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[#592 Shalom - Songs That Live –Ed.] Shalom, shalom!" for a new day has been broken; From this sick and dying world To God's life and immortality, All we can hear from His Throne Is "Good morning! Good morning! to my Bride."

Amen. I want to greet everyone this morning in the precious, lovely Name of Jesus Christ. We count it such a blessed privilege to be gathered in His Presence. We have a little dedication here. We would like to just dedicate two little children here, children of our precious Bro. Carl Wilson and his wife, who were baptized, not baptized but married recently, right here, a couple weeks ago, making this great stand to walk in this revealed Truth. We thank God for them. We just pray that God would just set them upon that Rock; that Rock upon which He is building His Church, restoring it in this hour. The Bible says the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of the Living God.

It is written in the Bible, It says,

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. [Psalm 127:1 -Ed.]

This may sound to the untutored mind like maybe it's a carpenter building a house somewhere out in the country, or somebody doing some construction, but really, house in the Bible doesn't just mean wood, and stone, and galvanize. The Bible says, we are a spiritual house. We are lively stones building up a spiritual house; [1st Peter 2:5 -Ed.] and It says, Jesus Christ Himself is the Chief Cornerstone. God builds a real family. God builds a house.

David wanted to build God a house, but God told David, "I will build you a house." And through David came that great Cornerstone, the Son of David, Jesus Christ, that the Church of the Living God is built upon.

Our brother is building a house here; God has given him children, a posterity in the earth, a heritage, that his name would continue on in the earth, and that's a great thing. When we come to realize these Bible Truths, it changes our lives. It gives us a whole different concept as to what the family is.

It says, [Psalm 127:3-Ed.]

<sup>3</sup> Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

[Psalm 128:1-5 –Ed.]

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is every one that feareth the *Lord*; and that walketh in his ways.

<sup>2</sup> For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

<sup>3</sup> Thy wife shall be as fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

What a beautiful picture, and the Holy Spirit expresses in the home and the family circle that the wife would be like a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: and thy children like olive plants around thy table. God, giving a picture of the family. Sometimes we look, we just see children, you see a woman. You see maybe, a woman bears some children, and man doesn't get a greater concept than that; he just sees a woman. Sometimes he becomes disenchanted with the woman. And the same way the husbandman cultivates the vine, and the vine becomes more fruitful. So, in the family there is a spiritual fruitfulness that comes forth through the Holy Spirit working in every family.

It says,

<sup>4</sup> ... that thus shall the man be blessed who feareth the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion;

God is speaking about blessing, here. It is the blessings that God has bestowed upon a family; the blessings that He has bestowed upon a home that belongs to all of us who are part of the great Family of God and who in the earth He has given a family also that we can break into the realm to see God's concept of a family; that the whole Bible is about God wanting to have a family. The whole mystery of the Lamb's Book of Life and the Church and the New Birth and all these Things are about God birthing His family, raising his family, bringing His family together. The whole mystery of the New Heaven and the New Earth is God living with His family, that everything we do, when we see how He toils after His family and labors after His family and try to cultivate His family and the way He sees His family, what it ought to be to us, a family life.

And we are a church family here. This is a father and a mother right here, and there are children being born through the womb of this church, right here. And if this church is to be a fruitful vine, and the children like olive plants round about the table: that's Oil and Wine and oil and wine is connected in worship and God said, "Hurt not the oil and the wine." Oil and wine is what we have at the communion table. Think of it. Oil represents the Holy Spirit; that's what you mix the meal with to make the bread. Amen. It's connected to our worship and our life. <sup>5</sup> The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion; and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Praise His wonderful Name. Let us bow our hearts for the dedication. Praise God. Thank You, Jesus. Lord, we are so grateful this morning to have the light of the Scriptures, to come to this great knowledge of God, to walk in the revelation of Your mystery, to see it unfold in our very own lives, to see dear God, the true picture of what the home is. You showed the home in the garden of Eden; it represented Your Kingdom, it represented Your Church, it represented the family. And from that one pattern that You put there Lord, the entire mystery of the Bible unfolded until it comes back to the same thing in the Book of Revelation, as we go back to Eden again.

As we stand here for dedication, Father, Lord, these Things are so real in our hearts. We thank You for it, Lord. Otherwise, our lives will just be a formality, we'd think about joining a church, be involved in a church program, and try to hope we have salvation. When we walk in a relationship with You, Lord, when we walk under the influence of the revelation of the Word, Lord, God when we see from day to day how You are making Yourself known in and through Your people, Lord, God, showing forth Who You are and what You are, what Your Kingdom is and they are the Light of the world, they are the salt of the earth, reflecting this great Mystery, putting Christ on display, Lord, we observe a little more closely, and our hearts hunger to be taught more faithfully, to see more clearly, to live with greater faith and power. We pray that for our brother and his wife, Father. We pray that this would be their portion. A young man and a young woman in this evil Age, inoculated, Lord, having a repellent in their hearts to resist the world and its evil, to raise their children in the fear of God under a godly influence of the revealed Word, walking in this Truth with a hope of redemption,

oh God, in this hour, and Lord, God, they will be a part of the great Kingdom of God in the Eternal Ages.

May as they stand here today for dedication, God, they be endued with the Holy Spirit in such a measure. Deep down in their hearts breathe the breath of God, that Quickening Power that will quicken their minds, that will raise them up, Lord, into such a sphere that the eyes of their understanding would be enlightened, the chains would drop off their minds, dear God; God, the Word would be real in their hearts, creating an atmosphere on the inside that would come forth on the outside and fill the sphere that they walk in, that people who would walk in the doors of their home will feel something. People who would sit in their presence and their company would feel the Holy Spirit flowing out of them as one can pass by a rose and smell the sweet fragrance that it gives forth, Father, because it has that character, it has that nature to do that. And You, the great Rose of Sharon Who lives in every life that You have redeemed by Your Blood, oh God, is not this what You promised Your children, Father?

As our brother and his dear wife stand here with their children for dedication today, Lord, little Destiny and Damani; Lord, I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, this little girl, Destiny, as we offer up unto You for a life of service today, dear God, You'll receive her and cause her to be so secure under the shelter of Your precious Blood; Lord, secure, safe from all harm and all evil. Dear God, Your Holy Spirit, Lord, would have such a Divine Influence upon her life, and dear God, she would grow in the grace, and the knowledge of God even to understand Lord, Your will and purpose in her life, Lord, as it would be ministered through her parents. Lord, we pray You would cause to grasp this Truth and God, be so purposed in their hearts, Lord, as a commission from You to raise these children for the glory of God, recognizing it's a heritage from the Lord, and they would come under the influence of this

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vocation. Grant it, dear God, we pray. May this child grow in grace, and in knowledge, and in favor before the Lord and be blessed of the Lord. Grant it Father, that she might serve her purpose here on earth to honor You, in the Name of Jesus Christ. We now dedicate little Destiny Lewis for the glory of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Gracious God, we pray for this little boy, Damani Lewis, Lord, the son of our brother and our sister. We offer him unto You for life of service today, in the Name of Jesus Christ. We know dear God, that You are God Whose eye is on the sparrow. Two are sold for a farthing, You said. So little are they worth, Lord, in this world's wealth but dear God, yet, because it is Your creation and You have a far greater value of that upon what You have created and the purpose for which You created it, You said not one will fall to the ground but that You know of it, Father. And when we think, dear God, that we, Your children, are the purchase of Your Blood, God, with a soul in a higher order of creation, Lord, at the top of the chain of creation so far beyond the birds, dear God. How much more is Your eye upon yours.

We pray and ask, dear God, that You will watch over this little boy, Your Presence will be a hedge round about him, that Your Blood would be a protection for him, dear God. And that he, Father, from a little child here in his mother's arms will grow under the influence and there will be something in his heart attendant, oh God, to the Things of God, and his little mind would grasp It and retain It. Lord, the words that they would speak to him about the Lord, Jesus and the songs that they would sing to him, and God, out of the mouth of this little boy would begin to come forth worship and praise and adoration to You, Father. He would grow under this Divine Influence. May You grant it dear God, and Father, they would be faithful to train him up in the way of the Lord and he would grow to the glory of God and the purpose of God, for You in Your great Divine

will in sending him into this family at this time to serve Your purpose here. Grant it Lord.

We pray that You would bless him and he would honor You, Father, and he will bring joy and gladness to his parents, and he would be a blessed comfort to their hearts. In the Name of Jesus Christ we dedicate little Damani Lewis to You for the glory of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ. And once again, may You bless this family. Open their hearts to the great Things of God, and Lord, that they could grow in knowledge, they could grow in grace, Lord, God they could grow in strength and power, and as they start serving You, supply their every need we ask. In the Name of Jesus Christ we bless this family today. Amen.

Praise the Lord. Do you love Him this morning? Amen. Let's just open up the Bible. I'd like to read over in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22. And when you find that... We have a baptism to follow the service, I'll try not to be too long. I ought not maybe to exert myself like this, coming to preach but I made no arrangement for someone else to take the service and that's why I'm here in the desk this morning. But God has been gracious, He gave me a little touch and I just want to serve Him.

I've learned a long time ago that you don't serve God only when you have health but you serve God by a commission that God has given you, especially in preaching the Gospel. Paul preached the Gospel with infirmity. Sometimes, even though we need to rest and recuperate, as I was preaching here on Wednesday, Elijah beneath the juniper tree; yet God knows how to rest us and strengthen us. And I believe if our heart's desire is to honor Him, to help His people, I'm sure He knows how to take care of us. Anything that serves God's purpose... If God would raise it up in а resurrection because it served God's purpose, how much more God would watch over it, preserve it, and strengthen it for His service. That's the faithfulness of our Lord. Jesus Christ.

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I don't know why He made me His servant. That's His elective love. That's grace. My mind can't fathom it. If I look upon my life as someone who may have some form of merit, it is not by merit, it is by His choosing and that's His love towards me and I'm thankful for that and because of that... I only have one life but if I had a million, I would certainly like to give all to Him.

God bless brother Deon. We're glad to see him (amen) to be here with us, by God's grace.

Do you have 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22? Let's just say a short word of prayer.

Gracious Father, we bow our hearts in Your Presence once again. Now, as we stand with Your Word open, our hearts and our minds, Lord, tuned in, in anticipation, our souls, Lord, waiting, dear God, with expectation for the Word that You would speak to us today, for Lord God, we saw how You sent down manna every day as the children of Israel had need of it, and then, when they crossed over into the land, You gave them the old corn. You were so mindful to take care of their sustenance, their nourishment, and You have fixed these things. You have provided for us. And so, when we gather like this, knowing we are to receive It from Your hand, God we want to be in the attitude of the Spirit where we can receive what You have for us, especially being conscious of the Day and Time that we are living in. And Lord, the Things that we need to grasp and the things that You have made us responsible for by Your Word that we have come to understand through the opening of the Seven Seals, to see that by and through the members of the Bride You will finish this great Plan of Redemption, and You have spoken to us about rising up and finishing the job.

Oh God, how it was the Seventh-Seal Mystery that was opened up to the undenominational Bride in the last days to finish this great commission. And Lord God, knowing that that cycle has come back and we are being moved into that Final Quickening. And, dear God, how we want to walk with faith and understanding; a prisoner bound in the chains of Your Word; prepared servants in action, with reverence, and humility, to do You the service according to Your will for this Hour.

Speak to us, Lord. Let the Word have the right effect. Speak to every heart, the few thoughts that You have placed upon my heart to share with the church today, and I pray that it would bless and edify them; that portion that is visible to us here and the portion that is laving out in the region that would receive these Things by way of tape; bless them also. The brothers out in the field, out in Tobago, and Lord, in St. Lucia, and the minister standing at the post of duty out there in St. Vincent, Bro. Elijah and the little group, bless him and bless the little flock. May You continue to open the Word and may You continue to inspire them. And may You continue to grant grace that every word that would fall into deep, rich faith there, and the church would prosper under the power of the Holy Spirit, Lord, being made ready for Your Coming.

And those out in St. Kitts, Lord. And those, Lord, in Dominica and Grenada, sitting there, Lord, under the sound of the Word that would be ministered through here by way of tape this morning, bless them also. And may that Word be rich and fresh in their hearts as the Presence of the Living God would move amongst them and build them up in that rich faith, Father.

Oh God, in this Hour, Lord, let Your will be revealed clearly to them. And Lord God, I pray that the church would thrive under the power of the Holy Spirit. May You grant it, Lord. We ask now, Father, that You will take into consideration each and every one and every need and the things that the people have in their hearts holding before You. Many, no doubt, coming into the house of God today in anticipation to hear from You. Lord, God, may the Spirit speak expressly.

Give me strength, Father. Direct me. God, I'm only here by Your grace. And Lord, You know even in this condition, who would want to stand here to be seen, or to be heard? And how conscious I am of my insufficiency even as the hour grows greater; as we discover our frailty more and more, as we realize, dear God, all we can do is wait before You, learn to depend upon You, rely upon You knowing by experience and revelation that You are dependable, You're reliable, You can be trusted, oh God, You have never failed us yet.

Then, dear God, let the Word be spoken. May It be so quickened by the Spirit of God. It would break the shackles. It would lose chains from off the people. It would give faith to rise up and claim the things that they have need of, oh God, that the Word would not return unto You void. The Church of God can walk in the liberty, and the Word is designed and intended to make them free. Grant it, Lord. We thank You. We ask these mercies in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Praise God. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22. I'm just going to pick a couple of places. I'm really speaking over in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1, but this is kind of helping lay some background to sort of give a little clearer picture as to some of the things I'll like to emphasize but we are all acquainted with this Scripture. If you are in this assembly, you'll know this Scripture really well. I'm just picking a couple of places here. Verse 6, 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22.

