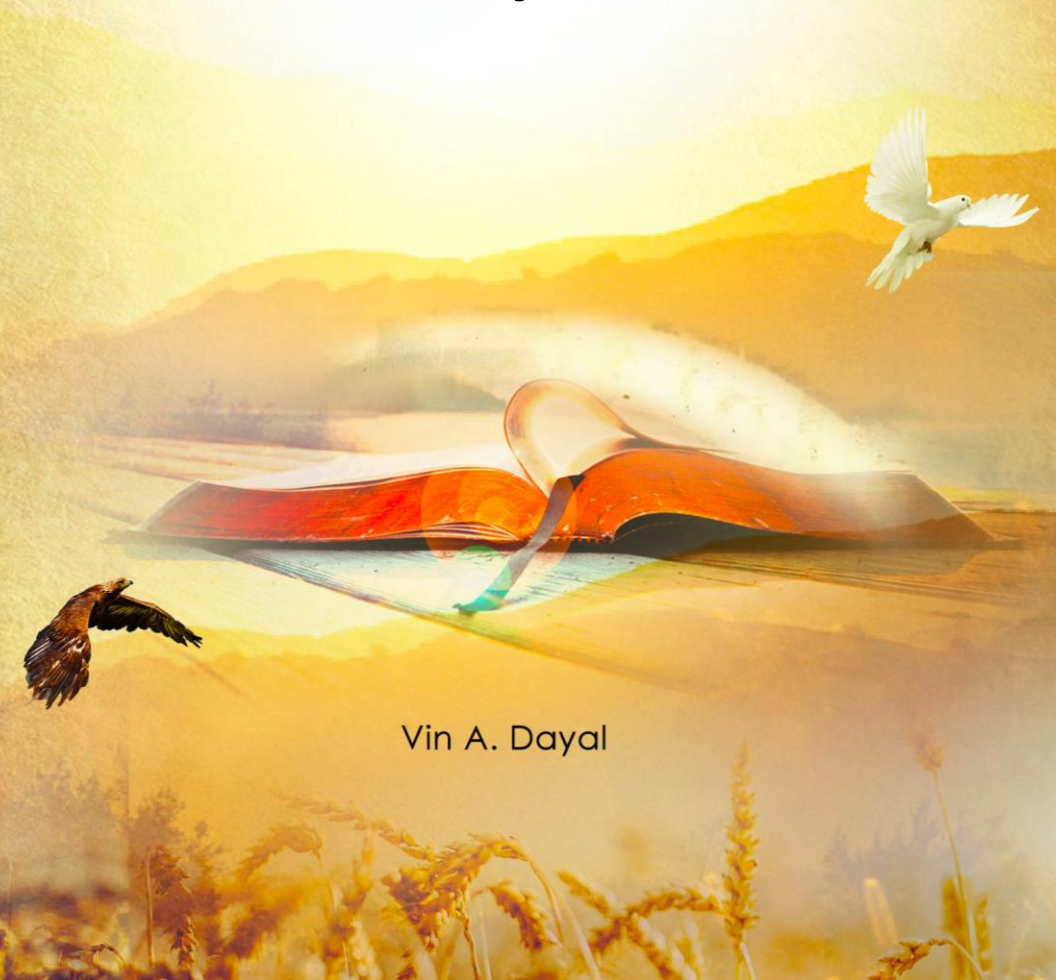

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*... to lead this Eagle Home;
For I know the Dove is here,
He has come to lead God's Eagles;
And I know He will guide me,
And keep me in His Word.*

Oh, let us just lift our hands tonight and sing: I just love that Dove.

*I just love that Dove,
For He is my Lord,
I just love that Dove,
For He has been my Guide;
He has brought me up Seven Steps
To a Perfect Faith I've never known;
Now He'll send me with His Word
As He rides this trail again.
Oh my! Don't you want to follow Him?
I...*

Follow Him with all your heart. Oh, wherever He will lead us, that is where we want to go.

*... that You will lead me,
I just want to follow
The way that You will go;
For I know You will lead me
In the footprints that You have left,
And I know You will guide
Oh yes, Lord, we believe it.
... me in this path.*

Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, precious Lord. How we believe that this morning, Father, that You will lead us and You will guide us; You will keep us in this path. God, because we know it is not by might or power, it is not him that willeth or him that runneth but it is You that showeth mercy; it is by Your Holy Spirit. How it means so much more to us today, Father, to have this unspeakable Gift of the blessed Holy Spirit in our lives; to know, that makes all the difference, Lord. It makes all the difference.

Father, as we stand in Your Presence today, we are so thankful, Lord, for the nearness of Your Holy Spirit that we feel amongst us. You said, You will be there where two or three are gathered in Your Name, and what we feel, Lord, what we can bear witness to in our spirits, what, by Divine revelation, by that Sixth Sense, God, that we can contact here, we know it is You, the very One Who has called us out of darkness to walk in this marvelous Light, the One Who called us by our names, Lord, raised us up out of sins and trespasses that we were dead in, One, Lord, that quickened us to life, and now we can walk in another sphere; live in another realm, Lord.

God, as this world grows darker and darker, becomes so much more evil each day, how we are so thankful for what You have done for us, because it becomes so much more real, Lord, it becomes so much more valuable to know that we carry in our bosom the pure, unadulterated Word, the very Word that will change us one day; this very mortal will put on immortality.

Heavenly Father, as we gather in Your house today for worship, it is so good to be here, Father. It means so much more to us, Lord, especially when we are only gathering once every week now. There is such a greater participation by everyone that has come within Your gates, Lord. Lord, we truly realize that all things work together for good to them that love You. You just

know how to bring us, Lord, closer to You; how to make us appreciate, with a deeper appreciation, what, Lord, the enemy was trying to make common to us all. We thank You, Lord, that Your ways are past finding out and You just know how to work everything, Lord; that it becomes something so dear and precious to each and every one of us.

We lift our heads, Lord, and we look to Calvary. We realize, Lord, if You didn't pay it all, if the Love of God that so filled You and governed You to cause You, Lord, to be obedient even unto death, these things might be secured for us, Lord, that has been given unto us with all the Love of God and nothing can take it away from us. Even though we are undeserving of it, even though sometimes, Lord, our lives are so unbecoming of what You have given unto us, yet, because the Love of God has given it unto us by election and the Grace of God has so led us, Lord, so that we can come to truly appreciate it.

God, we are thankful that You have been longsuffering. We thank You, Lord, that You have been so patient with us, that as we see that great transformation that is taking place in our lives and seeing our hearts, Lord, coming to that place where truly, Lord, not for one moment, we ever want to neglect You or Your Word or push It aside for some selfish thing.

Lord, we thank You for this, because truly, now we realize that this is the way You wanted us to live. When we begin to walk this way and act this way, we could feel Your Holy Spirit coming down amongst us as we have felt it, Lord, these last few services, just showing, dear God, as we would line up and measure up with Your Word, and with a sincere heart, endeavor to do what You require of us, You'll always show that You are pleased with our efforts to really worship You in Spirit and Truth, and to please You and to carry about Your Word, Lord, in the manner, in the way that

it ought to be carried out, Lord, that truly, it is becoming of us, Lord, who are being designated to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ and to be the lights, Lord, in this evil generation that we live in, that this is the way You want us to carry out Your Word and live lives worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And truly we realize it could only be accomplished because of the supply of Your Holy Spirit; the unfailing Grace of God that has been extended so freely unto us. And with bowed hearts, we thank You for it, Father. Blessed be Your wonderful Name.

God, we look today that You will speak to us. Our hearts are open. There is a willingness, Lord, to receive from Thee. There is an anticipation, Lord, to draw from Your Holy Spirit. There is a desire, Lord, to want to do what You require of us, to make our best effort; as we say, to put our best foot forward, Father.

I pray, Lord, that You will bless each and everyone. Our needs are many and diverse, Lord. But even as the song was sung, Lord, those Seven Compound Redemptive Names, You are all that we have need of. You are that great I Am That I Am, the Ever-present God, and to You, we look, Lord, and trust this morning, knowing, if we trust and never doubt, Lord, You will surely bring us out.

So, we come with all our burdens Lord, Lord, placing it at Your feet with supreme confidence that, Lord, it was all met in that supreme Sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You paid the price for it all. You were wounded for our transgressions, You were bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon You and by Your stripes, Lord, we were healed. Blessed be Your Name.

I lay my hands upon these requests, Lord, representing these sick and needy ones. God, I trust that even as they stand here, they are believing now; some on behalf of their loved ones; some on behalf of their own selves. It doesn't matter too much whether

we write up a request, Lord, but if our faith is placed in that Divine promise, if our eyes are set upon that Atonement, and how much greater it is than the one that was in the wilderness that Moses lifted up and the prophet told the people, "Look and live." Death was moving through the bodies of many, oh God, but a way was opened up, a fountain of grace was opened up for them, they could look and live.

You said when You were on the earth, "As Moses lifted up the Brass Serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." Oh, we can see Him that has been lifted up and waved again in this Hour, the very Divine revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ... [blank spot on tape -Ed.] ...and to live.

So may we look at that finished work. May we look at that which was accepted by God, which met His requirement, and may, dear God, with a settled heart, full of assurance, whatever the nature of our request or what our desires are this morning, may we know it was met in that one Sacrifice that was offered once and for all. And I pray that the Holy Spirit will minister that blessing to every heart.

And where there is not sufficient faith but there is a great need, even an urgent need, may even that great grace and mercy that we have so come to learn to believe and trust in, may that extra faith, that help of faith be given, so that faith might be lifted up to that required level where they will receive what they have need of. Wouldn't You grant that, Father? We ask it sincerely, Lord, in that Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray that You will bless our gathering today. The words that You have laid upon Thy servant's heart that I might speak to Your people, I pray that it will bring nourishment and strength for all, from the greatest to the least, and I would be so led and directed by the Holy Spirit in the ministering of the Word, and may You grant hearts to understand; ears

to hear, Lord. May the Word fall into rich, deep faith, that it will bring forth a hundredfold.

If there be strangers and visitors within our gates, we ask, may it be such an experience for them just to be gathered in Your Divine Presence, oh God, that they will be affected in such a way just by being here under the Presence of the unveiled Word, they would so desire to be a Christian, Lord; they will not leave the service the same way that they came in.

We commit ourselves into Your hands now, thanking You, Father, for Your grace and Your mercy and all the blessings that You have bestowed upon us, and the hearts full of love that rendered and ministered these blessings, that we might be lifted up in spirit and be blessed of You as we have gathered in Your house today. We thank You for all these things, in the precious, wonderful Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, amen.

Amen. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Revelation, Chapter 5 and Chapter 7. God richly bless you, and I want to welcome you, especially, in the house of the Lord, today. I really want to say thanks for the kind words and all that was expressed on my behalf. It was an encouragement and I trust that God will give me the grace to live up to it and to continue to be faithful, and strive to be more faithful in His service, even as He has allowed us life to continue to serve Him. Amen?

I guess we all desire that. And not only is today my birthday but we have a very special brother there, Bro. O'Garro – Arden O'Garro. If there is one thing that we have in common, we have the same birth date and today is his birthday also. You know, I didn't want to come outside but I felt it was going to be discourteous, because I knew by the song leader telling me that our sister had felt inspired to write the little poem so I said I wanted to show my appreciation and come out.

You know, it just breaks up your heart when you see the thoughts that the Lord thinks of you. You know, the Lord said, "The thoughts that I think of you are of peace and not of evil." And He uses our hands, our lips because we are His Body and we express these things back to one another and we receive it as from the Lord. And I pray that God would especially bless my brother, Arden O'Garro.

You know, I was coming up this morning and we passed him on the road, and it just flashed through my mind because I know the great stand that he has made for the Lord Jesus, living single, trying to raise his little boy, and being deserted by his wife because of the Message; has struggled in business and came through many hard times. Amen. And I just pray that God will bless him. Amen? Amen.

You know, you think of different ones—I was looking at different ones and seeing them... It's like God just had me to look at different ones and the different needs that different ones had, and some of them, the different conditions that they are placed in, by God, to serve Him in. We don't understand these things but we see it. And because we see it, we are motivated to strive with greater determination.

If God didn't have some of them there, in the way that they were in, living and serving Him in that condition, many of us might have felt justified and felt sorry for ourselves. But when we see some in that condition, then we cannot feel sorry for ourselves. We realize that we may think that we have it hard at times but here are those in whom the Word is really being exhibited and being displayed. Amen. So I trust that we truly would be written epistles read of all men.

It is part of what I want to speak today. I want to begin a little series on the Seal of God. I believe this is the Hour, we must know if we are sealed by His Holy Spirit. The Prophet said, "If we are sealed in, the Devil is sealed out."

And, you know, there was a lot of fanaticism, a few years ago, about the sealing, and many people just... Well, everybody has their own ideas and a lot of different ways, and do different things, but to truly be sealed of God, to be sealed by His Word, to be approved by the Holy Spirit and all these things that we are talking about, the new ministry and all these things, are for people who have been sealed in, and who have been formed into the image of the Word. "And those who reject that," he said, "will have the mark of the Beast."

There are only two things: the Seal of God and the mark of the Beast. And I have been preaching on souls in prison and souls in Heaven and then bringing it from Light to darkness. I want to take the same inspiration, but just through another dimension and more into the prophetic realm now, and bring it into the Seal of God and the mark of the Beast.

I don't know how many services it is going to take. We took about fifteen services or more on the *Light And Darkness*, and we want to begin on this and try to bring it in a very fundamental way this morning, that when we begin to really strike the 'sealing' and the Hour that we are living in and more into the prophetic things, we can correctly understand it, knowing that, from the Scriptures, we have really laid it out, what it really is. So it will be in a very fundamental way, I guess, but I trust God will help us.

You know, when you want to really deal with a subject in an in-depth way, you really want to lay it out in the way that we can know it scripturally so we'll have a place to base our faith.

So turn with me to Revelation Chapter 5, and we are going to begin reading from verse 1. And he said:

¹ And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a scroll written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to loose its seals thereof?

³ And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the scroll, neither to look on it.

⁴ And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the scroll, neither to look on it.

⁵ And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the scroll, and to loose its seven seals thereof.

⁶ And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

⁷ And he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours [incense], which are the prayers of saints.

⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

*¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings
and priests: and we shall reign on the
earth.*

And Revelation 7, verses 1 to 4. I want to take this in a certain way, that it will give us a different view of it.

*¹ And after these things I saw four
angels standing on the four corners of the
earth, holding the four winds of the earth,
that the wind should not blow on the earth,
nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*

*² And I saw another angel ascending
from the east, having the seal of the living
God: and he cried with a loud voice to the
four angels, to whom it was given to hurt
the earth and the sea,*

*³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the
sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the
servants of our God in their foreheads.*

*⁴ And I heard the number of them which
were sealed: and there were sealed an
hundred and forty and four thousand of all
the tribes of the children of Israel.*

One more verse – Revelation 14, verse 1. So, if you have caught the Scripture reading already, you would see that the Book was sealed and the people were sealed. That is what I want to bring – God sealed His Word and He sealed His people.

