

Third Exodus Assembly

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Hallelujah. Let us pray. Almighty God, with bowed hearts in Your great, divine presence this evening, knowing that this service, dear God, has been designated that we can come and gather together, Lord, as families, husbands and wives, single parents.

Lord, desiring that we can truly enter in and grasp a greater revelation, a clearer vision, dear God, of how we can carry our burdens, fulfil our responsibilities, live in victory, have an influential testimony, knowing, dear God, Your Word says we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.

So many times these things, Lord, become an excuse. So many times these things, Lord, are seen as hindrances. But we draw nigh unto You this evening, knowing that in Your great wisdom, dear God, You predestinated the experiences in our lives. You ordained the path, dear God, that our spiritual development would take, Lord God. You decided that this was the course that You would lead us and direct us, that You might be able to make Yourself known to us and reveal Yourself to us and that truly, oh God, we can catch this great revelation and reflect this great mystery that You had in the back part of Your mind, dear God. As husbands and wives, as families, dear God, we can reflect the great mystery of Christ and His Church, this great family of God.

We pray, Father, that Your Holy Spirit, dear God, will meet with us and deal with us, even as we see the need, dear God, and we see the hour fast approaching; even as we see, dear God, the time running out and we see the need for the family circle to become more strengthened, that the Church could become more unified, dear God. And knowing, dear God, that You have brought us together as a body of believers with a great responsibility in this hour, the great work that is being revealed and being made plain to us, how to fulfil this work as Your Church, Father.

We ask tonight that Your Holy Spirit, Lord God, will bring everyone into Your divine influence, where the Spirit of the living God could speak to our hearts, Lord, where You can just deal with us, You can minister to us as we have need, for You know what we have need of, Father.

Lord, we come just submitting to You, depending upon You, relying upon You this evening. Not claiming to know anything, oh God, or having anything special, but looking to You, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Father.

We thank You, dear God, for these who were able to come this evening, Father, You making a way for us to come and the presence of God that we feel already coming in, overshadowing us here.

Just make us, oh God, so relaxed in Your presence, away from the tensions and the pre-conceptions and all these things, Father. Lord, Your Spirit could just talk to us, dear God, that our gathering here could be a benefit to us, that Your great Holy Spirit, that we desire to serve and please, Father, can teach us that we can be more like You. More about Jesus would we know, more of Your grace to others show, more of Your saving fullness see, more of Your love who died for us, Lord. Oh, Spirit of God our teacher be, show to us the things of Christ tonight, that it can become so real to us.

Give us more power in our lives, greater strength that we truly can exhibit You in this hour, that great Token can be displayed, Father. Lord, isn't this Your desire? That though there was only one place where they were gathered – under Your shed blood – there were many houses, and You said, “You and your household shall be saved.” Then, let this great covenant, this everlasting covenant, be so displayed through our lives, Father, showing forth Your victory. Grant it tonight, Lord.

We commit this service into Your mighty hands, praying that You will just get honour and glory. You will lead us and direct our steps, for we pray and we ask these things in the wonderful and precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praise His Mighty Name. We will like to open up the Word quickly and turn to St. Matthew, Chapter 19. A good starting place. Matthew 19, and we read from verse 1.

And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judea beyond Jordan;

And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

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

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them...

(That is the man and the woman there.)

...at the beginning made them male and female,

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

Notice the question they asked Him, and notice the answer He's giving. He knows how to answer questions. He knows what is in people's hearts. He even ordained that they would ask Him that question at that time, that He can give the answer that He gave.

Wherefore, they are no more twain, but one flesh.

What, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

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

You see, that's what, in the natural, you call a 'loaded' question. You're asking a question, but you already have your answer. And when somebody don't answer according to how you want them to answer, you have your second question. You see? But Jesus answered the way He answered to bring out the second question, too, because He knew that first question was not everything. See? And they didn't get the answer that they wanted to hear, so right away they reacted. And look how He answered.

So they were holding on to that Word that Moses wrote because they felt that Jesus was teaching different to Moses. He wasn't saying what the exodus prophet said. See? They challenged Him and said, "We are Moses' disciples. Who are you? Are you greater than Moses?" See? So they felt that He was taking too much on Himself; he wasn't, maybe, as great as Moses, and that He was contradicting the Word of the prophet.

But you see, sometimes when people read the Word of the prophet, the idea they get in what they think the prophet is saying, is not what the prophet was saying. So, they come up with a concept that Moses gave them that right. See? They read Moses

preached on marriage and divorce. And the Pillar of Fire vindicated Moses' message. And so they felt, well, what they were doing, how could Jesus challenge that? Because they were standing on the Word of the prophet as far as they were concerned.

But Jesus was letting them know they had an interpretation of what they think the prophet said, but He, now, was taking them back. For He knew Moses couldn't contradict what was in the beginning before Moses. Amen? See, your setting is important here because this is where Jesus Himself was teaching on this thing. So...

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

See, they had the quote!

He saith unto them, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts,

That was not written. Moses gave them that, but it wasn't written that Moses gave them that, 'because of the hardness of their heart'. (But Jesus, knowing the condition of the people,) and Moses was giving them a secondary thing different to the original will of God. Because Jesus knew that God can't change His mind about His Word. Now watch what they said. They said Moses commanded – "Why did then Moses command?" Moses never commanded anything. Watch!

He said unto them,

Because of the hardness of your hearts...

Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you.

Not 'commanded' you; *suffered* you, *permitted* you. In other words, it was the permissive will of God. Moses *suffered* you that. He didn't 'command' that. They were saying, 'Moses commanded that' see?

That is what people try to do today. They try to make everything the prophet did, "Thus saith the Lord." But Moses *suffered* them because of their condition. They were in such a low moral condition that before the whole race was destroyed, Moses gave them something there to sort of help the situation, but it was not the remedy. So...

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

He goes beyond Moses. He goes back before Moses. He said, “*In the beginning, He who made them, made them male and female.*” He goes right back to the first man and the first woman that were created, when God performed the first marriage. And God didn’t give Adam any writing of divorcement. But in Moses’ time, which was about twenty-six hundred years after Adam, then God was giving them that now, because of the fall and the human race was deteriorating all the time.

And I say unto you,...

Now, here is the question. Here is the answer rather. This is the direct answer now. He is coming with the direct answer now. He dealt with their answer to their question, but He is giving the truth now; ‘Moses said, but I say now. Moses suffered you, but I say...’

And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife...

What was the question they asked? About putting away your wife. And that was asked based on, ‘Moses gave us a writing of divorcement to put them away’. In other words, ‘we have the Word of the prophet to put them away’. But He say, “But I say unto you.” The One who made male and female, because it’s He who made them. He was God in the flesh.

And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another,

And marriage is a union;

committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

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

But he said unto them, all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother’s womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men; and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for

the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

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

Well, you know, it had been many, many years we desired to get away from formal types of services, just three times a week. And we know that is necessary, that we can come together as a body of believers, as the Church, and we do that Sundays and Fridays. And we try to have services for the young people and then we try to have men's meetings, because more and more we realize when you're dealing with a mixed group of people you actually have different pulls. You have different people pulling for different things, hence the reason when you come in a service, sometimes things that you may need to speak on in a more direct way to the need that is there...

Let us say for the men sometimes you may spend just ten or fifteen minutes on certain things, when you may need to spend not just ten or fifteen minutes at that particular time but, maybe, about two hours. But if you go to speak directly to men for two hours on things that relate to men, you will find out women are going to sit down there and feel left out. Then you may need to speak on things to the women and it may not even relate to the men or children. Then you're dealing with problems with children and, you know, parents may sit back and they may realize, well look, you know, that doesn't really relate to them. It may help them in ways to help deal with the children; but then, sometimes, they come in a service expecting to receive things that pertain, maybe, directly to them.

Because of having to deal with things in that kind of manner you find that, many a time, the development and the things that need to be cultivated... And sometimes, you have problems that need immediate attention, where you need that kind of focus directly, you know, to deal with certain things that can help the people and strengthen them, and you find you don't give it the attention it deserves, and you find that many times those things linger. And when they linger, even though they are being spoken of, sometimes a person needs to ask questions; sometimes a person needs to get things clarified.

