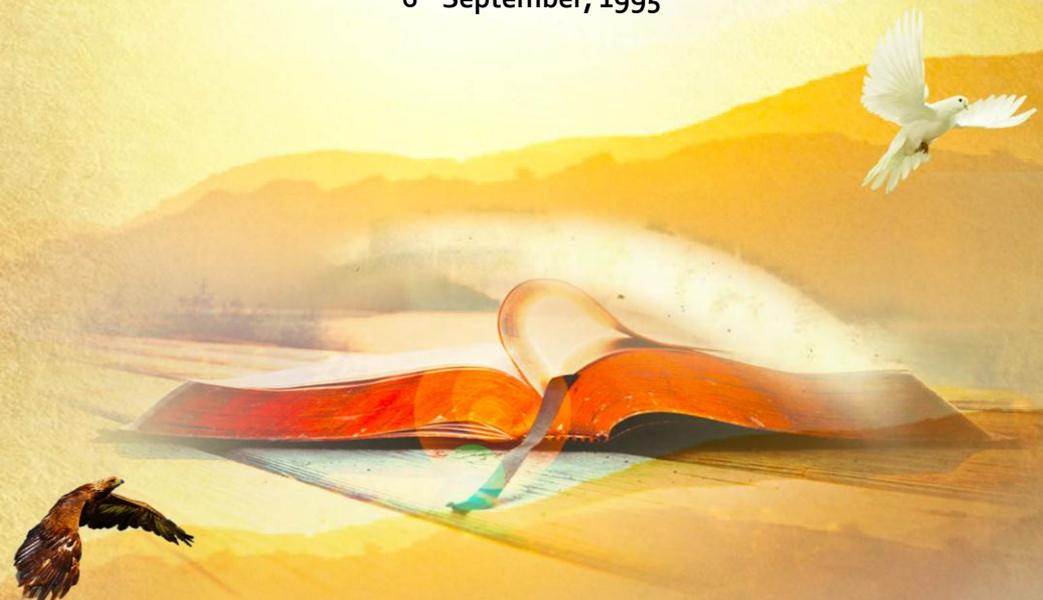

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

At the last Trumpet, time shall be no more. Six Trumpets have already sounded and Seven Thunders uttered their Voices to gather the Bride for the sounding of the last Trumpet. And right in there we have been given a stewardship; right in there we have been dealt a measure. We have obtained part of this Inheritance. A part of the Ministry of the Son of Man has been given to us and everybody has a part in that part. The last part of that Ministry is to be fulfilled in the Bride. And that is a body Ministry, a many-membered body, and by and through the members of the Bride, God is going to bring that to pass. A stewardship that we, every one of us, would find ourselves in the place where we must give account for the stewardship. [Page 38]

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Let's lift our hands and praise Him, give Him honor and glory. He is worthy to be praised. Hallelujah. We are standing on Holy Ground, tonight. Thank You Lord; we praise You, we praise You, we praise You. We give You glory and honor, oh God; because there is none like unto You.

How great is our God! How great is His Word! How greatly to be praised Thou art, oh God. Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, oh God. There is none like unto You, oh God, Father. Oh, You are the God Who created the Heavens and the earth, the sea and all that are in them, Lord.

Oh God, we thank You, we praise You, we lift up Your mighty Name tonight, Lord, we exalt You, we magnify Your Name, Lord. We bring a sacrifice of praise into Your house (hallelujah), for worthy, worthy art Thou, oh Lamb of God, to receive all glory, and blessing, and honor, and might, and power, and dominion. Hallelujah.

Thou alone art worthy to be praised, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. We are standing on holy ground. Let's just worship Him. Amen. We want to welcome everyone in His Presence tonight.

[#494 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

CHORUS

We are standing on holy ground

And I know...

Oh, are Angels all around;

We believe that tonight.

Let us praise...

Oh, let us praise Him. Let us worship Him in Spirit and Truth tonight.

...Jesus now. [Every heart centered upon Him]

For we are standing in His Presence

On Holy ground.

Oh, let's really lift our hands. Let's sing it as a real lifeline tonight; associates with the Unseen World, candidates for the Supernatural tonight. Hallelujah.

CHORUS

...on Holy ground

Because the Holy God is here, tonight.

And I know that there are Angels...

Angels all around, taking their positions right next to you, tonight.

Let us praise...

Oh, let us praise Him. Praise waiteth for thee in Zion, oh God.

...Jesus now.

We are standing in His presence

On Holy ground.

Oh, let the sisters sing that, tonight.

We are standing on Holy ground.

Everyone in the Spirit worshipping Him, giving Him glory and honor, tonight. Oh, just break right through every veil now. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

Oh, let us praise Him now, with all our hearts and souls. Amen. God promised to meet with us, where two or three are gathered together in His Name. Oh, surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place.

Let us all sing it now: We are standing on Holy ground.

CHORUS

We are standing on holy ground

And I know...

Oh, you are bumping into them right now. That's what makes you feel like that. Hallelujah!

...all around... [in another dimension just like television]

Let us praise Jesus now,

We are standing in His presence

On Holy ground.

Hallelujah, thank You, Jesus. We bring a sacrifice of praise into His House. Let's just sing that tonight, amen. Let's really offer it up that He could inhabit it tonight. Let... As we offer it up, let it ascend up unto Him, oh, like a sweet-smelling savor in His nostrils. Let's offer the sacrifices of joy, the fruits of our lips giving praise and thanks unto Him as a Royal Priesthood, as a Holy Nation tonight. Hallelujah. Oh, He has called us unto this great office tonight, to offer it up unto Him. Hallelujah.

[#141- Songs That Live -Ed.]

We bring the sacrifice of praise

Into the house of the Lord,

We bring the sacrifice of praise

Into the house of the Lord,

Oh, and we offer up unto Him, tonight.

....offer up to you

The sacrifices of thanksgiving,

And we offer up to you

The sacrifices of praise.

Oh, offer it up tonight with faith, with joyful lips.

We bring the sacrifice... Give it unto the King of kings, tonight. Oh, let everything that has breath praise Him. All in the rooms, all around the building now, everyone offering it up tonight.

... sacrifice of praise ...

Oh God, we worship You. We mingle our Oil and our Wine, Lord, together, (hallelujah!) with a heart full of appreciation and gratitude, oh God. Receive our thanks

and praise tonight. We love You, Lord. We praise You, tonight.

*And we offer up to you
The sacrifices of praise.*

Oh, once more; everyone now: we bring the sacrifice of praise.