Revelation 14, verse 1:

*¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on
the mount Sion, and with him an hundred
forty and four thousand, having his
Father's name written in their foreheads.*

So they were sealed with the Seal of God in their foreheads. And what it was, was the Father's Name written in their foreheads. That is what the Seal was. Amen?

Let us pray.

Our gracious Father, Thou knowest how dependent I am on Thee, Lord, to bring this subject which I do not believe any of us here is qualified to bring, but Lord, knowing that it is going to take the operation of the Holy Spirit to open the Word and to inspire It to our hearts and to give us understanding, the spirit of revelation moving in our hearts, we can grasp the Word with faith, that it would not just be the letter and information and trying to learn thoughts, but it will be faith being inspired and created in our souls to bring, Lord, such a personal identification with Thee and to bring us into a true relationship with Thee, that we might know Thee and understand Thee and walk with Thee in this Hour.

That same harmony that existed between the Father and the Son, will now exist between the Bridegroom and the Bride. That is what we desire to accomplish through the ministry of the Word. And I pray that You grant this blessing unto us, and You bless our efforts to do so. For we ask it in Jesus' Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

Amen. We have a couple of announcements. I would like to make them while your minds are fresh and it would fall into real faith in your heart, not when you are all sluggish and tired, maybe, and it'll just pass through one ear and go through the next one. The first one we have is:

Library services – some temporary arrangements.

We mentioned last week that we were going to try to arrange something for the believers and all the saints that live in the North and the East.

Believers who normally exchange tapes on Sundays may continue to do so as usual. An outpost has been temporarily set up at the office of SURE Security Services.

That is where Bro. Steve's [Walters -Ed.] place of work is, and where the sisters who help with the library, they also work there with him in the office.

A temporary outpost has been set up there. And that is at the Corner of Abercrombie Street and Buena Vista Street, St. Joseph.

The Corner of Abercrombie and Buena Vista Streets, St. Joseph – SURE Security Services.

Believers wishing to exchange tapes during the week, can make use of this facility between the hours of 12:00pm to 1:00pm. And please know that the other hours are responsible for the work in the workplace.

It is not library hours. Please understand that, by the grace of God, that the hour for this, what we are trying to do to make it easier and of benefit to the Assembly, is between the hours of 12:00 and 1:00. Which, in other words, they are trying to do that during their lunch hour. And it is on Wednesdays and Thursdays up here.

So if you want a tape borrowed from the library to hear, you can just get up there and have it, by the grace of God.

In San Fernando, the believers who normally exchange tapes on Wednesdays can do so on Sundays. However, for those living in the South, the library will be open all day on Wednesdays. On other days, that is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday, Sis. Margaret Walters will assist as needed.

She lives right next door and she is going to be there. So whatever day, in the South that you are there and you would need a tape or you would like to borrow a book or something from the library, then you can get it right there, by the grace of God. Amen? All day, it is right there.

I just hope you don't feel like one o'clock or twelve o'clock in the night, you know; you just feel... I mean, let us try to help out on every side.

The ceiling contribution is now twenty-eight thousand, four hundred dollars, and we haven't really reached the halfway mark as yet. And we really want

to rise up and meet the challenge, by the grace of God. Amen? Praise God.

I want to take a few moments here just to, from the desk, express on behalf of the building committee and even on behalf of the Assembly, our sincere thanks and gratitude for the brothers over the past weeks who have labored so unselfishly and have gone just leaps and bounds, and just sleep up there for nights and get up early in the morning and begin to work, and work right through until the sun goes down and sometimes into the night. May God richly bless you for it.

We could never say enough nice words to encourage you. And I was just—myself and some of the other members on the Trustee Board, you know, yesterday, we were just speaking about it: with the brothers working in such a harmony, in such a unity of spirit and so fervently, you know. And I was up there a few days in the daytime, and it was visible to see the Spirit upon them in which they worked. And it was really very outstanding, and may God richly bless you for your labors. And I trust that the people would appreciate that. I know that they do and I say it on behalf of them. And we all would keep united in our endeavors to see our goal accomplished.

You know, I was here watching some of the brothers coming in this morning, and some don't even have a seat and they stand all around the building. And you know, it hurts you in your heart to see that people have to come and stand up like that and don't even have a seat.

Sometimes, you know, Satan just wants to come in your mind and show you sometimes, "Look, people are sitting down and you are standing up and you have to take the whole service like that." And maybe, sometimes, you are neglected or you are unattended to, or maybe, well, that is just your portion. And sometimes you may be down already and going through many hard times and then come right here

and nobody may not even know what you are going through, and you walk right through the door and you don't even have a seat also. So, it just adds more pressure upon your mind.

But you know, I even made mention to the ushers, I said to some of the trustees there, I said, "Look, let some of the brothers who even worked hard on the building, that when they come, they get a chance to rest their weary legs and sit in the house of God." I see Bro. Stephens standing up in the back there; I trust that we'll find a seat for him. Amen.

Our Bro. Tony Lewis there, I was telling the brothers, you should have gotten a hold of him because he made such a contribution in the early stage and the building. And they were calling for carpenters recently and I was asking if they didn't get a hold of him or talk to him. Such a fine spirit and such a willing person to help.

And some of the brothers on the outside there, I just wish in some way that we could maybe have a seat for them. You know, they come in the house of God, and we are trying to get everybody inside. That is the way we want to do it because you want to see the faces of the people that you minister to especially. And sometimes you see those there that the Spirit could really... The Bible said, "Jesus looked and saw their faith." You know, you could really reach out and really minister to one and God could really give that extra something just where it might be needy. So, let us have real faith and believe God. And it is good for us to be here. Amen?

I truly appreciate the atmosphere and the participation in the services. And we truly can feel something extra and sense it. It does us good. We know God sees our efforts to please Him. God sees our willingness to try a little harder, to be a little more sincere, to have a little more ambition in carrying out His work, knowing that He has given us the

responsibility to carry it out if we carry it in a way that He could have the pre-eminences to meet the needs among the people.

Sometimes we could struggle and struggle and struggle with a situation, and if He could just come right in on the scene, our struggles are over. But for Him to come in and operate, it must be the way that He requires to give Himself the privilege to operate. And it is not so much outward fixing; it is internal fixing. Because when it is fixed internally, the Holy Spirit can just flow right through. If every attitude is right, every expectation is right, every heart is just right, you know, we all come there in the right motive, with the right objective, there is no limit to what God will do for us. Because I believe it. You know, He promised it in His Word. God doesn't give false promises and we could expect all that God has promised.

Our brother, Mervyn Marine, I was talking with him on, I think it was on Wednesday or Thursday there, up in Abel country, and you know, he was just elated and overflowing with joy. I told him, I said, "Mervyn, I would, maybe, like you to give a few words of testimony," because he was just so blessed. Maybe if he doesn't give it... I may just speak here but I would like him to, maybe, at the end of the service, take about five minutes and just give a little... It was flowing out of his heart. And you know it when it is red hot. You see it when it is red hot. Do you understand? You see when it is kind of warmed over. It was put in foil, it's in the deepfreeze; you'll take it out...

Like when you make pastels sometimes, you have it for about three months inside of there. It isn't really stale, it isn't really spoiled, and we know just the principles to get it heated up over and taste like it is fresh. You know what I mean.

But then, there are some just bubbling out right there. It's just on the spot. And he had one of them. It

wasn't like looking for it in a deepfreeze. And I told him, I said, "I think it is going to be good, brother," because he loves God a lot. And, you know, he was testifying how, with the new administration in the church, he went home and he set his home in order, and the blessings began to happen and the obstacles began to come and the Holy Spirit began to move. I am just going to leave him to tell it.

So he just has a little note of praise here, because after the prayer was offered on Sunday, the daughter was under such intense pain and what she was going through in the hospital and everything else, and didn't have a bowel movement for over a week and the Holy Spirit just released her like that, and she was up and around, praising God and everything else. So he has one or two things he would like to share on it. Well, that is about what I was going to read here in any case so I will leave the rest for him to tell. Maybe at the end of the service, we would try to give him about five minutes to say what is in his heart there.

So: *Bro. Grafton Bebe would like to give back praise unto God for delivering him from the virus.*

We prayed for him last week and he is out here this morning. And he said, he believed that while prayer was being offered, he was made whole again. Amen? So he is good.

The Bible said, the man was sitting right there in the midst, who was made well by the Lord. So that is good, that when... Sometimes when somebody sends up a prayer request, you don't see them; they send up a note of praise and you still don't see them. Amen? Well, when the man could come back in the house of God to give thanks, then you are thankful, by the grace of God. So, God bless his heart. Amen?

You know, time slips away and we could just stay so long without here becoming too hot, but may God cool us off if we feel too hot before we hit the place we want to hit. Amen. I don't know where we are going to stop

or where we are going to go but I would like to begin this morning, a little series as I said, and I would like to take for a title, **“THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD”** to start with, and start with a subject on, **“The Sealed Book And The Sealed Bride.”**

And we are just picking up our inspiration on the Light and darkness to a little higher level now, bringing it more into the prophetic realm because it is going to come to a place in this Hour where there are only two things it is going to come down to: the Seal of God and the mark of the Beast. Amen.

And I want to kind of teach this, and I trust when we begin to teach, we'll kind of take our time and strike it right and turn with you in your Bibles and read different places; you could get it, that you of yourself could study it over. And it will be good for us to do it that way because knowing that we only meet once a week, and then when you get home, you'll have something to share with your family. You don't have to go looking here, looking there and trying to scrape the barrel; you could just take the Corn that you picked up in the field and make a loaf of Bread with it when you go home. Amen?

And by the way, I got a chance to listen to the exhortation of the brothers while I was away and I want to say, it was very nice. Amen? I think it was wonderful, and may God bless them for their gallant efforts. And the instructions that the Holy Spirit used them to go into the Word and waved to the hearts of the people...

I didn't even know what they were going to be speaking on, and when I came back, because I don't normally listen to what goes on, but I thought that since we are in this new administration, let me really hear, you know, what is happening and see how God is dealing with them and what is in their hearts. And I really appreciated the things that were spoken. Amen.

I really appreciated the report that I received of your willingness and participation, especially in the taped services, where it reflects a real, deep commitment. Those are the types of services that will reflect the commitment.

And it is only because we have one service at present that I don't want to play the tape on the Hebrews and just pick it back up. I said, we are going to leave it and we are going to pick it up when we get a chance to have more than one service. But I know, sometimes we have many people who come in, in a service like this, and they need to be ministered to, especially when you know the needs and you know the present time and exactly the things you want emphasized to the congregation. So that is why I am taking the opportunity to minister.

But nevertheless, we want to get back to Hebrews as soon as God will help us to get it. Because that Hebrews seem to be very elusive. You'll notice, Bro. Branham himself never could've finished it. He only had seven chapters but there are really thirteen chapters in the Book of Hebrews. But in that seven, I tell you, you'll see that it comes like... If you get the first seven, you'll get the rest. It comes like he said, "If you get the first three chapters of Revelation, the whole Book will open to you right away, if you really get It by revelation." So if you get those seven chapters of Hebrews, you have the whole Book of Hebrews. Don't be scared; it is right there. You see?

So we wanted to take that because it is perfection time. And that is why I wanted, also, to speak a bit on the Seal of God, because if you are not sealed, you are not going anywhere. And if you are not sealed, you'll want to know why you are not sealed. And if you need to be sealed, then there is One Who has the Seal of God. God has a Seal. Amen. God has a Seal – It is called 'the Seal of God'.

There are all kinds of seals; many among us. We have a seal in this church right here that we put on church documents and it shows, it is official, it is authentic, it is valid, on behalf of the church. See? When that church stamp is put upon it, that means it has been authorized, it can go out as coming from the church and it can be something that will be a representation of the body that gathers here.

Well, the same way God has a Seal too, and He puts His Seal upon His Documents. And there is a reason why a seal is affixed to certain things – to give validity to it, to approve it, to confirm it; to show its authenticity. That is why you affix a seal to it. And God has a purpose for having a Seal and for using a Seal. Do you understand that?

You see, many times we just say “The Seal of God,” and we think a lot of different things in our minds. We quote ‘a finished work’, ‘eternal security’ and we just say those things but we want to look at it and see exactly, why does God need a Seal? Why does God have a Seal? What does He use a Seal for? What does God indicate when He seals a person, and where does it place the person whom God attaches a Seal to? Amen. Alright. So those are the things we have in mind as we want to begin.

Because we see definitely, God sealed His Word. Because whenever the Seal of God is spoken of in the Bible, it is either speaking of His Sealed Word or His Sealed people; His Sealed Book. Amen? But the Bride is the Book too, and the same Seal that He puts on His Book is the same Seal He puts on His people. Because the Book wasn’t sealed with straps. It didn’t have a wax seal attached to It. And then we find out, His Seal and His Name goes together because that is what a seal signifies to begin with. Amen? Alright.

So I want, especially the young people and especially the little ones here... And I tell you, those little boys are like a bunch of little theologians in front

here: all of them have their books, all of them have their pens; all of them have their papers. So, I like that. Amen. I like to see that and I want to see them write down the Scriptures. And it shows that they are paying attention.

You know, I was able to get in early this morning and listen to a little bit of the Sunday school. And I want to say, I appreciate very much the efforts of the Sunday school teachers.

And also, we still have people, you know, sometimes they want to go down there and pray right behind the board and around there. You know, let me tell you this: when you come in and you are told, "Come over here and pray," come over here and pray, please. You are going to be there and it might attract the children's attention from the teacher. You might try to get close there, and especially some of you grown-ups, you get around the class and you sit down there, and you make it difficult for the teacher who is trying to teach the children.

When a lot of you get down there... We don't want anybody to check out the Sunday school teacher. If you are there, have a smile on your face, show that you are enjoying what is being said and you are glad that the children are being taught, and have something on your face that could inspire a liberty for the person that is there. Do you understand what I am saying?

Let me tell you, you might say, "I don't mean anything." I will show you in the Bible where God hates a proud look, where even your countenance... That is why I like to look at certain people when I am preaching. There are some, I wouldn't even look at them. Sure. If I look at them, I get annoyed right away. I have to rebuke the look on their face or something; just drop it in the message there and keep on going.

Remember, when Bro. Branham was preaching, he said, "That Catholic man, like he disagrees with

everything I am saying.” The man was sitting down like that and looking... It is not the way to pull. You don’t pull with faith in that kind of way. Amen. There is a way to pull with faith. There is a way to...

When you are eating pie and you are enjoying it... Have you ever seen somebody eat food and say, “This food is really nice, boy; give me some more of that”? Have you ever seen somebody eat food like that and enjoy it? Bro. Branham talked about the colored man, he said, “Do you have more watermelon?” He was slobbering all here. “Do you have more watermelon? Pass some more watermelon.” That is the way you enjoy the Word. Amen. Praise God. See? That is the way we enjoy the Word in the Presence of God.

