I know my Redeemer liveth." Hallelujah! That was the Holy Spirit tying that into "It is true, I am thy near Kinsman." And Ruth knew her redeemer liveth. Because that's the Seventh Seal. The Easter vision is the Seventh Seal that Job saw.

Him, coming down there in Ruth Chapter 2, was the Seventh Seal. All the way to Ruth Chapter 4, that was the Seventh Seal. And it is people in a present tense Redemption, knowing where their Redeemer is, in union with the Redeemer, in the presence of the Redeemer speaking to them. Glory. What a great thing.

Let the musicians come for me, let me just finish reading the Scripture. Oh my. The grace that should come. Verse 9:

⁹ Receiving the end of your faith...

The end of your faith. You started with faith, that is your faith. But your faith was a revelation of the Headstone. What is faith? Faith, on the bottom, is the revelation of the Thunders – the Headstone. That is what they saw in the first Age. They saw the Coming of the Headstone. They saw the Redeemer coming. They

saw the Kinsman coming. They saw the Son of Man coming in a Cloud with power and great glory. The Head in a Cloud, the Headstone, coming. They saw it.

Zachariah, all in the Old Testament, they saw it coming. Jesus spoke of it coming with shoutings of grace. Paul, speaking of how, "We groan for the Redemption of the body, the Redemption of the Purchased Possession, when He comes in the days when the Seventh Angel is on the earth." They saw It. And we are here receiving that same faith, that this Capstone, this Perfect Love will be on us before we go in the Rapture. It will cap off the pyramids of our lives. This mortal will put on immortality. This corruption will put on incorruption.

But as we are growing up, that faith has to be tested. It brings patience, out of virtue and knowledge and temperance. Faith, in the end, produces patience, endurance. And you'll look and see, "I still have some to climb. But they that wait upon the Lord, will begin to mount up with wings of an eagle."

And that Headstone begins to drop down. While He is coming down, He is dropping revelations, giving you strength in your wings to soar up; soar up to the Rock that is higher than I. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, where you can abide under the shadow of the Almighty. He said, "I climbed long. I was led to go another way. I was lathered with sweat. It was hot." He said, "But I had seen that vision I waited forty years to see."

I'm going to have those Meetings: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The 20th, 21st and the 22nd of this month.

Look at this boy here. (Stand to your feet. You, Samuel.) [Bro. Vin speaks to Bro. Samuel Walters. -Ed.] This young man grew up in the Assembly here. But under those meetings, this young man, his parents held him in their arms. The father and mother came with him right through here, coming through that line, under this

same inspiration. The boy's feet were like this. Doctors wanted to operate. They wanted to do all kinds of different things. (You may have your seat).

But we believed all things are possible. We believed that that same Dove, that same Holy Spirit, was among us. We believed that God, Who had raised the dead back in Barataria, 22nd of September, *The Battle and the Communion* [1982-0926 The Battle Before The Communion -Ed.], a celebrated man, well known in the region and in Europe through his pugilist skills, Bro. Clifford Ross, the father of Sis. Greta Murray here; that we were eyewitnesses when we saw God raise him back up. We had three nurses examine him. We had brothers that lifted him up and they all came back and gave their testimony. And he, himself, spoke of how he was outside of the body, traveling. I've said it down through these years. I've said it across the world, because it is the truth.

And God has never refused to honour His Word among us. Many were healed because of that snowwhite Dove. And through It, and that inspiration, songs began to be written to immortalize those great times and those great experiences: *There's a Message coming forth. Father, I pray You'll let the Dove lead.* [#703 - Songs That Live - Ed.]

Even until most recently, To them that look for Him, He'll appear another time. [#955 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Amen. A Day In September. A snow-white Dove flew into my heart. [#996 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Amen. I lived in a world of sin and shame, that only caused me grief and pain. On the wings of a snow-white Dove. [#544 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

And Lo! In Her Mouth is an Olive leaf. [#555 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Because the Holy Spirit... We would come back year after year and we would have those meetings. And it had been a long time since we had one. Until, in 1991, that Dove appeared in Argentina and stood there for about twenty minutes or more. Well, we stayed for about twenty minutes or more and then walked away and left

the Dove standing right there. The Dove didn't move, we left. Otherwise we would have been standing there all evening; as long as we were standing there, He was standing there.

It was my first time down into Argentina, when I went down there and preached in Tabernaculo Shalom; Peace. That's right.