This is the days after Elijah's prophecy here and we see the hour; we see the time of the Age, how darkness was descending upon a church that had gone into apostasy, a church that failed to receive the prophet that God had sent, and here we are seeing that the very nation that was considered to be God's people, that God had called out of Egypt under the prophet, Moses, brought into the land and given to them for an inheritance, and they were to be the head of the nations, how it had descended into such a condition that now it was being ruled by a pagan spirit, an ungodly spirit, and we look across every nation in the world today, there is not one nation upon the face of the earth that is being governed by a Christian spirit today. There is not one.

In every nation, from the United States, to maybe, just go by the continents. There are six continents; there is not one where you have one country, one island, there is a Christian spirit and an economy that is being run by the Word of God. The whole—gross darkness is upon the earth and upon the peoples. That's why this nation has been judged, this world has been judged and it's moving into oblivion.

Verse 6 says,

<sup>6</sup> Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together...

You know they were getting ready to go into the battle and they wanted to know the will of God. They wanted an endorsement from the religious authority that they were going to have success in their venture. So, the church and the state were moving real closely at that time, so they gathered all the prophets who were supposed to be the men of God, the men who were speaking for God, the men who had the mind of God, and who were proclaiming the will of God. And he gathered these prophets together, about four hundred men. And these men came from all over the land of Israel, no doubt. These, the Prophet said, weren't just some 'fly-by-night' men; these were prophets gathered there in a great association.

> ...and said unto them, Shall I go against to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it in the hand of the king.

They were given the assurance, "The Lord is behind you. This is of the Lord. We are the Lord's people and the Lord is going to bring this to pass, and we, the mouthpiece of the Lord, are declaring the will of God. It is good for you; go and do it." These men with the best understanding, you know, maybe, for the kings and for the nation, and for the people of God, and they had the Scriptures, and they were with a great association, and they felt anointed, and they felt directed, and they spoke these things.

> <sup>7</sup> And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we may inquire of him?

> <sup>8</sup> And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom you may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

The reason that four hundred and one prophet wasn't there is because you could see this man gather prophets around him who would say nice things to him that he wants to hear. The Bible says, "In the last days they would heap teachers to themselves having itching ears." [2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3 -Ed.] People gather teachers around them who would teach them the things they want to hear, who will preach a Gospel for them that will not condemn them of sin. No man likes to see himself judged. This is the condition of the society. This is not a random Scripture. This didn't slip in here by chance. This is the Age in the days after they rejected the Evening Message. This is the Church today. It is put here as a type in the Bible for us to understand this time.

Wednesday I was preaching about Elijah, after the Word was restored before the translation under the juniper tree. I'm in the same time here with a different emphasis also. I was preaching about how he can get discouraged. Now I want to really speak on *The Need For Godly Parental Influence*. I'm preaching a family-type message for the family this morning but, I'm on **"REALIZATION OF THIS INSANE AGE PT. 9**". But that's my subject: *The Need For Godly Parental Influence*.

I believe in this church, we're seeing what we are seeing. If we understand what we are seeing and we understand what we are hearing by revelation, especially in this Hour since the year had started and the Holy Spirit had posted the church there on Old Years night, after those two messages when that tsunami struck and shook the planet again forty years after, and I showed you *The Evil Conspirators And Their Conspiracy* [2004-1231 -Ed.], and then started in *The Realization Of This Insane Age* [2005-0102 -Ed.], and coming to the ninth part; and on Wednesdays, we went straight into the Youth Services trying to get the children, showing you motherhood is broken, family life is broken, womanhood is broken, and that's why the world is in the condition today. Then, we among ourselves, if it's being identified to us how the world got there, we have to make sure we don't get there.

So, we in this church have to have motherhood. We in this church have to have womanhood. And we in this church have to have godly, young people influenced by godly parents. That's the only thing to save us out of here. Because that Message came... Because the promise is *unto you and to your children; even as many as the Lord thy God shall call.* [Acts 2:39 -Ed.] But this apostolic Gospel and this apostolic Truth come back to us in the last days, the Holy Ghost has come for the family; it's Token time. The Token was for the family in the Exodus. Rahab got her family. You understand the time we are talking about?

So there is something that the family must become sensitized to and the family in this Hour – Church family and individual family units have to start to catch this Mystery. So that means in homes, you can't have father and mother quarreling, and you can't have children being abused, and you can't have children doing what they want, and you can't have parents neglecting their children. It shows we don't understand anything if those things could exist. And if those things exist in some form, it identifies it's a weakness in us and places where we need to focus and strengthen those places to get the standard right, so we could keep the flood of evil from coming in. Are you understanding me? This is where I'm preaching. I'm not reading this here; I'm not going to preach Micaiah's Seventh-Seal... I'm not there, but am reading this with a different emphasis. So understand my emphasis, otherwise, you would be in the wrong place and you would hear things wrongly.

I'm trying to show you this was the church. I'm trying to show you the condition the church world has come into. The church is the light. When the church misses their place and the church turns down the Word, the church has lost its savor. The salt has lost its savor; it's good for nothing. The light on a lampstand is now hid; it's gone out. So when the church becomes weak, the nation becomes corrupt because the church is raised up in a nation to be the light and the salt. That's to stay the corruption; that's to shine light to keep the darkness out. That's why he preached The Church And Its Condition [1956-0805 - Ed.], A Deceived Church [1959-0628M - Ed.]. This was a deceived church here and you're seeing the church and its condition here. This is the nominal church. This is the church that rejected the Message. This is not the Message believers. This is the church that rejected the Message.

Verse 9.

<sup>9</sup> Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

<sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gates of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

the second are This is time we told about prophesying. That's of the things one that is predominant everybody's now in this hour: prophesying. You watch the religious world, they are all prophesying, and everybody is prophesying blessings:

"We are going to save the nation for Jesus. This year we are looking for a million souls. God bless you! We can get prosperity." They are blessing and prophesying. Oh, and you hear all the slogans: 'fresh fire', 'a new move of the Spirit,' and they're becoming worse and worse and worse, because it's all false prophecy and it has to be so to match the Scripture because it's a lying spirit amongst them. Because they are trying to bless what a prophet has cursed. They have failed to walk in the Truth. So understand that.

When you hear all this prophesying and prophesying and "Something's going to happen," and everybody is trying to say, "Well, I gave that prophecy and it came to pass. I gave that prophecy and it came to pass." And they're trying to make things happen, you watch and you see the condition. And notice, this is the whole nation. Remember, only seven thousand came out, you know. So, out of the millions, they all were under that influence. That's the time again.

> <sup>11</sup> And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, thus saith the Lord...

Watch this again. Now they are saying the Lord is saying this. All these men are saying "And God told me; and God came to me; and this Angel came to me." You hear them: "And I'm saying this in the Name of the Lord." But God does not work through the dead; God works through the living, regardless of what you think. At least, don't try to convince me.

After the Pentecostal Age, it's the Voice of God in the last days. After the Voice of God in the last days, the Bride becomes the final Voice under Her Messenger. In between the Prophet and the Bride, there is no Voice of God. He doesn't work out in Babylon. You get what I'm saying?

That's why people run out in the world, run by these people, pray for them and these things; they don't know the Bible. They are dealing with an apostate church when they go there. They are dealing with a church that is worshiping the devil. It cannot be an apostate church and worships God. It cannot be in this hour, a church of God and it's in error. It cannot be a church of God and be in Laodicea. Did a prophet stand out of Laodicea saying, "Come out of her, My people?" Laodicea is the cage.

So you see, people many times they see these things, they hear these things, they get their mind messed up because they have no understanding of Scripture, but it's very important. See, for me, it has to be in the Bible. I don't go by people's dreams, I go by the Word. This is what we believe. This is what was vindicated. The Pillar of Fire came down to vindicate This. Seven Angels brought This. This didn't come from two or three people gathered in some clique and trying to say, "What do you think?" and exchange ideas. This came from Heaven. The Lord Himself descended from Heaven. And until the church must become sensitized to this, otherwise, it could never be a strong church.

This is what the Rock is built upon and that's why all Hell is against this Truth and outside this Truth is Hell. It's all Hell. Because there are only two riders. While that group was riding, this group is riding. That group has gathered all the organizations; his name is Death and Hell followed him. Here, Heaven was following Life; Michael and Lucifer on the battleground. This is what it is. The battle that started in Heaven is raging this morning – Wisdom versus Faith. That's where we are at, friends. That's the Age.

> ...he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

> <sup>12</sup> And all the prophets prophesied... [Prophesying, prophesying, prophesying] so, saying, Go to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.

Again they're saying it is the Lord's doing it, and he is saying, the Lord is saying so, "Thus saith the Lord."

Verse 17,

<sup>17</sup> And he said, [this is Micaiah now. They brought him] I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as a sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

He is saying now, "The Lord said." These two men were saying, "The Lord said"; contradicting. When we read the Message and we quote that Message, we say, "The Lord said that organization is of the devil, that's the mark of the Beast."

They're saying, "This is the move of God here."

Who are we going to believe? You get what I'm saying? It comes down to two. It comes down to two. What a thing, friends.

> <sup>18</sup> And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

> <sup>19</sup> And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord...

He's saying the word of the Lord, now, contradicting these other men's prophecies.

...I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

<sup>20</sup> And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

<sup>21</sup> And there came forth a spirit, [a demon] and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

<sup>22</sup> And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth and do so.

<sup>23</sup> Now therefore, behold, the LORD had put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD had spoken evil concerning thee.

<sup>24</sup> But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

In other words, this man is convinced that he is the authority of God. He said, "I said, 'thus saith the Lord.' You're coming after me to contradict me. What, the spirit left me and came upon you? You're speaking by the Spirit and you are saying, 'God said'? I've already said what God said. God said, 'Go on up and possess the land.' You are saying, the people would be scattered and the king is going to fall, and I told the king that God is going to deliver the land into the king's hand."

Now the king is there. Now who is he going to believe? These are gifts of prophecy, both are saying, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." These are two anointed people. These are four hundred to one. If you don't have revelation, you'll shake to follow one person; you'll lean on the majority. You don't have discernment of spirit to know what the Word says because when you look there, it is the most celebrated and the most recognized and the most learned prophets in the land, standing there. This man was known for criticizing. He says, "He is coming here, but he would criticize me, you know. He is coming here and the first thing he will start to do is preach against what we are doing." People don't like that, you know.

The Age had gotten soft. Laodicea is a characterless Age; "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." He rebuked them and when He rebuked them, do you know what they did? "You can't tell us what to do." They put

him out of the church. The Word is on trial, "What shall we do with this Jesus called Christ?" They washed it off their hand; that's the age. Why? It rebuked them. You get what I'm saying?

Now, you have to watch that spirit because you're living in the Age. That is the spirit that blankets the Age. You're breathing that every day; you walk—you're influenced by that everywhere. That's why to stand for the Lord in this Hour, it is such a battle. Sometimes to walk up here, that Word will condemn you in your seat, and to walk up here and receive Jesus Christ, you can't. You would get a fight, you'd want to fall down there in that seat. You know why? That devil won't let you do that. It's a pressure. How much more to stand and speak out against evil outside there if you can't walk up here when you're in sin. You get what I'm saying?

That's how dark the Age has gotten. That's how soft the Age has gotten. That's the condition the Age has gotten for judgment. That's why the Bride is now being separated to be taken out because the whole thing is polluted, it's cankered. And how many people you see in the Message have just come down to just going to church. Some don't even come with a Bible anymore. Some can't even dress properly. Some can't even make three services a week again. You get what I'm saying?

And this is the church that wants to finish the last commission and be the Super Church in the last days and do greater works. But that's how soft it has gotten. So, that has nothing to do with the people outside there. Once you're in the Age, the only thing to keep that out of you is to be sealed, to be inoculated, and greater is He in you than he that is in the world that when the world comes against you, there is something to resist that devil and he shall flee from you. Outside of that you get pressured into compromise; you get pressured to associate; you get pressured to tone down and kill the Influence of your testimony, and then you start to become a mixer, and then you start to become a supporter (that's right), because when the enemy finds your strength – Find out where their strength lieth. [Judges 16:5 -Ed.]

Remember I preached on Jehoshaphat for you? He was pressured by Ahab, he started to support the man. He even disguised like the man that they were taking him for the very king of Israel.

May the Lord bless the reading of the Word. You may have your seats. Keep that there. Drop down to verse 40, verse 25 and then we will drop down to verse 40:

<sup>25</sup> And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

He said, "I didn't see Israel scattered like sheep alone, you know, I see you running for your life too. I see you, who stand up here talking big, saying, 'Thus saith the Lord,' I saw you running to hide too, when you realize that your prophecy is a false prophecy and it didn't come to pass." He said, "I see where you were running to hide."

And verse 40, it says,

<sup>40</sup> So Ahab slept with his fathers [he died in the battle; you can read the rest of the story] and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

And verse 51 now.

<sup>51</sup> Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

 $^{52}$  And he did evil in the sight of the Lord...