Could you imagine somebody coming to sing, “Victory, victory, victory,” and you say, “Do they have the victory?” No, sir. David said, “My cup runneth over.” Brother, the Bible says, “The anointing ran down Aaron’s beard; all down his garments.” It was all on the outside. Amen. He said, “It was all over him.”

That is the way it ought to be. So, that is the way we want to see it. We want to get out of the service, what we came for. And if you have to move around to change seats, just try to do it quietly and in a way that you will not disturb anybody. Amen?

So, let us look into our subject a little bit. I want to begin here with a little quote here for you; a couple of quotes on *The Seal Of God* [1961-0216 -Ed.], a message that was preached by Bro. Branham in 1961. I want to use that for a little background as we start.

He said: *Now, it’s a great subject, and I think that ... one of ... [the] essential subject that should be taught on. Now, we’ve had Gospel sermons; we’ve had Divine healing. And now, [we] ought to ... [but this is] based like, [on] the second coming of Christ, on His second coming.*

This is based on the Second Coming. Once we are talking about the Second Coming, we are talking about

the Seal of God, we are talking about the mark of the Beast and these things, because the ones with the Seal of God, are the ones that are going in that Coming. When He comes down in Revelation 10 with that Book, He is coming to call out those names and Seal them with the Holy Spirit so that they will not be caught in the destruction that is coming upon the face of this earth. Amen.

So he said: ... *Now, we know that these two great things are ending up soon into two great, great grips; the world is gripped by these two things right now: the mark of the beast [and] the seal of God.*

It is gripped right now. Especially, why I thought that we start to look at some of these things, is because in the prophetic realm, so much is happening. The tightening up of the council and all these things, is to force us into the image; is to force us and close us down because the whole thing is being tied up economically. You will not be able to buy or sell except you have the mark of the Beast. Amen. And the only people who are really going to make a real stand, are those who have the Seal of God. Alright.

... [and] *the [whole] world is gripped by these two things ... Some of them places it [that] way over in the future; some says it's already been in the past. But I believe that there's just two answers to it. And that is that the seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost; [and] the mark of the beast is rejecting it.*

And we want to prove those things by the Word. That is just a statement. We could say it, but we want to prove those things by the Word.

Now, that's the only two things. [And we'll] give you Scripture why now as we go through.

Now, one of them is remember, all the peoples on earth in the last days is either going to be sealed by the seal of God or marked by the mark of the beast.

Amen.

[And], *those two great things. Now, we're going to start first upon "The Seal Of God." Now, what is a seal? The first place, a seal in the Bible, back in [the] days before people had [education] like they [have] now, they usually--their seal was their signature...*

What was the seal? Their signature. If you go and write a check or something, you have to put your signature upon it. You endorse it. See? You have a certain product that you are marketing; you have a special mark that you put upon it to show that that is a special product, it is your product and nobody else can come and try to copy that or impersonate it or try to take your product, (you see?) or try to counterfeit your seal, because you put a mark upon it. You see?

Now watch. So he said: ... [that] *seal was their signature just like we use today as our name.*

Now, in many forms in our natural life, we come across things, similarly, with a mark or a seal or a brand name or a tag, or whatever you want to call it; a label; whatever, and certain things, because of the label it carries, it means it is a mark of quality. It means, this is not the cheap impersonation.

That is why most of these people like these designer clothing and these things. They like a certain—it is a certain name, and what you are really buying is that name because that name means a certain quality. It means, it has been either handmade or it's specially selected materials or different things. It means that this is not any cheap impersonation that you can buy off the counter just like that. You see?

So whether a man has a product, whether it is a garment, whatever it is, if he puts his mark upon it, that identifies it with the person who it belongs to or who the designer is, the creator of it; the inventor of it.

You go and buy a car and, you know, some of these people, they like to put different stickers and different things, and they buy a certain, maybe, Volkswagen, and they put a—they get a little part of a Mercedes

Benz and they put it upon it or something like that. It is not a Mercedes Benz; everybody could look right there and see it, but they try to put the name or something, or put a Porsche on another car or something.

Now, those people, when they make their product, sometimes another manufacturer makes something similar but they change the name slightly.

You know, like you have a watch, Rolex and Rouxel, and Bulova [an American watch and clock company -Ed.] it has Bolivia and all kinds of different things, and you know, you get mixed up with it because they make it look similar and they put a name very similar to it.

Like they had with these cornflakes people here, who had the Kellogg's brand, the way that they advertised the thing in the States, they made them change it because it is already established in the minds of the consumer what the Kellogg's looked like. And the Kellogg's have labored over the years to bring out a quality product that got the market and the name for quality.

Then, some Johnny-come-lately [an unknown that recently comes on the scene -Ed.] wanted to jump up and steal the limelight [fame, popularity -Ed.] and become famous overnight by tapping in into somebody's labors and what somebody battled with for years, and tried to push it right there. So, they closed it down and they said, "No, you can't do that. You have to have your own thing, original." Amen.

Now, you find that is the same way with God. See? That is why all these little churches that rose up here, Methodist, Baptist, all these different things just rose up, that is not the original Church where it started. When you think about the original Church, where it was, what God started it, God never changed that. But all of them come with little names: 'The Church of God' or, you know, 'The Apostolic Church', or they put a lot of different names - Jehovah's Witnesses.

We are the real Jehovah's witnesses. We know that Paul was a Jehovah's witness; Moses was a Jehovah's witness. A 'witness' is '*one who sees*', and they met Jehovah, and Jehovah is Jesus. Amen.

So brother, you see, when you really look, they take all kinds of names. And they give it a name, and nothing is wrong in the sense that—but you see, they are trying to counterfeit something. They are trying to make a claim and get in and take over the image that they are the church, when they don't really have the real Mark of the One Who designed the Church; Who created the Church.

That is why the Prophet said, "There are five definite identifications of the true Church." You are not going to attach on a name or you are not going to have a program that you are going to try to do, what is in the Church. No. God has that laid out.

So he said, "The seal was a person's signature."

... just like we use today as our name. Sometimes the Romans, and on back in Jewish, and way back in the early eastern countries, they'd have a ring,... If [you] couldn't sign [your] name...

You see, they had a seal and that: *... seal was a bonafide statement, that it was sealed by this seal.*

I remember, as I came across 'bonafide', we were going to the States years ago and Sis. Margaret wanted to go, and we tried to carry her to travel overseas. You know, the American Embassy was very, very strict, and the man's name was Stricklyn. So, we went there... I went to the man and I talked to him and said, "Yes sir, she is a sister in the church as a secretary," and we kind of polished up the name. And said, "And then she is also going to help here with the children. And we are going up there and all expenses are taken care of and everything else."

The man said, "What is your age?" He said, "You have to have your own bonafide."

Well, it took me like a while to check out what the man was talking about – bonafide. You see? So, if you are of age, you have to have your own name, your own credentials; must be a start to show that you could stand on your own. Your papers must be legal and everything else. You are not going to go in on somebody else's papers. See?

So it was here in the olden days. To try to copy a man's signature... People still try to do it today. You get a forged check, try to copy a man's signature to make it look like that, to claim something under false pretenses. And that is a federal punishment. That is a capital crime.

So: A seal was a bonafide statement, that it was sealed by this seal. ... to try to copy this, was a capital fine, just like it would be now to try to forge a check, somebody's name on a check. It was a great fine to try to copy this seal. And usually the man ... [who] had his seal, [he] wore it on the back of his wrist, or either on his ring. And he would seal it instead of signing his name. That was to show that ... he had sealed it.

So, we are going to develop that a little bit as we go on, but I am just laying down a little background for you. As I said, I want to bring this in a very fundamental way first, as we start, because once we get into those prophetic things, with what the real—whose name was in the Book and being sealed out and all those different things, then it is going to get a little deeper.

But the thing is that many times we miss what God is doing and we try to attach sensation to a Seal. It has nothing to do with a Seal. The word 'seal' doesn't even indicate sensation. It is bonafide – legality; authenticity. Amen.

So here now, on *The Mark Of The Beast* [1961-0217 -Ed.] he said: *Now, the Mark of The Beast, [and] the Seal of God. Now, how many were here last night?*

He had taught *The Seal Of God* first, then he brought *The Mark Of The Beast* after.

... Now, I had to take both of the subjects and put them together, because they run parallel one to the other.

I think that the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. The Bible supports that. The mark of the beast is to reject the Holy Spirit. There's only two classes of people. And on the side of salvation and rejecting began in Genesis like everything else.

And then, he said: ... [Now a] *Seal being the mark, how that the seal was used instead of a name, put it on. And the Name of Jesus Christ is the Seal of God...*

Alright now. Because when these people were sealed in their foreheads... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ... Alright. Now, it is the same way the Bible said, the others have the name of the Beast in their foreheads, also. Okay. Your forehead is your revelation. We are going to get that after a while too. See, it is your understanding; that is why it is a clear understanding of the Word. Amen. It is going to show what is written there and who wrote it in there, because the Devil is only counterfeiting what God is doing.

... *the righteousness of God.* [He said]: *"The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."* Is that God's Seal? *"Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that will I do."* Is that right? *"Whatsoever you do in word or in deed, do it all in the Name of Jesus [Christ]."*

He is showing you how the Name is the Seal. Because if you are asking God for something, you must use that Name. If you are going to get baptized, you must use that Name because that is the Seal. You have to use His Seal because it belongs to Him alone. All these things, He paid the price for It.

... *the gift of the Holy Ghost," [the] Seal of God. God's marked seal, identification, is the Name of the Lord Jesus.*

And I want to show you now, that Name was to be revealed in those Seven Thunders and that Name is connected to that Third Pull. So it is all there I am going. But first, before we could get quite there, we want to pass and come there consciously.

I remember when I was learning to drive, the man had told me, he said, "If you go from point A to point B, you have to know every inch of the way, how you got there. If there is one part of the place, you don't know how the car reached there, it shows that you had a blank mind and that doesn't work on the road." He said, "If you get from point A to point B, you better know every inch of the way, how you got there." The Prophet said, "To know if you've got the answers correct, you better show, by your working, how you got that answer." Alright.

So the thing is, one says, "I feel I'm sealed. Well, I don't know if I am sealed. I thought I got an experience." We are not talking about that. Amen. Alright now.

... the gift of the Holy Ghost," [the] Seal of God. God's marked seal, identification, is the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Jesus comes into you, it puts His Spirit in. No matter how many names you'd write on the outside of it, if the Spirit is in there, it bears record of truth.

Amen. So those little things there... Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end is death." And John 14:6 says, "I am the Way, I am the Truth; I am the Life." Amen? So, there is only one way God has for saving man. Amen? And to reject that way is where condemnation comes. So, from the time we know that, we are not going to be trying to serve God, we are going to want to know the way God says to come.

That is the biggest problem right there. Everybody, sometimes they feel, "Well, God deals with me this

way.” You’re tired hearing people say it. They say, “Well, God deals with me this way.”

You say, “Well, show me in the Bible where God deals with you that way.”

They can’t show you but yet they hold on to it, and you try to show them, “That is why you don’t have the victory. That is why your life doesn’t really amount to anything. This is why these identifications here, in the Word, it doesn’t follow you. That is why you don’t receive the revelation that you are supposed to have.” You see? “That is why your life just seems to come to a spot and it doesn’t go beyond that because there is only one way provided by God for everything.”

And that is what God wanted to get across in this generation when he sent the Prophet. He had to tell them, “I blessed what you did for a season. I allowed you to have that for a time but that is not the Way. You all have to forsake all those ways and come the only Way.” Amen.

And we know that God doesn’t reject a man for drinking or smoking or lying or stealing or committing adultery; God rejects a man for refusing the way that God has provided for the man’s deliverance.

You don’t get vex with a pig. A pig is born a pig; it has a pig’s nature. A pig is going to love the mud. If you understand that it is a pig you are dealing with, half of your struggles are finished because you know it is a pig and the behavior is a pig, and it has to do that. If it doesn’t do that, then it is something else that you are dealing with. But you must know what you are dealing with, in order to deal with it correctly. Is that right? Alright.

So once you know that God has a provided way... And from Genesis... The Prophet said, “These two things, it started in Genesis. One: the Seal of God started in Genesis. Because, if we read it here in the Book of Revelation, we will see that... Revelation 14... Maybe if you turn with me, I will read a couple of

Scriptures here quickly, too. You are going to be in your Bible a lot this morning, so just keep It close to you.

Revelation 14, verse 9. It says:

⁹ And the third angel...

Now, we have quite a long way to go and a lot of Scriptures to read, so we want to do it a little fast. Okay?

⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

So right here we see that when this Message was being given, It was a warning to people who were going to be caught in that system, who were going to be caught with that mark of the Beast, the kind of torment and punishment that was going to follow. So it means to say then...

Chapter 16, verses 1 and 2:

¹ And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

² And the first went, and poured out his bowl upon the earth; and there fell a foul

and painful sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and upon them who worshipped his image.

In other words, God, when He was coming down in judgment, God wasn't just, you know—God was specific with His judgment; who He was pouring out His judgment upon, that the Bible, It tells the judgment – a foul and painful sore. But It says that the people who had that judgment executed upon them, It says, it was those people who had that mark of the Beast; it was those people who worshiped that image.

In other words, then that had to be something that God was displeased with. Then that had to be something that a man... Now, if we are living in this Hour before that severe judgment is poured out, why would a man read the Bible and see that and still want to hold on to that? Could a man do that? Could a man see the right way and then willfully reject the right way and then take that way that will bring God's judgment? People are like that.

That is exactly what Cain did. Is that right? God said, "Do like your brother and I will receive it." God showed him the right way. The Seal of God, which I am going to show you, Abel had the Seal of God. God set a Seal upon Abel. We all understand what a seal is here. Okay.

So notice, right here in the Book of Revelation, we see that those who had the mark of the Beast were destroyed. And as we read in our Scripture in Revelation 7, when the earth was fixing to be destroyed and all those winds were going to blow upon it and hurt the earth and hurt the sea and hurt all these things, God said, "Hold it. Hold back that judgment because I must Seal My Elected so that they will not be touched by this judgment." So the same way God is concerned about protecting His Own, He is specific about pouring out the judgment upon the people who

were in their system that was contrary to God's Word. Notice that.

God is not a mad man and just throwing wild blows, and who gets lashed in God's way gets lashed, you know. God is looking for man who worships the Beast. God is looking for man who has that mark in their forehead; who is in that image. Exactly. And then, God's people who overcame those things, who maybe had to suffer hardship, had to go through hard times, had to go through persecution, had to deny the privileges to live a comfortable life to stay with the Word, when the time comes, God looks for them too and marks them and seals them away that they will not be touched by those things.

Let me tell you, God is interested in what kind of stand we take for His Word. God has put us here and put the Word before us so that we can choose what is right and what is wrong. And when a man takes a stand for the Word, God honors that; God is pleased with that and God identifies Himself with him.