And I look and I see so many still afflicted. And this great faith is among us, this great Revelation of Jesus Christ that we can wave over a people, to give hope in the dark Hour. Because new hope arises in the darkest Hour, then Jesus comes and sets the captive free. When Jesus comes, the tempter's power is broken, the fears are wiped away. He takes away the gloom and He fills your life with glory.

And here this morning, with these things in my heart, I thought I would just come and speak a little bit here on "Suffering", to calm you and relax you. Don't get all worked up with these things, you who are going through a hard time, you who are going through trials and testings. These things, you must go through. These things are a sign. You don't relate to that like some little person without security.

I came in this morning and I began to hear the song *Blessed Assurance* [#995 - Songs That Live -Ed.]. Watch the Holy Spirit seeing people suffering — the song the sister [Sis. Elizabeth Bishop -Ed.] sang, she gave the testimony of what gave her the inspiration.

She looked there and saw brothers and sisters in the church, sick. And she is not a hot-house plant, she left home with sick people on her heart. How many of you go home with sick people on your heart? You look across the audience and you see them, "My brother, my sister, look at them hurting, the members of the Body, part of the Assembly." It takes a heart in condition that God could visit. And while she was there thinking about them, she was hearing the words in her mind: "Blessed Assurance, all is well. Blessed Assurance, all is well.

Blessed Assurance, all is well. Oh God, You are trying to tell me something." God had that song. "I will cause My Doctrine to come like rain upon the tender grass, upon the plants, making it grow up; like the dew, the soft dew that comes down upon the garden to keep it refreshed, to keep it watered."

And God gave a song. First, God, through a member in the Body being touched with the infirmities. I'm trying to show you, look at the channel it was born into, it isn't somebody trying to rhyme words. It is somebody who looked at the sick. God focused the attention on members of the Body. Because members in the Body represent the Body. When one member of the Body hurts, all the Body is hurting. When one member of the Body rejoices, all the members are rejoicing. Why? Because the Body is fearfully and wonderfully made. The members of the Body are connected by Blood. That nervous system runs throughout the entire Body. There is a feeling! Think of it.

Then, when this happens, there is something; the Holy Spirit birthed inspiration. And then the song came, 'nothing is impossible'. Oh my. That believers, who hear... But you see, sometimes, it isn't quickened to believers yet, they haven't grown up there as yet.

Jesus, the Son of Man, going into the grave, pulled not from Genesis or Exodus, or Leviticus or Numbers, not from Kings or Chronicles; He was pulling from the songs – Psalms. He was pulling from the Psalms. Jesus was conscious that the Psalms were inspiration, just like Genesis. It was the Spirit breathe Word. When you get to understand that, those songs are the Spirit breaths Word coming, because we sing the Message; we don't just sing, we sing the Message. We preach the Message and we sing the Message. And the same things that we preach, we sing. Because God makes us sing what we preach. Because we are fearfully and wonderfully designed by God. It is so He has built up

His Church, who can follow Him, who can recognize His Presence, who are sensitive to the moving of the Spirit.

We came here on Wednesday, I had to make an overseas call and I wanted to make it from the church here. I had forgotten about the funeral. I came in and I saw all the cars parked, I said, "What is going on here? What is happening here in the church today?" Then I realized the funeral was taking place. And so, after the funeral, we had made our call and we came down – Bro. Wesley Furlong in the back there, Bro. Andy Sharpe, myself and a couple other brothers, and he came up to me and we started to fellowship.

And my attention was drawn to some doves that were feeding. I said, "My, isn't that nice. Look at the cluster of doves there. A cluster of doves over here. Look at these doves here in the place." And I was talking like that. Then I said, "Do you know something? I was supposed to be in Australia in September, but they put the meetings back to October, and I am going to have the meetings here after all." So many are sick and suffering, and I wanted to come back and preach on that inspiration, *On The Wings Of A Snow White Dove*, in this season again. And I wanted to have a month of prayer.

I said, "God began to show me something in the church." I said, "We used to do that in the old days in the tabernacle in Cocoyea [Village in Southern Trinidad -Ed.], open the church seven days a week."

And the church will be open, beginning from tomorrow. I said, "I am going to get some tins of salt-biscuits and I'm going to put up a few tables in the Fellowship room, and put a tin on each one, and a little container with some cheese-paste. [Sandwich spread -Ed.]. And those who want to spend a little time in prayer, and if you are not fasting and you feel you want to eat something, you can go up and you can sit down there, read your Bible, eat a couple crackers, and then you can come back down. When the children come from school in the evening, or you are coming from work, then you

can pass through the church en-route to home. You can come and spend a little time in prayer, if you are hungry for a move of God."