Sometimes a person comes in a service and they hear something being touched, but they are not spiritually built up. They... they don't have the measure of the Spirit to search the Word themselves, taking the cue, or receiving, maybe, some insight from the Word to go back and search it out for themselves. They lack that, many times. So they sit there, and they feel that they still have unanswered questions, that their situation was not dealt with.

Sometimes you can deal with things on personal interviews. And when you do things on personal interviews, then sometimes, other people have the same situation, but they don't seek a personal interview. So you eliminate part of the problem, and part of the problem still exists. Sometimes you deal with something in an open service like this and then different people from different sides who have a similar problem, each one gets their own answer. So, that is why it is necessary sometimes to break up the service, and not just have a general type of service, but have services where you can deal with certain specific areas.

Sometimes in your own home you have to deal with sin in the family. Jacob had to deal with sin in the family. Joshua had to deal with sin in Israel, you know. Jesus had to deal with sin among the disciples. And you have different things like that in the Scriptures. Moses had to deal with sin in his own family. And when those things came you find that, sometimes, if it is something that just relates directly to an individual or couple individuals, then you can deal with that specifically, privately.

But then, sometimes, there are things that are necessary for the body. And sometimes, even though something happens between two individuals, it is not necessarily to be isolated from the rest of the body, it directly relates to the entire body because of the lesson that is involved in it. That's why when you read the Bible, you read something about Jacob's family. It didn't happen to all Israel, it happened to Jacob's family. You read about something that happened to an individual in Israel. It didn't happen to the whole nation, but it is all put in the Bible there. Why? Because those things have spiritual applications and lessons that need to be taught to everyone.

And so, you find that because our interest and our desire is not just to congregate people, we don't just want to say we have church here, we have a congregation that gather, so we come ever

so often and we try to have services and we give the people a place to come to church so they can keep their religion and have it institutionalized. We don't think of Christianity that way. We think of a Church, a body of believers, predestinated, called by God, God revealing their purpose to them. As that Church begins to become established...

The church is made up of families. The church is made up of individuals. If we go to break it down here tonight, just in the couple's meeting, look how much of you are here, look at how much haven't come to the meeting because they are an individual. Some don't live with their parents. Some people, they live with their parents, but their parents are unbelievers. Some people, you know, their family are believers. Sometimes you have a woman, she is a believer, her husband is not a believer. You have a single parent. So the congregation is made up of different ones. Then you have a number of families that come together. Well, when you have a number of families like that and...

You see, we speak of church as a local assembly. We don't many times break down the different categories of individuals that make up the assembly. For instance, when we have to build a building, as we are doing now, we don't get everybody here coming to get involved in that physical way. Some get involved by praying, some get involved by giving an offering, some get involved by coming to do the manual work themselves. Some get involved by, maybe, making a meal or something. And you find that in different ways different ones get involved.

So you realize the church is made up of a diversity of categories of individuals, families. And also it is made up of different types of spiritual resources, different types of gifts and abilities that God gives people. Yet, together we are a body, and when we speak of ourselves as a body collectively, God has a definite purpose for us. So when you get a family, let us say, weak, you have a weak church. There is no way you could have a church made up of families, and the families are weak, not united, and expect the church to be united. It is impossible.

Because, how could a man or a woman come and pray for something in the house of God when they and their own spouse, that are supposed to be believers, are not in agreement? Their prayers will be hindered. And they are heirs of the grace of life. 1st

Peter Chapter 3: verse 7, tells us that. So, right away you have division in the church. Not in the sense of division like, this one believes *'this'* doctrine and *'that'* one believes *'that'* doctrine and *'this'* one doesn't believe the prophet and *'that'* one believes the prophet. But you have divisions now, in that they are not in harmony. They have contention, they have strife in the home.

Well, when you come to church you try to shut that out. Or you come with your family. But when you have a family unit, they come to church and sit down there, and the family unit is not in sweetness and harmony with each other, then it's people occupying a space in the chairs in the congregation, but yet they are still in disharmony. And so, the church is still in a weak condition.

If people from the outside coming in among this people, this body of believers called the church, the *ecclesia*, the local gathering that is called out from the world and have been given the Message, and they come in among you for deliverance, to receive the Holy Spirit, and we say, "okay, you all go and help these people, talk to these people and help them," and we are in that state, we cannot give them deliverance that we don't have. We have to be in the condition first.

If we say, "Okay, go with that family and sit down with them at home. They will talk to you about the Word and get you established." From the time they go into that home and see that family, and they realize, "Hey, they might have the Truth and the books and the tapes but, hey, I don't want to be like them. That's what I am trying to come out from." Then that's the church, whether it is home or whether it's in this building. That's the church.

So services like these are so important because we can begin to find the places in the homes, in the families, and get the family unit to a place, as for you and your household, you shall be saved. And each man who is the head of his household... And we have been having services with the men, all of last year alone because it was like a meeting of heads. They are all heads in their own home, a leader in their own right. Young men who are unmarried are potential leaders.

And so you find that we would come together and discuss. And then in an atmosphere like that, they can understand things about the church, they can understand things about headship, they can

understand things about choosing a wife, they can understand things about responsibility in the house of God. They can understand the doctrines of the Message of the hour, where they can become a real Christian, a witness, a worker in the assembly, a witness of Jesus Christ. And so we realize then that the church in many ways can become strengthened.

Now here we decided to incorporate the women because we know that the woman is the backbone – motherhood is the backbone of the world. And the world is made up of nations. So then motherhood of a nation becomes the backbone of the nation. Then, a nation is made up of families, then motherhood becomes the backbone in a family. Then, family is a home, then motherhood becomes the backbone in a home. Well, sometimes, if motherhood is broken, when motherhood is broken, the world begins to fall apart. Then the nations begin to fall apart, then the home begins to fall apart. And if a church is only a representation of a collective number of homes, then the church itself begins to fall apart, because the natural woman, in the condition she's in, reflects the spiritual condition that the church is in.

So, right away, you realize it's so identified in the Word, you cannot get away from it, you cannot disassociate it. You cannot try to be a Christian and say, "Well, I believe the Message," with a superficial type of concept of what Christianity is and yet at the same time live anyhow at home, have a very dim view of what your calling is as a father and a mother, as a husband and a wife, and what the marriage relationship is supposed to be, and be a good Christian. There's no way. It's impossible. Does that make sense? That makes sense.

Now, I am using this first service to try to give you a little background as to what these services will be like, why it is needed, what we are trying to accomplish in them. And the reason we are trying to take the approach we are taking is that we don't get to bring it like a preaching type of service, but we can cover certain areas and fellowship, and then have room that, in certain services where it is necessary... And it would be absolutely necessary, but we will have to pick the time and we will have to pick the services and will have to relate to certain subjects where we would invite questions. Speak for a certain time of the service and then allow

another part of the service for questions. And it's the type of services we are going to start something and then pick it up.

And to try to make it easy for the congregation, we would not try to make it every week because it will be difficult for you. And then we'll just have young people that can't attend; and then they are the ones that need to be under the influence of the Word to a certain measure, because even while mothers are in their homes, taking care of the home, many of them are out there under that pressure and they need the Word. And then, we had a measure of the services directed to the young people, that were allocated mostly when they had vacation time, But vacation time is when they're away from the pressure and they are home. It is like a rest from the pressure where they kind of get built back up to go back to meet the pressure.

But it is while they are under the constant pressure they need to be under the Word at intervals, so when the pressures come, the temptations come, the testing comes, they could be hearing Word relevant to the things that they are facing and having to deal with, it so they'll be able to keep overcoming and keep under the Word that can fortify them, and protect them, and help them to overcome on a daily basis. Could that be appreciated? Amen.

So you see, we see the time running out, we see the need for these things. And all of this is just within the local assembly. And, you know building that building and then the things that we have our sights on, a big part of our focus at this present time is the work in the Caribbean. And that type of work, seeing it is now developing and is in a weak stage, Satan will like to really clamp down on that. And we ourselves are still in an inadequate condition to deal with it effectively because we don't have the manpower, we don't have the expertise in certain areas to deal with it, so there is a lot of it still having to come through trial and error, and getting delivered ourselves, to deliver others.