We bring the sacrifice of praise ...

Oh, receive it, Jesus, from a heart full of love tonight, Father.

...Lord.

*We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the House of the Lord*

Oh, just offer it up now.

*And we offer up to you
The sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to you
The sacrifices of praise.*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Lord; glory and praise be unto Your wonderful Name. We worship You, Lord. We thank You. We praise Your wonderful Name. How great is our God, tonight! Blessed be the Rock of our salvation.

Oh God, You Who are bringing us to possess our Inheritance in this Hour; You, Lord, Who stand here ready to pour out Your Holy Spirit to fill every hungry heart, to break every chain, to open up the prison doors, oh God, You Who are more than able to do the exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask, we worship You tonight. We exalt Your Name. We magnify Your Name. Oh, Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah, hallelujah. Praise be unto His Name tonight. Thank You, Jesus. How great is our God tonight, amen. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Amen.

Let just sing: *Create in me a clean heart and renew a right Spirit within me.* Oh, that we could stand without condemnation; we could stand without fear. We could stand without doubt. We could stand without worrying,

without nervous strain, without wondering whether God is going to hear, without wondering whether He is going to meet you, without wondering...

We don't want to be any wandering stars, tonight; we just want to be so filled with His Presence, so filled with the Holy Ghost tonight, such a charge of faith (amen, hallelujah; bring your empty, earthen vessels, turn it right-side up) so it fills me, tonight, Lord. Pour down the Holy Ghost. Give me an old-time revival. Restore unto me the joy of my salvation. The joy of the Lord is my strength, amen. Lord, I come with a hungry heart, tonight. I come to receive all You have to give. I am making ready, tonight." Oh, blessed be His Name, tonight. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord.

Let His Blood begin to flow all down into the corners, all in the crevices of your life, tonight; all down into your soul. Amen. All down into your reasoning and conscience, let that Blood cleanse, tonight. Let It drive away everything tonight. Let It break every fetter, every doubt. Let It blow out every flue, amen. Let It open up every channel; bring you into a real consecration, tonight.

Create in me, oh God... He can do it. He's the Creator, tonight.

[#158 - Create In Me- Songs The Live -Ed.]

Create in me a clean heart,

Whatever you ask Him, He would give it unto you tonight, if you believe, you have received what you asked for. Oh, we are not just singing a song, we are praying (hallelujah), singing the psalms, making a melody in your heart, singing in spiritual hymns. Amen.

And renew a right Spirit within me;

Cast me not away from Thy presence, Oh God,

Oh, take not Thine Holy Spirit; just give me more and more of It, Lord!

... from me;

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,

*And renew a right spirit within me.
in me.*

Oh, every brother, every little David inside of here could sing that song tonight; who knows that His Blood (amen) can break up every molecule of sin, tonight. Hallelujah.

And renew a right Spirit within me.

Oh, let the great Creator go to work in me now.

Create in me a clean heart, oh God,

And renew a right Spirit within me;

Oh, sing this song now.

Cast me not away from Thy Presence, oh God,

Oh, and take not Thy Holy Spirit...

...from me;

Restore... oh, He's the Restorer!

...the joy of Thy salvation,

And renew a right Spirit within me.

I believe that is good for every sister too, amen. Sing it now. Create in me a clean heart.

Oh, think of a church, spirits of just men and women made perfect (hallelujah!), Heavenly Jerusalem, sprinkled with the Blood of sprinkling, tonight. Oh, God answers prayer, children. If you believe it, you can have it, tonight. Oh, everyone joining in now.

Cast me not away...

Cast me not away...

Oh, humble yourself under His mighty hand, tonight.

Take not Thy...

Oh, but add to my faith, virtue; to my virtue, knowledge; and to my knowledge, temperance, Lord. Hallelujah, amen!

...the joy of Thy salvation,

And renew a right Spirit within me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Blessed be His Name. Amen. Amen, God bless you. You may have your seats. Amen. Let the sisters come and sing *Quiet Me* as we take up tonight's offering...tithes and offering.

How many have come for a closer walk tonight, a deeper experience to receive greater strength to press the battle, tonight? Whatever you have need of tonight, the Holy Spirit is here to camp and give it to you tonight. Let's just have faith and believe. Just create an atmosphere of faith so the Holy Spirit could drop in and work tonight. Amen. Jesus breaks every fetter tonight. Hallelujah! Praise His wonderful Name.

Let the ushers, quietly, while they would sing, quickly pick up tonight's offering.

[Sis. Arlene Weston and sisters sing, *Quiet Me* - #254 - Songs That Live-Ed.]

Amen. Won't you touch me, Lord, and quiet me. Let's just rise to our feet, tonight. Let's bow our heads for prayer.

Our gracious, Heavenly Father, You Who have said in Your Word that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and You dear God, the great Giver: the Giver of Eternal Life, the Giver of every good and perfect gift; Lord, from the very beginning of the Bible, we see, dear God, that You gave freely, You gave abundantly. You gave that Your children, Lord, would have, even to give to others, because You are a God Who keeps Your Word and You promised to supply our every need, even according to Your riches in Glory.

The Bible says Lord, that You became poor that we might become rich. Just thinking a couple days ago that You, the very great Creator Who created all the seas, Who created all the fountains and all the rivers, Lord, You were nailed on that cross on Calvary and You cried, "I thirst." Your very own creation, Lord, wouldn't

even give You a cup of water to drink; they gave You vinegar.

You were so hungry, oh God. You created every type of fruit that there is, every tree that was in the garden, and You gave freely to man to eat and enjoy. Yet in such hunger, dear God, You came for something to eat and You found a tree, barren. You were so hungry that the very creation that You created, had nothing to give back to You, Lord, to satisfy Your hunger; because You so intended that we would have, Father.

Dear God, tonight, as we have this opportunity through Your great Divine ordinances and through Your provision to bring up the substance that You have given unto us—and as David said, “All that we have is Yours.” You only made us stewards of it, Lord. You only let us have it in our possession to see, dear God, how we would use it, Father, and You gave us this ordinance that we could come and we can give back into Your service, an expression, oh God, that we believe that You are the One Who was first given unto us, that we could have. And so, as Your children have given tonight, dear God, I pray that every heart would have given, Father, with that understanding, and with that faith, and with that cheerfulness, that so, in our giving, we could reflect You, the great Giver, Father. And I pray that You would bless our giving, and dear God, that which was given, the gift, would be used in Your service for the furtherance of Your Kingdom.