Let me tell you, healing and all these things, you know, sometimes we excite ourselves over healing: "Boy, it's like I want to see the sick healed. I want to see this." The reason the sick is not healed many times is because we don't know who we are or we don't understand how to appropriate these things or we don't know exactly how God has made these things so secure for us. Because when a man identifies himself with God's Word and God identifies Himself with that person who makes a true stand, a clean—as we heard the message last week: a clean-cut decision for that Word and stands with It, let me tell you, God stands behind that.

So notice something. Now, these two subjects, as we say, it runs parallel. Why does it run parallel? Because one is to reject the Word. God is both Redeemer and God is Judge. He is both Redeemer and Judge. He is Lamb and Lion. And that is why, when we take the

Seal of God and the mark of the Beast, it is going to bring it all back to the Seals and the Vials and those things, because exactly under those Seals is where He is Redeemer; where He is actually marking them and sealing them away. And when He is Judge, He is coming to execute His judgment upon those who rejected His Word. They refused His Seal. They wanted something else. They refused God's provided way; they wanted another way.

Sometimes we see a man reject the Word because, "I don't like the man who is preaching the Word," or "I don't like what the Church did," or "I find that the building is too old," or "They preach too hard," or "They preach too long." And they don't realize, if they go and they believe an error, when they walk in the way of the world, it's because they refuse to be submitted to God's way. Sure. And from the very beginning of the Bible, God, the Bible says...

Let us read Hebrews 11, verse 4. Hebrews 11, verse 4; speaking about Cain and Abel. Every religion started right there in Genesis, because if it is in Revelation, it must be in Genesis.

⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Now, watch this. God was testifying of Abel's gifts. God was giving testimony of Abel's gifts. And It says, "Abel was more righteous." Why was he more righteous? Because God testified of his gifts, but by faith he offered those gifts. What is faith? Revelation. What was the righteousness that he had? The faith. And God testified of his righteousness, of his faith.

Look at Romans 4 and see what that is. How did God testify of it? God sent down the Pillar of Fire. God gave a witness, a physical witness that Cain could see,

to show that Abel didn't just have a thought, Abel had a vindicated Word.

Many people think that you have a thought. They think that you are bringing a thought. They don't see God is putting His Word in your mouth. They don't see you are speaking as God. God is speaking through you. "When the Spirit of Truth is come..." Come where? How? "... He will lead you and guide you into all Truth." That is the Comforter. Comfort one another with these Words from the Comforter. Amen.

Look at Romans 4:11. Let us take from verse 9; talking about Abraham. Paul was writing about Abraham, the same one who wrote about Abel.

⁹ Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

¹⁰ How [can] it [be] reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised...

Abraham had that righteous faith and God gave him an outward sign that could be visible even to the eye of man. Is that right? And that was a seal of his faith. God put a seal. In other words, God was sealing Abraham's faith, the righteousness of his faith. That is why Paul said:

... the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith...

What was the seal of the righteousness of Abel's faith? Abel was more righteous. By faith, he was more righteous. God testified of his gifts. God's testimony of Abel's gifts was a Seal of God upon Abel's faith. God didn't leave Cain to wonder if that was a thought; God

came down and identified Himself with it and said, "That is Me." Amen. "He is reflecting Me, the great Shepherd. His lamb is reflecting Me, the Lamb of God, the only Redeemer there is." Amen.

So watch something. So right there Cain looked at that Seal of God, which was God testifying of the righteousness of Abel's faith. Because Abraham's natural sign in his flesh was the seal of his righteousness. God didn't have to seal his righteousness a second time, you know. That was the seal of his righteousness before God.

Now, watch. God put a Seal upon him. When Stephen came afterwards, he talked about the uncircumcised in heart and he took that same seal and brought it over in the spiritual realm. Is that right? Alright.

Now, watch. Because the mark of the Beast is to do what? Reject the Seal of God. Where did Cain reject the Seal of God, then to get marked? If the first marking of a human being was Cain, where did he reject the Seal of God to get marked, and what was the Seal that he rejected? Did God put a Seal upon Abel? What was the Seal that God put on Abel?

Let me come back to you again. A seal is... What is a seal? A signature. A name. God's Name was in that Lamb, Jesus Christ. "There is no other name given under Heaven whereby a man can be saved but in the Name of Jesus Christ, Who was the Lamb of God that came to die for salvation." Is that right? That was Abel's lamb right there. Okay?

Now, watch. So God's Name, His Seal, His signature, His endorsement, His approval, His approval that this is the genuine, legal, official, authentic, "The only way I will recognize..." That is why He vindicated it. He didn't vindicate it to make Abel, you know, get some emotion; He vindicated it to say, "This is the way. Any other way is not recognized. Identify with this. I put My endorsement upon it. This is valid." Amen?

And Cain rejected that. And when he rejected it... He knew God said to do it; he wouldn't do it. He was willfully disobedient. He was marked and separated from the Presence of God because he refused God's provided way. He rejected God's plan of salvation.

Listen. Listen carefully. You mean, the very first two human beings, one had to take it coming out of the mouth of another person? Is that how God started in Genesis? That was the beginning. That was where it started right there. And Cain refused it and he was marked. He didn't forsake his way of worship. He held on to his way of worship and he carried on and he continued with it even though it was not vindicated by God.

So, watch. As we begin to develop this subject on THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD, we want to go slowly and show—take the Seal and show what It was, (alright?) then show the purpose It is used for. Because we started with that Seal. That is why I took that in the first place, to show you that first Seal there, where It came. Because under the First Seal in the Word too, it was religious deception right there. Is that right? Sure.

That Word was sealed up but Abel, by faith, was catching the Mystery of that promise of Redemption. How many understand that? If it wasn't sealed up, Cain would have gotten it. You could have learnt it by reading. Anybody could have had it, but it is by faith. It wasn't by his five senses, it wasn't by reasoning neither, nor imagination, it wasn't just a dream either; by faith it was revealed to him by the Holy Ghost, because revelation is sovereign with God. Amen. Revelation is sovereign.

So right there... But God knew from the beginning, He must put a Seal upon His Word and He must put a Seal upon His people to whom He revealed that Word. Because one is the written Word and one is the

manifested Word. It is two Books. Are you getting me? It is two Books.

My subject is, *The Sealed Book And The Sealed Bride*. The Book is sealed with Seven Seals and the Bride is sealed with Seven Seals. Because the Seal is the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Seal. It is the Holy Spirit Who sealed the Book. No man could have tampered with that Seal.

All through hundreds of years, Reformers tried to tamper with the Seal to get the contents in the Book and nobody could get it. It was sealed until Its destination, until the time of the Seventh Angel, (hallelujah,) then it would be opened in his Hour. Amen. Glory be to God. Then God would show all Seven Seals of Redemption in a man (amen) standing there upon the earth. Amen. The sealed Book.

We are talking about THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD. In other words, when I say 'The Seal of the Living God', I mean, the Living God has a Seal. So I am dealing with the Seal of the Living God. I am not talking about the seal of the President, I am not talking about the seal of the Prime Minister; I am talking about the Seal of the Living God. So understand how my subject is.

Oh, the greatest thing for us to know is you have that Seal. He has sealed you. He has written His Name in your forehead. You don't wonder who He is, you don't guess who He is; you know Him. Every time He comes on the scene, you recognize Him. Hallelujah! Every time you see Him in your brother and sister, you know Him. Every time some impersonator tries to claim Him, (amen), you know right away because you know Him. Amen. Glory!

Oh, what a place He has put the Elect to stand in this Hour. You know, that is why She can't be deceived. She doesn't wonder this and wonder that. She is not a 'wondering' star. She is walking there with the revelation of, it is God inside of Her. Amen. Our

lives are hidden in God with Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Now, watch. This Seal, we want to see what It is and the purpose It was used for. Also, we want to examine the act of sealing by the Sealer. Because the Sealer, the One Who comes to seal... The Bible said, "That Angel came to seal 144,000." He is not just looking for the first 144,000 people that He meets, you know. Do you understand that? And He knows when He seals them, from that moment on, they carry the evidence of being sealed within them. And if He seals them, He will have to relate to them as legal and valid and authentic because that is the purpose, He put the Seal on them for. Do you understand me?

Let me tell you, God is not looking for anybody to use for this Hour, you know. God has a people; He puts His Seal upon them, that they are the true Bride. He has set His Seal upon them. Let me tell you, God knows the service He wants done, and God knows the training He must train His people with to make them prepared, and He knows the potential they must have in them, the representation by predestination, in order to receive that training and come to the place to do that service. Amen.

So when He comes, He is looking specifically for those names that were sealed under the Seals in the Book, because it is only those who were sealed under the Seals in the Book, could be sealed (amen) when they are manifested outside the Book. Amen. Amen. Yes, sir.

Because in every Age, it is just so much of those names under that Seal coming out on the earth. And when they are born into this earth, God knows they are laying there with the potential inside of them. He looks for them because they were already sealed in His Word. They were chosen in Christ.

Let me tell you, because they were sealed in that Word there, not even death could harm them.

Hallelujah. They are born for a purpose on this earth. Amen. They may have all kinds of ups and downs, all kinds of ins and outs, all kinds of obstacles, like when Satan tried to kill Moses, tried to kill Jesus; do all what he could do: use the power of the State, change up the laws, everything else, but he could not get them. They were sealed up there to manifest God's Word in that Hour.

Because the foundation of God standeth sure, having, what? The Seal. What Seal? God knoweth them that are His. Because he that doesn't have the Spirit of Christ is none of His, but God knoweth them that are His because they have the Seal. But he that doesn't have the Seal doesn't have the Spirit of Christ; is not of His, because all God's Own are sealed with God's Seal. Amen.

Let me tell you, the world may guess at them but they don't have to guess at themselves. Amen. The world may call them all kinds of fanatics but they know that they are not fanatics. The Prophet said, "I have never rolled yet but you call me 'holy roller'. But if you tell me to roll, I will come rolling as hard as I can." Amen! Yes, sir! He said, "I will come rolling as hard as I can." Hallelujah! Glory. He knew he was not a fanatic; he knew he was sane as anything else. He said, "If you think I am crazy, leave me this way; I feel better this way." Hallelujah.

Why? He was sealed. Amen. God put His identification that this man, (amen,) out in the field among all those thousands and thousands of churches and people, He said, "No, this man is My servant. His name was under that Seventh Seal. He was manifested on the outside here, therefore he had to be sealed!" And only then could he bring that Mystery that no one else could get under that Seal; it was sealed up. But because one was sealed, (amen,) he could bring it forth, he could manifest it, he could live it out; he could prove God keeps His Word.

Don't you realize that that is what you are sent into the earth for? God has put something inside of you. Amen. God has protected you. God has watched over you. Your name was in this Book, inside of Here.

Let me tell you, Adam had this Book in the beginning. It may not have been in the form of pages and a book like this, It may not even have been in the form of a scroll with a natural seal, but the revelation, the very plan of Redemption, those very sons, were to come by Adam. He was given Eve so that he could reproduce his own self.

And this Book went back in the hands of God. Whatever form It was in, It went back in the hands of God. Do you understand me? And then, It came back down on earth in the last days, and It is opened up to us as this Bible – this very Word of God that was in the Mind of God all the time.

But then if you find your name inside this Book, then you were back there in the plan of God to come in the Garden of Eden. Hallelujah! You were right there and were supposed to come. But when Adam followed Eve, he forfeited that and you couldn't come by the Word, you couldn't come in the original Eden; you had to end up coming in Satan's Eden. But there has always been a travail of soul, a deep calling. "Oh, little children," he said, "don't you feel the travail to go back to Eden?" Because that is where you were supposed to come to begin with. Hallelujah.

That is why those Trumpets are not fanaticism. He shows you, (amen,) that deep (amen) is a real thing. And the Hour is here and the world's system will change because He is taking you back There.

You are not 'funny'. [Strange -Ed.] You used to think that you are 'funny'. You are not 'funny'. If you are 'funny', you are only 'funny' to the world. Amen. But as far as God is concerned, you are real as ever. Amen. Because there is something inside. There is a reality inside of there. Oh, my. There is a reality inside of

there. You found out that you are a son of God when this plan was opened; when He loosed the Seven Seals. And this is the Book that Adam had. And you saw when It was opened, you were supposed to be here in this Age – this Age.

Then, when did that become true? Now or when it was back there? Did God add anything to the Book after Adam forfeited It? No. Do you mean to say, I was supposed to come there? God knew I was going to be there?

Let me tell you, it is not that you walked in and got saved, you know; you were always saved. You are not trying to make-believe that feeling, you know; that feeling is real. The Holy Ghost gives that feeling. God gives that feeling. Hallelujah! The Devil may want to get in your senses, in your emotions, in your reasoning and tell you, “Are you trying to feel that? You shouldn’t feel that way.” Let me tell you, God is making you feel that way. If you don’t have that feeling, something is wrong, because that is the feeling (amen) that goes with when you begin to find out you were There to begin with. Amen. Yes, sir! Glory be to God. Amen.

He sealed up His Word. That is why, from way back there, Adam, by revelation, was to speak it out. He would have spoken all Seven Mysteries. He would have spoken them. He would have called those names. Amen. He would have brought those sons into expression, because it was in the Book. When? Before the foundation of the world. It was all laying there to be brought. Amen.

Let me tell you, that is why He said, “You were not saved on any certain day.” Amen. You are seeing that God didn’t think about you two thousand years ago. No. God didn’t just, you know, think about you when you were crying and going through... That was the stuff He used to bring you crying, “Abba, Father.” You say, “Oh God, it was that problem I had that I was going through, it’s so and so and so and so and I turned to

the Lord.” No. You always had to come. He just used that stuff to bring you. Amen! Hallelujah.

Oh, little Bride, lift your eyes (amen) to another horizon and see, way back there... You see, you had to come here and be manifested and receive your experience (amen) of that deep calling, of seeing the manifestation of that promised Word that quickened you and brought you to Life. You had to have that experience because you were already sealed under the Book. It is impossible for the names that were sealed in the Book, not to be sealed when they are manifested outside the Book. “All that the Father hath given Me will come and I will lose none of them.”

That is why the Holy Ghost came. You weren’t seeking salvation; you were seeking Redemption, (amen, hallelujah,) because you were always saved. You can’t be seeking salvation; you were just seeking to go back to the position you fell from as a son of God. Amen. Yes, sir. Glory.

That, what is in your heart, that, what you feel... No wonder he said, “What you feel, what you travail for, what you speak to, one of these days, it will be made personalized before you; one day, right before you. Amen. Glory be to God. Brother, He will do something over these eyes and you will look beyond that wall of natural into the Supernatural. Oh, my. This skin veil that veils you from the Glory of God, you will look beyond it. Amen. Hallelujah.