I don't know what you are sensing when you are hearing the Word. But you see, when you are following the Word, It leads you in places. And Something says, "Here, take off your hat, here. Start to pray, here." He said the Holy Spirit said, "Lean up against this rock and pray, here!"

"Pray here? I didn't plan to pray there, right now, but if you say, "Stop now and pray, okay. I'm under instruction." And he started to pray.

And I just feel this is a time to stop and pray. I had told you that, if you could remember before I went out on the last trip, I said "I'm feeling God wants to breathe, to loose that Spirit of prayer among us." We all say our prayers, and we all pray. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about us, as a people. I'm talking about the Hour. I'm talking about what the Word has unfolded to, where It has placed us, and what we believe we can receive. Because the Word that we have been placed in, is showing us we are to receive benefits from Him, here. And we don't even have to choose the nice parts we like, type ourselves and walk away. If that's the road map, there are certain things we are supposed to receive here from Him. Take your scarf out, He has to drop things in there for you.

And I believe in Him. And I want to see people... Because there are many battles. Some battles look like an individual battle. Some battles look like a family battle. But some of these battles are not individual nor family battles, this is a church battle. And we together have to recognize our identification with each other as a people and this work. Because the chain is as strong as its weakest link.

And I trust you will take this in the spirit I'm saying it in, as your Pastor and your natural leader here, speaking that to you as a man of God who has some

form of discernment in my heart, as to what the will of God is for the people; saying it with grace. It will be so nice to see we do some re-adjustment.

Like Israel of old, when the Pillar of Fire moved, they moved. When It camped, they camped. When he said, "Move in the night", they moved in the night. They were so trained. When they heard those priests with the silver trumpets blow, and they said, "Pull up your tents," they pulled it up quickly and they saw the Pillar of Fire move, and they moved.

I believe that God has things in store for many of us here, by the grace of God, to help the church come up to where we need to be, to close the places that need to be closed, to fortify us in the places, to heal the ones that need healing and deliverance. We have them here, we say a Word of prayer, but some of these need concentrated prayer. They need to be ministered into the place.

Notice, I left out James 5:12-15. I just referred to it and said, "Anoint them with oil. The prayer of faith saves the sick." Because in these meetings, that is where some of these things must operate.

But this is the trial, this is the enduring, this is the testing. This is to the end of your faith, the Salvation of your souls. This is, "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials as though some strange thing is happening." This is, "After you have suffered a while, He establishes you, settles you, makes you perfect, strengthens you." This is, "And He has left a measure of suffering for His Church to fulfill."

And the Prophet said, "The Church that is not suffering, is not of God." Why? Because to reign with Him, you have to suffer with Him. And character is *never* made without suffering. Just like how you cannot make bread without flour, you cannot make character without suffering. That is the most vital ingredient to make character and to reign, to have dominion, to have His Power. Power without character is Satanic." And

what are those seven virtues? That's the character of God, the Gold tried in the Fire. "Buy of Me Gold, the character of God, tried in the Fire.

And that's why, friends, it's a place... I'm preaching to you about: *The Ending Of The Harvest* [2006-0709 -Ed.] and *The Conspiracy Is Growing Stronger*. [2006-0913 The Conspiracy Grows Stronger -Ed.] I can't over emphasize: retain God in your knowledge. It is so close, and so many diabolical things are taking place, and if you can only understand spiritual warfare, the forces of darkness.

To live in this Hour and not know anything about demonology and the spirit world, you don't stand a chance. That is why we had to be taught *Demonology*. That is why we had to be taught *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* [1962-0311 -Ed.]. That's why many people lose that battle. In the testing time they fall away, in their time of testing. That's why he said "The gifts and all these things don't even come to the place where they ought to come to, because they cannot stand the testing time."

But when you understand that's the plan, and that's necessary, and that's where we are, then you will understand how much we need a time like this. And especially in this month, where we have been dealt with by God in times past, *On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove*.