Now, this Ahab died and now Ahab's son comes in the throne. All the years of his father's ministry, he let the Word of God be destroyed. Because under his reign, Jezebel was darkening the land with idolatry, Jezebel was bewitching the nation, and Jezebel was killing the prophets, and Ahab was endorsing that. Until the more you destroyed the Light... because those prophets were in every city. Those prophets were like watchmen over the nation. Those prophets went forth prophesying in different cities, bringing the Word of the Lord. But everywhere they went, Jezebel, by a campaign, began to break the power and every city began to get taken over with idolatry. You get what I'm saying?

And now, when Ahab had died, his son comes to the throne, Ahaziah. This boy grew up seeing the Truth being destroyed. This boy grew up seeing his father and his mother, what they did to the nation. This boy grew up seeing the Truth of God looking weak. You get what I'm saying? We're coming down to parental influence, what he is seeing.

Sometimes people, they see like God isn't moving and God isn't doing certain things they want God to do, or they're looking for God in a certain way and if they can't see it according to their concept, well, to them, God doesn't exist and God isn't doing anything, and then they get easy to be influenced by what seems to be predominant. You see, when you make a stand for something, if it's even to dress right, you're dressing right by a revelation because you understand what womanhood is or what manhood is or what the Church of the Living God ought to reflect.

But if after a while you're doing that, maybe through religious persuasion or through influence, and then you start to get frustrated like you're doing that and what are you doing that for, and you are the only person doing that, and you now start to look odd and you're standing out, and you start to become now, the brunt of all peoples' evil remarks and all their insults and these things. Then, what is going to happen? You begin to compromise slowly, and then you begin to try to find a middle ground, sometimes, just to keep criticism off of you.

Now, when you are standing for the Word, you will know by revelation there is a reproach that goes with the Word. And you know when you're called to be a Christian, you're called to bear that Cross and bear a reproach of the Word. And there is nothing like a Christian life without reproach. From the time a Christian life is not bearing reproach, that's a Christian life whose testimony has been broken. Because, Jesus said, "The world hateth Me because I testify against the evil of the world." He said, "The world doesn't hate you because you don't testify against the evil of the world." But when the testimony, the Witness that was in Him giving out the testimony came into them that same Witness, He said, "Because they hate Me and called Me Beelzebub, see what they will do to you after."

But while they had no Holy Spirit nothing was happening; they were following Him around. But when they got the same Life that He had, watch them go through the same persecution that He went through because the Devil is against that Life, that Holy Spirit.

That is why some people, when they don't have the Holy Ghost, you kind of try to reason and say, "Well, I don't know. I don't believe it that way. I don't understand it. I don't find so." Because why? You are living a nice, cushioned, free life that the Devil is not interested in. Because, as far as the Devil sees, you are a mannequin in a store, dressed up in clothes. That's a mannequin. Have you ever seen the Devil fight a mannequin in a store? That mannequin has the best set of clothes, the latest fashion. It's plastic, a plastic life. But let the Holy Ghost get inside of there and that life starts to walk and display the Holy Spirit; you know what is going to happen? Brother, that raises up every hornet's nest. They realize, "Here is Something."

But God put that there to influence someone else, to give them strength. That is giving somebody strength. Somebody is taking courage because they see somebody who is willing to stand for the testimony regardless, and that Thing is shining out. The darker it gets, the more That shines out. Now, that is when your conviction starts to get in the place where you need to have your conviction.

Some people say, "Conviction?" Conviction to some people means *conviction of sin*: "Well, I get conviction." No, no. Conviction is what you believe in, what you stand for, your principles that run deep, the things that govern your life, the things that define you, the Message that you send to the world. See, you do send a message to the world, you know.

That's why there are three kinds of believers; believer, make-believer and unbeliever. So what you project defines you, though you don't say in your mind, "I'm a make-believer." You'd say, "I'm a believer." But a believer without conviction? A believer compromising? That's a make-believer. What you are calling 'believer' is not defined as 'believer' in the Bible. It's your own misinterpretation in your mind of what you see a believer as. But that's why God didn't leave us to put our ideas, God gave believers in every Age. He showed Noah was a believer, He showed what Noah went through. He showed Moses was a believer, He showed what Moses went through. He showed Elijah was a believer, He showed what they went through. He showed Ruth was a believer, He showed what she went through. God put examples in every Age what a 'believer' was.

So if you're in this Age now, you are seeing a whole line of people who lived before you. So, it's not you arguing and I arguing and both of us debating and you feel I am stepping on you and you are trying to defend yourself from me stepping on you and you are now trying to vindicate yourself. No, it's not that at all. You will open the Word and you match yourself with what you see in the Bible. Because God gives patterns of this Day and examples of what the believer in this Day will live like, how they live, how they walk, how they think, how they act, what they will suffer. Everything you ever went through, is going through, and will go through is already written in this Bible. It's defined. It's defined in There.

So this Ahaziah. Let's read about him a little bit. Verse 52, he comes to the throne now.

> <sup>52</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the LORD... [And this is where we're getting to it here.] and he walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

When the kingdom was divided, Jeroboam was the first king over the ten tribes. And you know the story, how he raised up golden calves in Israel because he was insecure. And he turned the people away from the worship of the True and Living God because he wanted to have authority over them. He wanted to control them. And instead of staying with the Word, he started to invent things to manipulate and control the people and God made him an example: He said he and his house will be exterminated from the face of the earth. The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field will eat them. [1st Kings 13:34 -Ed.] And then, every time through the Bible when that comes up, God points them back to that man. He is known in the Bible as 'the man who made Israel to sin'. He is a type of Lucifer. So watch here—because he broke the unity with God and the people. See? He carried the people into false worship. Nicolaitanism: first, conquering the people; Baalism: bringing them into a corrupt form of worship. See?

And here he was, this Ahaziah, the Bible tells us what he did. He did evil in the sight of the Lord, and he walked. The things that influence and governed that walk... We read about Enoch walked with God and he was not. We read that this man walked in the way of his father. Psalms 1, tells us about walking in the counsel of the ungodly. ...he walked in the way of his father [Ahab], and he walked in the way of his mother [Jezebel],

Those are his parents.

Now, when you see a son walking in the way of his father and mother, that's an obedient son. That's a son who is carrying out the principles because that was the authority that governed his life when he was born. That's the influence that raised him up.

...and [he walked] in the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

And the Bible didn't just say Jeroboam, you know. It said, "Who made Israel to sin." Telling you this man is making the nation to sin too. This man is operating by the same principles and the same schemes because he start to see how that man was able to strengthen himself, how that man was able to control a people, how that man brought in certain policies among the people to bind them and hold them and keep them from being influenced by Judah, and going to Jerusalem where the temple was, and how this man start to institute his own feast, and how this man start to destroy the priesthood and bring up a lot of unclean men to handle the Word. You'll read that in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12 and 13. That's what we are seeing today, friends.

Now, so far, in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22, in reading these things, what we are seeing is the condition of the nation, of the church that had rejected the message. His father and his mother are who fought Elijah. Elijah was the man who put a curse on his father, "The dogs will lick your blood." [1<sup>st</sup> Kings 21:19 -Ed.] And put a curse on his mother, "The dogs will eat her." [1<sup>st</sup> Kings 21:23 -Ed.] You get that?

This man was born through the womb of that Jezebel system. This boy was a product of a hybrid religion: Baalism mixed with Jehovah. Ahab was an Israelite, Jezebel was a pagan. They came in false union. That false union produced this fellow, so he had parts of both religions.

You have to look and see what kind of church you're born in. You have to look and see what kind of influence your father has and your mother. I'm talking spiritual now. Once you're in this Message, you have a father and a mother; you're born through the womb of some church, once you're in a local assembly. That's why sometimes you have that old birth. You're packing an old birth. You start off in the Message believing lies. You are born under a false concept in the Message. And you get so strong till, sometimes you come to a certain place where you say, "Me, I believe that so! I believe that so! I believe that so!" And that's why sometimes people can sit there and resist Truth. But people who are born just by the Word and they don't have that old thing to fight, they could just believe It because what they are born by, that is the same thing that's raising them.

And that is why also, when something is fighting you, you have to look into your life and see how much submission there is. When you're in a church family and you can't submit to your father and you can't submit to your mother—I'll prove that to you just now by the Bible (if I have time), in the Old Testament and show you how even in a local assembly, there are ways to deal with those things. And once you find that in the natural side of it, in the home, you can't submit to father and mother in the home, you can't be obedient in the church either. And, if you don't obey your father and your mother at home, you can't obey your teacher in school and you can't obey the minister in church and the office of the church. Why? The first authority that even comes God-given by nature... Birth is our father and mother. You're joined to that and you can't submit to that, will you submit to somebody who you are just knowing, and have to understand by revelation? Because by nature, a child obeys its parents.

I'm talking about The Need for Godly Parental Influence. The reason the world is in this condition today and the reason we have all this rebellion today, is because people refuse to submit to authority. You will start to learn about submission to authority when you are born in a family. Your mother knows when to feed you. From the time you're born she knows when to feed you. You're bawling and you're crying there, she knows you are not ready for food as yet. She's training you up. You nurse; she knows when to extract you from the breast. She burps you and she puts you to lie down to sleep; she knows when the next feed is coming. She starts to discipline you from there. You are under authority. She changes your Pamper [diaper -Ed.], she bathes you; she knows when you need your bath because, you're at that stage you can't even reason with her. God puts you there to make sure authority gets a hold of your life. You're growing up.

Now, when you start to get to a certain age, at twelve, thirteen, you start to think for yourself now. You start to get independent in your thoughts. So now, your parents have to get a little wiser. They know you've reached the age you want to think for yourself because that is part of your development. You're not committing a sin now by thinking for yourself, you know; that is normal. God knows you are going to grow to start to think for yourself one day. That's why you can't go on your father and mother's testimony when you reach a certain age. You have to have your own testimony. Your father and mother can't repent for you for your sins, you have to repent for your own sins. You come to that age.

So God knows you're going to come there but this is the preparation; you have to forerun that stage in your life. Isn't that the wisdom of God? What is He trying to tell you? If God by His wisdom designed human life that way; its development, its growth and development, its evolution, then, when your father and mother stands there, you mean the same hand that fed you, wiped you, cleaned you, the same breast that nursed you, the same one that held your hand, helped you make your first step and everything else, you would turn around to rebel against? Now, that is only if when you reach up there you realize your father and mother are ungodly. Do you get what I'm saying?

But if you realize that in growing up, they're teaching you the Word of God, showing you this, showing you that, you are growing up now with a godly influence. You have a godly mother and a godly father. So, from the time you are growing there now, the next step is to walk there. But what happens, with growing up to a certain stage, it also means you were sheltered and protected and not allowed to go here, there, and everywhere or be exposed to certain kinds of influences. Now, the stage of life causes you to go to school and spend a certain amount of hours, so now you're exposed to other influences who challenges your teaching, who challenges your upbringing.

Now, right there you're preparing for false doctrine, you know, because you got the true doctrine in the home. You got the true doctrine of how to grow up to be a young man. But then somebody comes and starts to say, "What church nonsense are you talking about? You're a church boy. You're a church girl. You don't know life yet."

They mean you don't know evil yet and you don't know sin yet; not life. You don't know death yet, is what they mean. What they mean is you haven't started to live by the lie as yet. So that force comes against you. When that comes against you, do you know what happens now? You start to give in. You start to obey something that you feel knows more than your father and mother. You get that? You start to treat that friend with reverence. He says, "Come let us go here and do this. Come let us go here and do that." And you start to respect that and you're coming out from under your parents' authority and you're coming now under the authority under another.

You are abandoning your God-given channel where you were supposed to be influenced by and whose authority was supposed to govern your life. You are forsaking that to come under one that is self-willed and you are leaving the will of God and coming under human-will. Because your parents who gave birth to you, they know they are responsible to God for you and God will hold them accountable for you, so they now, knowing they have to raise you with a certain standard which is required of them by God. But that friend, he knows he doesn't have to give any account for you. Do you get what I'm saying? So when a parent will not do certain things to corrupt you or defile you or pollute you, that next one, he doesn't have to answer for you; she doesn't have to answer for you. But they want to carry you under their influence, and they are deceiving you away. And because you have not grasped what your life is all about and the stages of your life, how you were intended to be governed and influenced by God, is why we see so many broken homes today.

> <sup>52</sup>...he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, [which was both ungodly] and the way of Jeroboam... [Which was further ungodly]

> <sup>53</sup> For he served Baal, and worshiped him, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

This is the influence that raised this boy. Look at the product, now, of coming out of a home of backslidden parents. A father who started off in the Word of God as an Israelite but reached a stage in his life he wants a pagan woman. Watch a man going into mixed marriage. Watch a man going to get an unbelieving wife. Right there you find a backslidden person. They could feel how much of a Christian they are, they are backslidden. The spirit of the world governs that life. You can't make the Word of God lie; that's the Word of God.

Do you think he knew he was heading to worship Baal? He was heading towards Baal worship. The father was leaving Jehovah to go to Baal worship. He was watching the woman's figure, but she is more faithful to her pagan religion than he's faithful to the Israelite religion. And he is quoting, "Well the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband and his children are made holy." Look how holy he was, look how holy the son was.

All the boy did was he walked in the way of his father and his mother. They raised him with a strong hand. They raised him to believe what they were doing was right, though in their heart they knew they were wrong. What kind of parents are they? They are destroying something in their children. Did Ahab know he was backslidden? Did Ahab know it had a word that said you can't marry an unbeliever? Did Ahab know he was weak to let that woman kill out all the prophets in the land and set up Baal Shrines? Did Ahab know that? Did Ahab lack faith to believe in God and trust God when he went with that woman and for her money to secure his kingdom? Because he can't face his problem, he's selling out other people.