Alright now. So what is that Seal. I am on the purpose that It is used for. Let us see: the sealed Word and the sealed Bride. God sealed His Word. That is why people get so confused about Him taking the Book. He took the Book and broke the Seals. When He broke the Seals, He revealed who the Bride was. Do you mean, the Seals broke and you didn’t know who the Bride was? That was the first thing; that was the first thing that was being revealed.

It showed why there were men who stood up in their generation and would not be intimidated by the State, would not be intimidated by the false church, would not go with the crowd, but conviction struck their hearts, pointed them towards Calvary (amen) and they began to preach the Message of the Blood. Amen! No denomination! "My sheep hears My Voice." Amen.

Why? Because they had a channel opened to them. The Holy Spirit, in His sovereign grace, would drop down there and put the Word in their hearts. It wasn't anything that they were capable of bringing for their own selves. No! God just made it to come that way. God always had control over it.

He might have used somebody's lips to call you but it was God calling you. Amen. Glory. He was there all the time. It was He all the time walking in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks; the unceasing care, (amen,) untiring, laboring, watching over His flock, knowing how many names in that Book, being manifested in Seven Ages, were going to come forth. Amen.

Now look. So the Scriptures plainly show us, (we took it in Revelation 5 and Revelation 7,) and we see that God has a Seal. Amen? It says, "The angel came with the Seal of the Living God." So we know that God has a Seal. We can go into different Scriptures, which we would go in later on, like Ephesians 4 and different things like that, but God has a Seal. And we want to see what He uses It for and what is indicated.

Because if anybody that has a seal, the reason they have a seal or got a seal, is because they intend to use the seal. And they just don't use the seal for anything; that seal is to go on certain documents or on certain things. Amen.

So it is the same way... You see, the seal in the Bible, in the Old Testament, was a signet. That was only a symbol. So when God uses the symbol of a seal, He is indicating and revealing what the symbol meant,

because in the spiritual realm, He is doing something similar so He uses it as His Seal. Because once you talk about a seal, it denotes certain things. See? It denotes certain things.

Now 'to seal' means: *'to secure to anyone; to make sure; to set a seal or a mark upon something, upon anything, in token of it being genuine or approved.'* It is to set a seal or a mark upon anything in token of it being genuine or approved. If you want to approve something, you put a mark upon it indicating that it is now approved by the mark you've put upon it. Amen? *'To certify the validity of'*, that this is the genuine article. This is not bogus. This is not a cheap impersonation; this is the genuine article because it carries the seal.

'To seal' also means: *'to confirm; to give witness to; to approve; to establish; to distinguish by a mark.'* Whenever you are signing a check or whenever you are doing anything like that, signing your name to something, endorsing it, giving your approval, giving witness, certifying it, you are putting your seal to it.

Do you know the Bible says, "He that receiveth his witness has set his seal to it that He is true" – St. John 3, verse 33? The Bible says, "If you accept Christ's Testimony that He came from God, that He is the One that the Father gave to give Eternal Life, then you have set your seal to it that that is true."

So that means, you have a seal too, because by your own confession, it is showing whether you are bearing witness to it, you are approving it, you are confirming it, you are identifying with it, you are giving validity to it or not, and that is your seal right there, too.

What we want to do is to fully understand, as I said, what the seal is and the purpose a seal is used for. Because if God has one, then we know that God has it for a purpose and we will know the purpose He is using it for, and then we'll know what is indicated, by God, whenever He uses it. Amen? Alright.

So God, by the act of sealing... Then we want to look at, too, the act of sealing, because God sealed His Word. He told Daniel, "Seal up the vision and prophecy for an appointed time." In one way, it was already sealed because Daniel couldn't even understand it before he put it in a Book and tied it up with some cords or something, or put a natural seal on it. He couldn't even get it, and the Holy Spirit said, "No, it is for an appointed time. It is sealed up. Seal up the vision and prophecy. Seal up those things that those Seven Thunders uttered and write them not." The Prophet said, "When you have reason to see it, God will make it plain. He will take the seal off of it." Sure. See? God puts a Seal on His Word many times.

So God, by the act of sealing... Now, watch. There are two sealings. We are talking about the sealing of the Word and the sealing of the people, because both are the Word. One is the written epistle and one is the manifested epistle. One is the Word Itself and one is the Word Herself, and God seals both of them. And no man could tamper with those Seals once God sealed it. No man could open the Book, neither in Heaven nor on earth. Nowhere could they open that Book. It was sealed unto its destination. There was an appointed time for the opening and the breaking of It.

Which man could break the Seal when they are sealed by the Holy Spirit? You can't break it. And the Holy Spirit gives the revelation sovereignly. When He gives the revelation, you know it has been broken because the contents are made plain. "The whole Bible is dovetailed together; every Scripture in every place," he said, "proving that that is the genuine revelation given." In the days of the Seventh Angel, in His sounding, you will see the perfect authenticated Word. God, which proved the validity of this Message by the Pillar of Fire, was coming behind to vindicate It, giving a seal that the Message is true.

The same Pillar of Fire that came to Moses, that came to Paul, came back to give validity that this is the interpretation that Moses and Paul wrote. Moses wrote the Old Testament and sealed it up; Paul wrote the New Testament and sealed it up. Malachi 4 came to interpret the Bible and brought the contents out but he was getting... He said, "Balaam was getting his information from Balak," but he was getting his from the Pillar of Fire, the One Who wrote the Bible. Amen.

So watch. So God, by the act of sealing, is showing his approval and certifying the validity of one thing to another. In other words, the reason that they didn't have the Seal of God and they ended up in the judgment, (because they had the mark of the Beast,) was because God never proved them to be a valid Christian in all the days that they served God. They walked for a season like the ten spies – came up to the borderline and said, "We can't take the land."

Paul said, "Coming to the knowledge of the Truth (is that right?) and then falling away after they tasted the Holy Ghost and the good Word" and all these things. Is that right? They came in serving God but they never came to the place where He proved that they were valid.

Judas showed his colors before Pentecost. He never really got the sign of approval. He was part of the crowd; part of the bunch. Do you understand that? My!

Now if you are a Christian, you don't just want to claim the name of a Christian; you want to be the one that God has approved. Jesus Christ, a man approved of God, anointed with the Holy Ghost, (is that right?) went about doing good wherever He went, glory; fulfilling the Word.

So, look. So by the act of sealing, He is taking special interest, in that, He is going to declare that this is authentic, whether it be a document or whether it be a person; whether it be a thing, a written thing, or a

person. He could seal His Word, His written Word, or He could seal the person. And if God puts a seal upon a person... That is why He said, "Touch not My anointed." That doesn't mean, you just feel an anointing, but those that He has set His Seal to. See?

So God, by the act of sealing, was showing His approval and certifying the validity of those people, that they aren't just trying to be a Christian, they didn't just join the church; they are not going around with the bunch hoping so. He said, "I have raised them up. I have put My Word. I have ordained them."

What did He say about Paul? "He is a chosen vessel to bear My Name. Appointed to be a teacher to the Gentiles, to turn them from darkness to Light, from the power of Satan to the Power of God; to bring them to an inheritance in saints." Is that right? When God set His Seal to that, brother, who is going to come against that?

That is why, when they were rejecting Paul, he said, "Look, the Lord reward them for their works on that day. And Onesiphorus, who got carried back with the influence," he said, "I pray... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] He refreshed me oftentimes when I came through there." Because the man didn't know what he was rejecting and being influenced by people, against. Because he never looked and saw God's signature, God's endorsement; God's approval. He never saw God's selection; God's choosing.

You know, God brings that to... Like He brought it to Samuel. He said, "Samuel, I don't want you crying over Saul. What is the matter with you at all?" He said, "Dry your tears, man. Now is not the time for emotion." He said, "Go and call David. Call one of the sons of Jesse. I have chosen Myself a king." The Prophet began to see, unfolding, the sovereignty of God, by looking at a man whom God selected, a man who wasn't applying for the position; a man who

wasn't applying for the vacancy. Do you understand that?

Let me tell you, when God set His Seal to you, if you know He has set His Seal to you, that is why you don't underestimate what God has done. You don't go with an inferiority complex and behave like you don't know what God has done; you recognize God.

The Prophet said, "Look, I stood up there and said, if Dr. Best says that, I don't think he calls himself a divine savior because he is preaching salvation. Well, I don't think you should call me a divine healer because I'm preaching healing." He said, "And right there, before I could even speak..." He said, "How many people were healed in the prayer line last night?" About three hundred stood up. He said, "Before I could say anything else," he said, "He came down and He spoke Himself." Look at it there. [Bro. Vin indicates the picture of the Pillar of Fire over the Prophet's head -Ed.] The Pillar of Fire came down and they photographed it. "By that time," he said, "I heard a 'whew, whew, whew'. He came down and He spoke for Himself."

So, in other words, they were seeing right away, "This isn't a man trying to promote his own cause. This isn't a man trying to politic his way into a program and influence people. This is God saying, 'I met that man in the cave. I ordained him...'" Like in the brother's dream, He said, "I have chosen him and ordained him to be a Prophet like Moses to this generation, (amen,) to call My people out of this Age, and he has power to speak into existence."

Brother, they could argue all they want, all man could forsake him and dis-fellowship him; that doesn't mean anything as far as God is concerned. They all rejected Jesus Christ; that is all it meant. There was no 'people power' there. Amen. You see?

So, when you look and see what God has done for you... You might be one individual. You may think that you are nothing, but if you know, it is He Who came

down looking for you. You didn't even know that your name was sealed up inside of here; you have come to discover. And He has dealt with you in such a way, He made you surrender your self-will and accept that you didn't manufacture that experience.

You couldn't conspire with the Devil and influence the Holy Ghost to come in—get the Devil to push you in a corner and get the Holy Ghost to come in and make you a Christian. Could you have conspired and got the two most powerful forces (amen) to vindicate your little act? You couldn't do it.

So, God made you accept, is that you... Though you can't even answer why He loves you, what He sees in you; who you are; there are so many better people than you, you have to accept: "He chose me. I didn't choose Him! I am what I am, by the grace of God.

He has set His Seal upon you. What else could you do but say, "Thank You, Jesus," because He has given that to you. It is upon that revelation now, it begins to shape your life, direct you; influence you. Now you find a Source where you can draw strength to do Him the service with gratitude and love and obedience that He called you to do in this Hour, regardless of who is for you or against you, (amen,) because He has shown you His sovereignty in making you His Own. Glory.

The word in Hebrew is, *H-O-T-H-A-M*. I can't pronounce those words so I just will spell it. And the Greek is *S-P-H-R-A-G-I-S*, if somebody wants to know it. And that means, 'a seal' or 'a signet'. It always carries a double meaning. A seal or a signet.

You see, because the use of a seal was far more common in olden times, in that, it wasn't educated times, and people couldn't write, so everybody had a seal, a mark. And each person had their own private seal, and it was a capital crime to copy it. And that seal signified the name of the person. And then, that seal, the seal itself, was a portable document—a portable instrument, rather, because they would carry

it around with them. A businessman always had his seal, like how you have a rubber stamp and your ink, your inkpad, and you'd walk around with it. So, it was like that they would carry around their seal.

Many times, they had the signet ring. And they had that signet ring there [Bro. Vin demonstrates -Ed.] and they would press... Like the Bible said when Pharaoh gave Joseph his ring. What did he give him his ring for? Because Joseph's name now... He could have sealed anything in the king's name now, (you see?) and it was going to be given unto him. See?

Then also, that was used to stamp documents and articles instead of the signature. And it says: *The impression made had the same legal validity as an actual signature.*

Remember in the Book of Ezekiel, (which we are going to get later on in this series,) how it was a Man with a writer's inkhorn? Because He was going to write something in their foreheads. Because the whole vision was symbolic, just like when John saw the same vision in symbol. Because that was the instrument that they would use to put their seal upon something, determine it valid, approving it; certifying it.

And it says: *The importance attached to this method is so great, that without a seal, no document was considered authentic.*

Why was it so in Bible times? God took that same thing. Just like He took a shepherd and sheep to preach the Mystery of His Redemption, or a fisherman and the fish, or the light and the darkness to preach the Mystery of Himself, God also came and took the seal that they used to have, to show how He, by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the position that He places the believer in when He fills them with His Holy Spirit. Because now, they could act for Him. Now, that is why He puts them in service. This is why God recognize... To deny them, God denies His Own Self.

And God didn't just want to give us an experience of getting the Holy Spirit; God wanted us to understand what that does for us, and where it places us, and how God looks at us and recognizes us, once He has done that for us. Is that right?

A lot of people rely on, "Oh, I got that experience; that means I have it too. Well, I have that experience." And when the time comes to pray for the sick, we are not sure God will answer. When it is time to ask for something and some situation is there, or to act on His behalf, we are not sure that He is going to be with us. Then, what happened? We don't understand that when God set His Seal to you, He was now putting you in a specific position and relating to you now as the genuine article. He is making you valid. He was placing you aside, different from something that is unsealed.

Because a sealed document and an unsealed document have no comparison, you know. One isn't worth anything. It is not even going to be considered or even be paid attention to. But the one that is sealed and carries that impression of that seal upon it, brother, let me tell you, that... If it is the seal of this nation, it means everything that this nation stands for, will have to be behind that. Exactly right. Because all is recognized by that seal being attached to that very thing.

And here we see in the Bible, God was coming—before the destruction could come on the earth, was coming in to seal specific ones. Because Daniel 12 said, "In that day, shall Michael, the great Prince, stand up and deliver the names that are in the Book." He is going to come and those names, they are going to be sealed – 144,000. Because we find out, He was so specific about it that He left out Dan and Ephraim, showing, He is looking for certain people, because there are marks against others who will not be sealed.

They may keep going to church, they may keep involved in religious works, they may keep doing nice things, but as far as God is concerned, that is not what He is talking about at all. Because we are going to see that only those who, that Name is written in their foreheads, could legally use that Name. "Go and do this in My Name."

If you don't have the baptism of the Holy Spirit... He didn't write that Name on your forehead, and are you going to go use that Name? You are taking the role of an impersonator. You are going and you were not even sent. Amen. That is why prayers go forth and it doesn't get answered. Why? God is seeing somebody trying to bluff something and doesn't realize there is a legal, lawful way and there are only certain people, who are given the permission to act upon His behalf and use His Name. Because His Word is sealed with His Name.

We may not even get to that but I will show you that, there is a Threefold revelation of His Name: the Lord Who is, the Lord Who was, and the Lord Who is to come. And that Threefold Mystery of His Name: the Name of My God, the Name of the City of My God, and My New Name, is what sealed this Bible. That was that Threefold Secret in the back-part of God's Mind of Redemption. And when those Seven Thunders uttered their voices, when the time of that Great Seal, Revelation 10, the Great Seal, He Himself coming down... What for? The baptism of the Holy Ghost, to seal up His Bride, His Elect, with the open Book, those whose names were in that Book.

That is why in this Hour all these little things like jumping up and sensations and these things, it fades away and falls to naught because you can't bluff those things. Moses met the Pillar of Fire. Paul met the Pillar of Fire. They met the Pillar of Fire. They became written epistles read of all men. Their lives were manifesting what was written in the Bible for that Day.