You all remember as far back as 1981, when I went up into Dove Cove, going through a time of suffering, when my wife lost the girl after Timothy. And I went out there to spend a few days. And God had it, that was the only place I went. I came back the night and preached that message, *My Grace is Sufficient For Thee.* Down came the Holy Spirit in the Emmanuel Tabernacle. I came back home and wrote the song *Dove Leading The Eagle.* [#569 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Standing right there in the airport, the Holy Spirit, (while we were talking to Bro. Isaac and they before we got in the plane,) the Holy Spirit dropped down there, and I said, "Sis. Monica [Sis. Monica Bishop -Ed.], pick up your

pen quickly and write these words: It is God in simplicity, now revealed in humility." [#529 - Songs That Live -Ed.] I came back and began to preach: She Has Turned At The West. I said, "Not geographic west, Scriptural west."

All those things, and still believing today, friends, that this Dove has led us into a faith. I became so bold, I preached that the Dove was God. I said, "They all thought it was a bird. It wasn't a bird, it was God." I said, "Because God, before the first Coming, in the first forerunner Elijah, confirmed the Ministry by a Dove. And the Second Coming, the second forerunner, He confirmed it by a Dove. And the Dove was God Himself." And I took the quotes in the Message, it was laying there all the time.

I remember when I came back from South Africa, 1986, I had invited Bro. Edward Samuel, Bro. Aubrey [Bro. Aubrey Hunte -Ed.], Bro. Joe Mohammed, all these brothers of the church. We were going to go to Tobago and I asked them to preach, I was going to take a rest, coming back from Africa. And the Holy Spirit opened, just by Sovereign Grace one day, just reading, because I had this little inspiration in my heart, "This is the time of the Dove."

And when it opened to me and I saw something in the Message sealed up all these years; what they thought was a little healing Meeting, a little story about the Prophet's healing, that it was far beyond that. Because he started from Genesis with the Dove in the beginning of the Bible, all the way to the Book of Revelation. Because the next Message he preached after that was *The Rapture*. [1965-1204-Ed.]

For the first time in his entire Ministry, from 1946 to 1965, he took 1st Thessalonians 4, and explained what the *Shout, Voice* and *Trump* were. The Seventh Seal was in a three-fold Mystery. It was sealed up, and for the first time, he identified his Ministry in the Seventh Seal, that *that* was the Shout, the opening of the Seven Seals. And showed that the Voice, it was a Ministry here on

this side of the Rapture, before the Trump, the Resurrection, takes place; something to take place. And he said, "Father, I pray You let the Dove lead."

My next message, *Dove Leading Eagle*, I wrote the song *Dove Leading The Eagle*. Many, many wonderful things God did. I say these things to remind you; put the old ones in remembrance, and the new ones.

Can I tell your dream? [Bro. Vin speaks to Sis. Davereen Weston – Ed.] While we were talking with Bro. Wesley [Bro. Wesley Furlong –Ed.] about the doves, he did so, he opened his jacket like that, and he had on a tie with a dove on it, with the olive leaf in its mouth. He said, "Brother, I came up here to this funeral." He said, "I was home getting ready, opened my closet with a bunch of ties and I pulled down a tie to wear and a tie fell off the rack onto the floor. And I was tying the tie that I pulled down." And Something told him, "Look at the tie on the ground." He looked at the tie, it had a dove, the one with the dove with the olive leaf. But he wasn't going to wear that tie, he was going to wear the one he pulled down to wear, he had it around his neck.

Then Something said, "Wear that tie!" So, he took off the tie, and put on the one with the dove. He said, "Brother, I'm coming up in the service, in the funeral, waiting to hear somebody preach and say something about the dove."

He said, "I didn't hear anything about the dove." And he was talking there. And I came downstairs from making my call, met them and started to talk. And as I talked about the dove, he opened the coat and showed me. He said, "It looks like I got the confirmation to hear about the dove."

Then while we were talking there, I was going to walk away, and Sis. Davereen [Sis. Davereen Weston -Ed.], she called me and she said she waited quite a while to tell me this. She said, "Bro. Vin, I don't really dream these kinds of dreams. I don't have these experiences." And all this was happening at the same time. She said, "But do you

know something? I dreamed you were in church preaching and the church was packed." She said, "The church was so packed with people, and all of a sudden, like the Cloud in the picture, it was coming, it was up by the ceiling of the building, spread out over the congregation." She said, "And you turned and told the people," (she said words to this effect, if I remember the words exactly), she said, "This is how it is when He comes." (Is it something like that?) [Bro. Vin speaks to Sis. Davereen -Ed.] She said, "This is how it is when He comes."