Ministers will do their churches that. When ministers fall into sin and get trapped and compromise and get obligated to men and start to come under the pressure, they would carry that whole church into unbelief with them; because they still want power; they still want influence; but they can't control their own self and other people are controlling them now. So they want the best of two worlds. They want their self-will and they don't want to give up their power and their influence, so they're misleading people with it too. That's hypocritical! Because from the time he goes there he begins to see the people of God cheap. He sees like that's his people. He doesn't see he has to give account to God. He doesn't see that's the purchase of the Blood. He doesn't see that's a nation called, predestinated with a promise.

Brother, let me tell you, from the time a man starts to see, "My church," and "Me," and, "I'm in charge," and "I'm a big shot. I could do what I want," and he influences the people to see through his eyes and hold them there... That's why... Check me out with the Word, you know. Don't just sit down there and look at me as some angel with light. Check me out. Check out my motive. Check out my objective. Check out what I'm teaching. Check out my life and see if I'm standing for those things. And if you don't see that, leave this place! And this is no reverse psychology; this is the truth, because it's your soul at stake. That's right. Because this is not a job for me; this is not a meal ticket for me, this is no popularity place for me.

Brother, as the day grows nearer and I'm growing older, how much more I realize what a man's life and ministry and what he lives for, brother, he has to face Jesus Christ with that. And, if he misleads people, brother, he's that *poneros* man who's going down in corruption and wants to carry everybody down with him; and that would be a devilish life.

That's why I never try to fuss with people when they leave this church. I never tried to make war with them and turn that into a problem in the church. No, no, no. Because St. John 10 tells you any true shepherd knows his sheep and his sheep know him. And, he has the name of his sheep and he calls that name. And we are told by a Prophet that that's a mystery. And he could only have the mystery for the people's life. Because, if he sits down there and they're not getting fed, and they're not coming to know who they are, and they're not coming to understand their place, that man is not their shepherd. That church is just close to them, that church may be nice, or they're going to that church for a wrong reason. That's right. Because these Things are mysteries. This is given by God in Heaven before the foundation of the world. God said, "So many..." When God tore the Lamb's Book of Life, He tore It up in pieces and He gave a piece to each ordained minister. Because, if God gives a man a ministry, so many names come under that ministry. He's ordained to lead those names through – those people there. Shepherd and sheep is the Mystery of Redemption. They're associated before the foundation of the world. God designed the man's make-up for the people He sends him to; the way the man preaches to those people. Is that the Message? *Modern Event Made Clear by Prophecy* [1965-1206 -Ed.] I'm quoting. That's right!

Now, when you understand that this way, you can't come into it politically. You can't come into it by desire and ambition. What is it if I'm desiring this place and don't have the Word from God to feed you, if I don't have the Word that could break the evil around your life when the time comes? What do you do if you have a sheep, brother, in a ditch and a wolf is coming to eat him and he is bleating, bleating, and the shepherd says, "Oh God, if I go, I'll lose my hand. I will lose my hand." He says, "Poor sheep. You are a nice sheep. I like when you were in the flock but I can't get you there; I'm afraid. My life is in danger." Is that the shepherd to that sheep? [Congregation says, "No." -Ed.].

That's why you have to know these things deeply. That's why you can't be shallow with these things. That's why church—every church may have doors and windows and lights and pulpit, but God isn't talking about that. God is talking about a people that He drew together – "I the Lord have planted. I the Lord have watered." God is the Husbandman. God is cultivating that thing to produce exactly what He intended before the foundation of the world.

That's why when we say 'brother' and 'sister' here, you know one another by revelation. But the five percent who understand that, the next ninety-five come to church for all kinds of reasons and that's why you have all kinds of people in a congregation: who's debating, who is in strife, who's fussing, who finds so, who finds you doing this. Why? And if all your taste before was a political church and manipulative ministers, well then, you'll see everything through that. Have you ever seen a woman who had men who abused her? Well, after a while, she gets a complex: "All men are so." You get what I'm saying? That is right.

Watch this fellow. Look how that wrong parental influence, that ungodly parental influence (I'm talking about *The Need for Godly Parental Influence*), look how—and when I say 'ungodly', notice, these men, Ahab started off as a Christian. He was a full-blooded Israelite. But this man was not living a crucified, surrendered, separated life to the Word. Now, that's the only kind of life that overcomes in every Age because there is something in the believer: You're ordained to separate from the evil to grow and become the Word. If you're a genuine thought of God, you're ordained to become the Word. Only those who were in His thoughts can become the Word because the Word is a thought expressed. My!

This insane Age we're talking about, look at it. Look how we are finding out family life in here. Why is the Age in this condition? Motherhood is broken. Why is the that condition? Why whole world in are there relationships? Why? Motherhood homosexual is broken. Why are there lesbians? Motherhood is broken. That mother had a chance with that little girl or that little boy to raise him; that was her responsibility before God. When they grew so, influences got a hold of them. Something pulled them away from the straight way they were growing. Something fell upon them and began to deform them. If somebody doesn't come and lift that log off that corn, though it is corn, it is going to grow crooked.

If that person is sitting in a church where they're preaching entertainment or a social gospel, or something to inflate the people's ego and make them think more highly than they ought to think of themselves, what is going to happen? It's going to give them a false security. They would be living in a dream world. When they have to face reality, they would find inside of them there is nothing to resist the evil. When it comes down to going toe-to-toe with the devil, they would find that they have something to run instead of something to stand. Why? Because, they only get an emptying out message. The devil goes out, walks in dry places, comes back, and they get in the same condition. They are falling and getting good, falling and getting good, falling and getting good, falling and getting good, always in the prayer line for deliverance.

And when you have unconscious parents who don't realize what is the battle and you have parents who are not even quickened sufficiently to know that's a ministry before God, that's what they're called unto; if they aren't called to preach, if they aren't called to do any great work outside there, that's a great work that God gave them in their own home. How many know that woman, that's her pulpit with those children around her? Her children shall call her blessed. If she doesn't understand that she lives in an Age when this feminist spirit has moved women out of their place to make them see career and find fruitfulness in career. And Satan has designed that, and marketed it and advertised it, and brother, makes it so attractive that all those women now want that kind of life.

From the time they're growing up from small, the school teacher tells them they are training them for a certain big job. Then it's equal opportunity. They could even be the Prime Minister. They could be President of a nation. Then they're excelling in class, so the educational system is rallying around the girls. Why? The girls are doing better than the boys, so they're pushing out more... the next few lawyers, next few doctors, next few politicians. They're pushing them out right there and they're grooming them, and they have a grip upon their life. Because, when they succeed in the natural world, the teacher gets celebrated for it because they are the ones that produce that product. That's their achievement.

I'm trying to define to you; I'm not trying to unchristianize you. I'm trying to define to you the challenges of this Hour, the things you have to overcome if you're a believer in the Laodicean Age. Your test is not to go into the arena and die; these are your tests. This is the move of the Devil in this Age. This is the perversion of the Age. This is why we had a Message to bring us back to the Word, bring us back to the principles that open the mystery on these Things that we could see what the family is, what the home is, what the church is, and understand it the right way. And then God had to break up the denominational system and repair the altar, setting the Church back in order, the way God intended the Church to be - Not an organization, not a business but an organism that the Spirit of God can continue to flow in that Church and fulfill the commission. Can I get a witness? [Congregation savs. "Amen!" -Ed.]. Is that the truth? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.].

Don't sit there as if you're all scared, I didn't come here to shoot you down. I come to say, "Church, look at the challenge, are we overcoming? Do we understand the test? How are you coping with it? What is your revelation? You're sitting here talking about an insane Age since the year started; we are in the third month. What are you catching? Are you getting the vision? Are you having discernment? Do you see the world?" That's what I'm talking about.

This Message was sent to make a Bride become the Word again and overcome every evil of this evil Age and stand in the original thought of God before the Science civilization came forth and what God's thought for a human being was. The place God had for the home and the family. Because, the first thing in the garden of Eden was the family and that family represented the Church, that family represented the Kingdom. Adam and Eve was Christ and the Bride in the Kingdom. Adam and Eve was Christ and the Church. Is that right? Because Eve came from Adam, she was part of him; she had the same name. But she got deceived like the Church got deceived. Is that right?

Then, when Cain came forth, what happened? Through adultery, through false union, through false teaching, through a false image, through the Devil's religion, perverting the Word? What came forth? The first bastard, the first false worshipper. It started to change the original program of God. Is that right? It started to bring one rebellious to the revealed Word of God. It started to take it to another kind of worship and God had to fight that thing from that time till this last days. Are you seeing? The need for...

Look at the children we have. Looked at them these last few weeks, how the Holy Spirit moved in their hearts. How they begin to be moved by the supernatural moving of the Holy Spirit not even fully understanding it but just feeling a strange Influence. It seems Something is saying, "Draw near." Like He told Philip, "Draw near to the eunuch." So, Something makes them draw a little nearer to the Word. Something started to unstick their ears. Something started to focus their minds that were distracted and started to say, "Get attracted to this." Like Moses, "Let me turn aside and see a great sight." And he began to draw near and come close to the Pillar of Fire who was following afar off. And parents stand up there and parents can't even see that. Parents are unconscious. Parents around the church saying, "Maybe it's just little children, maybe it's something, I don't know, maybe it's something."

Isn't that a people called out? Isn't that a people forty years, looking for the promise? Isn't that a people

getting ready and the door fixing to be closed? Isn't that a people seeing the world grow to such a state? You mean to say you can't understand that? You can't get sensitive? You mean those birds begin to fly off the wall and you have not gotten sensitive, "Look the birds"?

You know why the tsunami took all those people? They didn't see the animals start to disappear and move onto the high grounds. They didn't see that. They were watching blue movies. They were watching TV. Their head stuck in a showcase window. They're watching tourists coming with U.S. currency. You get what I'm saying? Yes sir. Let us walk friends, in a place where we understand because God is going to move with His program anyhow. And you have to move when God is moving or get left behind. And the great joy is to recognize when these things are moving through you, you have to be sensitive like blind Bartimaeus: "Jesus!" The man blind as a bat and he just hear He was passing by. He knew, "That's my hope. If I don't get on that train, I'm lost."

Look at that woman with the issue of blood. After all the money spent for years on doctors, "That's my last hope." Look at Zacchaeus. Something moved in him there just in that time, "Get to Amen Corner and Glory Avenue, where Hallelujah Street meets. Climb up in that tree (amen), you will see the power of God. Amen. You will find out if this is real or not."

Don't get desensitized by coming to church, and get church friends and then just get caught up in church activity and church programs, and church clothes and church songs. With all of that, break through and see God and know *blessed are they that hunger; that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled.* Look for deliverance in your life. Don't get adjusted to evil habits. Don't get deceived and try to cover and hide things in your life. Learn to start to admit weakness and failure before God. Learn humility and say, "God help me, I need your help to come out of this." You're going to find reality because God always hears a sincere prayer, because you are the Samsons in this Hour that is raised up for the last great kill. You are the new crop that grew out of the head that God wants to do something in. But your conviction has to get in the place where you could pray, "Let me die." There is such a desire to separate from your own self and your will and pay the price to see a revival and a restoration of the power of God in your life. Because that's what you're raised up for, that's what you grew out for. You grow out for a quick short work.

Young people, can you feel that in your heart? Ask God to make that real. Ask God to saturate that into your soul. Ask God to anchor your faith in that. You're born for a purpose; don't be robbed. Don't let the Devil bring you in church and put you to sleep; be awakened. Amen. As young as you are, be hungry. Get desperate and say, "Oh God, I want that."

Like Bro. Junior was telling me about his boy. He went up in the prayer line two or three times. You know how family at home make little jokes and they are teasing. And he said, "Joe, what happened to you? I see you went up in the prayer line a couple of times, what's going on with you? What is happening with you?"

He said, "Daddy, you see that new heart and that new spirit Bro. Vin is talking about," he said, "I want that." He said, "I want that." That's right. He is hearing about Something. He is getting interested in a New Creation. He is getting interested in a New Creation because the Creator Who brings that New Creation is here among us; the Potter Who could take the clay and break it and remold it. That which was marred by the first birth, He can make new by the second Birth, where there's no defects – Old things pass away and all things become new. Oh, my.

He did evil in the sight of the Lord. He walked in the way of his father. His father was a compromiser. He learned how to compromise. He learned how to seduce. He learned how to politicize and manipulate people. He watched his father do it. He walked in the way of his mother; she was hard and ruthless. She was evil. Brother, she could lie on the two sides of her mouth. She could seduce and entice, and he learned that. And he learned Jeroboam, brother, he read the history of Jeroboam. Because, when people are living in sin, they have to find something to justify themselves. You get what I'm saying?

Remember in the Old Testament, in the Book of Jeremiah, in the time of the Babylonian invasion when the people had past redemption and God told Jeremiah don't pray for them, and God talked about how they were worshipping the queen of heaven and they're making the cakes. He said the mother kneaded the dough and the children gathered the sticks and the father cleaved the wood to bake it. And God was showing how the whole family (father, mother, and children) because the father and they are practicing false religion. Father and they are mixed up in things, so the children now are getting influenced with the same thing. And then they say the father-the grandparents ate sour grapes and the children's teeth edged. And after a while everybody starts to say, "Hereditary sins. I can't avoid that."

And then God came and said, "Stop saying your father ate sour grapes and your teeth edged." He said, "Cease that proverb because I'm holding you responsible."