When Bro. Branham met that Pillar of Fire, He proved he was the Word Himself taking the Word Itself. He was the sealed Word on the outside taking that sealed Word and could show what the revelation for the Age was – to give Life. Because outside of that revelation, you can't give Life. Do you understand that? A Baptist message can't give anybody Life in this Hour; can't put anybody in the Rapture. Then how are you going to get it when it is only the Spirit of Truth, the baptism of the Holy Spirit could lead you into it because it is sealed up inside of there.

Because though the Seals are open, it is only open to those whose names are in the Book. No denomination believes that that Book is open, because they can't see It. The Book is still closed, because it has to be revealed to you that the Book is open. It has to be revealed to you that Revelation 10 is fulfilled. It has to be revealed to you that the Lord Himself descended. It has to be revealed to you that William Branham, that man there, that was God speaking through that man, giving to us the revelation of the Seven Thunders (amen) that sealed up this Book. Sure!

Because we see it is so close, that even people in the Message came all the way up... Is that right? People in the Message came all the way up, believed the Prophet, believed the Message, all those things, and then don't believe that the Seventh Seal is open, and then don't believe that the Seven Thunders are revealed. So what do you leave for people in denomination, who can't even see a Prophet yet? I know people who believe all these things, were baptized, will believe Serpent's seed, everything, and came all the way up and can't see, Revelation 10:8-11 is from 1965 to 1990, going on. Sure! Sure. See?

We are talking about being sealed. When those apostles were sealed, they wrote a Book of Acts. Those men went forth and manifested the Word. Those men

were the Living Word – the Word in action and then the Word in demonstration. Sure. And in this Age, there is a lot of demonstration because He poured out the Spirit on all flesh, though all flesh is not saved. And many of them would say, “Lord, Lord, didn’t I do this and didn’t I do that?” They have demonstrations, but the action...

Where is that man who has power over his sixteen elements? Where is that man who can bridle that tongue? Where is that man who will wash those feet in water and lay them down? Where is that man who will lay down his own thoughts and lay down his head and his inwards, (amen,) to be consumed and be brought to ashes? That is where we see God in action. That is where we see the same literal Life of the Holy Spirit coming back again. He said, “Then you will see people with power.”

He said, “Do you want to see power? Watch a man who could hold his flesh in subjection, then you will know a man who has power. Glory! Not Balaam, a man who had power to see visions and then tried to run to curse God’s people. Is that right? Sure. No, sir!

So watch. So God doesn’t consider a person to be a genuine Christian if they are not certified. If they are not sealed with the true baptism of the Holy Spirit, He doesn’t consider them to be a genuine Christian. That is why Bro. Branham said, “You can make a claim, but a claim must be vindicated.” Because He seals them as a guarantee of their authenticity. That is why He seals them. It guarantees them that they could point to that Seal. That is why he said, “You can present your Token with the prayer.” You are not bluffing that, you are not trying to impersonate that; you are not trying to make a false claim on that. “God, You met me.”

That is why the Prophet used to say, “Lord, You met me in the cave.” He said, “And upon the basis of the revelation of that Angel meeting me in the cave, and by a Divine commission ministered to me by that Angel

out of that Pillar of Fire, Who sent me with this gift to do this, I rebuke you. Come out of the man, Satan.” Amen.

Why? In other words, he is saying, “God, does Your Seal work, or does Your Seal means what the Bible says Your Seal means? Let me find out right now; I don’t want to be sealed by something that doesn’t work.” Amen. If you have unbelief sealing you up and the Word can’t come in, you are in trouble. Amen. Get the Word to come in to seal the unbelief out. Amen.

Now let us look at some examples in the Old Testament because there are a lot of examples in the Old Testament where the Seal and the Name was. My. I am going to try to close with this. It is no use. I don’t want to bring it to a place where it is tiresome for you and then you stop getting it, because your mind is more tired, but we’ve now started to open up a little bit.

Let us turn to 1st Kings 21. You see, I want to take this like a study with you. I said I’ll bring it in a fundamental way, that you could really see what we are talking about. 1st Kings 21. No wonder why the Prophet said, “The elected, called-out, anointed Church, sealed.” Oh, my. Praise His wonderful Name. 1st Kings 21. Did I say verse 8? Okay, we are going to read that. Verse 8.

This is Jezebel now, when she and Ahab had the plot to get Naboth’s vineyard. So, It says, verse 8:

*8 So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name,
and sealed them with his seal, and sent
the letters unto the elders and to the nobles
who were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.*

Those people would not recognize anything as coming from the royal house, as from the king’s office, except it had the king’s seal and the king’s name on it. Because what it was asking them to do, was to go and take drastic action against a man. And they were not going to be influenced to do anything and go and carry

out that kind of instruction unless they knew definitely, because that was putting their very lives and their reputations and their families and everything, on the line, when they were going to carry out those instructions. And she, in order to show the validity of the thing, she wrote it in the king's name and sealed it with the king's seal.

Then turn in the Book of Esther, Chapter 3. Nehemiah, Esther, Job. Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, for some of you who may need a little help. Esther, Chapter 3.

Because God's Word starts in Genesis and comes all the way to Revelation and It gradually unfolds; It unfolds the Mystery of Itself until It is all gathered up at the end of the Book. So, when we take up a subject at the end of the Book, we must see what It is saying because of what it means as it unfolds down through. It is not for us to put our thoughts to it and say, "I think it means that and I think it means that."

All through the Bible, God was unfolding the mystery of what a seal is, what it signifies, what it is used for; what it does. In the act of sealing something, how official and legal it makes it, that it cannot be questioned anymore.

Why do you think the Angel told the Prophet, "If you get the people to believe you"? Do you know what Jesus said? "If they receive you." Do you know why? When He sealed them and sent them... That was why He told them, "Don't go and preach until you get the Holy Ghost." Because when He sent them, to reject them was to reject Him. Exactly. Because when the Spirit came, they could only speak that Word.

Watch. Esther 3, verse 12:

¹² Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day...

This was when they were sending out the document to fight against the Jews, and kill them out and these

things, and they were putting it in writing and making it a law in the land.

... on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's [deputies], and to the governors who were over every province, and to the princes of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

In Esther 1, It says, he ruled the territory that was one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from India to Ethiopia. They put this document into every language of the then known world, because the Medes and Persians were the world power after Babylon. They were ruling the entire world. Every other power was subject to them.

And when he was sending out this royal decree, it was just a piece of paper, (sure,) but every man had to obey it because of what was on the paper. It was sealed with the king's ring, and it was written in the king's name. That made it lawful. Every man took up arms to come against those Jews when that time came, because of the endorsement.

In other words, "The lion hath roared. Who can but speak; prophesy?" The king had a seal, and when the king's seal was put upon any document, the highest authority in the land had authorized that.

Esther, Chapter 8. Another place here now. I just want to show you what the seal was, the purpose it was used for and the act of sealing; what is indicated by the use of that seal when it is used upon something. Esther 8, verse 8. Okay, let's read verse 7:

⁷ Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of

Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

⁸ Write ye also concerning the Jews, as it pleaseth you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

Are you beginning to see what that seal was? Do you see the validity of anything that was sealed with that seal? No man could tamper with that from that day on. No man could reverse that, or alter it, or add to it, or take away from it, or change it. He said, "And I am giving you the authority, Esther. You write it in the king's name because I recognize you to be the queen, and I recognize you to be bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. Whatever you say in my name and you set my seal to it, it is going to be authorized, endorsed, fully approved by me," because of the king's name and the king's seal.

Now if she went and put another name on it, or another seal, and was thinking that was the king's name and the king's seal, that had no power, you know.

Remember, the Prophet said, "In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I command these devils to come down. In the Name of the three high powers. In the Name of so and so; in the Name of the Rose of Sharon." Remember the time with the demons and these people with the psychic powers, lifting up all the chairs and tables and different things? And when he said, "In the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ," the whole thing crashed and broke to pieces. Exactly right. Because he showed, when it is sealed with that Name...

When he said, "Little fishy, in the Name of Jesus Christ, you live again," when he said, "Storm, you go back from where you came from, in the Name of Jesus

Christ,” when he said, “Sis. Hattie, I give you your boys, in the Name of Jesus Christ; in the Name of Jesus Christ, before that doctor touches my wife, let that tumor go,” and do you know what he said? Read it on *The Token* [1963-1128E -Ed.], Shreveport, after he preached *Testimony* [1963-1128M -Ed.], he said, “That was the Token. That was the Voice of the Blood.” That was the Seal that he was sealed with. See what we are coming to. Amen. Oh, my.

As we said, we’re just taking it in a very fundamental way this morning. Daniel 6. “God, does the Holy Spirit mean that to me in my life? Then if You recognize me like that, if I am Your seal, manifested epistle, I am Your legal document, living book standing here...” Amen! Glory. Daniel 6:17. Let’s take from verse 15:

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree [or no] statute which the king establisheth...

That is, or ‘sealeth’. To establish something is to seal it.

... may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Once it was sealed, nothing could change it. No man could change it; couldn’t be altered. They had their law set up like that. See? Nehemiah 9. Ezra, Nehemiah. Nehemiah is just before Esther. Nehemiah 9. We are

going to close out with this here. I will just try to bring it to a climax and close it. Nehemiah 9, verse 38. Let us read from about verse 36:

³⁶ Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat its fruit and its goodness, behold, we are servants in it:

³⁷ And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

³⁸ And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, set their seal to it.

Chapter 10:

¹ Now these who had set their seal were, Nehemiah...

And then It gave all the names of the others who set their seals to it. All the princes and the Levites and the priests set their seals to it. Because when they were making a covenant, they had a seal to seal the covenant so that the covenant would be binding, it would be honored, it would be recognized; there would be no breach of covenant. Amen? Glory.

When that Angel came down on that great Seal and swore, (amen,) there was no one greater whom He could swear by, so He swore by His Own Self. You just think about it.

So watch. One more. Let us just take one more: Haggai. Haggai 2. Haggai is after... Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah; Haggai. Haggai 2. As we think on these things, if you don't feel that, say, "Lord, I have been living but I never realized it. I realize now that I really need that kind of Seal. I need that kind of assurance. I need something that I am going to know how You see me. Because no man could seal me; it takes You to

seal me. And when You seal me, then You recognize me that way, and if You recognize me that way... If by the act of sealing, by the act of the Holy Spirit, writing that revelation on my forehead.”

Haggai 2, verse 23. The Word of the Lord that came unto Haggai here. It says:

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet [or a seal]: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

In that day, Zerubbabel – not the natural Zerubbabel who was there building back the temple, because Jesus Christ, the Messianic line came through Zerubbabel. And Jesus Christ, He is God’s Signet. He is God’s Symbol of royal authority. “In that Day, I will make Him My Signet – King of kings and Lord of lords; in that Day, when He comes. Amen.

Zerubbabel represented that great High Priest, (is that right? Sure.) when they were building that temple, and how the Glory of the latter is going to be greater than the glory of the former. And God was saying in a prophetic way through Haggai, He said, “In that Day, I will take Thee and make Thee My Seal; My Royal Symbol.”

Oh, let me tell you, if you are not sealed with Him, you are not sealed. If you are not sealed with that Royal Symbol, with His Royal Authority... Because only when you are sealed with Him, do you have that Royal Authority.

Now watch something now. Now what does all these things mean, all these symbols of a seal and a seal being used in the Old Testament, that when God came in the New Testament, He spoke of having a Seal? God didn’t speak of having a seal in the Old Testament, you know; it is in the New Testament, God came now and spoke of His Seal. Because He showed, in the Old Testament, what a seal was and what they were used

for, and then He said, the same way those kings had a seal in the Old Testament, so God has a Seal too, and what they used their seals for, He uses the Seal for the same thing. Amen. And the same way, by an act of sealing, what they designated a document to be, is what He designates His Church to be when He seals them by that Seal.

And look at God now, showing His Seal in the Bible. Ephesians 1. We are closing out. I am just trying to finish out these Scriptures here and bring it to a close.

So we are not thinking of just sensation and experience when we are talking about being sealed now; we are thinking of being confirmed and approved of God, to be the genuine article. When God talked about Christians and God talked about the Bride, when God talked about the Church of the Living God, when God talked about the representatives, God had something in His Mind and that He approves it, that, "That is what I am talking about. Those were the ones entrusted with this authority to give Life. They stand between the living and the dead. They can impart Life because I have given to them that very Life, that they could make others live. Because the Words I speak are Spirit and Life." "While Peter yet spake these Words, the Holy Ghost fell on them and sealed them, that believed." Is that right? But where was he getting those Words from? See?

Look. Ephesians 1:

¹³ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth...

Notice that: 'after you heard the Word of Truth'. You have been hearing It for all these years. Many of you inside of here, have been hearing It for years and years and years.

... the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed...

You came and you heard It and you believed It. Like Abraham, It called you out: "Get you out of your

country; out of your kindred.” Is that right? You began to follow It. Not when you believed. That is why people don’t go anywhere. After you believed. After God recognized your faith and gave you the Seal of the righteousness of your faith. Like He gave Abraham circumcision, He gave you the Holy Ghost to circumcise your heart. And ears – you can believe by hearing. Faith comes by? Hearing. He said, “Your ears and your heart – you are believing.” See?

... after that ye believed, ye were sealed with [what?] that holy Spirit of promise.

¹⁴ Who is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

So, get that. Paul is making it plain here now, that that Seal that God approves and makes valid anything, is by His Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30. I know you know all the Scriptures but I am taking the pains to go through it because there are many here who need to know it.

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, by whom ye are sealed...

So God has a Seal but we are finding out what that Seal is. As I say, when that Holy Spirit comes, as It has come in these last days, when that Holy Spirit brought the revelation from under those Seals that was sealed up in the Book and ministered It to the Bride, was that He might seal the Bride with the Word that was sealed in the Book, (amen? Sure.) that the two might become one; the two might become one. The Bride and the Word will become one.

So he said:

... whereby ye are sealed unto the day of [your] redemption.

And one more Scripture: 2nd Corinthians 1. So, I am putting it out for you on the tape too, so that you are going to get a chance to sit back with your family and go over it slowly and study it with them. And you be

the pastor in your home. Because let me tell you, your home must have this Seal and you must have the Seal, and this Seal is promised to your children too. In some places, you feel the children have it and the parents don't even have it yet; in some places. Sure.

Verse 21:

*21 Now he who establisheth us with you
in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*

'Establish us' or 'seal us'. To 'establish' something is to 'seal' it; 'set a seal to it'; 'confirm it'.

*22 Who hath also sealed us, and given us
the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Amen. Let me take one more as we look a little deeper into the act of sealing. There is a beautiful picture that presents itself to us in Song of Solomon. And I will take that for the last and close with that Scripture: Song of Solomon, Chapter 8.