So since that is such a big part of it, then it means to say internally, then, we realize there are many areas that need refining, cultivating and really developing in a greater way to strengthen the body here. Because it's out of the body internally, that determines the type and quality of influence we exert on the outside, how we affect others on the outside. Is that right? Amen.

So these are areas, sometimes, when you are in an assembly and you begin to understand what the local assembly is all about, why God ordained something like a local assembly, why you become a part of a local assembly, why the Bible says *don't forsake the assembling of yourself, much more as you see the day approaching*, and that whether God brings it down to show you that there will be many things dealt with, not just in the church building, but if two or three gather together. So whether you gather in your home or whether you gather anywhere, 'where two or three are gathered together,' and 'if two or three shall agree as to touching anything, it shall be done'.

So God wanted us to know it is not just a public gathering here, when a lot of people are gathered together, the Church has power. The Church has power because God is the head of His church. And the Church, God sees it as that, whether there are two or three in a certain place, or whether there is a whole multitude gathered on a certain day in a certain place. So we certainly would like to grasp that. We certainly would like to see that clearly. We certainly will like to feel that and enter into that as a developing church.

You know, we talk about developing nations. The Third World are developing nations. They don't have infrastructures in place yet. They need a lot of foreign assistance. They need a lot of foreign investment. They need more established nations to come in and help them with technology, with professionals, with expertise, showing them how to do things and to get the infrastructure in place, get the thing operative. Well, when you are a developing church, you realize 'developing church' means families need to be developed.

Sometimes others get their land, like Caleb. Caleb had children, but he got his land. When he got his mountain, his daughter now was coming to be married, and he, because of what he had possessed, was able to give her something. Family that was now coming up, which was still yet very much undeveloped, to him who had already raised his children, came into his place in Christ, he could even give her out of what he had possessed. Is that the Bible? That's the Bible. Even when Eliezer was going to choose a bride, look how he prayed. Look how he understood the type of wife that was needed for that young man.

Look at Caleb, when he was going to take that city, look at what he did. Because there were so many men interested in that girl, he wanted to show that if that girl was to be protected, if that girl was going to be assisted by her husband and she's unsure of the right one... The right one is the one who is willing to risk his life and jeopardize his life and lay down his life for her, as Christ laid down His life for the Church. So he said, 'Any man take that city and scale that wall and do this, would get this girl'.

I always say, if that girl couldn't cook or wash or iron, or was knock-kneed or bow-legged or cross-eyed, no man ain't going to scale a wall and put his life in danger. But when they looked at the girl and they realized the character of the girl, the quality of the girl, brother, they were willing to lay down their life for that. And Othniel, 'lion of God', a type of Christ, the Lion of Judah, is from Judah; you know he went out there and he did that and he got the bride. So you realize then, God has ways to do things.

And when we as a church are developing, then there are areas that we have to focus our attention upon, because Satan doesn't take long to exploit the weak areas in a nation, the weak areas in a church, the weak areas in a family, the weak areas in an individual's life. He doesn't take long to find out that. Hey, he destroyed the first family. He destroyed the first church; He destroyed the first individual. He did it, so he has expertise. Because, remember, one man is a miniature world. God started the world with one man.

The Word is forever settled in heaven. God never thought a new thought. So when God had one man, all God's Word was already expressed; all God's will was already determined, because God never thought a new thought. So that one man in the garden of Eden had to live by all that Word, because a family is just a man multiplied, and God give him a wife for reproduction, for multiplication. Is that right? (Congregation says Amen). And then the world became what? A multiplication of individuals. It's what the world is today. So when you miss these things, many times, you know, it is difficult to find the root of your problems and especially to focus in the areas where real help is going to come.

So tonight I want to speak of, in this beginning of this little series here, reading out of St. Matthew 19, **The First Couple And Their Mystery**. And as we read there, Jesus invited them to go

back to the beginning, so I want to take for a little subject: *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer*. Because if we have to grasp the true revelation of the marriage institution... because the reason that we were married is because we desired a family, we desired a mate, a companion. And God responded to that desire by providing a mate for you and putting you in a marriage covenant. And it was God's expression to you that He was giving you something after He gave you salvation, the next best thing that He could give you. But that next best thing God give to you is going to help you come into a true understanding of God's love for us.

Now listen to me closely. So if we have to catch this revelation. Here we are gathered to focus on couples and so on, and if we have to come to say anything to the family, and the families here don't have an idea, a true concept of what the first family was expressed for, what God wanted to reveal through them... Does God work according to the pattern? Is the first church the pattern for every other church? Is the first messenger a pattern for every other messenger? Is the first couple a pattern for every other couple? Sure. Is God's first thought His perfect thought?

So if we have to know what God's thought was and come into fellowship with it, we must look and see what He did the first time. Is that right? Perfect. So that's the first thing. Let's grasp that. Let's all grasp that. Let's all grasp the fact that if you are looking for a happy home, you have to find the first home that God established. If you're looking for a happy couple, you have to find the first couple that God made, how He dealt with them. Is that right? If you have to find the first messenger that God used, to know the other one that is going to come behind, you have to see how God used him, what was the identification of his life, how God prepared him and sent him.

If you want to see the first church that God used, that came to such a high standard where sin couldn't stand in it, you have to see how those men carried out that church; what God did in that church. Is that right? And you work from that. Because the reason all those things were put in the Bible, it was put that we might know what the original is; because the only way you can truly get a hold of God's will is to find the original.

So we all would like to build strong homes. That is what we are talking about tonight: build a true house, a household of family members. Your house. Like Jesus was the Prince of the house of David. David had a house and in David's house God made a covenant with David. Is that right? (Congregation says, Amen). And God said there will always be a lamp in David's house, the lamp would never go out. There will always be a member there to keep the true principles of God alive, that God could come to that house. God made an eternal covenant with David. That's a wonderful thing to think of.

You know that if we are part of the Bride, we have come into something like that, that those things were examples. You know if you are a truly predestinated seed of God... God gives you a mate... And I trust we don't have people here who say, "Well I don't have the right one, I will get the right one on the next side." I pray thee tell me how you don't have the right one? I surely would like to sit down and talk with you and hear how you don't have the right one. God give you the right Message, put you in the right Church, put you under the right Ministry, put you under all the right Things, and give you the wrong mate? Why didn't God just give you the right mate and give you the wrong Message? Is that right? Sure. You see, sometimes people... and your minds could get bent out of shape. But watch God, to see His love for us, to see His thoughts concerning us. That true concept of this marriage... Because you see, it was union first and then multiplication.

Like I was preaching in a little wedding there for Bro. Wayne's daughter recently, and, you know, she had children before she got married. And I was showing in the wedding it was marriage first and then multiplication second. Not multiplication and then marriage; marriage first, then multiplication. And when you break that... you see, because she was wife before she was even bride, and that is wrong. She's coming into the thing the wrong way.

God laid out the order to come into it. "I will make him a help. I will make the right kind of help for him." In other words, God says, "Am I qualified to make him the right help? Was I qualified to make him? Was I qualified to make the home that he was going to live in? Am I qualified to be his God and his example? Am I qualified to make him the right mate that is going to be a protection and a help to him?"

Who could be more qualified than God? Amen? And God didn't leave no man to provide these things, because God wanted to show that He is the one who provides those things. Man cannot provide these things for people. These things... Just like many men could baptize with water, but there is only One who could baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire. There are certain things God leaves for Himself alone. And so when you begin to understand those things you'll realize God reserved that right for Himself. That is why He said, "What I join, not man could put asunder." See?

And here we are going to see how Jesus, in His response... This little Scripture we read here is so powerful and it has everything in it to tie the Bible together on that. You know why? Because that was Jesus Himself speaking that. And the Words He was speaking, that's the only place we really get Him speaking... He made one or two statements, you know, in Matthew 5 verse 32, "except a man," you know, "if a man put away his wife, except for fornication, he causes her to commit adultery." And that is just one verse there. But where He is speaking something on the matter; where He is asked the question or where He is answering the question, and where He is going back to the beginning bringing a teaching on the thing, "And what I say unto you, and Moses said *this*," and tying what Moses said and the Scripture and what God did in the beginning, and what was happening now at that junction and bring it together and then show the picture; that is the place here in the Bible.