The New Birth friends, because the New Birth is available, none of us can claim hereditary sins. Nobody can claim hereditary sin because the New Birth is available and the promise is "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall get that New Birth!" And you don't have to say that thing any more. He died to release the Life and the Holy Spirit is hunting you out and bringing the Word, convicting you of sin to bring you to see the propitiation for your sin.

So don't say, "My father and my mother"; you can't even quote that anymore. And God shook them. That's right friends. You're past twelve; you can't say mammy and daddy, because God is bringing a Gospel to you. If mommy and daddy are not walking in It, God is telling you, "Here is the Truth, you have to walk in It. You get It and walk in It and you can save mammy and daddy if they are savable. Otherwise, like Korah, when Korah's household was going down, you separate. If mommy and daddy are going to hell, you make sure you don't go!" That's right. Whoo, brother! Wow! Oh brother, I tell you.

I'm speaking about *The Need for Godly Parental Influence.* Could we have believers walking in this revealed Word that have come, restored the Truth back, and they don't want to have godly parental influence? Could we have parents in this Message that don't want to check what influence they're exerting on their children? Could we be living in the time of the Exodus when the last plague after gross darkness was death, judgment, and God was moving the Bride under the Token because outside of that everything would perish, and you don't have parents watching their household trying to get them under the Token?

Is there such a thing as a believer in that condition? Can it be? Could that be a Spirit-filled person that unconscious? No, no, no. You see the New Birth gives faith and faith brings you above sin, and faith is the victory; faith is not the defeat. Faith is not the compromise. Faith is the victory. Faith is not the excuse. So what is excuse, compromise, defeat? What is that? That's not faith. That can't be of faith because what is not of faith is sin. Is that right? Faith is the New Birth. How we ought to look deep in our hearts.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1. Let's continue on. Oh Jesus, sweet Jesus. Now, we're in a place here now. Wednesday night

I was showing you under the juniper tree, poor Elijah. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19, look where he was. The Mount Carmel showdown was in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18 but Elijah was discouraged. You know why? The people turned down his message. People refused to walk in his message. And now they were looking to kill him. And he said, "Oh God, they seek my life now." And he is running for his life. He was being hunted down but the Angel of God intercepted him, found him under the juniper tree. And here he is, his inspiration left him and he is suicidal, and he is crying out. We had that Wednesday night. You see it. Places we've come to after the Word is restored before the translation.

Now, we're seeing another place here, after the Word is restored and rejected, after the Evening Message is refused and they choose apostasy and the Jezebel system above the revealed Word. We saw the church in its condition there. We saw the opening of the bottomless pit and the losing of demon power. They could not stay neutral. A lying spirit came up and was loosed in the ecclesiastical realm.

God is showing us the condition of this Age. That's why we have an influx of false prophets and lying spirits prophesying in the Name of the Lord. Then we have a strong delusion to believe the lie and be damned by it. A whole nation rejoicing in false prophecies, following these false prophets. Is that the picture of the Age?  $2^{nd}$ Thessalonians 2 says what? The falling away because they refused sound Doctrine, they departed from that Faith. God gave them what? "A strong delusion to believe the lie." That lying spirit in their mouth influenced them and they all believed the lie. Is that right? An ecumenical move under the influence of demon power, we saw it. Look it there. Because this is between the second woe and the third woe. You'll find it in the Book of Revelation. Revelation 9, between the woes, the pit is opened. Revelation 16, verses 13-16, unclean spirits coming out of the false prophets' mouth deceiving the kings of the earth. Is that right? Under your fourth Seal, Revelation 6:7-8, hell following death: an ecumenical move gathering under the influence of demon power; demon-possessed people. Because you cannot reject the Truth and stay neutral.

That Prophet was sent by God to meet the need of the Hour, which was to repair the altar. God made certain that He vindicated it in the sight of the people. There was an Angel with Elijah. He was ministered to by an Angel. He was doing these things by heavenly influence.

An invasion of false and wicked spirits; men were under the control of devils and nobody seemed to realize it. It looked classical. They were prophesying and they didn't know they were demon-possessed men; but they were. It was an invasion of wicked spirits into that realm. Did he say it would happen in the last day? Page 70 of your Church Age book, he said, "If you are spiritual, you will see there is an invasion of false and wicked spirits following this move." Pages 377-378. He said, "Men under the control of devils, manifesting gifts, yet, nobody seems to realize it." He said false, anointed ones, "Watch them, both saving THUS SAITH THE LORD." Anointed Ones In The End Time [1965-0725 -Ed.]. "But watch their teaching." Religion, politics and demon power are being united. Watch the setting. This is the Age.

In that condition I'm showing you now, because the church got there, how could the church be into the pulling for money, no testimony, not preaching against bobbed hair, painted face, all these kinds of things, demon power in the church manifesting all kinds of gifts, unscriptural manifestations; how could that produce a godly family? Tell me. How could all kinds of ministers stand up there, dub and party, take out your flag and wave, and carry on in a church, and then produce a godly home? Tell me. Yet, they're talking about family focus and focus on the family and all kinds of different things. What is that? And more delinquents, more reprobates.

Parents, I'm preaching to myself as a parent. There is a need for godly influence; strong, godly influence. There is a need to get before God. There is a need to ask God for more to break the power around the lives of children, for Divine Love to create an atmosphere that they can walk into. Is that right? Because the first parent in the Bible, when His children backslid, when His children fell into sin, He was running like a crazy man through the Garden of Eden screaming, "Adam, where art thou? Adam! Where are thou? Adam! Where art thou?" He was running, screaming, looking for them trying to redeem them back. Is that right? Is that the Bible? That's the Scripture, friend.

Genesis 18, in the time of Abraham, in a day like Sodom when young boys; the Bible say all the men and all the young men in homosexuality. Even Lot's two sons-in-law married two girls for show, but they were virgins. They had no faith. They laughed when he tried to tell them judgment is at hand; Angels visit. They laughed at Angels: "Angels? Whoo!" They couldn't believe in Angels because they were raised up on all that Sodom had to offer, and that was Lot's weakness. Lot carried his family, pitched his tent toward Sodom, then he ended up dwelling in Sodom, and then he ended up becoming the Mayor of Sodom. More and more and more he couldn't see the evil. More and more it broke him down and he compromised like Jehoshaphat.

They want to play they're standing up as a witness but then they are so full of compromise, they get political quickly. They so want to be loved by the world because they don't want to bear reproach for the Word. They don't want to be hated and called an evil name. So they play up to men who are against God, who are against the Truth, who are against the Word, who are against what they believe. Let me tell you, God doesn't have those kinds of believers. How could you be joined to something and then friendly, and sweetening up yourself and playing up to what's putting down and criticizing and ridiculing what you believe? You have a spirit of popularity and desire popularity; that's what you have. You may not want to admit it but when you look into the looking glass...

That's why the prophet walked out on Jehoshaphat. First, he turned down Micaiah. Then God sent another prophet. When that next prophet came, he told him, "You love what God hates." How could you help the ungodly like that, people who destroy the Word of God, and you go there with no conviction? Because, when you go there, you are not telling the Truth either because they have something you want. They have something they could offer you. That's the spirit of Gehazi who runs around the side, in the back, to get what Elisha refused. That's the kind of people who go into leprosy, friends because they don't understand. They don't understand what the Word is.

They know the Word in the Book; they don't know the Word by manifestation. They don't know the Word in action. They don't know the Word in flesh, they know the Word in the Book; so their head is buried in a book. And that's why all those ministers watched the Prophet ridiculed and cut down and rejected, until he stood alone; nobody, even Demos forsook him, loving the present world. That's right. Because their identification is shallow. Because their identification is shallow. Because they don't understand what it is to walk with the Word. That's why when Jesus spoke to them, He said, "Will you go also?" Because He stood on the Word. That's right. He said, "He that's not with Me is against Me." He stood on the Word! "I'm about My Father's business."

I am not here to play politics. No sir! Brother, that's why people don't know what it takes to carry a ministry and walk with the Word when you're called. They don't understand that. They think it's a nice, big soap opera, you know, and one day we'll take the lights off and we'll take off our costumes and we play something else. Brother, remember foreordained gifts are the same thing on the Next Side, in the New Heaven and the New Earth, they don't die. That's right. Oh, when is the church going to wake up into a place? No wonder they can't get into the Supernatural. They talk all kinds of fictitious 'imaginations of the mind' supernatural, but when you have to get in the Supernatural, you have to get in the Word, in the reality of the Word, in the Presence of God. You'll realize it's different. That's right. You'll realize it's different, friends.

Oh gosh, I thought I was going to come in here and just give a nice, little talk. I don't know where all this is coming from. I'm not even healthy, friends. But what kind of health is this, right now? Whoo!

My! Now listen. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1. You see I have a message in my heart, you see. I'm a man with a message. The message governs me. The message is what influences me, friends; the message that I carry in my heart that burns in my heart like fire. That's right. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1, verse 1. It continues on, this same man, just continues.

<sup>1</sup> Then Moab rebelled against Israel after

the death of Ahab.

They didn't take any chances when Ahab was alive. But from the time he died, they saw his son there, a weak, young boy, Moab rebelled.

<sup>2</sup> And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick...

This is the same boy who walked in the ways of his father and his mother. Same boy who grew up now, deformed by the wrong influence that was set before him. This boy grew up watching a real prophet but can't identify himself with it. This boy grew up watching the Pillar of Fire come down. This boy saw the weakness of his religion exposed when that prophet challenged them on the Mount Carmel. But this boy is born a perverted seed and so, he could never walk away from that false thing. He's just a reprobate. There is no real conviction there. Because, whatever little thing he might have had in him, it was destroyed by his parents who loved power and influence and money and had their own plan and their own agenda and not the Kingdom of God.

This man saw his father and mother cursed by a prophet and saw his father die fulfilling the prophecy of the prophet; the dog licking his father's blood. [1<sup>st</sup> Kings 21:19 –Ed.] And it never even brought him to the place to humble himself to that.

People can be wrong, grow up wrong, stay wrong and see God do things to prove that they're wrong and they are out of the will of God, out of the plan of God, and yet they stay there and they hang in there. Friends, don't ever let your life be that shallow. Never let your life be that desensitized. Be an observer, watch things, observe things, read the Word, get a spiritual understanding, ask God for it. Because in this dark Age, if you don't have the Light in you, you can't see where you're going.

Your father might be a good provider and bring food in the house and he could stand up and beat his chest and say, "I never see you all go hungry, not one day." Because some parents think that's all there is about family life: put food on the children's table, money to go to school, dress them up in the latest fashion, and then you can't correct those children, and you can't put them to sit down and rebuke them, and tell them what is right and wrong.

And when a wife starts to get out of line and her husband can't call her wife. And when a wife sees her husband having his own way and brother, she feels, "I don't want to tell him anything because the next thing, that man has a temper. He wouldn't give me money to buy groceries. He will cause us to starve. So I'm not saying anything." That's a woman who doesn't understand the power of her God-given office. Her chased conduct coupled with fear will save her unsaved husband if she takes her place and links up with God! That's right. Because God didn't give her to any man to be a doormat. God gave her to bear children and to raise those children, and to train those children.

Hear this bunch of weak, insecure women. No wonder sometimes, daughters get influenced and say, "I don't want to be like that." Because they want power but they never saw the real power displayed in the home, so now they go out to get empowered through education; power through their looks; power through fashion. And they walk in an office, they twist a little bit, and brother, the boss gives them the job right away, whether they're qualified for it or not. Because the boss already sees something in the office here. He is a sexual predator; sexual harassment in the workplace. He will do you a favor and put you under obligation, playing a big, protecting father over you, caring for you. This time, he has his eyes on you already. Oh God, have mercy. The Thunders will wake up the Bride. I tell you. Sure.

> ...and [he] was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

Now he is actually believing this god has this power. He is actually believing this god can bring healing. Elijah said, "Only God can heal." Elijah said, "The Devil could bring curse on you but he can't take it away." Elijah said, "Only God can heal." He says, "It's a strange thing." Those Egyptians did what Moses did, those impersonators, but they couldn't take it away. Healing builds tissues and that's creation. It takes God to do that. Not even medicine could heal: "I am the Lord that heals all thy diseases" – A double L. He had prophets in the land. He was in an Eagle Age. This man was in no Reformer Age. This boy grew up in an Eagle Age when the Word was opened. God pulled the Seals back and showed Elijah seven thousand going in the Rapture. Elijah repaired the altar. He restored the lost Truths. He turned the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers. Micaiah had a Seventh-Seal vision. He saw Elijah's Word coming to pass in that hour.

And this boy, he grew up there but that influence of the parents, that false religion, so strong in that home. How could it get strong? You know why? Maybe the boy said, "My friend in school told me what the prophet did; how he outran the chariot that day; how he stood on the mountain. His father is friend to Gehazi and Gehazi was telling his father. His father invited him for dinner, and Gehazi told the father. He said, 'I was doubting, but the man told me, 'Go back seven times.' He said, 'I became so disillusioned, I said, well, you get what you wanted. It's a cloud the size of a man's hand. That's your prayer.' He said, 'The man clicked his legs, jumped up, he said, 'I hear the sound of the abundance of rain.' He said. 'Go tell Ahab.' The man outran the chariot. He said that man is not a make-believer. We've had nothing like that in the land since Moses. He said, 'He is a restoring prophet who came to restore us back to the full Word."

Moses met the Pillar of Fire and wrote the Word like Paul met the Pillar of Fire and wrote the Word. This One came to bring us back to the Word.