And she said, "People were trying to reach out when they saw the glory of God in the tabernacle, they were trying to reach out to It." And she was reaching out too and saying, "Lord, Lord. Heal me, Lord Jesus, heal me." (And I think you were moving up towards It? Yes? Reaching out.) And it was like a big thing, just drawing, and everybody wanted to move up into It.

I don't know if she overheard what we were talking about before, but all these things came right after I had purposed to have these meetings and I told one or two people about the meetings. When these things began to happen, I said, "This is the time for prayer."

And if the church could get under prayer; because it takes a spiritual atmosphere. We can't just come in the night and try to work up an atmosphere. This takes an atmosphere. And I know school has just reopened. I said, "But in the old days, the sisters used to do their washing, their cooking, early in the morning, then they would take their little bag and they would come up. They knew if they could spend two hours, they would spend two hours, and then, they would go back."

They could come with the children, pass through the service. The children could get a time of prayer, they could get a time of prayer before we get in. We could do everything too much, but pray. And we are praying according to a Promise. And God has dealt with us in this Book of Ruth. And we have come right into His Presence, at His feet, where we lay down there. We have

explained the laying down, we have typed the laying down, we have identified the laying down. But wouldn't it be nice to really come and lay down at His feet? We explained what the garment means and how the garment is, and how we are under the cover, and what we are hearing under the cover. But wouldn't it really be nice to come and lay down for a while, really, and let Him spread this great garment over us? I believe it will. I believe it will do us good.

So, Bro. Patrick [Bro. Patrick Dayal - Ed.], when he comes up, (they work up here,) they will open the church. The church will be opened. There will be brothers here to put on a little consecration music, whatever. We will try to set up the room up there.

Don't improve on that diet. Nobody should get a thought, "Well, it is better if I make a few bakes." [Local flatbread-Ed.] Please, you know how it gets here: eating comes in and it is stretched and turns out to be a banquet.

I said just some tins, leave it there with a few sanitary saucers, and something like that, with a garbage bag, a little knife that you could spread it, and everybody see about themselves when they come up. They could sit down there and read; they could sit under the tree and read; they could sit by the bench. They could come in and pray for a while.

Those of us who want to be personally ministered to, I trust that some of the ministers, elders, deacons would be here also, that we can all—we don't have to be here all day, but what time we can come and be here, we will be here. And when we have a few of us, and it will need to be put in proper perspective, in some form of order and format, that will be done when we have that amount of people and so on, at one time.

But other than that, use the time. Come on and let us spend this time, as a church, as a people, and I believe that God has things He wants to give to us. Like

He told the Prophet, "Consecrate yourself for the visitation of the Angels."

I believe before you could really get any real great blessing from God, it takes moving aside a little while and opening your heart before God. And I'm sure He is going to help you in your way.

And my precious brothers and sisters, you little ones, make this a time, invite your friend, encourage one another. Say, "I'll be going up, call me. I want to go up there. When you are going, tell me. I want to be up there." We want to pray together. We want to tarry before the Lord a little bit. We are believing that He will give us something more than our yesterday. We are coming expecting to receive, and we know that He is faithful Who promised.

This is a time, I believe, if the church can just press in a little more, the glories of God are all around us. The glories of God are all around us. Let us stand to our feet.

How great is He, friends. He loves us and we just love Him. Let us bow our hearts in His Presence. All around the building, all on the outside, all in the rooms, let us, for the next few moments, as sincere as you can be, let us get our hearts and minds – like our sister was there thinking about members of the Body, with a desire in our hearts, that compassion, love flowing out, to reach out to those that are in need of a touch from Him. And God could be so pleased with that attitude, He would drop inspiration and give a song. And when we look and see the birth of that song, such a beautiful, inspired, faith building, assuring song that ministers to the soul, let us look for Him another time, friends. He will appear.

We want to come back to this place where the enemy was killed. Like the old coloured man coming back in the museum to see the vesture in the blood; where the slave belt was taken off of him through the death of that great emancipator, who, when he saw the cruelty and the kind of cruel treatment that the people were

suffering, he said, "I must lick that thing. I will not rest though it cost me my life." And it did cost him his life.

And that slave knowing that his blood was shed and that took the slave belt off of him, then how much more the Blood of Jesus Christ; that God, Who told us "Our enemy is dead and still dead." Some of us still need to get that vision broken to us, and that He will break that vision to us, friends. In 1986, we went there to Tobago, close to seven hundred of us, and how the Holy Spirit came down among us. We could never forget that time. Such great things to tell of what took place.