That's why when He came back *in* human flesh... And hear how I'm saying that. Sometimes I say those things and you don't get it. It was Jesus who taught it, coming back veiled *in* human flesh, to give the revelation from the teaching. It is He solving the problem, because the marriage is a mystery of Him and His Bride. So when He goes there, He goes there to teach marriage and divorce. And marriage was for what? For the family. That was the first couple. The marriage institution brought the first couple together. The marriage covenant married them and gave them the promise to multiply, to raise a family. Is that right? Established the first home.

And so, when we look at that, we realize if we fail to see that origin, then what happens? We don't get the true concept. And

when we don't get the true concept, we do not have the true foundation upon which the true relationship is to be built. Is that clear? (Congregation says, Amen). You cannot build a true marriage relationship without seeing the first marriage. You cannot fail to see the circumstances that brought about the introduction of the marriage institution and the marriage covenant and expect to go forth and live out the mystery of a marriage. It's impossible! You have to work with your original. Amen.

What makes you see God in your own life? He's unchanging, so what He did in the beginning, He must keep on doing that same thing. And when you see that same God work the same way in your life, then you realize that you are a son of God too. Because God can't deal with one son of God, the first son of God, and deal with a next son of God different on the same thing that He did with the first son of God. Could God do that? These are the principles that nail this thing down.

Jesus told them what? 'It was not so from the...' (Congregation says,) 'beginning'. How did He start to answer the question? He went back to the beginning! Why did He do that? Because those people were trying to give a concept as though God had changed. And Jesus was saying, "God cannot change. You're quoting Moses; you have to go to Genesis, not Moses. You have to go to Genesis." He's telling them, "you're quoting that, but you have to go to Genesis to start to get... That is why your concept's wrong. It's because your concept is wrong you're messed up and that's why you're in the condition you're in." That is what He was doing. That's why He made the statement, "It was not so from the beginning." He showed to them, in other words, like He told Nicodemus, "Art thou a teacher and you don't know this?"

To find the truth, you have to get to the beginning. Because when you don't get the beginning, you get something after the fall in a perverted form. You are not seeing the thing in its original form, and because you're not seeing the thing in its original form, there is no restoration. Do you know that? Do you know the value of this Message, it came and took us back to all the true... Spoken Words, the original seed took us back to the beginning?

That's why there could be restoration. You don't know that to restore you have to see what was there in the beginning before it could be restored? Do you know why reformation was not

restoration? Because none of them could take them back to the beginning. That's why *a prophet* was needed and not *a reformer*, because a prophet went back to the beginning and before the beginning, and then brought it to us and established it in us, so now we could go past the reformer age and get back to what was there in the beginning. Amen. If we didn't have a restoration message we would not be like the apostles tonight. We would not be able to go in the Rapture. Is that clear to you?

And if marriage was the first thing, then the truth of marriage and divorce, the truth of the family and all these things couldn't really come in its fullness until this hour. Is that clear to you? Now watch where that takes you, now. Look where that takes you. I wonder if somebody could catch that already? That means God put you in the age when the *truth of the marriage covenant* and the *mystery of the marriage* and the *marriage of the Lamb* is taking place, and gives you a wife. Could you catch that grace, and yet at the same time, catch that responsibility? That can't be too deep for sons of God. That cannot be too deep for Christians with the Holy Ghost, could it? Can't be. Otherwise you would have lived with a reformer concept of what marriage was.

How many knows that was unveiled under the mysteries of the Thunders? Serpent's seed, Marriage and Divorce, all these things, had to do with the original sin and why the Redeemer had to come. And it had to do with in the last days why He can't marry an organization. He had to get a virgin bride with a virgin womb, to rectify that thing. And before He could have a future home He must get a bride, He must have a family. Is that right? He isn't going to live in a future home by Himself! So do you realize how He's taking the Bride in this age, how He's going to the marriage supper, how He's going to the honeymoon, how He's going to the future home? Do you realize how those things are unfolding now? Can you see it? If you can't, we have to help you see it. And for us who are seeing it, we want to see it clearer, to live under it, because this is the hour He put us in.

Yet we read and see people in this hour, marriages that looked so good, that came through the reformer concept of marriage, we live in an age where nine out of ten marriages end up in divorce courts. Because now that the pressure gets greater, people who married under reformation, their marriages are breaking up. Why?

They married with the wrong concept. They're trying to live the mystery of the marriage without the revelation to keep giving the marriage the strength the marriage needs in these volatile times that we live in, when everything is falling apart; in this time of pressure when everything that is not original will break under the pressure.

How many knows in, *Letting Off The Pressure*, he revealed if the thing didn't start right, if it wasn't originally a Weatherbee Magnum, if you just tried to convert it into something else... There is a pressure in this age, this is the pressure age. This is the blow up age. This is the age only original comes out. "To him that overcometh." Only original overcomes. You're getting that?

Can we appreciate the need for these kinds of services? Not just that we appreciate the need, but can we see if God can strengthen our revelation by making it clearer, by giving us a greater measure of the Holy Spirit, He will do something; He will empower and strengthen our lives to live in the quality that many of us talk the Message. Now, many of us could talk it, you know, but it is easier to talk it than to live it. We're experienced and we know that. To translate what we know now into a operative life, is where the challenge is. And many of us see the weakness in there, that under that pressure, things that we know we ought to do and how we ought to stand, we find it difficult.

And we want to be honest, because here, this meeting is not to pull down people. This meeting is to say, "Lord Jesus, here we are, we want to be better. Lord, we see the need for it. We see that will strengthen Your church. We want to rise up, we are weak, we have made mistakes. We have done things wrong. We have failed in certain places. But we don't want to roll over and die; we don't want the devil to go laughing, having the victory. Lord, help us to rise. Help us to take a hold of these things. All that the devil took from us, let us take it back, Lord. Let us be able to defend it and keep it, and take more. We want to move into that kind of place. And when we can move in that kind of place..."

Now, these services, I have them designated for a certain time, so regardless of how it is, unless I feel it is unbearable and get convicted by the Holy Spirit. Other than that I want to stop it so you could go home early, because I know I am asking you to make this sacrifice and I don't want you to... It's no sense I try to give

you so much in one meeting, just for more revelation. We are trying to deal specifically with a need at this time. When we create that atmosphere, we get that feeling, we get there. If we get right in there, we can have questions, or a little prayer in that channel or we can meditate on those things, take it in our hearts, go home under the effects of it, we know that this is the way it is going to profit us and benefit us. We don't want to get carried away with enthusiasm.

I have been preaching this for twenty-something years already and we realize these type of things are long overdue. So we don't want to ruin what God wants to do for us, by just coming to get over enthused and just make it a big, you know, kind of revival type of business, that we get emotional about it and so on. We want to ponder these things, take it into our hearts, work with these things and let our life just get that much deeper in Christ. Okay.

So that is the foundation upon which to build that home. That true home that He's going to be glorified in cannot begin unless that concept of that original comes to us clearly and we see it and we know what His first thought was. When we know what His first thought was, we want to work with that. In other words, if I could know how God wanted Adam to treat Eve, I've got it, as a man. If Eve knows why God gave her to Adam, she got it. Amen? If God's mystery, that He was letting out slowly in shadow and type, breaks to us to take us from that state to see what Christ and the Church is going to be, then we'll have it at an individual level, as individuals, and then we are going to have it on a church level, as the Church reflecting Christ; Christ's bride. Then we will be in step. Won't that be it? Sure. So since those things are lined up in the Word a certain way and if we get it lined up, we can work with it. See? That is why we want to come to it soberly, sanely, intelligently and leave right in the Word. Because you see, we have problems in areas.

Like they say, "Pressure does bust pipe." You get something in your home go wrong, you will call in a plumber. Is that right? If it is your pipe, you don't need a carpenter, you need a plumber. When the plumber comes, he knows how to deal with that problem. You blow a fuse or something, your wire begins to spark and something happens, you are going to get the electrician, because it's going to take knowing the law to work there, to solve the problem. You are not going through a lot of expense...

A next man gets zealous, might cost you a lot of expense and by the time you haven't stopped the problem. He might have interfered with things that make the matter worse. So with these things, we have to know what we're talking about. We have to know just how much left and how much right. Marriage and divorce means not south-east or north-east. He says; it is like looking for something in a field. He says, and if that thing is directly east, you could go south-east or north-east, but you are going to pass that thing you're looking for straight.