May You grant it, tonight. And those who don't have, may You the great Jehovah-Jireh provide even for them also. Bless the remaining part of the service. All that is to be said and done, may it be pleasing; may it be acceptable in Your sight. We ask it for Your honor and for Your glory, in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name. Amen.

Let's turn in our Bibles. We would like to read a little portion of Scripture out of St. Luke, chapter 16.

This is the time we believe that the Holy Spirit wants to bring us into possession of all that is ours, and we are certainly desiring to understand it better and better, how He is doing it; understand clearly by revelation what He is communicating to us that we can truly be inspired as we receive His Word with faith. We purpose in our hearts to walk in all that He has shown unto us.

St. Luke chapter 16; we'll read from verse 1:

¹ And he said also unto his disciples, There was a

Certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

² And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; or thou mayest be no longer steward.

³ Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

⁴ I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of stewardship, they may receive me unto their houses.

You see what his thoughts were? He said, "To beg I am ashamed. To dig, I don't even have the strength to go and dig." And then to come dropping down from management to labor, you know that isn't too nice. You know, great, big lofty position and then have to drop down like that to go and do some menial task, that was kind of hard – or to go into vagrancy and beg. My! It drives fear into a man's heart. And his stewardship was about to be taken away; service was about to be determined.

⁵ So he called everyone of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, And hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, And hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. [Which is eighty.]

8 And the Lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely:

He didn't commend his dishonesty or his selfishness, he commended him because he had done wisely because the man was dishonest; that is why he said, he was an unjust steward. See? And look at Jesus speaking here.

...for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light

9 And I say unto you, ...

Now watch. From verse 1 to 8, He has given us a parable and from verse 9 to 15, He has given us the understanding behind the parable.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the [money] of unrighteousness; that, when it fails, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Or when you die really, which is when you fail...which is when you die.

...they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

So he is teaching by a law of contrast. He is contrasting faithfulness with unjustness. See.

11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous, [money] who will commit to your trust the true riches?

And now he is contrasting two kinds of stewardship – one over money and one over the true riches.

¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

¹³ No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [money].

Mammon is money personified. And let's just turn to 1st Corinthians 4. I just going to be very brief because I don't want to attempt to go into this tonight. But just to sort of lay a little something, so on Sunday, we can really look at it.

¹ Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

² Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Also 1st Peter, chapter 4. Paul the apostle to the uncircumcision and Peter the apostle to the circumcision. Verse 10—or let's read from verse 7.

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober [minded]...

See? Now that you see that the end of all things is at hand...

...be you therefore sober [minded] and watch unto prayer. [That's what we have been doing tonight.]

⁸ And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity [love] ... cover the multitude of sins.

⁹ Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another,

as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

So first, he was talking – Paul was talking about ministers. Peter is talking about every member in the body.

¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth:

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

Now, you know we have been speaking a lot about placing, and inheritance, and possession, and walking, and all these things. And it's all just different aspects of something that we believe is so relevant, and applicable, and necessary for us, at this time because we believe this is the central theme of the Message of the Hour.

This is the Message that brings the Bride into the possession of Her Inheritance. This is the Message that places the believer. This is the Message that gives us faith to be changed, takes us in the Rapture. This is the Message that reveals to us our place in the Body of Christ; that shows us the program of God for this Hour. And so, we so desire to grow in our knowledge of the Message of the Hour, so that more and more we can better understand the will of God for us.

And, when we are found in contention with evil powers and especially the objective of the enemy, whatever it might be at that particular time to hinder us in the service of God or to hinder us in the possession of what God has promised, the Holy Spirit would see fit to show to us how to deal with it. If it is something to carry out His service, then the Holy Spirit would have to show us how to carry out His service. If it is

something to understand our place that we might be able to come into harmony with the will of God that God has for us, then He will need to show us what our place is, so we can know how to take that place in order to carry out the will of God.

So no matter what the emphasis is, yet it is one complete revelation to the individual in this Hour. And we have been looking at different things about how God has previously marked us out by design; how God had a thought about each and every one of us in His Mind before the foundation of the world.

And God has had a time and an Age for us to come into expression. And God had certain promises that we must manifest to show and to prove and to confirm that we have truly come into that place by those promises operating in our lives. That would be the sign that we have come into that place. That would be the sign that we have taken that place. That is the sign that God has adopted us into that place. He is displaying to us that Inheritance by we being in that God-given place.

On the way to taking that place, there are many things we would encounter because we are growing in grace and in knowledge; in trial and error, you know, God is training us, child training us to take that place. See? The child, though he is lord of all, differeth nothing to a servant, but is put under tutors and governors. [Galatians 4:1-2 -Ed.]

And so, we find out in the Bible that God's whole Mystery is we who were a thought would come to become the Word because a word is a thought expressed. And Jesus Christ Himself is the Word, so that means we would come into the very Image of Jesus Christ. Did the Bible promise that? Beholding the Glory of the Lord as in a mirror, you are changed from glory unto glory until you are changed into the Image. You are predestinated to be conformed to the Image of Jesus Christ. [2nd Corinthians 3:18 -Ed.] See? That is what it is. Christ is the expressed Image of the invisible God,

and we are being created in that Image of Him (amen) after holiness – through holiness and righteousness. We are putting on that new man (amen), coming into that very Image.

So that is a promise, and God is bringing that. Now, that we might be able to grasp this, and are able to understand and appreciate it and be able to apply the Word correctly, God gave us little pictures (as we were saying on Sunday) that that Truth can be communicated to you. Those pictures are only a medium by which God wants to communicate that Truth. So when we talk about the children of Israel coming from Egypt to Canaan land; that is a picture. You are not actually coming from a natural land to a natural land, you are not actually drinking water from a natural rock in the wilderness that was being smitten, but all of these things are pictures, that we will understand that there is something behind our life; that God has a purpose behind our life. See?

In one place, the Bible says that you are lively Stones building up a spiritual House. But this kind of House is not like normal houses that they build today. To build this House, he says it was like how they built Solomon's Temple: not a sound of a hammer was heard; not the buzz of a saw was heard. Every stone, every timber was previously marked out, previously designed, and then brought and placed in its designated place. So God put these pictures in the Bible.

In another place He said you are like a body: fearfully and wonderfully made, this human body, and each member, in particular, has its place. [Psalms 139:14 -Ed.]