Down through the years after that, we had those meetings. And I'm believing that many of these young ones that have grown up now, many of the older ones that are tired and weary, suffering, crying for healing both night and day; that faith will not be forgotten by the Father above. May He send to them the sign on the wings of a Dove.

Just play that song softly for me, *On the Wings of a Snow-White Dove*. [#63 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

This is the time and this is the season. And over the days to come, I will tell you about the experiences the Prophet had and what these things mean to the Bride, and the revelation that lays in the Message.

It's the promise of the Holy Spirit, this great Guide that wants to guide each and every one of us. And we who have suffered, we who have been tested and tried, have come to a place where we can say, "I have heard with the hearing of my ear, but now I see." We have seen the patience of Malachi 4, and we have seen the end of the Lord. A man, who through suffering, affliction and patience, that Seventh Dove that he looked forward to, appeared to him, coming out of the skies, coming down from Heaven; it was none other than the Angel of the Covenant, the Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed Holy Spirit coming to lead the Eagle.

On the wings of a snow-white Dove...

You don't even have to wait until the meetings. Your faith, your respect and your attitude to the Holy Spirit can cause you to find favor in His sight. If you draw near to Him in your heart, He will draw near to you. Oh, sing it again.

On the wings of a snow-white Dove.

You who are going through your hardships, your suffering, your testing times, your trials, bitterness and pain, distress, agony.

Noah had drifted...

Noah had drifted

On the flood many days,
Oh, he searched for land

Just like you are searching for a land of health, a land of healing, deliverance...

In various ways;
Oh, troubles he had some,
Oh, but not from above,
Hallelujah!
God gave him a sign
On the wings of a Dove.

Chorus:

On the wings of a snow-white Dove,

That is the Holy Spirit we are singing about, bringing a Message of peace and comfort; the Comforter, the Guide. Hallelujah!

On the wings of a Dove.

Oh, Jesus, our Saviour. He was the perfect example. *Came to earth one day;*He was born in a stable,
In a manger of hay;
Though here rejected,
But not from above,
God gave him a sign *On the wings of a Dove.*

Oh, lift your hands and sing, On the wings of a snow-white Dove. Let that Dove come down. This is my beloved son, this is my beloved daughter in whom I'm pleased to dwell in. The Dove led him to be tested and tried, but then the Dove brought him out to Glorification.

On the wings of a Dove.

Though I have suffered In many a way,

I cried for healing. He saw every tear. He heard every cry.

Both night and day; Oh, He is so faithful. Faith was not forgotten By the Father above, He gave me a sign On the wings of a Dove.

On the wings of a snow-white Dove Hallelujah!
God sends His pure sweet love,

Send It today, Jesus. Send It into the hearts of the hungry, dear God. Confirm it with Your Presence. Give the sign of that Heavenly Dove. Oh, one more time, *On the wings of a snow-white Dove.*

On the wings of a snow-white Dove God sends His pure sweet love A sign from above On the wings of a Dove.

And I want to encourage you, right now, to believe. Believe with all your heart. We are standing in the Presence of One Who loved us and gave His Life for us; who rose triumphantly, sent back His Holy Spirit; who has brought us to the knowledge of His Truth; whose Presence is here with us today.

And even before we leave this building, the things that we hold in our hearts, the things that we are believing Him for, confessing that He is more than able to do it for us, He is willing more abundantly. "As the Lord liveth", Boaz told Ruth. "Now it is true, I am thy near kinsman. I will do all that thou requirest."

He will do it, friends. Let there not be a shadow of a doubt in your heart. But in all sincerity, believe Him, and confess what His Word said. You will find that He is faithful Who promised.

You have faith in all the Elders standing there. Believe with us for these that stand here, coming up to be prayed for with a special need in their heart. "I am thy near kinsman. Not, I will be, later this month. I Am now, present." Because He can do it and do it again. Because He is the same yesterday and today and forever. [Bro. Vin speaks with the believers gathered at the altar for prayer. Ed.]

Lord Jesus, our precious brother and sisters standing here for healing, Lord, as they have made mention of their specific needs, and stand here in Your Presence knowing that You have heard them when they have confessed, Lord, their condition, and what they are standing here looking unto You expecting to receive.

Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we have approached this according to Your Word, that said, "Call the Elders, let them anoint the sick with oil, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and raise them up." And so, dear God, we know that Your Word is infallible. And dear God, we have tried, as sincerely as we can, to act out Your Word; acting it out with faith, because we know that You are a healer.

We have seen You heal, time and time again, dear God. And we know that You paid the price for our healing. Lord, as our brother and our sisters, stand here with their different needs, we come against this sickness. Lord, we know all sicknesses are of the Devil, Father. And in the Name of Jesus Christ, we take authority over this sickness, and we rebuke it from our

sisters, and from our brother, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Satan, depart from them, loose them and let them go, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, let Your healing virtue flow into their bodies, oh God. And Father, may Your Power raise them up out of this condition, and make them well for the glory of God, and Lord, they will find that You are faithful, that Lord, God, Your Word is true; that You are reliable and dependable. And that Lord God, they will pass from sickness into health, and be well for the glory of God, as we ask it in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for Your honour and for Your glory, amen. Amen. [Bro. Vin speaks with the believers at the altar -Ed.]

Lord Jesus, we are so grateful, Father, that You are a present help in time of need, and that Lord, we can stand as a believing church, having brothers and sisters, Lord, that are in need, standing here at this sacred desk, Father, where Your Word has been ministered, Lord, day after day, and week after week, month after month and year after year; that down through these years we have tried to be faithful, and tried to keep this Word straight, dear God. And tried to say sincerely, what has already been said.

And dear God, as they have heard Your Word, and have responded, this morning, Lord, coming forward expecting, Lord Jesus, that You will be gracious unto them, to grant the request that they have need of. You said, "He that asks for a bread, will not get a stone. He that asks for a fish, will not get a serpent."

And as they have come, dear God, Lord, they know that we are just their brothers and fellow ministers, Father, Lord, servants, representatives of Yours. But Lord, they look beyond us to You Who we represent this morning. And we stand here knowing, dear God, that You are faithful, and You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and we are fully persuaded, that Lord, they will have what they have need of. Because we stand in Your Presence, Lord, representing You to bless them,

dear God, knowing that what they are desiring is for something that would help them to walk closer to You, to live in victory, to serve You completely, oh God, Lord, to see this hindrance be removed. And in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we rebuke this devil that has tried to hinder them. Satan, turn them loose, in the Name of Jesus Christ. We come against you, by the Blood and the Finished Work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Loose them and let them go!

Father, we pray Your Quickening Power, Lord, will quicken them, oh God; will raise them up into realms of faith, dear God; will tie their soul to Your Word and anchor them and give them settled peace in their hearts and their minds, that this will not bother them any more. That Lord, those seeking forgiveness will know that they are forgiven. Those seeking the breakthrough, will have the breakthrough. Those seeking, oh God, to find rest and get a grip on You, and walk close to You, Father, will find their soul move up in that place.

Let Your Holy Spirit bring such a surge of the current of the Spirit. May every evil power of the enemy, that tries to hold them in shame and in sin, and in uncleanness, let it be broken, Father, and let them be sprinkled with the Blood, and be purged from all evil.

And Lord, may the Holy Spirit come behind, after cleansing, and fill these places, oh God, that they could walk forth free, delivered, oh God, to live for You and live consecrated and dedicated in their vessel, knowing how to possess their vessel in sanctification and honour. May You grant it, oh God, we pray, as we ask these mercies today, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May You grant it, Father.

And Lord, for those that stand in the congregation with a request, Father, believing, in the rooms, on the outside, God, some might be moved in their hearts hearing about this little time of prayer; they prayed for this, they longed for this, they desired that the church would have a time like this. And Lord God, I pray that

Your Holy Spirit, Lord, even now, will be so gracious and do something, Father, Lord, that would give consolation and encouragement, that they will know, Father, that this is pleasing unto You and You desire truly to give to us these things that You have spoken in Your Word and promised for this Hour.

And dear God, as we make this move towards You in a deeper consecration, to walk closer, to make ourselves more available, to empty out completely, oh God, that Lord You will fill, Father, You will fill so completely, oh God, that Lord, we will be weighted down under the Power of the blessings, that the Holy Spirit will release in this church, Lord, into every home, into every family, oh God, until every father and mother, every brother and sister, young man and young woman, oh God, that the church will be invigorated to be raised up, oh God, Lord, to move under greater inspiration, greater strength, greater power. That we will see signs and wonders and miracles be wrought by Your mighty hand. We will see souls delivered, backsliders restored, the church inspired and raised up, Lord, to walk in a new realm of faith. May You grant it, Father.