Oh, the bride wanted herself to be like a seal upon the bridegroom. I know we desire to, not only that we be a seal upon Him but He will be a Seal upon us. Amen. May He put His Seal upon us.

Verse 6. Here she is making this burning, intense desire known to the bridegroom. Oh, my. There are so many different things. As we close, let the musicians get ready. So many things.

But could you realize this morning that while we are here in His Presence, talking of Him, reading His Word, looking closely at the revelation of the work, what He does, how He does it, what He signifies by that work when it is done, where it places us, if we have received that experience and the understanding of what it meant, how it will make us live and walk in this Hour. And if we lack that and lack that assurance and we have not received that Divine approval of Him in our lives by a Divine act, that we can't pull out of God but He sovereignly does, to bring us unto Himself.

They had to wait until the Holy Ghost came. They couldn't go to pull the Holy Ghost out of Heaven. The

Holy Ghost was not going to come until the fiftieth day because fifty was Jubilee. That was the release. That was the Feast of the Pentecost which signified when the Bread had to be burnt, showing the baptism of Fire, when the Bread was made with leaven up there in the room. That was an appointed time of Its coming to bring the inauguration of the Church. So It was nothing that they could bring down but God was bringing It in the appointed time of the Father. It was coming as It was promised: "Not many days from now."

But they had to be constantly in expectation and waiting for It, and they were desiring It because they saw the Holy Ghost in Jesus, how It made Him live. They knew there was a Man like Him. They slept like Him, they were hungry like Him; they were tired like Him. Wasn't it? They ate with Him, they covered with the same cover, they slept in the same boat; they walked the same road. Exactly.

But then when they saw that Holy Ghost in operation in Him, they said, "What manner of Man is this?" They knew He was a different Man to them. They said, "We know the Father hears You always. Whatever You ask the Father, He will give it to You now," Martha and Mary said. Is that right? "But we are not sure if we ask, He is going to answer that way, but we know You." And He said, "Father, I know You hear Me always because I do that which pleases You always." Is that right? Sure.

Because He was a man approved of God, sealed with that baptism of Fire, and He went forth, not just in action but in demonstration; was the manifested Epistle. He was sealed from them, but to His disciples, they caught the revelation of Who that was there amongst them.

They said, "Show us the Father; it will satisfy us."

He said, "So long I have been with You and You don't know Me? When You see Me, you see the Father."

Peter said, "Lord, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Amen. When He said, "Handle Me, I am not a spirit; a spirit does not have flesh and bone," they began to realize, that was the Word incarnate. Late in the evening time, the One they drank with, and walked with, and ate with, and sat with, and slept with in the woods, was Messiah. Is that right? When He broke the Bread, their eyes became open. Alright.

Now the same way in this Hour, here God in you as His Bride... Because it is just God condescending. God was Above us, came with us, and now God is still coming down lower than that – God in us; same God coming down lower all the time. Not another God, not another person, it is the same Person. One Person all the time. What condescension! Amen.

And here in Song of Solomon, look at the cry in the heart of the Bride, crying out to the Bridegroom, making that desire known. She was requesting from her Lord:

⁶ Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as hell: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

Here she is crying out, "Set me as a seal upon thine heart and a seal as upon thine arm." The heart is, what? The heart is the seat of love and the arm is where strength and power lieth. And she is saying, "Let me," because the seal denotes the instrument and also the impression made by the instrument.

In other words, when you have a document with a seal upon it, that is not the instrument; that is the impression of the instrument engraved upon the thing. Is that right? Because the seal is what seals.

And she is asking that her image, her impression, be made so indelibly upon his heart and upon his arm. In other words, she was requesting that the sealer give

her a permanent place in his heart; not that, "I am going to depend upon my love for you."

My strength doesn't lie in my love for God. Let me tell you, if you think that your strength lies in your love for God, you are lost already. "As many as I love"; not love Me. Amen. "As many as I love." My love for Him, that doesn't mean anything much except it is really a real revelation that He first loved me. Amen. Then that is going to bring obedience; then that is going to bring submission. That is not going to bring, "I love the Lord but I can't obey Him, I can't sacrifice to Him; I can't submit to Him." No. That is something else. Cain had loved God too, and he worshiped. Love is just a sense of your spirit; affections.

Now watch. So she was requesting that he take her. She said, "Let me be a seal upon your heart." In other words, "You carry me about as a seal that my impression be upon your heart. Now that is what we want of Him too. [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ... and His power could be so impressed upon us that we could be sealed with that revelation of His arm and His heart. His Love and His power, we can be so conscious of, because all our hope, all our existence, all the hope for us continuing on, is going to rest upon His Love and His power.

If He doesn't give us the Love and the power, if He doesn't give us the strength to go on to make another mile, we cannot do it because it is not him that willeth or him that runneth, it is not by might nor by power, it is not what we can do but it is what He has already done for us.

Oh, she desired that that be so engraved upon her. You know, Bro. Branham told the story about the branding of the cattle. He said, "You know, like when the man..." He said he used to work on this ranch and they used to brand the cattle. We used to see it in the old days too, when we used to go up on the estate. They used to have these animals, and these horses

and they, they used to do it too, and they had a brand from the estate that they used to put on them.

And, you know, in those old Western pictures [movies – Ed.], you used to see it. They had what you call a ‘branding’ iron. And that branding iron, it had the initials. If it was the triple J ranch or triple X ranch or the RJW or whatever it was, they put a mark on it. And they would heat that iron until it got fiery, red hot, and then they took those cattle that had been bought with a price... The man purchased them. It was the purchased possession. See? He was the owner. And he took it and he was going to put his mark upon it. He was going to burn His name into it. He said, “And when they heat that branding iron red hot, so fiery, and they burn it...”

I remember in the days, they used to have to tie up—lasso those mules and they, and they would tie up their feet. And they would tie up the front feet or the back feet together, and it laid down there and then they would tie up by the mouth too, and one would hold them by the mouth, so the animal was all under their control, and they put that red hot branding iron, and when they burn into that, that was burning right into the flesh and that thing would start to kick up and bawl and run.

He said, “And then after, when they let it go, it may have a lot of jumping spells and bawling and squalling but it knows who it belongs to, afterwards. Everybody else knows who it belongs to afterwards because it is carrying the brand, it is carrying the mark; it is carrying the seal. It has been burned into it to show that it is the purchased possession. It is owned by somebody who paid a price for it.

Does that say something to you? Oh, my. How many will like Him to do that to them this morning? It might make you bawl and run and squall but, brother, it could burn that baptism of Fire right into your heart. Amen. Hallelujah. Brother, His Love and His power,

His heart and His arm, His Seal could be so engraved upon you, (amen,) that you can have something to take you on. Amen. Not just for until tomorrow but all the way back to Eternity. Amen. Hallelujah. Oh, my.

I am stopping about halfway but we are going to get it more next week on the sealing of the Word and the sealing of the Bride, how those two things were sealed up, and how they had to seal the vision and the prophecy and it could not be opened until a certain time. And the same way His Bride who has been sealed up, She is a Mystery in the earth, (they don't know Her,) but one day She will be made known to everybody. Amen. She will be made known to everybody. He takes that Word that was sealed and puts It into them. Amen. And that is what He wants to do with you – He seals you by His Word. Amen? Amen.

Let's all stand to our feet. *Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit. Fill me now, fill me now.* Just play softly.

On the message, *What Is The Holy Ghost?* [1959-1216 – Ed.] the Prophet said: ... *That's what the Holy Spirit is. It's a Seal of God, that He's found--you've found grace in His sight...*

That's what it is. That's what... You don't have to fear anymore. You have found grace in His sight.

It's a Seal of God ... He loves you, and He believes you, and He's put His Seal upon you. What is a seal?

When a man is going to get married to a wife and they take their vows, he takes that ring and he puts it upon her finger. What? He seals that covenant. It is a seal of promise. Is that right? Oh, it is binding till death do us part. He said, "That is what it is. He has found you. He loves you. You have found grace in His sight."

... *A "seal" designates or means "a finished work." ... [He] has saved you...*

Next week, we are going to see that under those Seven Seals, something was finished, something that God had shed His Blood and owned and something

that was sealed until the Day of Redemption. It was eternally secure.

And He began to reveal to those people, they are eternally secure: “You don’t have to fear anything, children. You don’t have to dread. You don’t have to be afraid that you will end up in Hell because it is not today that I am choosing you; it is not today that I am trying to make you this. It is not because of your mistakes and your failures here that means I might change my mind or I might get influenced differently. No. Not at all.”

You are His product. A seal is a finished thing. The Holy Ghost is a Seal. It is a Sign that God gave to His chosen children. To reject It is to be cut off from among the people.

When we begin to get that ‘mark of the Beast’, you will understand fully well what people reject, and realize that God is not unjust in His punishment, because to reject the Holy Ghost, to reject the Seal of God, is to receive the mark of the Beast. The punishment comes later. But the very thing that could secure you from destruction... He said, “Touch them not who are sealed in their foreheads with this Seal.”

Those angels listen to our conversations. They gather here; they listen to what we preach. They see the people, the spirit that they feed on; things that they live by. They know. If He has set His Seal to us, they know they need to protect us and watch over us because whenever they see us, they see us with His Mark. They see that they need to attend to us. When we call for their assistance, they need to come because they see that Mark upon us.

If we have eyes to see it in one another... When Paul went up to Jerusalem, he knew they were believers. When he met Peter, he knew Peter was a believer. He said, “I wasn’t with you when you got baptized, Peter. I wasn’t there when you accepted this thing but I know

What I met in the back there, and when I listen to you, I know we met the same Thing.” Amen.

If they had eyes to see in one another that each other bore the Mark and we could see and tell today those who have that Mark, how much more His angels that encamp round about us, know that we are the children of the Most High.

Think on these things as we close the service. He set His Seal to prove who is true. There are five billion people on the planet today, over a thousand denominations, so many people claiming to be the Bride and the Elect, but He has set His Seal to them that is true. He has shown those who are valid. He has separated those who are truly invested with the power of that Name.

How could you have the power that goes with that Name if you have not received the revelation of that Name? How could you know the revelation of that Name if part of that Name was not given to you by predestination. Oh, it is all a family affair, children. It is a whole family affair.

And the Prophet talking about the Seal, he said: *That's what the Holy Spirit is. It's your Assurance; It's your Protection; It's your Witness,; It's your Seal; It's your Sign, that I'm heaven bound. Don't care what the devil says, I'm heaven bound. Why? He sealed me; He gave It to me. He sealed me into His Kingdom, and I'm Glory bound. Let the winds blow; let Satan do what he wants to, God's done sealed me till the day of my redemption. Amen. That's what the Holy Ghost is. Oh, you should want It; I couldn't go on without It. So much could be said there, but I'm sure you know what I'm speaking of.*

Oh, my. I am going to stop right there. If He didn't mark those homes back there in Egypt, let me tell you, death was going to strike every one of them. If He didn't mark them in Ezekiel 9, death was going to strike every one of them. If He didn't mark them in

Revelation 7, death was going to strike every one of them.

He is watching over those, whom He has preserved for this Hour, whom He has come down and called out and has kept in the way bringing them right up to this great experience that sets them aside, that they know that when they go over, as Paul said, "It is not I that live but it is Christ Who liveth in me." He was marked. He said, "The Gospel I preach is not after man." It was written in his forehead. It was sealed, it was burnt-in there. It didn't come by learning but by revelation of the Holy Ghost. It was written in his forehead.

That is what He wants to do for you. Then you are going to find it makes all the difference to be that kind of Christian. You are going to find that a Christian like that has power. Not looking for power; they have power. You are going to find that these things never really left the Church and were always here in every Age but it's just that man needed to know how to tap into it. It was always here because the Holy Ghost is as great as He ever was. Everything was finished there on Calvary and that was why the Spirit was sent back as a Witness that He rose and that these things are true.

Friends, that is why so many people can't move into their healing. That is why many don't move into the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That is what their whole conception is and they don't know exactly how to appropriate these things. But I want you to see, God, He wrote that document. He made that document what it was and then He affixed His Seal to it. And He makes that document what it is, and the kind that merits His Seal, and His endorsement, and His approval upon it to make it valid; to guarantee its authenticity.

And He knows that as a Christian, to stand against the forces of darkness, to stand against the gates of Hell, you cannot stand there in your own name. "In My

Name, you will cast out devils.” Not in your name; “In My Name.” And it doesn’t mean saying, “Jesus.” No. It is His Word being revealed in you. There is no prevailing power as that revelation of the Word. That is why it is the evidence of the Holy Ghost, the revelation of the Word in your Age. That is why the Word interpreted, is the manifestation of that Name.

You see, all those things, we don’t have time to bring it to the spot to show you how He writes that Name in your forehead. But there are two Books: that written Book and that living Book. Both are sealed to the world but they are open to the Bride. We know those that are sealed because they speak the same Word, they have the same doctrine, they live the same life; they have the same hope inside of them. It makes them act the same way; behave the same way.

How do we know the apostles were correct? How do we know that we are true? Because we can look at the apostles; we can look at one another. How could we know one another is true? That is why it was given unto us.

And here, He wants to do that for every one of us. His red hot, fiery, Branding Iron, oh, It might make you behave differently, It might bring you to such a place that you never dreamed that you could have gone through something like that, but the result is, people know who you belong to afterwards, and you know who you belong to afterwards. You are marked and separated.

[#337 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Hover o’er me, Holy Spirit,

Hover o’er me, Holy Spirit,

Oh, bathe my trembling heart and brow;

... trembling heart and brow;

Fill me with Thy hallowed Presence,

... me with Thy hallowed Presence,

Oh, get in the Spirit now. Amen. Just worship Him. I trust that the preaching of the Word has made you

hungry for this experience because that Sealing Angel is here amongst us, the Holy Ghost Himself, hovering all round about us, the Pillar of Fire.

CHORUS:

Fill me now...

I don't just want to be a Christian; I want to be a genuine Christian: one that God confirms and approves; one that God has established and given witness to.

*Fill me with Thy hallowed Presence,
Come, O come and fill me now.*

I am weakness, full of weakness,
I am...

Oh, confess it. Don't try to be strong; confess that we are weak. His strength is made perfect in weakness.

At Thy sacred feet I bow;
Oh, in humility.
... feet I bow;
Oh, blest, Divine, Eternal Spirit,
Blest, Divine, Eternal Spirit,
Fill with pow'r, and fill me now.

Oh, every hand lifted up singing: Fill me now, fill me now. Blessed Jesus, oh God, with open hearts, empty vessels, Lord, this is our prayer; this is our desire, Lord. Wouldn't You pour Yourself out? Wouldn't You set Your Seal upon us, Lord? Oh, wonderful Saviour, this is Thy Word; Thy Word is true. Put Your Mark upon those that belong to You, those that are bought with Your Price, Your shed Blood. Oh, let Your Branding Iron, Lord, burn into us – Your Name.

Oh, cleanse and comfort, bless and save me,
... and comfort, bless and save me,
Bathe, O bathe my heart and brow;
Yes, Lord.
... my heart and brow;

Thou art comforting and saving,
Thou art comforting and saving,
Thou art sweetly filling now.