You see, now that's what happened with these denominations that came from the reformer age. Since they weren't looking at the original from the beginning... no reformer took them back to the beginning. But when the Son of man came. He had to go back to the beginning, because the Son of man was the one in the beginning come back, shall be revealed again, the first and the last. Then he says, "These had scripture, they went off. These had some scripture, they went off too." He said, "What we want is directly east." And you can't find directly east until you find the beginning, because the beginning was directly east.

When God dropped down with Moses and them there it begin to go south-east, north-east, because it was getting into the permissive will...It was getting from one man and one woman; then it went into polygamy and all these different things. See? And when they begin to get there, concubines, different wives and so on, it got into the animal realm. It struck all human race, all nature, showing it was the result of sin, because man and the creation were tied. When God took man from the earth, He tied man to the earth. When man fell, the earth fell. When man is redeemed, the earth is to be redeemed. The same plan of redemption redeems the man and the earth, because they're linked together.

That is why, when the Lamb took the book, they sang, "We shall reign as kings and priests." Where? On the earth. It's tied together. The bondage of corruption, the earth will be loosed from it, and be delivered back into the glorious liberty of the sons of God when they come into manifestation. Is that the Bible? Sure. Comes right back, ties together.

So your home occupies a little part of the earth. Is that right? My home occupies a little part of the earth. We are all placed on the earth. We may not be able to change the whole earth, but

where we are and where God has given us dominion and where He has placed us, we can have our measure in the place where God has placed us. And we can live in that measure. But we find many of us in this Message, walking in this Message, do not realize what, and all of what, constitutes this Message. You see, this Message is not just, “Bro. Branham is the prophet, denomination false; we coming...” No, no, no. All of this, this is the core of the Message.

If, at the end of the Message, you can't live good with your wife, you don't have dominion in your home, you don't have these things, hey, you're not in the Message yet. What is the evidence of the redemption? What is the evidence of the Holy Ghost coming back to give you authority and power and these things? What is the evidence of the fellowship and the mystery of Christ and the Church? What is the evidence of the oneness? Because what was lost? Adam's home got broken up. Before the fall he had it in his home, in his life, in the place where God placed him. He enjoyed it. God came down in that home. God walked with them, God talked with them, God came down in that church. It was a family, it was a church, it was a kingdom, It was all three in one.

Don't you know your home is a kingdom? (Congregation says, Amen.) You are the king in your own home. Don't you know your wife is a queen? Now with the lack of that revelation, a man can't treat his wife like a queen. Lack of that revelation, a woman can't treat her husband like a king, because he doesn't see her as no queen, she doesn't see him as no king. Lack of that revelation, man cannot stand up and take authority, and pray in his home, and intercede for his wife and children because he does not see himself as a priest. Yet the Word says he is the priest of his house. How could we have this Message, how could we have these Seven Seals and Seven Thunders and you don't have those things? Can it be? Now, think closely. It cannot be.

This is reality, this is substance. That's why it's not conventions. That's why it's not a bunch of people jumping around together to make them shout and say, that's the revival. It's not that. It's these things. A man living there, walking there, he and his wife, his children, olive plants around his table, his wife like a fruitful vine by the sides of the wall. But we sit down here and people want power to clean up hospitals, when God wants to give

us things to clean up our lives and clean up our homes. Because the Token is for the household first.

We have to prove to the believer and the unbeliever and let the denominations know we have the Truth, and God wants us to deal with our own lives and our own home. And we're not interested in that at all, because we think that we can be a great Christian, mightily used of God, and have a bad testimony at home. Isn't that deception? Lift your hands with me if you believe that's deception, let me see. Sure it is. I have about fifteen texts there already that God gave me on some of those things. 'Your desire shall be to your husband that your prayers be not hindered. Submitting yourself to one another in the fear of God.' See?

Marrying a person that you made hell for on earth. Remember what Bro. Branham said. He said, "I would never advise that man to marry that woman until he get the Holy Ghost. He'll make hell for her on earth." Well, a lot of people didn't get that advice, and some people refused that advice and they did exactly that. They made hell for somebody on earth. They don't have to go to hell. When they hear hell is being created on the earth, they could say, "Amen". Because they're talking from personal experience, firsthand knowledge.

Taking sides in the family. Could you imagine a woman appointed to be a bride for a man, Isaac and Rebeccah, two people in love, led by Eliezer, led by the Angel, the prayer was fulfilled, everything, get the bride character... You read that in the story. She liked one and the husband liked the other child, but for their own personal reasons. And those two children ended up in war against each other, because they grew knowing that each, father had his favourite and mother had her favourite. So though they might be a good type of the Bride and Christ, they needed to go a little deeper in the revelation.

They were not as good parents as they make a good-looking couple in a wedding. They waited twenty years for a child, and God gave them two. They seemed so patient. Through intercession of the husband the children came, but look how they tried to raise them. After they bore them they didn't know how to raise them; and they found out that childbearing and child raising are two different things, too. See?

Quite a lot of the subjects that we are going to try to cover are to help build some of the places and strengthen some. We don't know how much it is going to do, but you know when the Word falls into deep, rich faith, when a heart and a spirit becomes submissive to the Word, we know what that can do. And when people take the Word and mix it with faith, we know what that can do also. And when people submit themselves to correction, we know what it does to them also.

So it is going to depend a lot upon the people's attitude to the Message. Did the prophet say that too? Sure. You see, how you take this and how you're looking at this, you must work with that original, that first foundation, because, before we can know how to apply these principles in our lives, in our homes, we must go back to the beginning. See? What's the use of people getting marriage principles, you getting family principles, you getting these principles in the Word? Just like healing principles. Everything has its own principles, everything has its own way. He says, "You want to see someone get the Holy Ghost? Get the Scriptures that pertain to it, preach it, create an atmosphere, it sets the heart and mind. You want to see people get healed? Get the Scriptures for that, create an atmosphere." You want to see families get closer? Get the Scriptures for that, create a atmosphere for it, set the mind in that channel and then begin to work in it.

You see, God comes and takes the Word and opens up something to you to give you access to it, to come into it. But then you have to know now, how to take it from there and continue to work with it. And the thing is, you have to always admit the Word is right and could never be wrong. Especially when you read it in black-and-white out of the Bible. You can't exalt your knowledge above the Word. You submit to the Word because the Word is Christ and Christ is our Head. See? And then that Word works in us and then we see the results of It.

We don't have to have fear. You see, sometimes people have fear. Sometimes people sit down there and find, "You're taking up for my husband." Sometimes the husband says, "You're taking up for the wife." Why? What is causing that? Not the person, no. Not the minister. They have fear. They have not submitted to God's Word. They are afraid to give up and surrender to the Word. They are afraid to lose something. If they realize that God is love

and God is interested in them, and that God could love them more than they could love their own selves, and God knows what is best for them more than they know for their own self, they would submit to the Word. And they are going to see progress, they are going to see the Word is a seed and when the Word goes into a heart, the Word will produce Itself. And the life of the Word, and the relationship of the Word, and the courage and the faith of the Word, and the service and the humility of the Word will start to come out in them. And they will become the written epistle read of all men. Amen. So look at it here.

Jesus here now, was seeing... Want to keep my eye on that clock. Jesus was seeing the condition that generations of false teaching had brought the people into. Because in Mark 7 what did He tell them? He said, "You have made the Word of God of no effect." He said, "you all preach in the Sadducees church. You preach in the Pharisees church. The Sanhedrins gather together and they're preaching, discussing the Scriptures." He says, "And all of you have it wrong." He says, "Look, you're crossing land and sea, and you're making a twofold child of hell." What was Jesus doing? He said, "Look at you all sit down, you all want the uppermost seat in the synagogue." He said, "Look at you all, you all go in a certain place there and you're honouring one another above honouring God." What was He doing?

He said, "look at some of you all." He says, "outside is whitened sepulchres, inside full of dead men bones; ravening wolves, you devour widow's houses." What was He doing? He was showing them the condition that the church-world had deteriorated into because of killing the effect of the Word with their traditions, with their creeds and dogmas. And when the Word was diluted and weakened, the Word lacked the power that the people needed to face the challenge of the hour. So instead of they being able to live with dominion over the world, the pressure of the world had conformed them to a double standard, because those people didn't know they were teaching wrong.