And then in another place, God showed Ezekiel, a valley of dry bones. He said, "Can these live?" And part of it was sinew, part of it was bone, part of it was flesh, part of it was different systems and so on, part of it was skin, and everything had its place. It all came together in its season and it formed this great Body that became a mighty, marching Army. [Ezekiel 37:1-10 -Ed.]

So in one place, it is people being placed positionally in their inheritance. In another place, it's a building being built. In another place, it's a body being put together. The picture changes so more of this great Mystery in God's Mind can be better grasped; can be more clearly understood. Are you getting that? But all of these things only reveal what is happening behind the life of the believer, this great Mystery of the Bride because we are the Building; we are the nation of Israel being placed positionally in that promise. We are the Mystical Body of many members and as individuals, God is doing His work in our lives, and collectively in His Body, and He's bringing it to its completion.

When Ezekiel's body came together, what happened? The Breath filled it. Is that right? When Solomon's Temple came together, what happened? The Glory filled it. Sure. When Israel was given the revelation of their portion, they had to possess it and dwell in it too. Is that right?

So we realize, that all these things, God was fore-showing them, and used things that we would be familiar with, that our imagination would be able to capture it, so we would be able to relate with a spiritual understanding to what the Holy Spirit wants to achieve in our lives. And so, that we would be able to communicate these great Truths, God gave us these pictures by which we can express what God is actually doing; and somebody would be able, in their mind, to hold together a picture where it is made vivid, it is made clear that they can relate and apply this Truth with spiritual significance.

Because, when Paul was writing in the Book of Ephesians, he wasn't dealing with locations like Egypt, and fighting Canaanites and Amalekites and... He was not dealing with that so much, but he was dealing with – You hath He quickened; you were dead in sins and trespasses; you were quickened. You were raised up, but when you raised up, you began to understand that

you were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. You understand that you were predestinated unto the adoption, unto a certain placing, and you walk worthy of your vocation, and you are His workmanship created unto good works. [Ephesians 2 -Ed.]

And while He is bringing you in that journey, you are being brought to that place, and you are being fitted together like a holy temple, a habitation for the Spirit of God. See? And when He wants to show you that you have to fight for certain things, He says, “Yes, put on the whole armour of God because you don’t wrestle against flesh and blood.” And He is applying, in every aspect, all these great Truths, but it is to bring to us an understanding of our real place.

He tells how God has dealt every man a measure of the gift of Christ. After He had ascended on high, He gave gifts unto men; some pastors, prophets, teachers, apostles, evangelists, (is that right?) for the perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body, that we could all come to a perfect man. And we, who were children, grew up; henceforth, no more tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, but growing up into Christ, the Head. Then He is emphasizing now, stages of growth and development: child, man, perfect man, new man; man created after the Image of Him Who created him. See?

When it’s dealing with your position, He says, “You are seated in Heavenly places.” When it deals with your walk, He says, “You walk before Me in love.” When it deals with your fighting, He says, “Stand! After you have done all to stand, stand!” See? And He’s emphasizing different aspects of this great thing.

And it is so great, it is so wide, it is so deep. He talked about the height, and the depth, and the length, and the breadth of the Love of God that passes all knowledge because it’s so great, it’s so fathomless, it’s so Eternal, that when we begin to break into It and see this great predestinated Mystery, His will, see the great working of

His Eternal purpose: what He's going to bring a Church to in this Age, that in the dispensation of the fullness of time, He will gather all things in Christ that are in Heaven and that are in the earth because the Family in Heaven, the family on the earth, are named after the Lord Jesus Christ. And that Name is being revealed in this Day.

That Family in Heaven and that family on the earth are being brought together. We, who are alive and remain shall not prevent them who are asleep. The Lord, when He comes, He will bring them with Him, then we, together with them will be caught up with the Lord in the air. Is that right? That's this Day. It's all happening. It's a great, mighty thing that is taking place.

But the believer, as we walk daily and we see God unfolding His will, as we see the Word becoming clear, as we begin to fellowship with Him in the Spirit, as we begin to pray for deeper insight... When Paul saw the greatness of these Things, he said, "You pray..." He said, "I pray that God will give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ that the eyes of your understanding become enlightened, that you will know the hope of your calling, the exceeding greatness of His riches (see?), towards you who believe." See? The greatness of His power towards you who believe, the working of His mighty power.

And he began to speak of this great thing, this great calling, these great riches, this great power, that the believer is called to possess in this Hour, to stand perfect again: a Church without spot, without wrinkle, presented faultless unto Him. What a great thing it's going to be – this Book of Ephesians, to grasp it.

That's why we have to go back in Joshua, we have to go back in Kings and Solomon where they were building the temple, we have to go back in different places; in Judges, where they fought to possess their inheritance; trying to crystalize to you what Paul was looking at,

what he was bringing, what he was trying to lay out. But we don't get lost back there in the shadow, but the shadow shows us what we are talking about. The picture that comes together in your mind's eye is that shadow, but the truth of what it symbolizes is what becomes inspired to you and you see spiritually. And then somebody says, "Tell me your experience."

You speak the shadow, and they could understand it. "Like Caleb, I want my mountain. I see my place. I want my inheritance. I'm determined to drive everything out. I'm strong this day for war." See? Why? You begin to see the authority. It's symbolizing one symbol: "Put your foot on the neck of these kings. Every devil is subject to you."

But in the Epistles, Paul opens up that authority; how it comes back, how Jesus spoilt all principalities, stripped the devil of everything and brought it back to us. And how in the New Testament, He dealt every man a measure of faith. He dealt you a measure of faith. He dealt a brother a measure of faith; that sister a measure of faith. He dealt that mother a measure of faith. He dealt that father a measure of faith. He dealt that brother... He dealt that minister a measure of faith.

And then God, after He dealt every man a measure of faith, God had set every member in the Body – God had set. And He dealt a man a measure of faith, and "I set him in a certain place. I dealt a woman a measure of faith and I set her in a certain place. I dealt this one a measure of faith and I set him in a certain place. I dealt him a measure of faith and I set him in that place. And according to the measure of faith I gave to him, his works will be his faith expressed."

His faith is his revelation of the will of God for his life. He has the mind of Christ, and he knows what He wants done with the Word. And that faith works by Love, the very Intelligence that operates that faith through him, and he becomes a Love slave. He carries

out in obedience, the revelation he is called unto to manifest, in the Age that he is living in.