Yes, Lord. Yes, Jesus. Oh, sweetly filling now, Lord.
Fill us till our cups run over. Oh God, we draw nigh
unto You, Lord.

Jesus, come and fill me now;
Oh, fill me with Thy hallowed Presence,
The Presence of the Lord – the Holy Spirit.
... O come and fill me now.

Oh, one more time: Fill me now. Mean it. Oh, I am willing to empty out. I am laying aside every weight, Lord. Oh, I am believing Your Word. Set a seal to my faith, Lord. Like You did to Abraham, give me that sign of circumcision in my heart and my ears, Lord. Oh God, write Your Name, Lord, in my forehead. Make me wholly Thine. Set Your Mark upon me, Lord. Let me live by Your Love and power. Engrave upon me, Thy heart and Thine arm. Oh God, that is the hope of my continuance, Lord.

Oh, just praise Him. Just lift your hands and praise Him and thank Him. He wants to do that for you, children. That's His Word. That's what He has done in every Age to His elected Bride. That's what the Holy Ghost comes for. That's the work of the Holy Spirit. He is seeking out His Own. He is dealing with our hearts, speaking His Word to get our attention. Oh, my. Don't ignore Him; open your hearts and draw nigh unto Him and recognize His Presence.

John said, "I saw an Angel with the Seal of God." Can you see that Angel? He is moving through the churches, sealing them that sigh and cry for the abominations in the city. Oh, He is looking for them. He is moving on to every city, every church, looking for those elected ones. He is determined to preserve them from destruction, oh, that no harm will come nigh unto them because they belong to Him. He shed His

Blood for them. Now His Holy Ghost has come to claim them. Now He is burning His Name into them. Oh, my. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus.

Oh God, wake us up. Let us recognize it is not a sermon, Lord, it is an experience, it is an identification, it is a revelation of the Holy Ghost being present in the midst of the people, going through the camp, going through the city, Lord, seeking them, Lord, who is sighing and crying, who have travail of soul; who is hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

I pray, dear God, that those, oh God, who cry out for something real, oh God, those who might be stumbling around, just a formal, nominal, fundamental Christian but they want to be a Christian with apostolic faith, a Christian with the Holy Ghost power: power to pray, power to read, power to testify, power to raise up the sick, that's Your Church, Father, who has been sealed and anointed by the Holy Ghost in this Hour.

I pray, oh God, men and women here today will desire that; men and women will search their lives, Lord, take their experience and pass it back through the Word and see if their experience have been that kind of experience; see if their understanding of the experience, Lord, by the revelation of the Word coming to them from the Holy Spirit has brought them, Lord, to stand in this state, to live in this sphere; to walk in this faith. I pray, oh God, Lord, today they would look and see You approve Your children, Lord. You anoint them and send them out. Make them a flame of Fire. Oh God, men and women, Lord, who were eyewitnesses of Your Majesty, wrote a Book of Acts. Hallelujah.

That is the Church of the Living God again in this Hour. Another Branch, Lord, coming from the Root, will bear the same kind of fruit, for it is the same Life inside of them. Oh, my God, I pray that that will become such a reality, Lord, in every heart, knowing it

must be here in this Hour. That is a Bride that will go forth with a ministry of testimony in this Hour, oh God, and wind up this great commission in these last days. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. That was the kind that started it, Lord; that is the same kind that will finish it, for Alpha has become Omega. Oh, hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

Oh, my. I trust that the preaching of the Word has caused you to consider deeply, not to sit in the humanistic realm and hear, but caused you to be moved within, and say, "Lord, if that is me, then I cannot—that kind of people don't live defeated, that kind of people don't be wondering if You are with them or if You are not with them, those kinds of people know where they stand; they know how You see them. Those kinds of people could act as Your representatives because they have been called out and trained and set aside and approved for that very purpose."

Let me tell you... Maybe I can't preach it too well, maybe I can't say it in a way to, maybe, move you to desire that, maybe, to make you recognize: What is Revelation 10? What is the Coming of the Lord? What is the Presence of the Lord amongst us? It is none other but He Himself Who has come to set His Seal on His Own, that they will not be in the Tribulation; they will go in the Rapture. How can they go if He doesn't put His Seal upon them and mark them? Because they must be marked, so they will not go through the Judgment. Oh, my.

Listen to this. *Ten Virgins* [1960-1211M - The Ten Virgins, And The Hundred And Forty-Four Thousand Jews -Ed.], page 471 and 472.

... Now, the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. All know that, don't you? All right, we all know that, that the Seal of God...

That's why I told you, I took it in the way I am taking it. I know everybody here knows that the Seal of

God is the Holy Ghost. I'm not trying to tell you that again and prove that to you; I am trying to tell you what a seal is; what it is used for; the act of sealing by the Sealer, Whose Seal signifies that you become authentic, authorized to act on His behalf; approved of God. I'm saying, it's not just saying, "I think I'll make it because I have Eternal Life." No.

... the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. All know that, don't you? All right, we all know that, that the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. Now that's found... [He said]: You take Revelation 9:1 to 4, you'll find that they all had the seal in their forehead. 1 Corinthians 1:22, Paul said, "Whereby He has sealed us by His Holy Spirit until the day..." Ephesians 4:30, says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit," that's that Angel that come forth sealing upon their forehead. Now, that doesn't mean you... He takes and puts a spot up there. Your forehead is your revelation (See?), and your hand is the thing you do about it. See, it's a spiritual mark. ... He don't take a big stamp and stamp you like that. Oh, no.

... But He marked [He] sealed. See? Now ... how was the first seal, what did it look like?

Here was the Prophet.

They were filled with the Holy Ghost, (That's right.), and their works was the works of Christ.

In other words, they saw the Son of Man. He said, "The works I do, shall you do also." They saw the corporal body taken away. The Life that was in Him, Who was preaching the revelation, came back in them. The people who saw the Son of Man doing the works, they saw them doing the same works that the Son of Man was doing.

In other words, they saw Bro. Branham. They saw the Son of Man being revealed; they saw the works. He said, "The Branch that comes from the Root will do the same thing." That body was taken away; that Life that was in Him is supposed to be in us. We are supposed to be doing the same things, and we are supposed to

be seeing the same things that were in Him, back inside of us. Is that right?

Then how is it, we wouldn't desire that? We stand up here, "Yes, Lord; yes, Lord; yes, Lord; yes, Lord," for half a minute, and you are ready to go home. Is that it? Is that what we preach for? Is that what we try to convince you of? I am talking about One Who is here, One Who can bring you in that condition.

I am not talking about whether you know that the Seal of God means the Holy Spirit. I am not talking about that. I know you know that. I taught you that for years, the Prophet told us; the Bible teaches us that. We are not talking about that. I am saying, do you know that you are valid, that you are the manifested epistle of this written Epistle that was sealed in the Book, sealed on the outside now? And the same way, the sealed Word, vindicated by the Pillar of Fire, vindicated the same Bride that is sealed by the same Spirit. And the Bride and the Word shows that She is one – united. Because uniting time: your first union, you unite with the Word, then you unite with one another who are united with the same Word.

Listen: ... how was the first seal, what did it look like? They were filled with the Holy Ghost, (That's right.), and their works was the works of Christ. They laid hands on the sick and they recovered; they done all kinds of signs and miracles and wonders. And in their forehead, was sealed by the revelation that He was the Son of God... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ... they were working with Him (the Deity of Christ), [that's] the mark.

The Second Seal [1963-0319 -Ed.], page 30.

... God marks His by vindicating His promised Word through them. That is exactly! St. John 14:12—and another thing, if you want to put down: Mark 16. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe."

God marked them by vindicating His promised Word through them. In other words, when He wrote that Name in their foreheads, then in My Name, they could

cast out devils, because it is written in their foreheads. "In My Name, they shall raise the dead and drink deadly things and it will not harm them." Why? Because it is written in their foreheads. He said, "Go into every nation and teach them."

That is why you have thirty years of records in the Book of Acts. Paul, Philip, Peter; different ones; Apollos, Zenas; different ones, not one ever baptized in Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Many of them never met one another, and when they came together after years, they were preaching the same thing. Why? They were sealed with the same Seal.

In those local churches the Holy Spirit moved and dwelt among them. Why? Because they were sealed with that Seal. Angelic visitations, the dead was raised, visions, translations, all these things, it was not strange to them. The little girl said, "It is Peter's theophany, Peter's angel, by the door." They understood those things. Who is this Melchisedec? Paul said, "I could tell you about Melchisedec and all these things," in the Book of Hebrews, teaching them. They knew these things; that Jesus was the Word made flesh. They understood that. My!

And if we are restored, called out and separated in this Hour, then He could give us the same kind of experience, bring the same revelation of the experience that we could stand there and He knows that with that in us, no devil could prevail against us. He sends us out with His Word standing there, saying, "In My Name, you will possess every gate of the enemy, because what I have revealed to you, what I have marked you with, not even death could harm you. If you die, I am going to raise you back up. The revelation that I give you will not only put you in the grave; it will bring you back out of the grave.

You don't have to worry about going in the grave. The Prophet said, "I am not worrying about that"; it is whether you are going to come out of the grave. All

man is appointed to die, but it is whether what you believe is going to take you back out.

And they sealed their testimony, the testimony of Jesus, with their blood. And this Bride will have a ministry of testimony. That is why that new ministry is a ministry of testimony. God, confirming His Word through His Elect. Oh, my.

That's why we sing that song: Fill me now. Now Lord, now. Paul didn't tell them, "Go and tarry" or "Go in a room and wait for the Holy Ghost"—Peter didn't tell them that. After Pentecost, they didn't have to go in any room and wait for anything.

May God help us to preach it in a way that you will desire It if you don't have It, and if you have It, become further established and know what you have. But many times, when you have something and you don't know what you have, you could be bluffed out of many things and fail to use what you have, because you don't know you have it.

The time is here and the conditions coming on now, is for real Christianity. Not the kind... God is testing us. Let me tell you, it is God Who has us in our homes there and we can't come out. God ordained a time like that for us. Do you know what we should be seeing? We should be seeing amongst our own selves: "Is It working for us? Does It work? Could It keep us, or am I getting tempted to go back in the world now, and I'm getting a fight with this and I'm getting a fight with that because I can't come to church regularly," or "I am not seeing a lot of believers regularly?"

Is It working? Is It really true, as the Word said? Does It really do these things? Is It, in spite of more adversity and harder conditions, we have to make greater sacrifices and we are not perturbed? Does our revelation give us that power? Does our revelation have that power to endue us with, that we could rise above these things and march on to greater achievements?

I believe we can. I believe It gives it to us. I believe the very God Whose Presence is with us, is here to make that real in every heart.

Let us bow our heads and close our eyes.

Gracious Father, we thank You for Your Presence and the anointing of Your Spirit as we've begun this little series on THE SEAL OF GOD, and desiring that it will not be just in a dry, formal teaching, just a volume of information, but it will bring men and women to recognize their position in the Word, to cry out with a greater desperation; to hunger and thirst for that reality that has been vindicated and proven to be here and is available for us that we can have it, that we can live by it; that we can have more of it to whatever supply, until we are filled, with every fiber of our being.

I pray, dear God, as the Word has been ministered, the Spirit of God will take the Word and be such a refreshing to the hearts of the people. And the very Scriptures that they may know and might be acquainted with, will come with a fresh inspiration to them, will take on greater meaning, and will give them deeper insight, Lord, to receive greater faith, have a clearer understanding, that they might stand as true soldiers in this Hour, carrying about Your Word in the portion and the capacity that we are each responsible for.

I pray a special blessing upon the workers of this Assembly, Lord: all the helps, the governments, the trustees, the deacons, the librarians, those that help in the prayer meetings, those Lord, that do personal work, those that pray, give and support the work here with all their hearts; with all their substance. May You bless them for it, Father. Let them know of a greater surety in their hearts that this is Your Word and this is Your work; Your people gather here, Lord, and You are in our very midst.

Heavenly Father, as the days grow darker, the hill becomes steeper, we don't want to murmur and complain but we want to use the opportunity to exercise the faith that is locked up inside of us. We know perfect strength comes by perfect weakness, because when we are weak, You are made strong inside of us.

We don't want to behave as one that is untutored, and complain and try to evade and hope that the experiences that You have ordained be removed, but we want to conduct ourselves with joy amidst the trials that You in Your wisdom allowed to come to pass. You have given us a greater insight into Your great elective Love, which is not parental care, but Lord, which has shown us that it is not our love for You but it is Your Love for us that gives us strength.

Our little ones growing up in the benches, I pray dear God, the Spirit of God and the Word spoken into them, will so remain with them, linger around them, begin to sanctify them; teach them how to possess their vessels in sanctification and honor that they could be perfected in the fear of holiness. They are being Born-again by the very incorruptible Seed of Your Word.

We know, without that Seal, Father, there is no hope of us making it in, because we will not be packing the identification within us. And we cannot take one another in on our own merit or on our own influence, but by that unspeakable Gift of Your Holy Spirit which You give sovereignly, Lord.

And Lord, we ask that You will continue to work amongst us. Move in the midst of Your economy, Your people here, and we are persuaded that You are fully acquainted with every need that is represented amongst us. Whether it be spiritual, domestic, social, financial, whatever it is, we know that You are more than able to meet every need according to Your riches. We acknowledge that in the Divine Presence today.

And we pray, Lord, that You will cause great faith to rise in the hearts of Your children; they will trust You, and walk closer, desiring and endeavoring with all that is in them to walk closer to You in this Hour. Grant that unto us, we pray.

As we will leave this place today, Lord, if there be a stranger or a visitor, after sitting and hearing Your Word and realizing, oh God, that they, without Your Seal, will be destroyed but that You, before the destruction comes, comes on the scene to call out and seal Your people, that they, under no circumstances, will go through that judgment, and You are here doing that now before the Tribulation.

Oh God, if the Spirit of God has quickened that to them and they recognize that and desire in their hearts to be a Christian, to be marked and set aside by You, and they want to be identified with You, Lord, be baptized in Your Name, for You said, "He that believeth and is baptized, the same shall be saved."

Those who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the Power of God unto salvation, I pray, they will not leave this service but, oh God, knowing that they are more than welcome to remain. And if they need to be ministered to personally, there are those here who are just more than willing to do that.

Take us safely to our homes, Lord. Watch over us and protect us as we travel along the way. And may the never-failing Presence of Jesus Christ Who said, "Lo, I am with you always," the Angel of the Lord Who encampeth round about them that fear Him, may He overshadow us with His Presence and go with us. As we commit Your people into Your hands, asking this blessing in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

I wonder if my brother will come quickly and take about five minutes and share the little testimony, if he feels led to do it. If not, we can do it another time, but

it's how he feels in his heart. Amen. Turn the microphone and use it or whatever.

[Bro. Mervyn Marine testifies -Ed.]