I'm taking a little inspiration from a message, *It Wasn't So From The Beginning*, 1959. Here is what it says. "Now Jesus, when He came on earth here to make His earthly visit for the purpose of redeeming that which God had foreordained, He found teachers in those days teaching things that wasn't truth." I wonder

if He wouldn't find some of the same things going on today that wasn't truth? "And the reason I have chosen this certain text, *It Wasn't So From The Beginning*, is because we would have to go back to the beginning to find out what the real truth of it is. Everything that we have on earth today, (there is nothing new) started in Genesis. Genesis is the seed chapter."

Genesis is the book of beginnings. Solomon said, "*There is nothing new under the sun.*" Everything we have on the earth today...

"Now catch those thoughts, those are deep thoughts. Everything we have on the earth today... We have a perverted family, a broken family – we can go back in Genesis and find where family life get perverted. We have a true family – we could go back in Genesis and find where there is a true family. You will always find the true family under the headship of God. God made man in His image and likeness, and He made the woman for the man. And you will go back to Genesis and you will find out that's how He did it. And you will find the man under the headship of Christ and the woman under the headship of the man. And you are going to see a perfect continuity. And when you find a broken home, you are going to find those elements missing."

In other words, you cannot find a broken home with the woman under the headship of the husband and the husband under the headship of Christ. You cannot find a broken home there. You get what I'm saying?

You say, "That can't be true because my wife is submissive to me and I am submissive to Christ, but my home is broken." You think it would have such a thing in the Bible? When you come down to these things, these are simple, simple things, you know, but the thing is, it goes over the top of them. It is so simple they miss the depth of it. In the simplicity there's a depth of it. So then if...

The broken home would mean somewhere the wife and the husband disconnect, or the husband and wife disconnect from God, or the husband disconnects from God. You understand what I'm saying? God cannot be the head of that man and the man be the head of that woman and things go wrong there, because no man could come back to that outside of the original vision, and Christ, by this Message, bringing them back there. A man might feel he is

there. He might say, “my wife is submissive to me,” because what does he tell her?

Like I heard a brother – Bro. Hilderbrandt, I think it was – when I was in Africa, giving a statement of some story that he had heard, where this husband and this wife when they got married... He says, “For thirty years we’ve been married and never had no problems.” Said, “Wow! What is your recipe?” He says, “Well, my wife and I decided that I would make all the major decisions and she will make all the minor decisions.” He said, “and for thirty years, no major decisions have come up.” It’s a nice way to say she is running the show, that she is better equipped and more in charge than him. So you see, you get things like that, and some people call that the oneness. When we look here in the Word we see what it is really like.

And the thing is, one of the first things that hinders people with those things is, that they think they’re going to lose some joy or they are now going... “Now I’m going to get under pressure,” or “Now life will be hard for me,” or “now I am going to be under a nervous strain to put up with these things now, to have to live out that Word.” No, no, no. Now you are going to enter into joy; now you’re going to have more of God in your life; now things are going to get under control.

Now God will show that you are willing to trust Him and put Him first. Now you are going to start seeing God move in a way you have never seen Him move before, because now you’re getting out of the way and letting God get in. Now you begin to co-operate with the Word. Now you recognise the Truth and you begin to act upon It, watch the miracle take place. It’s now you are going to see the supernatural start to come down in your home and your life. It’s now you are going to see it. It’s now you are going to show God either He keep His thing, because you are going to co-operate with Him.

You see, you’re not giving in to your husband, you know, or giving in to something – you’re co-operating with God, because God didn’t put you in a marriage to be dominated and be used and manipulated and exploited by a man. God didn’t put you in marriage for that. A man could get away from God and that comes in, but the thing is, that... Why did the Bible say that, “wives with your chaste conduct, coupled with fear, have saved your own

unsaved husbands?" Why did the Bible say that? It shows you God has to stay in obligation to what He says or He is not God.

And it shows you real faith will stay with that Word, and let God see. And if you are willing to stay with His Word, how much more He is willing to stay with His own Word? That's a great thing. That's where faith comes in the Word, now. That's not where reasoning stands up and battles the Word and says, "Well, I can't do that." No, no, no. I am not talking about submitting to real vulgarity. I am not talking about that. I'm talking, you know, about where sometimes it's in a difficult situation, and sometimes you have to bear a little pain, you have to bear a little suffering.

People want redemption without suffering. Could you redeem a husband, or redeem a wife, or redeem children without suffering, without pain? Could Jesus redeem us without those things? Isn't an intercessor touched with the feelings of the infirmities of the person? Doesn't the iniquity of them have to be laid upon you, have to pay the price so that you can stand in their place in order to be a kinsman? This is not psychology. That's what the Holy Ghost is given for – to make you a co-worker, giving God more machinery. Same amount of Spirit, but more machinery, that the nature and life of the Holy Spirit can be expressed and worked through us to bring these things to pass. That is what it is.

So we have to go back to the beginning for these things. So we'll have to look at Genesis. We'll have to look and see how the home evolved, how the home fell, cause every home falls the same way. Is the tree of knowledge of good and evil set before every human being that comes on the earth? Is death coming still today by eating of the wrong tree, the mixed tree? No man dies without eating from that mixed tree. That's why God has your record blank until you get to twelve, so when you come to the age of accountability it's there before you. Choose this day whom you'll serve, now. So when you choose to walk away on your own, independent from God, you are actually taking from the wrong tree. You're doing the same thing, because He said, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." You see, it is put before every person. And nothing is attributed to you until you make decisions.

That is why man is a free moral agent. That is why you are being trained up in the way of the Lord; when you get old, when

you get to maturity, you will not depart from it. Why? Because there is a time when you will be put on your own and will become responsible for your own actions. And your actions are a reflection of your decisions. And then your decisions, your choice, are going to reflect what kind of influence is upon your life and what you respond to. What kind of nature you possess. That is what it is going to be. And that is why in everything... When a man is choosing a wife, that's a choice. He cannot choose a 'sex queen' or look for something like that, and then expect that would be a certain way.

These things, when we find in the beginning how those things are really laid out... *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer*. Jesus sent them back, and that's where we are going back ourselves for the true Scriptural answer. And that is where we are going to find the answer to all our questions and the solution to all our problems. And the thing will be, now, whether we would apply it with faith and confidence in the areas that are weak, and whether we are going to cultivate these things to see the improvement. Because when God puts the tools and make it accessible to you and gives you what you have need of, then you'll have to take it and use it, to come out of your circumstance.

See, that's why the Word say we can't neglect things like that, because God's not going to come, and you're just going to sit there and don't have anything to do with it. He gives it to you so you're going to act upon it, and when you act upon it, you're going to start to see the thing becoming effective. And you're going to apply the Word and you'll see things beginning to break. And when you talk about applying the Token, you wouldn't be using a word, a terminology, "Apply the token. I apply the Token in my home." You would not be just using a terminology that sounds like we are responding to a circumstance. We would be able clearly to express what the situation is, what is the Word that we are using, how we are responding and dealing with problems we are encountering, and that will be applying the Token. And that's where you will see the Word is more powerful than the circumstance; because faith in that Word will operate that Word.

Whether it is for your home, whether it is for your wife, whether it is for your children, whether it is for your health in your body, whether it is for your financial situation, whatever it is;

whether it is your own life to get more closer to God, it is going to be the same thing. There will be a Word there for that thing. God will give you that Word. He will put a key in your hand. He'll teach you how to open up that way and walk in that way. You will have courage when you see that way opening up and you are going to see your situation change. You'll no longer have to sit down there and say, "Why me? Don't you see I'm unfortunate? You don't see what happened to me?" No, no, no. You'll be able to identify your situation, "I am a wife with an unsaved husband."

Saved does not mean that they are in the Message, you know. When you talk about saved there, it's 'delivered'. If they ain't delivered, they ain't saved. Regardless of how much messages, how much pictures they have, how many times they go to church, when you live contrary to the Word, you are an unbeliever. You can't. you don't serve God in a rear-view mirror, you are what you are now, your state now, your condition, that's what you are, what you are now. God is not "I was." He is "I am." Is that right? That's what it is.