Jesus here is using stewardship in this particular parable to bring out another aspect of what has been dealt to a man. When God gives a man a measure of the Holy Spirit, when God endues a man with a certain gift, when God gives a person an area of responsibility, it's his stewardship. Whether it is to raise your children; it's a stewardship – or to manage the affairs of the Kingdom. Whether God gives you riches in this life, it's a stewardship. Whether God gave you, health; it is what you are going to use it for; it's a stewardship. Whether God gave you time; it's what you use your time for; it's a stewardship. The Bible even says: *Redeeming the time...* [Ephesians 5:16 -Ed.] Is that right?

The Bible speaks against slothfulness. It says: Consider the way of the ants thou sluggard. [Proverbs 6:6 -Ed.] It shows how to manage time, how to use time effectively; how to use time with foresight and plan ahead because you already know the seasons that are going to come. You know winter is going to come and you can't go out there because you understand the knowledge of the seasons. The farmer likewise, he sows and he reaps his corn and he puts a part in his barn, he keeps a part to sow back, and he puts a part on his table to eat.

Look, God, knowing the time, God even stored up food, knowing the time was coming. He made that Prophet come out of the field and store up food. Is that right? Joseph, seeing a famine was going to come, stored up the food. See? Sometimes you have to work hard; sometimes you have to capitalize on the moment when you see time running out.

So Jesus was telling this parable here. This is a parable that stumbled many people for many years. It baffles people. It seems so hard to understand and grasp, but you know, yet it is so simple when you grasp

it. Here He is talking about stewardship. And He's showing us that every man is called to give an account of this stewardship that he has received. He was teaching His disciples something. He was opening up something to them because, in that Age, He was going to deal every man a measure. In that Age, He was going to give everyone He had called, a measure of the Holy Spirit and a ministry in that Hour.

No wonder Paul came back and said, "Tell Archippus to fulfill the ministry he was called unto." [Colossians 4:17 -Ed.] And he said, "You Timothy, remember it's by the laying of hands and so on that was confirmed inside thee by the presbytery. By prophecy, it says that you are called to the ministry and that you might war a good warfare. Neglect not to stir up the gift that is inside of you." [1st Timothy 4:14 -Ed.] And warning was given unto them.

Even Paul said, "He Who has made us able ministers seeing we have received such a ministry. We faint not, as we have received mercy, but though we are counted as sheep for the slaughter all the day long, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed..." Why? They were determined to fulfill that ministry. He said, "Woe is me if I don't preach the Gospel. I am striving lawfully that I might be crowned." Amen. When he was finished that, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. I've finished my course."

They understood that they were employed in the Master's service. They understood by revelation, they were chosen before the foundation of the world, previously marked out for a specific place. They knew by experience that they had the baptism of the Holy Spirit and they had passed from death unto Life.

They knew that the revelation of the Word had come to them to open up the program of God for that Age, and they were anointed and commissioned, and they were bound in the chains of that revelation. They could not

deviate from that revelation. It was so deep down in their souls; it governed their very lives.

They didn't care whether two people listened to them, they didn't care whether it was one, they didn't care whether they went to a city and preached and they stoned them and nobody believed; yet he shook his raiment and he dusted his feet and he went on again, obeying the Master's command. Amen. It wasn't for the support of people, it wasn't for popularity, it wasn't to preach to a big crowd, it was obeying the command of their Master. Where He sent them, they went. What He required, whether it was rejection, whether it was persecution, whatever it was, he said, "What shall separate me from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus?"

Serving God was not a convenient thing to them. It wasn't when things were nice. It wasn't whether they had support from people. It wasn't, you know, if they could get clothes to go to church. He said, "I have one coat; (amen) I covet no man's apparel." Amen! Glory! Why? Because they were not serving God for those things. They didn't need those things to serve God. To serve God, you need the Holy Ghost and the revelation, and they had that so they served God. They wandered destitute in sheepskins and goatskins, of whom the world was not worthy. Not terylene, wool and mohair. No, sir! Not rayon and all these things, no! In sheepskins and goatskins. They dwelt in caves, in the mountains and in dens (glory!), and that is the same Holy Ghost that came back in this Age. There are not two Holy Ghosts, there is only one Holy Ghost. The same 'God above us' came back 'with us' and 'in us.

Now, look at Jesus here, knowing He had come in that Age when He was going to give every man a stewardship. I'm just going to strike this parable, just to show a little Light to you and then we'll close quickly. We'll pick it up on Sunday because it goes very deep. It goes all through the Bible, and we are just trying to help

you get the parable. And if you get the parable, then we can work from there because you understand what you heard clearly and you have a little insight to see what Jesus was talking about. Here He is bringing a parable about a rich man.

*¹ ...a certain rich man, which had a steward;
and the same was accused unto him that he
had wasted his goods.*

He had made this man a steward over his goods. But what was his goods? Verses 6 and 7 tell us about his goods. He went to the people and said: "What do you owe my master?"

He said, "An hundred measures of oil."

He went to the next man, "What do you owe my master?"

"An hundred measures of wheat."

This man was rich in oil and wheat. Oil and wheat are not... that is real riches, friends. He was rich in oil and he was rich in wheat. Oil is the Holy Spirit and Wheat is the Word. Now watch something. And He had this steward employed in His service, and He had angels bringing reports to Him.

Remember how Jacob told Joseph, he said, "Go out and look over your brothers and they," (and the Bible says: and Joseph brought back the evil report) "come back and inform me and tell me what is happening in my field, among my servants in my household!"

And that is not a tell-tale, that's a responsibility to make sure nothing evil and nothing contrary to his will goes on in his kingdom because when anybody tries to violate his will they are challenging his authority. Exactly right. They might think they have good intentions, but they don't realize the danger that they are in and what they are doing.

Now watch. And so here, when he speaks that, he says... he was accused unto him, that this one was about wasting his goods. And when the rich man heard

that, he called for that servant; he called for that steward.

And he said:

² ...How is it that I hear this of thee?

And brother, he began to lay before him the charges, the accusations that were brought and he began to investigate him. And as he began to investigate him and interrogate him concerning his responsibilities in his master's service, the man could not answer. And he said:

...give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

He was going to remove him out of office. He was going to strip him of all authority and he was going to terminate his services because he had found the charges to be true. Now, Jesus is telling the parable. He had something in His mind. He wanted to teach the disciples something about stewardship. He wanted to teach them about faithful stewardship. And He's taking an unfaithful or an unjust steward who had a master, who was rich in oil and wheat and who was placed in a position of management and administration over the affairs of the service of that rich master.

And know this, when the master came in investigation, he required that the steward give an account for his stewardship.