His father and mother said, "Boy, stop that nonsense. That man is a false prophet. That man criticizes too much. That man feels he alone has the Truth. That man met Zedekiah the other day; if you hear how he cut Zedekiah to pieces and told him he's a snake in the grass. Which man of God does that? A nice man like Zedekiah." Yes, because Zedekiah is propping him up. Zedekiah is propping him up with false prophecies. He is bank rolling Zedekiah. Oh God, have mercy. And they kill everything in the boy. So now the boy's mind is so perverted, he is going to Baal Ekron. Remember the time with Elijah? The parents sat down by the table eating and they killed the influence of the minister on the children. When they saw Elijah, they were saying, what? "Go on up baldhead." It's a thing to make joke because that's the slang and the joke their parents were throwing.

What am I saying? I'm not talking about you. I'm trying to show you the Age. The Age of Elijah and Elisha. Watch the parental influence. But in there had a widow who took her boy and she carried him to the prophet. She watched her boy starving and she believed the Word of the prophet and she baked the cake first. She said, "Son don't mind, I know you were expecting to eat this but something in my heart tells me we have to make this sacrifice here and we'll see the power of God move. You see, because that man started to raise me into a higher bracket of faith that I've never known." She said, "When that man said, THUS SAITH THE LORD,' I know that's not one of those jokey priests that's going around there talking all kind of nonsense, sprinkling holy water, genuflecting, and with a bunch of beads and these things. I know this is a different kind of man here." That's right friends. Oh my. It was different. It was different.

I pray that the Holy Spirit drives this down into our hearts to challenge us to say, "God, let me be a parent with godly influence. That I could leave footprints. When I'm with my son, I could have discernment to find his trouble and help him out of it. When I am with my daughter, I could have discernment to point out her problem and help her through it. And if she could humble herself to the Word, I can lead her into prayer and lead her back to God and to a real repentance and a real experience with God. And Lord, if I'm a man in my house, I want to rise up and do something more than just giving my wife money for groceries and to pay the rent and these things and then say, I'm the man and I'm working, and these things here. I want to break out of that because if that is all where I'm living, I've not seen the Message yet. I've not seen Abraham yet who God said, 1'll open these mysteries because I know – Shall I hide from Abraham these things? I know he'll keep his household. I know he'll command his children." Is that right?

Exodus 12. Watch a father applying the Word. Joshua 12. Watch a young woman getting her family together under the Token. She said, "I met some men today."

They said, "Aunty, are you sure you didn't get carried off? Look at your life."

"She said, "Son, I was always getting conviction with this life. But today, when I met those men, something happened. I'm totally separated. I'm done with that once and for all. I made my stand when I saw the reality of the Word coming from those men." – Rahab the harlot. Think of it brothers. Something struck the woman. She went among her family and began to get them under the Token. She knew it was family time.

Watch 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2. Amen. Those parents there, who I was talking about just now, how they had... And 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2, is what? That's the Rapture Age. Isn't that right? But watch the condition of the people. This is right here what I'm reading here, it's after the bottomless pit opened. It's after the darkness comes. It's after the church that rejects Elijah has gone completely into apostasy. It's only false prophets with false prophecies. It's lying spirits possess a bunch of religious people who have a strong delusion to believe the lie because they didn't have the love for the Truth.

We have parental influence here, seeing the kind of product coming forth. Seeing how parents held their children and kept them in that condition that they never got their thinking filtered by the Message that God sent by a prophet that spoke to them to make them clean. When Jesus came to them, He said what? "The Word I've spoken to you have made you clean." What did the Pharisee say? "He is perverting the people with His doctrine, with strange doctrine."

And Jesus was saying, "The Word I've spoken to you have made you clean."

Yet denomination is saying, "He is perverting the people with strange doctrine."

And He knows the Word that He is speaking is sanctifying them and cleansing them and getting them ready for the Holy Ghost. Who was right? Oh my!

But those people had these children in such a condition. Remember the blind boy? Those denominational people had these parents – St. John 9, in such a condition, that when the boy's eyes were opened, the Pharisee came to them saying, "What happened to you son? I understand his eyes are open. He went down in that Prophet meeting."

They said, "No, no, no. He is of age, you talk to him."

They were so under bondage and compromising to the false system that they wouldn't make an identification with Jesus Christ. Their son went out, got saved, got a miracle done on him, it didn't even influence the family to give them some strength. They stayed in submission and bondage under the Pharisees and them. Is that the Bible? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]. That shows you the power and how defiling denominational influence is', when people turn down the Word, and they have an evil spirit, they try to kill the effect upon the Truth that God spoke by a Prophet. He is sent unto Baal Ekron to find out.

> <sup>3</sup> But the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go and meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that you have to go and inquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron?

> <sup>4</sup> Now, therefore, thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from the bed to which thou art gone, but thou shalt surely die...

God was so displeased, friends. God was so displeased. And you know the rest of the story. I spoke a little part of that when I was dealing with the occult science and how the church came into witchcraft. Because when God showed the Pentecostal church in vision in the preview of the Bride, while the Bride was being restored and coming back around a second time, the same Bride came back a second time in preview and was going up, that other church that had gone into witchcraft was a witch; naked, vulgar, immoral, going down into hell. The demons of hell came up into that church to take it back down into hell.

And here was a Bride who had received the Word, cleansed and dressed and clothed, was going up into Glory. And in this Hour of the Rapture... 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2 is what? It's the translation of the Church. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22, the pit is opened. Watch the spirit that comes into the church. Watch here. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1, before the Rapture. Watch and see the condition of the church.

They don't understand healing, after they had a prophet in the land. The parents and they had that boy so. Ungodly parents. He was driving, maybe, the best car. He was wearing the best clothes. He was eating the best food. He went to the best schools and had the best teachers. He was being prepared for the throne as a king, as leader of the nation. He had the prettiest girls around him and everything else. He was in the courts. He was in all the most important events but look at his condition. Look at his condition here. That's the Age, friends. Watch what you let influence you.

The pit is opened and all kinds of things come out of the pit. And what has come out of the pit has come in the realm of the church. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22 is in the realm of the church. It's appearing to be religious, prophesying, dancing in the spirit and everything else, but watch what it is. It's demon spirits, lying spirits and watch the kind of product it brings forth – people who don't know God. He sent him to Baal Ekron and God got so vexed. "I sent a vindicated prophet. I repaired the Altar. I sent the Truth. I vindicated the Message, all Truths with all kinds of signs, wonders and miracles that you all never saw since the days of Moses, and yet, you refuse to walk in It." God said, "Go, tell him he isn't getting off that bed." They didn't get the chance to reach Baal Ekron. They didn't even get the chance to reach Baal Ekron.

He saw his father try to touch that man and got killed. You know he went and did the same thing too. He sent two companies of fifty soldiers each; he got a hundred men killed. That wicked, evil, man got one hundred men killed trying to carry out his bidding. After leading a whole nation to their death, he is sending these men to their death too; holding on to a false teaching.

See, sometimes we don't see things the way God sees it, friends. But that's why when the Word comes down, the Word puts it squarely before you. You see the real picture. You realize what kind of Age we are living in and what you're dealing with. How we ought to be sensitized. How we ought to be sensitized.

Let me read a little quote for you. On the message called *Why?* [1962-0622-Ed.] South Gate, California, 1962 it says, *Now, we find out that this Ahaziah was the son of Ahab and Jezebel. He had come out of a cursed family...* 

You see, young girls? Let me say this. Don't watch a boy's nice shoes. Don't watch how he is smelling. (I preached that for you the other night.) Don't watch whether his belt is a nice belt and his shoes matching his socks and his socks matching his tie and he is suave. Don't watch that nonsense. That's just a covering for sin, that man tried to cover sin with, that God ripped off. That's fig leaf. Find out what beats down in a person's heart. Find out their convictions."

I remember years ago a precious sister here was going to get married. This boy was interested in her and the brother was interested in her and so on. And when we were talking, she said, "Bro. Vin, does he come prayer meeting? I'm not looking for any husband around the church, you know. I can wait until God sends the right person for me. But if I want somebody, I want somebody who is really serving God, who is no Sunday Christian and who is walking in the Word." She is married and never got domesticated. She grows stronger. That's right. Her husband stands in the gates with the elders.

Oh God. The Holy Spirit put in my heart after I preached this message to pray for the widows. It came to me in such a strange way, "Pray for the mothers." Womanhood is being broken. The whole onslaught is to break womanhood. When the home is broken, the nation is broken. When woman is broken, the home is broken, the nation is broken and the world is broken. How did the world fall? Woman was out of her place. Womanhood was broken in the Garden of Eden. The woman that was a virgin ended up being a whore. She was robbed of her virgincy because she believed a lie. She was seduced away from her loyalty to her husband. The family was broken, the household was broken. And when you get that, since that, that had to bring God in the flesh to die.

Adultery is such an evil thing. Promiscuous sex is such an evil, diabolical thing. That's why God wants to give man the Holy Ghost because without the Holy Ghost a man is an animal; a woman is just an animal, because motherhood is a virtue. Motherhood is a virtue. Womanhood is a virtue. She is the only species that is female, designed the way she is designed. She is the only creature of God designed and given the place that she is given. Woman comes from man but man and woman come through a woman. God came through a woman. That's right. Think of it friends, and yet, she can be the lowest thing that it has, the most deceiving thing that it has. Yet, she could be the most glorious thing that God can give a man outside of salvation. The difference is the Holy Spirit. I'm getting ready to close. Let the musicians think about coming. [Bro. Vin chuckles –Ed.]. Caught you with that, huh? That thinking about coming and coming is just a couple of seconds to adjust, so they could move in there in the Spirit for me and not just be caught unawares by a sudden announcement.

But my time is past. I want to pray there and obey what He tells me. Because, to achieve spiritual things you work by spiritual laws. That's why I preached the way that I preach. I'm following Something. I'm watching Something. I'm working with Something. I'm watching the church here, I'm preaching something that could help the congregation. And I see the Spirit moving with the young people there, they need the help right now, all the help now, and that help is to come from the parents. And if the parents can take their place while God wants to move with them, the work can be made complete, because the parents are co-workers with God in the work. And I'm trying to sensitize the parents to move in and take their place with them and be their buddy and stand with them.

Remember when I started the Youth Meetings? I called on... Bro. Alex [Bro. Alexander James –Ed.] brought it back there in the Workers' Meeting: deposits of Eternal Life; gifted. Is that right? He talked about those things that I was speaking about there because I said I want you to help me in this work, when we started those meetings. But in preaching these things, I struck womanhood and God opened something there. I struck the perversion of men and these things and God opened something there. And then the Spirit said, "Bring it to the parents here." After that big encouragement Wednesday night, God said, "You could bring it to the parents here now. Let the parents realize now, if they take their place here, we'll see a move of God here."

If parents by revelation could move with faith and create the atmosphere around them and hold them there with the Word, you watch God let loose. And if parents are weak to do that, then parents need to meet the Holy Spirit and ask God for such a surge of the Holy Spirit to rise up to take that place, by the grace of God that we can see a more unified home, a stronger home, because the church is just a collection of homes. The nation is just a collection of homes. The world is just a collection of homes. That's right. And when womanhood is broken, the home is broken. When the home is broken, the nation is broken. When the nation is broken, the world is broken. But it starts with breaking the woman. Then the Man, Christ, came to do what? Redeem His Church, the Woman that was fallen, to give Her His Own Life. Is that right?

Then, if God is giving us part of Himself and then even giving the children part of Himself: *Unto you and to your children*. [Acts 2:39 -Ed.] And if, from the examples I've been giving you about parents here, God, the first One seeking after His fallen children. Abraham, teaching and establishing his children in the Age of Sodom and the perversion, and all homes broken for the world to get in that condition. In the time of Exodus when death was moving and darkness upon the world and the Exodus prophet moved the families under the blood, and the little boy saying, "Daddy, is the blood applied? Daddy, are you sure you did as the prophet said it?"

He said, "Sure son, I carried out the prophet's word exactly as he told me."

Then I showed you 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2, those parents who were doing those children that; making them speak evil at the prophet. But it had a woman inside of there whose sons were going into captivity and she was training her children differently, and she ran to the prophet. She said, "You know my husband. My husband was one of the prophets. He was a real servant of God. He believed what my lord said."

He said, "What do you have in your house?" She said, "Nothing!" He said, "Nothing?" She said, "Oh yes, I have a little pot with oil."

He said, "Praise God! Go, get empty vessels, bring it and shut the door and begin to pour it out and sell it and deliver your children from captivity." They were loosed from the debt of the creditor. Is that right?

We see that in the Bible, in the same hour when they were calling him baldhead (the children), a woman raising her children right, and look at the blessing, and when those children were going into captivity, deliverance came to restore that home debt free. Is that right? Why did God put these Things in the Bible? Is that this Age? Is the Exodus this Age? Is the time of Abraham this Age? Is the time of Rahab this Age?

Zipporah, a mother who didn't want uncircumcised children in the house even though the father was neglecting the thing. And the father, God ran down the father to kill him. But the mother, oh my, she moved quickly because she knew the hour is here these children must be circumcised. Where are these women? Where are these Zipporahs here, amen, that God can inspire you? Where is this woman like the widow that ran out to the man of God and said, "My husband is dead but my children are going into captivity." What about the Shunamite? She brought her boy. What about the widow Zarephath that brought her boy?