"So therefore, once God does anything or makes a decision, as I've often said, He always has to stay with His decision. How that ought to enlighten our faith!"

If God does something in the beginning, He cannot change that. Well then, right away you have the key for everything, because there is nothing new under the sun, and whatever your circumstance is, somebody in the Bible went through that before you. Once you find that, you have the place to identify. And then God now, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever, becomes obligated to you. You have a place to tie God to, and God knows His obligation.

So, "When God says something, all heaven and earth will pass away, but that cannot pass away. Therefore it should give us character." He says, that should give us character. He is immutable. So in other words, he is explaining here what Jesus was telling them. "It wasn't so from the beginning." God didn't have to give Adam and say, "Okay, put away Eve and then marry a next woman." Who is the next woman to marry? God made **one** man and **one** woman! Do you understand what I am saying? So, in God's picture there is no divorce.

They were saying, they were talking ‘put away’. Hear what He says. He said, “In the beginning, He made one male and one female;” and He said, “Leave father and mother.” The two that come together to produce you; your closest blood tie; the channel through which you come into existence, he said leave that, to cleave to wife. He said, “You are talking ‘put away wife’,” but I am saying, “Leave father and mother to cleave to wife.” Do you catch that? And you go to Genesis and you’ll find where Adam is making that statement, “Therefore man shall leave father and mother...” ‘Cause why? He understood, ‘this is part of me’. In other words, the whole concept of marriage is the woman is part of the man. God never went for some material, so God’s showing the wife could never be outside material. You see, we never get deep enough.

And so Jesus standing there, and all these experts on religion questioning Him, thinking they have deep concept, thinking they are teachers of what the prophet said. So He stands up there, now, and He is looking back in the beginning, and by the time He begin to answer them, He showed them how shallow their revelation of what was in the Word was just by His answer. By the time He said, “it was not so from the beginning,” they scratched their head. He said, “God made one man, and one woman.” It blew their theory up. Their theory was gone! Because you have to work from the original. The thing didn’t get better, it got worse. When the original fell, the thing got worse. You didn’t get a better thing, you got a perverted thing.

The fall was the perversion of the original. That is why today, when people try to preach divorce and preach polygamy and these things, they’re messing up people, and they’re messing up their own selves and they’re making themselves a false teacher. And when they’re saying, “but the prophet said we have a grant, and we have so and so,” they are trying, now, to believe that he came to restore us back to something that was not the original. So how could he be a restoring prophet – Elijah coming for a restoration, the Spirit came to restore and take us back to the beginning – and we ain’t go back to the beginning?

He said polygamy was an adultery, and then how can he restore us back to adultery? He is not a reformer. He is a restorer, because if there is no restoration, there is no Rapture. Because when there

is no restoration, in other words, when you don't go back to the original thing, you will have to carry a substitute thing in the Rapture. You will have to carry a thing that is not the original in the Rapture. So, that is failure. That means you ain't end up with what you started with. You see that?

So you get to realize, the foundation for our faith is doctrine. Doctrine. A church without doctrine is not a church. Then a family without doctrine is not a family. Then an individual without doctrine have no foundation, because there is nothing you believe in. You can be swayed any way. You can go after anything that appeals and looks good. But when you believe something, you know what you are standing for. You know exactly how much left, how much right, how much in the centre; exactly what you're standing for; because to relate to God and to walk in union with God, you have to know you came in justification, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit; union, under His head, under His control, to relate to Him.

That's the strength, that's the power, that's where...And that's where you have rights to everything in the Word. You see joy in your home missing, your home ain't have enough joy. You think you'll say, "Lord, my home ain't have no joy. Give me more money, so we could get happy. I will buy ice-cream for the children and I'll buy..." That is a sense of providing, too. Sure. And that brings happiness. But the thing is, if that alone bring happiness, then the poor cannot be happy. But He told the poor they were rich, and He told the rich they were poor. And he went by the two couples; he went by the rich one and they weren't happy, and he went by the poor one and they were happy. Is that right?

So it shows, then, your revelation, how you work with your revelation, where you stand with your revelation, what position your revelation has brought you to. Your revelation that accomplishes those things is the one, the true foundation of going back to the beginning. That's the only place you find the true Scriptural answer, and when you find the answer there, you find the solution to your problem. You find the healing for your relationship. You find the joy for the home that lacks joy. You find the peace for the troubled home. You find the dissolver for all the doubts in the family. You find the thing that could bind the

husband and wife together, close. You find the influence that you can put before the children, when you find the solution. When you don't find it in the beginning, you don't find it.

When the Message in this day brought us to that place to show us... You know this Message shows us where a wife and a husband end up? Remember when the prophet, when they were calling for the rewards after this life was over. And Jesus spoke about the rewards. I'll say, 'enter into the joys of the Lord.' You know the Scriptures. And when that time came and he was going in, the wives were there. Is that right? Could you imagine that? So it shows couples...

And he said, "When I saw Hope, she was no different, only like a guest of honour." Why? Because he was honoured too. He said, "Why do you put me up there?" He said, "on earth you were a leader." See? So she was like a guest of honour. Even in that theophany, she was like a guest of honour, because they were honouring him. Amen. It goes equal for both. Isn't that wonderful? (Congregation says Amen.) Didn't he have problems with his wife and them here? Sure. Slam the door, tumour, all kind of different things? But did he forgot he was a high priest? He stood in the gap. Is that right? Saw them on the other side, and they were on the other side, going in.

So, we'll have problems in our lives. We'll have problems in the house. We'll have disagreement and differences. It'll take time for different ones to come into to the revelation. Is that right? But you know, you don't get bitter and all bent out of shape. Now, all of that is in this Message. You see the kind of Message God gave us? You think God just gave us, 'denomination false', blast this one, when you see man stand with the Third Pull in this hour? The Third Pull was a man praying for his wife; "Oh God, she didn't mean that, Lord." Is that right?

How many of you want to be that kind of man? That kind of man. Brother, I trust that in these little sessions we come in, not just to knowledge, but we come into a love for our wives and our children. May wives come into a love for their husbands, deeper than what we have, and we see the change in the home, cause when we hear the Word, we can begin to grow in it.

I'm going to cut it there tonight. Let us stand. I want to keep my promise. I want you to start to have confidence in me. Remember

this congregation is a wife, too. So, you see, I can't just can't treat the wife a certain way. I have to let the wife see I keep my word. If I keep undermining my own credibility and destroy my confidence, then when I want her to believe me, she would be standing in doubt.

You appreciate the few words tonight? (Congregation says, Amen) Amen. Just trying to lay a little background for why we are having these meetings, why these meetings are needed, how we are going to benefit from it, where we will have to start to look if we have to find our solution, our answers, how Jesus Himself went back there. And then when we start there, then each couple, each family would want to have *that* foundation revelation, that true concept of what the original was. Because there was a oneness in the Garden of Eden, where God came down. oneness in the home. They were one with each other and they were one with God.

When it came in the Alpha Bride they had all things in common. They were one with God and God came down, because Adam and Eve there was like a type of Christ and the Church. Then that unity was broken there, and then that unity was broken back spiritually also. As the Serpent beguiled Eve, so these come beguiling them by preaching another gospel.

And you're going to find these services here running parallel with our other services that we started this year already: **The Vision And The Commitment, United Under One Headship**, all these messages on unity, union, oneness, uniting time. We are going to see how God designed and intended for us to work together, as a body, as a family, as a couple, as individuals, under His headship. We see the Holy Spirit just working and moving among us, and we certainly would want to see all of God's blessings.

Let's just bow our heads for prayer. You couples here sitting together, why don't you husbands put your hand in your wife's hand, as we stand here in God's presence? This is a time we desire to see real healing, real unity, stronger bonds. Every home here has its own problem, its own circumstances, its own areas; family circles that have been broken, where there is pain, where relationships are strained, where there is tension and pressure; where there is neglect and there is want, where things can go better. But we know that God has balm and we are coming in

humility and sincerity and with the right attitude, not wanting to lay blame, but all in a heart yielding to God, knowing that we all desire to walk closer.