³ Then the steward said within himself,

When he saw the Master's face shining like the sun in its full strength and His eyes like a flame of fire and a sharp two-edged Sword coming out of His mouth, he began to take self-inventory, and he said:

...What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship:...

And when he realized, he was going to be removed from office and he was going to be stripped of all authority, he looked and he realized, "If I can't be a steward, what am I going to do?" And he had two options before him that immediately came before him.

And the two options that immediately came before him were: “To dig?” He said, “If I walk out with my shovel the next morning, or my fork and I walk out there, people could start to talk and whisper, ‘Is that the same manager? Is that the same steward; the same administrator there? Is that him going there? They’d say, No, no, it can’t be, that has to be his twin brother, it can’t be him.’” See?

When he thought about descending into a lower order... (Get the thought here.) When he thought of descending into a lower order—because when he came face to face with his master and realized that his time was running out as a steward, the time of his stewardship—as the Prophet said, “I could almost see that Angel lifting His hands there, saying ‘Time shall be no longer! He that is filthy will be filthy still, he that is holy will be holy still.’” [Revelation 22:11 –Ed.] When he saw that judge standing there who was judging him for his unjust stewardship, for his delinquency, and he realized his time as a steward was about over, it was running out; he had maybe a couple more days before the week was over and his card was going to be taken off the rack, amen, his name was going to be stripped off the payroll; brother, his authority was going to be stripped, everything he had as a steward: all the respect, all the authority he could exercise: “In the Name of Jesus Christ receive this!” See?

Brother, if the salt has lost its savor, it is good for nothing. If the Holy Spirit would withdraw Itself from a man, he is good for nothing, like Samson. When the Holy Spirit departs from you, you are good for nothing. When the Holy Spirit left the Church, it was Ichabod, ‘The Glory of the Lord had departed’, is that right?

Now, watch. This man’s services were about to be terminated and he realized, “I am finished, I am going to be busted, my time is up.” See? “I don’t have much longer. Maybe, I have about a day or two.” He could even look at the digital and bring it down to minutes

and seconds and watch his time running out and when he saw the handwriting on the wall, he said, "Oh God, I can't take this! And to beg, I am ashamed." Because digging was still a little better than begging, but to drop down to vagrancy, from a low menial task to vagrancy, that was too much of a low rung on the ladder. He was accustomed to being high at the top.

So watch. So when he considered those two options, realizing time was running out and realizing that he had come to the end of the road and he didn't know what to do, watch what he did. He had a third option and his third option was... He said:

*⁴ I am resolved what to do, that, when I
am put out of the stewardship,*

You see he was thinking about when his days of stewardship would be over. He began to look to the days beyond the stewardship. Now Jesus is teaching by a law of contrast, and that is why I am trying to lay the scene out, so you can catch it right. He is describing a man who is conscious that time is running out. He has no court of appeal. He is finished and he sees that he is about to plunge into a lower order when his services are terminated. But he doesn't want to go down into that condition after his services are finished; he wants to ascend to a higher order. So he says, "Look, I know what I am going to do." He's shrewd. "Ah ha! I know some people; I have the book and I know who is owing my master. I know the big debtors, and I know how they would feel if I can release them of their debt. I'll become friends with them, so when I strike off their debts, after my stewardship is over, they will receive me into their habitation; they will receive me into their dwelling places."

He was thinking about dwelling places. He was thinking about habitation when his time is expired; when his services are terminated. Are you getting the picture? So in his worldly wisdom, in his shrewdness, in his unscrupulous methods, unjust and unlawful

methods, he takes off with haste, with determination. He was determined, “I am not going to end up any digger. I am not going to end up without a dwelling place when my time is over. I am not going to end up as any vagrant when my time is over. When my time is over, I want to enter into rewards in the future that I can make ready and prepare for, before my time is terminated.” He began to see the danger of having your services terminated and then end up in that condition without a dwelling place. He knew the joys of being able to have a dwelling place after your time is expired.

And so, as Jesus began to open that up, He began to show, there was a duration of the man’s stewardship; it represents life on earth here, and there was a termination of that stewardship that represents death. And after that stewardship was terminated, then the man descended from being a manager, this great, lofty position that afforded him so many opportunities while he was a steward employed in the service of a rich man, where he could have prepared for his future. See? And when he saw the danger of descending into that, and thinking of begging, where there were no friends to receive you into any habitation—it’s a rough, cold world “Go on, you vagrant! Move from here!” See? But he was looking forward to friends to receive him when his time was over.

And so, the man began to prepare for the future after his stewardship was terminated. He was doing it by unscrupulous means. And Jesus was taking a man who was conscious of the necessity that when you see time running out, to do everything within your power to capitalize upon the opportunities that are presented to you, to make sure that when your services are terminated and the time has run out, you have those who can receive you into habitation, after your time runs out. Because every true steward that is faithful in his true stewardship and gave, there is a reward that waits for them on the Other Side after death because

there are dwelling places. “In my Father’s House, there are many mansions.” There are theophanies There that we go to.

Now watch. So under no circumstances, this man was willing to descend. He abhorred the thought of all the opportunities that he wasted in his life and then having to be thrown out and ending up in that condition. And Jesus began to open that, to show that that man as a steward was summoned to appear before his boss, who investigated him, and then he was called upon to give an account for his stewardship. And then when he was faced with the thought of being dismissed, and he saw how bleak his future looked, and he considered the options that he had, then he realized there is only one thing. And Jesus took that: this unjust steward who sought to make preparations and He said, “Look at the children of darkness how wise they are.” He said, “Look at the children of darkness how wise they are in natural things (a man who is a steward in a natural sense); how much wiser they are in their own generation than the children of Light.”

Now Paul, when he was going to speak about stewardship, he wasn’t talking about natural money. Jesus used natural money; He said:

¹¹ If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous [money], who will commit to your trust the true riches?

So if you are a steward in the natural things that God blessed you in, have ended up a failure; could God give you the true Things? We have seen from the Word, God doesn’t give people Things just like that, friends. You don’t say, “Oh God! I want revelation, I want revelation!” just to have knowledge and get puffed up and walk about like a peacock. Everything God gives you and has revealed to you is for a purpose. God doesn’t give you everything you ask for, God gives you what is necessary to help you to be a better representative of Him. You might ask for more like Solomon. God gave him what

he didn't ask for. See? God said, "You didn't ask for money and riches, I gave you that because I see where your heart is." See? People ask for things sometimes and James said they ask amiss, not knowing the will of God. They're not asking in relation to what God's will is.