Jesus, we pray and we ask that even in the days to come, that Lord, this time will be a time set aside for You. A time Lord, as a people united, a people that You have ministered to so clearly down through this year, surely this is appropriate, to follow now into prayer, after You have spoken to us so many messages; after You have placed us, and taken the fears and the doubts, and to show to us the thoughts You have in Your heart concerning us in this Book of Ruth; after You have pointed out to us the evil and the schemes of the enemy on the move in the world, the next harvest, and their conspiracy growing stronger.

That Lord now, it would be a time that we can enter in, truly, to be under the cover, as it were, oh God, where Your great Holy Spirit, as our sister dreamed, knowing that we cannot dream a dream. And a dream

like this, surely it will be something that You would give, Father. Lord, we pray that Lord, it will be like that, Father.

We remember when Your Prophet was going to preach that Message, how Junior Jackson dreamed that great Pillar of Fire coming in the lattices of the building, and Your Prophet, Lord, was looking and expecting, oh God. Could all these things be, Father? It's complementary to our faith, Lord. Because Lord, we believe that this is Your great promise of this Hour – the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This great Divine love and grace that is to be poured down into the church, to give faith for Rapturing Grace. As we see the days drawing nigh, Lord, hand in hand, heart uniting with heart, we are moving forward to draw near to You. You said You will draw near unto us.

Let this be a special time, Father, that Lord, truly we can see a portion being imparted to every family, every home, dear God, and collectively as a church, oh God, a people that You have called and commissioned in this part of the world, in this region, this great and wonderful time that we have had in this convention, so marvelous, such great wonderful manifestations of Your Presence coming so close. That Lord, truly we want to linger and abide and constrain You to abide a while with us, that You might continue to minister to us, that we might drink deep from the cup of blessing. Oh God, may You grant it, Father.

Prepare every heart, we ask. Make a way. And may each heart be encouraged, and move forward to enter in and participate, that what we long for and desire, we can find You put them within our reach. Grant it, Lord.

Dismiss us from this place, but not from Your Presence. As we go, lead us in peace and safety. Let Your grace and Your Power, let Your blessing, let Your peace fill every heart, as each one would journey back to their homes, today. May You grant it, Father.

And this coming week, as the children would go out to school, be with them, Father. Keep them sensitive. Keep them mindful of Your Presence. Oh God, watch over them, Father.

And Lord God, may each and every one find that place, Father, where in our hearts we can have sweet communion with You. Jesus, how we desire this, how we hunger and thirst after this, Lord. "As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth our souls after Thee. Our soul thirsteth for Thee as a man in a dry and thirsty land, thirsting for the Living God." Fill us, Lord, fill each and every one. We ask it in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

God sends His pure sweet love...

Don't forget that from tomorrow the place will be open. Come up. Spend an hour. Spend two. Spend half a day. Come and pray. Come up with the children after school. Spend an hour. Make this your little time.

May we wait on Him. May we expect His visitation. May we prepare and make ready for it to happen. He will not disappoint us. To those that look for Him, He will appear a second time.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Shake your brother's hand, your sister's hand. Sis. Arlene [Sis. Arlene James – Ed.], would you come and sing that song, *Them that look for Him.* [#955 Are You Looking For Him - Songs That Live – Ed.] God bless you. And as she sings this song today, let our hearts be in meditation, friends.

Get your book out, *On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove*. [1965-1128E -Ed.] Get one from the library or something, if you don't have one. Let them know you want to request one, if you don't have one, they are going to print some for you. Everybody could have one. And who knows, maybe we are going to listen to it by tape first, so it could soak down into every heart. This is a great time; this great thing we are looking for, friends; these great mighty blessings we are in anticipation of. This was that time in the Prophet's life.

This was that hidden secret sealed up in the Message. It is connected to that last ride; Dove leading Eagle, leading you into a faith you have never known. What a time.

I trust you enjoyed being in His Presence today. I trust it means something to you in your heart; you who are looking for His promise; you who are looking to see Him appear another time. This is the Hour: will thou be made whole? Will thou be filled with the Holy Spirit?" Will you let Him be your Leader and your Guide? Do you desire Him to lead you into a faith you have never known, friends, to guide you into a fully surrendered life? Let this be that time, by God's grace, friends.

[Sis. Arlene James and sisters sing -Ed.]