Mothers, mothers. They understood the approach to God's gift. They understood where the authority of God is invested. They understood the mystery of the Age they were living in. They understood the plan of God and the provision that God made according to His plan for them and how to plead what that plan promised and approach God according to that plan and get the benefits that that plan was designed to give to them. Is that right?

[Quote continues -Ed.] ... we find out that this Ahaziah was the son of Ahab and Jezebel. He had come out of a cursed family. You better know what is a cursed family. You better see people who are growing up in a cursed family.

And when you take a family that's raising their children in the wrong atmosphere, you can't hardly expect anything else.

... Israel was a nation something like this nation. It made its same mistakes that this nation's made. And we find out that Israel come up out of Egypt and drove the occupants out of the land and possessed the land; the same that we come seeking an oasis, and drove the natives here back and possessed the land. Israel had favor before God. We believe that our pilgrim fathers did also. Israel in its early stages produced some great men. Well, they had for instance David, Solomon, Joshua, great men; and we had a Washington, Lincoln, and a great men.

But finally Israel, in its politics, formed around and got a renegade on the throne: Ahab, a halfway believer, lukewarm church member. And Ahab wasn't such a rascal as it was his wife. She was the one that could just handle Ahab. Any way she wanted to make him go, she did it. [Any way she wanted to make him go, she did it.] And you don't have to be too spiritual to understand what I'm talking about. It's the system behind it. But in that day they had a prophet, and his name was Elijah, and he was a fearless godly man.

Here was the Prophet preaching that message right there before *The Rapture* [1965-1204 -Ed.]. And he understood his place and he stood there preaching *Why?* about that Ahaziah and preached about family life and he preached about what had happened in the land. And he typed it back to show how they came out and came in that land, drove the Canaanites out, established under Solomon and David, then they ended up where they ended up. And he showed Israel's history was repeating itself in America, and now, the time of Elijah, Ahab and Jezebel had come back and the family life was all broken down in the home and everything, and the church and everything else. Think of it, friends!

On a message called *Why?* [1963-0626 -Ed.] Hot Springs. Again, he said,

Ahaziah was the son of Ahab, had been brought up in the kind of home that was a lukewarm home. It wasn't altogether Christian. His mother was a heathen. And his father had married out of fellowship, married a woman who was not a believer.

And that always makes a bad home for any kid to be raised in, that when unbelief and faith tries to mix together.

When unbelief and faith tries to mix together, it always creates a bad home. And any child tried to be raised in that lukewarm atmosphere can't amount to nothing," he says.

And, now, if the father would have been a real strong man in his faith, the child might have had a better opportunity, but he didn't.

Why? Because the woman could have made him go anywhere she wanted.

He knew that there was a God. He knew that there was a Jehovah. And then his mother's gods, and so forth. He was all confused.

He said, Ahaziah is going to see his father trying to talk about Jehovah, the mother is talking about Baal. The boy starts to get confused growing up in that kind of atmosphere where there is conflict in the family, where the father and mother are going two different ways. If the mother has her god of fashion, the father has his god of politics. If the father or the mother want to sacrifice the children on the altar of education, to Molech, pass them through the fires of education and making all the preparations for them to get seven subjects, to get this, that, and then they don't know anything about God. They provide for everything else because they want to put in their feather: "My son is this and my daughter is that." And then they don't know God; they have no love for God.

Listen friends. The Prophet said, "I'd rather see my daughter..." he said, "she does not know a thing and she stays there," he said, "my son, even if he doesn't know the difference between split beans and coffee and he has the New Birth, his soul saved. And the Holy Ghost will give him a better education than any man in the world could give him." And being linked with God, brother, his future is secured, because *Seek first the Kingdom and all other things shall be added*. He'll live in a faith economy, he'll be able to make a living through the wisdom God gives him and the leadership God gives him in life, that brother, he doesn't have to have an education to be successful in life at all.

God told Joshua, "Obey the Word, walk in It day and night. Don't turn to the right nor to the left, the Lord thy God shall be with you; no man shall stand before you. I'll prosper you and give you good success." That's what He says. That's right!

Now, I'm not against education. You know that. I am no fanatic. But the thing I'm saying, we are talking about emphasis and we are talking about priority and we are talking about things people major on. Just like the church majors on Divine healing, he says that's a minor. They major on a minor and they hold on to the sign post and they reject the Voice of the sign. They want to hear THUS SAITH THE LORD, they're healed but they don't want to hear, THUS SAITH THE LORD, their baptism is wrong, and THUS SAITH THE LORD, their woman preacher is wrong. They don't want to hear that. That's the kind of generation we live in, friends. Oh God help us.

Let us be a real church. Let us be a real apostolic church. Let us be a real Bride of Jesus Christ, without spot, without wrinkle. Let us have the heart to walk in this Word that we could see God manifest His Fullness and His Glory and His Power in His believers. Let us see young men and young women who can receive this Message and this Truth today and who can open their hearts to receive Jesus Christ. And who can tear out every bit of the world and surrender their life to God that Jesus Christ can come and fill that life and make them virtuous, and brother, give them the assurance and the peace that they don't have to compete; they don't have to politic. They don't have to learn the schemes of any Jezebel in the world, trying to manipulate some man or find some man or run down some man or something. They could have faith that God, like Rebekah down there, God will send that Eliezer. God will get you to the right husband. God will bring the blessing to the family. Amen!

Brother, like Ruth, sometimes you walk in there obeying the Word, yielding in your heart, coming to trust under the wings of the God of Israel and you might be a little gleaner, and then tomorrow, brother, you're joint heirs like little Esther coming in there. Hallelujah! But before you know, you're Queen of the very Kingdom. That's right.

Because when you put your life in God's hands, God knows how to work in your life. Because why? You're operating on a faith channel, not a beauty channel, not a wisdom channel, not some channel from some little fashion magazine, or some channel from some TV business you are trying to influence your mind with; none of these things, no. You're walking in the Word with God.

Could you receive this? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Am I telling the truth? Do you really want this? Are you willing to make a stand for this? You want to walk in this? Are you convinced of these Things? Let's stand to our feet.

Oh, my. I'm going to stop there. I'm sure. That's good enough. The Holy Spirit wouldn't mind if I stop there. Praise His wonderful Name. Oh my. Sometimes you get like this, you are now getting warmed up. When the Holy Spirit comes, I didn't know all that It was going to do. But God has been dealing with me in a certain way. I'll tell you about it, maybe in the following services.

Because you see, I'm sensing the Spirit wants to help His children, and I'm seeing over and over how God is witnessing to me that this is His Truth. This is His Truth. By sovereign grace, it is something He did. And as He takes away all insecurity and all fears and complexes, you could realize it's the Lord's doing. Because sometimes you want to feel it can only be so if you're feeling a sense of being able to deserve it. And then you want to doubt it if you're seeing that you're undeserving of it. You can't be sure it's really so, and you don't want to have faith and believe. But God chooses the base things. God chooses the weak things. Because 'weak' in that you don't have might or power. Your strength is that you could surrender and yield to God and trust God and not have confidence in your flesh.

And me, in my heart, I know I love God, and I know I don't want my will. It has no ambition for me to have a church and want a church. That's why I tell people if they hear me preach, I preach like I am emptying out the church. But I'm trying to drive people down into a place to see this God, to unveil this God before them and let their eyes come upon this God to see the plan for the Age that this God has expressed in this Scripture, and to show us positionally where we are, and so, to bring to life to you what is happening around you, by showing you that in the Bible, that it had to be so. And then showing you where the believers in those times, how they caught that revelation and they moved with it. And then showing our time, what we are catching is just like what they caught because that's Hebrews 13:8 – *The same yesterday, today, and forever.* And what was written was written for an example.

It is put there to help us understand and when the Spirit comes and shines light on those Things, It opens the Scripture and we see the Hour; we see the time and season. We had our discouragements, we had our encouragements, Wednesday. Here, in the same setting, we are catching the parental influence that needed to be there.

Naomi had an influence on Ruth so powerful that she left mother, country, and everything, and she came and stayed. A young woman stayed with this old woman not knowing that by doing that she was coming into redemption but following what was in her heart.

In the negative side, Jezebel had equally a powerful influence on Athaliah. Herodias had equally a powerful influence on Salome. She made her go and dance vulgarly before all those men, do this big striptease dance while they were drunk, entertain them with her naked body, moving up her body in every way to tantalize them, hold them spellbound, and then when she got them in her grip, she carried out the scheme of the mother: "Kill the prophet and bring it here." Because the mother wanted revenge.

When you have a revengeful mother, growing up with spite, an adulterous woman who has no fear for God, who just wants to live off of the limelight, and brother, she doesn't care about her morals and has her young daughter as a belly dancer, and then used the girl that way, even to come against the message, the forerunner. The greatest man born of a woman that God in flesh would stand there and give that compliment to; to show what God thought of the man and to show what this woman thought of the same man.

Look at the kind of people, friends. They, as parents, they have a chance to receive salvation for themselves and their household. But look how they are treating the Word of God, because they are not living in that realm; they're living in the realm of pleasure. Can't you see? Can God open up our eyes? I'm quoting the Bible, in the Old Testament and the New Testament back and forth. I'm showing you the Hour. I'm showing you the pattern in the Bible. I'm not just quoting you Scripture, I'm showing you patterns of the day.

Oh, praise His wonderful Name. Let's just sing that, *I Want To Live.* In worship, as a prayer, meaningfully in our hearts, in sincerity, reaching out for this, friends. God struck your heart this morning parents. You sat there and watched your children run to the altar in the last few services. What about you, this morning? You sit down there and admire your children coming up and accepting the Lord and these things; what about you, this morning? Do you see what the Word is requiring of us? Do you see where we need to be as a church, a real Bible church in this Hour?

You, as one of the pillars in this assembly, do you want to rise up there in this Hour? Do you want to walk there with God? Do you have that kind of conviction hearing a message like you heard this morning; *The Need for Godly Parental Influence*? As parents, you have the lives of children in your hands and it's how you influence them, how you want to influence them.

I think we have widows here. You know something, we have widows here in this church, young women still and I say, "Oh God, how are they coping (some of them)? They feel for companionship no doubt. They have children." Sometimes, except God don't help them, they can't be a widow indeed. It's nothing wrong if they remarry, but then, sometimes in this Age, with the amount [number -Ed.] of women, seven to one, they have to stand there and hold to the Word. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to hold a mother like that. Now, she has to be both father and mother to those children. I say, "Oh God, help me. What kind of preacher am I? Help me to get in the places where we can see a move of God in this Hour. We can see a people responding to the Word of God. We can see a church, we can see children saying ... "

Children, some of you see your parents here, you respect your parents. Can you see before your very own

eyes your parents showing they want to stand for the Word because they believe the Word? And they might have let down the bars like me, like many of us, let things happen here and there that we regret. But God, God can strengthen us as a people. Because we are wrong, we can go to God and say, "God, we are wrong." We can go to God and say, "God, help me. I want to stand for You. More as the vision becomes clear to me, I see where I'm called to walk. More as I see the Word challenging in my life, I want to yield and submit, Lord. I don't want to play church anymore, the Hour is late. I want to see my family filled with the Holy Ghost because that's what You promised. I don't just want to know the types, I want to have the substance in my life to show I'm the matching piece to the promises."

And don't feel I'm preaching you down. I'm standing here in need just like you, this morning. I'm standing right here in need with you before God. God knows my heart, I need the very same thing but woe is me if I don't preach It. But I know God is faithful. He is faithful. And parents, let's just worship God in this song together. And you are believers, many of you are in the assembly for years. Many of you are experienced in the challenge of parenthood. Many of you have learned the responsibility of parenthood. Many of you are coming to discover the power of parental influence. Many of you now begin to see and understand the need for godly parental influence. Many now begin to understand.

And as we learn, we as parents, we are learning as parents, maybe not as believers to understand the Message on baptism and what is the right church, but now we are learning things in certain places because, now, we are starting to define our territory. Now we start to see what Amalekite and what Canaanite is in our land. And we don't want to get adjusted to living in those conditions and accept that as a way of life and live a halfway, compromised life. We are saying, "Lord, teach me. Show me how to break these things. Show me how to deliver the people from those things." We are seeking something more all the time.

[#350 I Want to Live - Songs That Live -Ed.] I could never, ever out love my Lord. One more time. I want to live. I want to live, the way He wants me to live; I want to give, Until there's just no more to give; I want to love.

Make the place where you are standing today, a place where you are meeting with Jesus Christ, your God, your Redeemer Who has called you in this Truth. And may He give us the power we lack. May He cause us to rise up in the places where we have not walked before. In my heart I know He desires and He wants to give it to us.

There've been times... [We've all come through it.] When giving and loving brought pain.

It's not easy, friends, because you have to love those who despitefully use you and speak all manner of evil against you.

And I promised...

Oh, what kind of wrong promise that was?

Let it happen ...

We get spiteful. We cut people off.

But I found out that loving... Charity never fails, friends. It's the greatest power there is.

And that even in losing

... in losing I'll win.

Oh, that's when we discovered reality. Let's lift our hands. I'm going to live. You purpose that in your heart. Sing it with conviction.

And you wives with unsaved husbands, believe this morning. Believe that Almighty God could break the power of darkness around the life of that husband of yours. You could see your household saved. You could see one of the greatest hindrances to the progress of the family be broken. Almighty God can do that for you this morning.

I'm going to love, love, Till there's just...

And you young couples, oh, let this love bathe down in your hearts, settled and anchored in the Word. Ask God to give you that Holy Spirit to bring such a peace and a harmony to build you up strong.