We want to put away the things that are not right. We want to have our hearts and minds in an attitude and a condition where the Spirit of God can deal with us and speak to us, where we can truly be persuaded that the Token is for the household first. The first one that you want to know that you are a genuine Christian, and standing for truth, is your mate. Then your children see the two of you standing in unity before them. Then that union, that reflection, coming together with others, to make one perfect reflection of Christ and the Church, then that is reflected out in the world as the light of the world, written epistles read of all men, the salt of the earth, the light of the world, A city on a hill that cannot be hid. A lampstand that God lit and didn't put under a bushel, that it could give light to those in the house and those who come into the house. We are desiring that.

Father, in the beginning of these services, looking back at what You had in mind, Father, when You came and You found the world under social pressures, political pressures, religious pressures, people deformed by creed and dogma, unable to face the circumstances. The Word had become so perverted; men had become so selfish, denominational-minded, ambitious, handling the Word deceitfully, the people, oh God, who looked to them for leadership stumbling around in the dark, following the blind. But, Lord, You came as the Light of the world and You begin to say, 'search the Scriptures'. And You begin to point them back to the original and You begin to open up the mystery of these things and You begin to show them where their error was. And You begin to point out, Lord God, the things that caused them to drift away from that straight and narrow path. And where that Word, dear God, was being received, lives were being mended; homes, dear God, that were broken were coming back together, Father. Lord God, where there was callousness and bitterness and indifference, it was all being driven out.

A new atmosphere, a new thing was in the making, dear God, something that You were going to put forward as an Alpha Bride in that age. Something, oh God, that was going to show the second Adam and the second Eve. Something that was going to bring

back in reality form what You gave in a shadow and type in the beginning. So, Father, even that came, dear God, because people became complacent, aimed at and relaxed – Ephesus, drifted away from the original pattern, dear God, enticed and seduced. Trying to improve on God, not giving earnest heed to the things that they had seen and heard, neglecting so great a Salvation.

But in the evening time, Lord, You said You were going to restore; You were going to bring the original thing back. You were going to make it plain again one more time, Father, and this time it would stand. This time the Truth would be reflected. We realize this is the age You have put us in to live. You didn't let us live in a dark reformer age, where it was neither day nor night, oh God, it was such a gloomy time, but You said at evening time, it shall be light. "It shall be light in the evening time, the path to glory you will find."

And so, dear God, the Light began to shine, the Scriptures began to open up and Your prophet started with Serpent Seed. "The messenger would start with Serpent Seed," oh God, "He will end with the message here in the latter rain and he will sow the seed of the entire Bible." All these great mysteries of Marriage and Divorce, all these hidden secrets of Redemption, this hidden Truth that was sealed in the Word, these divinely revealed mystery truths contained in the Seven Seals was going to be made plain, Father, solving out these things. And Lord God, the thing that is throwing off the world in chaos and darkness, gross darkness on the earth and the peoples, we'll be able to arise and shine because the Light is come to lead us out of that darkness, dear God, to walk in Light. And then the Blood becoming effective, cleansing us from the sins that darkened our lives and alienated us from the life of God. Then we become the very Light itself.

Lord Jesus, we want to reflect these things, Father, with such clarity, because this is the testimony that will shake the world in one more ride, and then the Bride will take her flight into the skies. This is the live voices that will thunder out in sweetness and purity and holiness, in the communities where You have placed Your children, dear God, places where You bring selected ones together to form a local assembly, where the Light can be reflected on a church level, and then in the very region, Lord, where this great thing, can be exhibited, that others can see people, Lord, the

fulfilling of the Word. The Word becoming flesh and the flesh becoming Word, and the very things we read in the Bible is reflected in people, standing on the outside of the Bible, Lord.

Oh Father, as husbands, as wives, as fathers, as mothers, young men and women, potential fathers, single parents, gracious God, we realize it is a great responsibility looking at these things in the Word, and seeing the need and the crave in our hearts and all these things accumulating together, to bring about these services and to bring Your presence down among us that there could be healing, there could be deliverance. Lord, we could grasp these truths and see the power that lays in these truths begin to energise us and quicken us, Lord. Build us up, Lord, mature us and ripen us, hallelujah! Dear God, it can become operative in and through us, that our lives can affect the community, we can see change, transformation in our own homes, Lord.

We can see a change in the church. We can see relationships being cemented and becoming stronger. We can see that where there are breaches, You, the restorer of the breach, bring healing. Lord God, where the enemy tried to rob us from the blessings and the privileges that this Message has released to us, Lord, You will show us how to come back into it, Lord. Take it back, Lord, where we can live once again in the enjoyment of the privileges and the blessings that was rightfully ours, that came by virtue of Your shed blood, Father.

Oh God, help us. Lord, forgive us where we are wrong. As we go along, teach us and show us and unfold to us, and as the Light would shine and penetrate in the places, let us see our mistakes, let us see our failures, let us see our weakness. Let us learn to grasp the reality, Lord. Let us see these things be purged out, let us see wrong influences in our lives be broken, Lord. Let us see our souls delivered from bondage. Let us see our homes, oh God, be knitted where it is fragmented, and become stronger, Lord. Let us see our children, our loved ones, Lord, that are alienated and drifted apart, Lord, be mended and be brought back, Lord, and let us see the family circles be reunited, Jesus, Lord, for Your honour and for Your glory. As we see the time running out and the door is fixing to close, Almighty God, we could be all united under one headship under the Blood, Lord, ready to go out when the trumpet sounds.

Move tonight in our midst, Lord. Let Your blessings be poured out upon husbands and wives, and let these services, oh God, take on greater meaning and value. Let the Spirit bring back the Word to our remembrance, as we begin to identify the channel, and open the channel, the wells we have to dig again, wells that had been stopped up by the Philistines, that the water could begin to come forth and we could drink and be refreshed and revived, Lord! Hallelujah! Our marriages, our homes can be re-dedicated, Lord. Not trying to grab at things through the air, and trying to work with superficial things, but build a strong house on a strong foundation. Grant it, Lord.

As we leave this place tonight, may Your divine presence go with us. Bless us, take us in peace and safety; keep us under the influence of the Holy Spirit, Father. We thank You for every one that is here tonight. We thank You, Lord, for what You have started in our midst and we pray that it will continue to unfold and we'll have hearts inspired and anointed by Your Spirit to walk in it, dear God.

We love You, Lord Jesus. We appreciate You. We give You all honour and glory tonight. What a mighty God You are! It is such a privilege to serve You, to know You made us Your Wife, Your Bride, hallelujah, that we can live under Your headship, oh God. Hallelujah. Make these things realities to us, Lord, that we truly could be a jewel in Your crown, in the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it, Lord. Amen.

Let us just sing a little chorus before we go, "*I just want to be where You are.*"

Oh, dwelling daily....

Take me to the place...

I just want to be with you.

Want to be where you are.

Dwelling.... paradise unto you.

(You have a place to walk down through glory to golden fields.

Sure by your glory. Hallelujah!

We thank God for times like these.)

.....in your presence.

You can enter into that New World singing, the joys of the Lord will never cease.

.....Dwelling daily..... (daily God wants to lift us higher,

He wants to draw us closer. Oh)..... *want to be with You.*

Oh let us lift our hands and praise Him. Thank you, Jesus. We praise You, Father. We give You glory tonight, Lord. How we love You, Jesus. Oh let Your transforming power work in us, Lord. Change us, Lord. Take away the darkness from us, Lord. Rub off the make belief from among us, Lord. Take away the fears and the doubts, oh God. Take away the slothfulness, oh God! Make us more like You, Lord. Let us behold Your glory. Let us be changed into that image, Father, let that influence be upon our lives in such a way. Oh, may You grant it tonight. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord.

Father and brother greet one another, and sister greet sister. Amen! Say, "I'll be praying for you, my brother. I'll be praying for you, my sister." Home praying for home, family praying for family. Amen! Hallelujah!

May God make us a real church. May God take away the darkness from our lives, all around us. Amen! Hallelujah! Hallelujah. Amen! You may have your seat.

Let's just sing. It has been in my heart to sing "How Great Thou Art," to sing some of those old songs of His greatness. Sometimes we sing so much different things, but let us sing of His greatness tonight, this great, omnipotent God.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

CHORUS

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;*

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*When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!*