So Jesus is talking about a true steward being committed with the sacred trust of having the true riches. What are those true riches? Paul said, stewards of the Mysteries of God, the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ, the glory of the riches of His inheritance in the saints; these treasures of wisdom. The Light has shone into our hearts and we have this Treasure in earthen vessels.

We have been given...God has dealt every man a measure of faith. God has dealt every man a measure of His treasure, a portion of His goods. The man did not apply and say, "God, could you give me so much goods?" No, He gave one man five, He gave one man two; He gave one man one. He dealt every man a measure. And then when He dealt him that measure, they have to give account for the stewardship that He committed unto them. Is that right?

Let's turn to Matthew 25 and pick up that quickly. My! The time is up, so be quick. We've already begun to go where we shouldn't go tonight. It's okay. Matthew 25, verse 14.

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Watch that! It's his goods; it's his servants and he calls them. And he delivers his goods, in measure, to them. He does the calling; he does the giving. Notice that. And the servants belong to him. He is not giving to other people's servants, he's giving to his servants. He owns everybody.

Now watch. Now gifts... Notice this. He's talking about... This is teaching you about gifts and callings. See? He's talking about the Kingdom of Heaven. So here, we are coming back now, to what we were saying at the beginning. Jesus wants to bring something about the Kingdom of Heaven, but how could earthly people understand the Kingdom of Heaven? How could they, with their carnal minds, only adhering to this physical world, Satan's Eden, understand the Kingdom of Heaven? So what does he do? He takes something in the negative to open up a Mystery in the positive.

So he said, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man travelling to a far place and before he goes, he calls his servants and delivers unto them his goods. Notice, he calls (that is callings) his own servants and delivers unto them his goods.

¹⁵ And one he gave five talents, ...

That is gifts. They did not earn it, he gave it. Gifts and callings are without repentance.

*...[and] to another two, and to another one;
to every man according to his several ability;*

...

See? He's giving every man according to his ability. Peter said: let every man minister according to the ability given unto him as stewards of the manifold grace of God that every man would receive the gift of Christ. [1st Peter 4:10 -Ed.] Notice that we read that tonight?

...and to another one; [and] to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

¹⁶ Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

¹⁷ And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Not, hid *his* money; it was given to him by his lord. He was the steward over it. He was neglecting to stir up the gift, he was failing to fulfill the ministry and so he ended up burying that talent.

Why is the church paralyzed today? Why is the church retarded? Why can't the church seem to function in every department to face the challenge? Do you know why? Because many people, they have wrong concepts of how God has established His Kingdom. And so things that God equipped them with, they fail to see that that is equipment. Sometimes, they undervalue it, they underestimate it, they compare themselves with other people who might have a greater measure of the same thing and then they feel, "No", because they don't have the understanding that every man has his own measure for his own work, and it leads them to bury it. And those things were not given to them to bury. Those things were given to them to advance and develop and further the cause of the Master's Kingdom, the Master Who gave it to them and made them responsible for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Why did God give a man a gift to preach? To go and win souls. To do what? Advance the Kingdom; develop the cause. Why does God give somebody a gift to sing? To go in the world and make money for themselves? To sing and bring the Holy Spirit and create an atmosphere, and motivate the church, and bring healing; minister to the church. Why does God give people children? To throw them in the streets and make them delinquents? To raise them for the glory of God, so He could condemn this generation.

And when you have unbelievers who will... brother, they would rather die, some of them, than to throw their children out in the world, much more for believers who throw their children out in the world when they were

raised up to be the testimony, to condemn this world by their righteous living. See? But carnal concepts paralyzed the Word from operating; bound up the church. And then people try to bypass those things and work with other methods? No, no. Those things have to fix. Those things have to be put right according to the Word, to have any progress. Watch!

He hid his lord's money. You see, It didn't say *his* money, It says *his lord's* money. "I could sing, I have a gift. I could preach, I have a gift. I have discernment, I have knowledge, I have wisdom." It's not yours, it is God's. It's given to you. What are you doing with it?

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

See? Called them to give an account, is what it is.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, my good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Watch. This man was going over into Another World. When? At the Coming of his Lord. Revelation 10, He has returned, friends! He has come. How are we going to bypass these Scriptures? Where is this Church going to stand? Where are the believers going to stand? Jesus Himself taught that to show at His Coming, the people whom He gave, He dealt out in every Age—had a portion of the Bride in every Age, had a portion of Word to be manifested—God equipped that portion to believers in every Age to fulfill that very Word. And it is by the equipment they fulfilled the Word. They could not fulfill the Word without equipment and God came and revealed to them the equipment.

Even the Prophet didn't understand that that was the equipment, he was saying, "Oh God! I don't want to see any more visions! They tell me it's of the devil. I don't want to be of the devil!" and all these things. The Angel of the Lord came and said, "That is the equipment! It is by these things you are going to deliver the people in this Age." See? Watch. "Not even cancer will stand before you." Now, look.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: [and] thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler...

Notice, the same one who said "I gave you five talents," now he is saying "I make you ruler." Notice that? It doesn't stop, friends. God called you in this Age, God equips you with certain things; do you think that stops there? Do you think you just live, and die, and are finished? You will be the same thing on the Other Side, continuing that Eternal Life in Another Land, in a Civilization that doesn't end. But in that Civilization, because of your service here, because of your faithfulness of your stewardship here, the Riches, the true Riches that had been committed to your trust, when you see your time running out; when you see, if you have been fooling around; you see your time running out...

Every day you're talking about, "Boy, the Hour is late, you know. Boy, the Prophet threw up the rock in 1964, I tell you, the blast... judgment started in the earth. You see, California almost sunk. Boy, the Cloud has been turned; the priest handed him the Book." He said, "Judgment has started." You see? And we talk those things. And then, here we are in an Hour, friends,

where many people fail to see that time is running out. 1963 when the Book was opened, he said, "I could almost see that Angel lifting His hands."

Well, when that servant saw time running out, the thought that became predominant on his mind was, "When time is finished. I must have those who receive me (and Jesus said... talking about the spiritual side) into everlasting habitation. This man was saying that they will receive me into their houses. My friends, that is in this physical life, "When I lose this job I will have somebody in this physical life to put me in their house." But Jesus was taking that as a type for when the life is over here, there is one to receive you at the Father's house. There is a place prepared for you. You are preparing to enter into the Heavenly. You feel the deep calling to the deep. You feel the travail to go to that Place there. Are you catching it? Look. Let's finish it up, this little portion here.