Jesus showed us.

That's why in Ephesians 5 says, *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church.* He gave Himself for it.

... that only

Through dying we live,

And He gave, when it seemed

There was no more to give, [hallelujah!]

... no more to give

Jesus loved... Oh, when loving...

Let that Life be in us, that Token. Let Christ live in us in this Hour. That's God's plan; that you would know "I in you and you in Me."

He forgave from the old rugged  $\hat{a}$ 

Cross.

Nailed, spat upon, beaten, hanging there, ridiculed, yet, He was forgiving them. Oh, I'm going to live. I'm going to keep my eyes on Calvary. I'm going to keep my eyes on the way He lived. I'm going to let that influence my life. Hallelujah!

He wants me to live; I'm going to give, Until there's just no more to give; I'm going to love, love, Till there's just...

That's our prayer to God this morning, with deep conviction. That's what we purposed. That's what we pledge to Him.

... my Lord

Every head bowed, every eye closed, every heart centered upon Him. And many of you young children, though the call went out to parents this morning, and is preaching *The Need For Godly Parental Influence*, that's the influence, that you might come under the influence, you who are under the authority of your parents in the home. And I want you, as you see the godly conviction with which your parents have moved forth here with, this morning, because they are believers that God has sent Elijah to in the Evening Time.

They see the condition of the world. They know the bottomless pit is opened. They see the Age being descended into the underworld: demonic influences, occult sciences. They're seeing religious men with lying spirits prophesying lies, a strong delusion. They believed the lie and are being damned by it because they have no love for the Truth. But God has turned the hearts of these back to the faith of the fathers. God has opened up the Seals and showed they are part of the remnant according to the election of grace. And you are privileged to be born in such a family with a promise hanging over them, that they and their children shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.

And young people, children, while you see them standing here this morning, I want you in your heart to say, "God, give me a greater respect for my mommy and daddy. And God help me to be more obedient because I'm seeing as they strive to take that stand, I too, want to line up with Your Word that together we can be a family; and the blessing that's designed and intended for the family, and the love and commitment to the family, it would be real. I won't just be a spectator in the home. I won't just be one just standing by and watching my parents slave day and night for me and be rebellious and disrespectful and uncooperative, but God, help me and give me a heart to stand together with them."

And especially you who don't have a father, your daddy has passed on. You say, "Lord, mommy can't

carry all of this by herself." And fathers, your wife is gone on. You say, "Oh God, help me that I could live such a godly life to hold this family together, that we could grow in the principles, and have this hope that when that Trumpet sounds, we shall reunite again. The family circle that is broken will be mended again." Because this is what took place in the Jubilee; the slave went back to his family. He went back to his inheritance. Because in God's mind that family circle cannot be broken. And you parents and you widows, may God bless you and strengthen you today.

Lord Jesus, we gather as a church family here around the altar this morning, a people that You have called out to walk in Your Truth, oh God. And sensing that the Spirit has spoken so expressly today, and dear God, to know that You put this message into the heart of Your servant, Lord, because You have things that You intend and desire, Lord, with such a deep love to give that portion into every family, into every home; some broken, some struggling, oh God. Lord, we are looking for healing in this realm. We are looking to see the family unit: family sticking together, family as one, family with one objective, because when that Trumpet sounds, we don't want to be leaving one hoof behind, oh God.

Lord, You put it upon my heart and You caused me to see what some of the mothers have to go through; what some of the widows, oh God, cannot even earn and not having a husband as a breadwinner. Little help might have come with some of the children getting big and working, but then that authority of the father in the home is not there. How many times the Devil exploits, Lord God, and tries to bring havoc in the homes with these things and selfishness comes in, and the children get self-opinionated, and they get rebellious, and Lord, they get uncooperative and everyone begins to pull to themselves. How it hurts the family circle and it brings strain in the family unit. It causes pressure, Lord God, to come upon, Lord, different family members. Sometimes the mother, oh God, has to bear such strain.

Oh God, You said, You are the husband of the widow, You are the father to the fatherless and God, we believe that today. And Lord God, seeing this in Your Word, and we are claiming this, and we are asking in the Name of Jesus Christ, let Your Holy Spirit, Father, come down in those places, oh God, give the strength, Lord. We see how that woman, that widow went and got her children delivered. We see the widow of Zarephath, what You did in that home, Father. We know those things were connected with the ministry of Elijah and Elisha, oh God. And we know that is the time we are living in and we know these are the examples in the Bible. We can look and claim and draw strength.

And I pray today, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Lord God, may You grant these things, Father. Bless them oh God. Bring such an encouragement, give such a lift, oh God. Let Your Holy Spirit come down, Father. Oh God, let there be unity, Lord God, give the children that quickening that they could rise up and take a place in the home. They could give encouragement. Lord, for years they have been receiving, receiving, receiving from their parents, asking, dependent upon them. Let them get some courage. Give them some vision that they can give back something, Father, to the family, oh God. They can rise up now and be a blessing, oh God, to the family circle that they have grown up in, to the parents that have raised them, oh God. Father, the entire household can benefit from a good son and a good daughter, oh God, that have been touched by the Holy Spirit. May You grant it, oh God.

Father, I pray for the husbands and the fathers, today. All of us, oh God, that stand in that place. And Lord, God, we are growing tired, some of us, and the strains and the pressures. And sometimes, Lord, we just let things slip, oh God. But then, dear God, we see how quickly the enemy was just waiting for us to get relaxed. Oh God, help us to get back in that (hallelujah) and rise up with renewed focus, renewed strength, oh God, with deeper conviction. Give us the wisdom we need. Some of us, Lord, have tried to use authority in the past, Lord, just shouting down orders and, Lord God, giving threats and these things, trying to raise children that way. But oh God, give us the wisdom, give us the love. Give us the insight, oh God. Father, may Your grace and Your favor move, dear God.

Let there be a spirit of fellowship. Let there be a real relationship. Weed out the creepers, oh God, and the hindrances, that have developed, oh God, that have brought barriers and hindrances that there is no dialogue. But, Lord God, let a spirit of fellowship be created. Send down that blessing in every home, Father, that, oh God, we could see a church really being united, really becoming strong, Lord God, breaking through these hindrances and entering into a real revival that starts in the heart, that spreads in the home, that builds up and it comes to church and it spreads among others through fellowship, oh God; that Lord, we could see a people, Father, Lord God, moving into realms of the Spirit where greater blessings than we have walked in, can now be received and be partaking of it in this Hour. May You grant it, oh God.

And Lord, God, where there is weakness, give strength. And where Lord, there is attitude with complexes built up, Lord, let it be removed and where there is hypocrisy and pretense. And oh God, Father, we are seeing, oh God, what is happening to families and we are allowing it, and we are supporting it, oh God, for friendship, for our own carnal desire, destroying other people's families and these things. Yet, oh God, not showing godly respect. Oh God, how can we say we are Christians? How can we say we are Christians and live that kind of life? How can we say we are fathers and mothers and then encourage sin? Oh God, Father, I pray that You wake some of these people up, oh God. I pray that You bring conviction. I pray that You open eyes. I pray You drive away that pretense and hypocrisy and cut away that cancer, oh God, that we can see real genuine love, oh God, unite a people that's getting ready to leave this world. May You grant it, oh God.

Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, let Your Holy Spirit bring healing today. Let Your Holy Spirit bring deliverance today. Let Your Holy Spirit, oh God, stretch forth Your mighty hand upon this people, oh God. We humble ourselves before You, Father. We confess where we have been wrong, oh God. Oh God, we're ashamed of the mistakes, Lord, we made and the things we let happen because of our lackadaisical attitude, our negligence, oh God, forgive us today, dear God. Put it in Your Blood, Jesus. Father, I pray for myself, my family, this congregation, oh God, all of us together, oh God, we want to go out of here, Father. We want to see a church get ready and move in the Spirit, oh God. We want to see the power of God let loose.

We are encouraged by what we see happening among the young people and we pray that it gets greater and greater. Oh God, and make us real co-workers today that we would break through and line up, oh God, that the Spirit can flow in a greater way. May You grant these things, Father. We ask it, believing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We Thank You for it, oh God.

Lift your hands and praise Him this morning. Claim it as yours. Make it yours. Dedicate yourself to be a coworker with the Holy Spirit to finish this plan of redemption. Make yourself available. Purpose in your heart: "I'm going to live the way He wants me to live." I pray that Almighty God make that the inheritance, the portion of each and every one of us today.

Just one more, I want to pray now for the children. Then we have some, I know will be taking their exams this week, that Almighty God will bless these children of ours that's trying to make a stand. And we can help be a defense for them, to garrison them with our revelation, with our faith, that this work that God has begun in them, that we have seen these past weeks, this new thing that the Spirit wants to do for them.

Lord Jesus, and now, we as parents who have dedicated and re-dedicated our lives to You and shown the willingness to separate from our wrongs and to walk in Your revealed Truth, and to face up to the responsibility and the challenge of parenthood. And desiring to see the influence of Divine Love, that You the great Parent exhibited when You went after Your fallen children and restored them, that, Lord, it will be You in us, hunting out ours, Father; the same Holy Spirit, with the same love, that could look beyond their faults, and see the need and can reach down a hand and pick them up from where they are fallen into and see the broken family unit be mended, regardless. No matter how difficult it may seem. No matter how many obstacles. No matter how strong the Devil's grip is upon them. We know the Devil is no match for You, and all You need is cooperation from us; a yielded, surrendered vessel that would be willing to be under Your Headship and Your direction and leadership that You can work Your will and Your Word through us.

And so, we pray, dear God, that You would bless them. And dear God, You would strengthen them. And we would have such a positive godly influence upon them. And out of our faith we can give virtue and strengthen them. Knowledge to know where they're at and what they're going through. Temperance to bear with them. Patience to wait, oh God, to see that healing become complete. Oh God, to see their deliverance, total deliverance come, knowing it shall come. Though it tarries, it will come, You will make it manifest. Hallelujah! And we will not fail. We will not turn back. We will not give up. But like that Shunamite woman, we will say, "All is well. All is well." Hallelujah! Knowing there is power to raise them up, not being defeated by circumstances but looking to Your promise; looking to the source from whence we received them and we dedicated them back to You. And now, for their redemption, we look to You again.

And we pray, Father, that even the younger ones who have their exams this week also, Father, may You bless them. And may You help them through the exams this coming week. Many of them who may not be out Wednesday night trying to get an early rest and being early out to the examination Thursday morning or whatever. God, we pray that the Spirit of the Living God, on that morning, will release such an anointing that You would hear this prayer and it would be applied to them and they would go out under the power of Your Spirit, and they would sit there, like when Daniel and they were being tested in the room there, trusting and believing in the Living God. And He would make them ten times wiser and prove that He is their God and He is interested in them. May it be the same for these.

You were that God at the beginning of the Gentile Dispensation. You are the same God in the ending of the Gentile Dispensation. And these little end-time Daniels (hallelujah), let them rise up, oh God, with courage and confidence. May the Angel be there to give them wisdom and skill and all that they have—bring what they have learned back to their remembrance as they have need of it and they can be victorious in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We Thank You, Father. We know that You are able to keep what we commit unto You. May, dear God, from this day onward, we see in every family circle, in every home. God, and places where we have been discouraged so badly and given up, like Elijah was giving up under that juniper tree, we will find strength rising up to believe with renewed faith and new hope again. New hope coming in the darkest hour for us that we will not be defeated; we will rise up and finish the job. Keep our eyes fixed on the prize refusing to be compromised. May You grant it, Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ. We ask these blessings for Your glory. Amen. Amen.

God bless you. Turn around and greet each other. You parents, greet your brother's and sister's parents right there. And may God bring a love for each family. Let us not be hypocritical to one another as families. Let's be little units of one big family. Let us have no leaven in the family. Let's be a real godly family in Christ. Amen. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

All around the building just greet your brother and sister in His great August Presence, in the great Presence of the Great Jehovah God, this morning. Hallelujah. Our God is able, He is more than able to accomplish what concerns us today. Amen. Our trust and our confidence is in Him. He's able.

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To accomplish what concerns

me today.

You may have your seats.

*He is able, more than able* 

To handle anything that comes my way.

*He is able, more than able* 

To do much more than I could ever

dream.

He is able,

Our God is able. He is more than able to make me what he wants me to be. He's the great Potter and I'm the clay. Oh, raise your hands all over the building, all in the room, all on the outside, and let's sing, *He is able*. Hallelujah!

Oh, to accomplish...

... what concerns me today

Oh, He is able, more than able

Just wave to Him. Just let Him know, "Lord, I believe it. Oh, God, I love You. Tell Him! Say, "I believe You and I trust You, Jesus."

To do much more than I could ever dream,

Oh, He is able, more than able To make me what He wants me to be.

Do you love Him? Do you feel encouraged? Was it good to be in His Presence today? Oh, let's give Him a handclap to this lovely Lord. Oh, He's so wonderful. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve. Hallelujah. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah! God-called men, God-called women, God-called young people, God-ordained families filled with the Holy Spirit; the Presence of God in every home, in every life. Oh, Jesus, let's see it and walk into it. Let's conceptualize it. Let's see the Spirit breaking it, bringing it down to us. Let us rise up and move into it with renewed faith, this morning, with objective and purpose in our hearts. It's a promise. It's God's desire to give it to us. Hallelujah.

[Bro. Vin makes an announcement about the upcoming Easter services. -Ed.]