²² He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant;...

Now, remember this same lord over here, is this same rich man over there, you know. Jesus is revealing Himself in His own Word, in His own preaching. The Son of Man was unveiling the Mysteries of the Kingdom, how it is set up; how people who He had dealt, in every Age, a measure, He had given a stewardship; He had committed to them the true riches. Paul said: the riches of the Mystery, Christ in you, is the hope of glory. [Colossians 1:27 -Ed.]

Why did God bring the Holy Ghost to live inside of you? For you to walk around as a stuffed shirt and say, "I have the Holy Ghost. I'm in the Truth; denomination is false."? No, no, so that somebody could feed from the Tree of Life. If you live in a certain region, somebody

right in there could get to the Tree of Life. They don't have to travel across the end of the world to look for it, you would be right there, standing right there, you could minister the Truth, you could give a testimony. See?

You are the Light of the earth, you are the Light of the world, you are the salt of the earth; God put you there. See? Brother, strategically around the world, He lay out His Bride, where Light could shine and where It can give witness. We are children of the day, not the night. See? Walk in the Light as you are in the Light. That is what He put us here for: to shine that Light. And what is that Light? His very own Life: in Him was Life and his Light is the Light of men. [John 1:4 -Ed.] His very Life comes out in virtues; in gifts. See? That is the very characteristics of the Life.

Could you have the Life of Christ and don't have faith? Could you have the Life of Christ and don't have virtue and knowledge? Could you have the Life of Christ and not have kindness and peace and longsuffering and meekness and gentleness? Impossible. See? You have the Life of Christ and then the very gift of that Life doesn't operate? Something's wrong. Now, what is it? People get so bound up, they get so bound up.

And look at this next man here. He said:

²⁵ And I was afraid...

Then he... [Verse 24 says]

²⁴ Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

²⁶ His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant,...

He called him wicked and slothful because he failed to fulfill his stewardship that was given unto him. And

when his master, at his coming, reckoned with him, what he thought was going to be a reasonable excuse to be accepted and be pardoned, and he thought that the lord would see it through his eyes and understand his matter, he failed to realize his testimony was just an evidence of his own slothfulness. His own testimony disqualified him. He said:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming...

Notice what he is talking about? *...at my coming.* Look at where the parable started. He went into a far country and then he was going to come and then, at his coming.

...I should have received mine own with [interest].

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

As I told you, talent in the Greek, it was six thousand denarii that was weighed out in the balance; it was measured out. And because it was measured out, it had its boundaries, it had its limitations, it was a measured portion. Like God... Canaan land was measured out. David said, "The lines have fallen on me in pleasant places." [Psalms 16:6 -Ed.] It is measured out to every man, every man is dealt a measure. You see the body is fitly joined and compacted by every measure that every joint supplieth. It's a measure. And then in the English, talent means ability.

If you look in a Webster Dictionary for talent, it quotes Matthew 25, because that is where the word comes from. It comes from the Greek; talent.

And Jesus using it to tell this parable, had a thought in His mind of a portion distributed, a measure given to you as a believer. Let me tell you, friends, if you bury yours, if you wasted the Master's goods, if you are just going along and not really involved in His service, if you are not really using the thing that God gave you for the

advancement of His Kingdom, if you are trying to use it for profitable gain, for selfish ambitions, for personal desires, then what is going to happen, you would be identified as an unjust steward, a slothful and wicked servant.

But watch something, the real steward who has been committed with the true riches, when he sees his time running out... I wonder when you look at the modern events, you look at the handwriting on the wall, do you see the time running out? When you see that, if we have to do God a service, we have to do it now! I wonder when you can wake up and see, all these years have passed and we have not even done anything. And if you see your time running out, then, do you have any real assurance that you shall be received into everlasting habitations where you have, friends?

Moses was given great riches. Moses was a steward. Do you know Eliezer was a steward? Eliezer was a steward over all of Abraham's goods. Joseph was a steward over all of Potiphar's goods. I don't have time to go into it tonight.

God made Paul a steward over the Mysteries in that Age and he told Timothy, "I have kept the faith." *Kept* means *to guard the Body of revealed Word that was committed unto him as the messenger*. When the Seal opened and he caught that Mystery and he told Timothy, he said, "Commit these things to faithful men that are able." Faithfulness first and then they have God-given ability, to teach others. Because he knew that if anybody had to be saved in that Age, they had to be saved by that Word. There was no other revelation; that was the revelation of Jesus Christ.

He said, "Hold fast the form of sound words, that you received of me and do not be ashamed; don't neglect this in your youth. let no man despise you with your little authority." He said, "Flee youthful lusts, lay hold on Eternal Life, fight the fight of faith, endure hardness as a good soldier, war a good warfare!" Why? Because he

knew the importance of the riches that they were entrusted with.

At the end, he said, "There is a crown of righteousness." He said, "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, there is a habitation, a house waiting for me. I have a dwelling place to go to when my time is expired." He said, "The time of my departure is at hand." They were going to chop his head off, he knew his time was finished. He saw... he sat there in Nero's jail. He said, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?" He had a house, eternal in the Heavens. He had a dwelling place, a habitation; everlasting habitations to go into because he was a faithful steward.

Jesus, in telling this parable; the unprofitable servant was cast into outer darkness; we want to understand the extent of this stewardship. Everything God gave you: time, money, children, education, beauty, resources, whatever it is that God has dealt you, should be... [Inaudible -Ed.] A steward is one who is taken up with the interest of his master's business.

When Eliezer went out he never talked about himself, he said, "My master is great. My master sent me to look for a wife for my master's son. He said, "Don't delay me! Let me go back to my master. Let me take my master's report." Everything was his master, his master, his master, his master, his master, he was taken up! He is a type of the model servant in the Bible.

And when God sent an Eliezer in this Day, he said, "I'd rather drink branch water and eat soda crackers!" At one time he thought he had failed because he could have, maybe, used his Master's goods to build schools, to build Bible schools and seminaries and great places to print books and everything else. And he stood up there and watched what men used their gifts for; to make money, to make themselves great and never had any interest in their Master's service. They used it.

That servant wasted his master's goods. He used his master's goods for his own profit like Balaam did. You see, we could go very deep—like Judas did (see?); used his Master's goods. What was the Master's goods? Everything that he displayed in this life, the fullness of the Holy Ghost: faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, signs, wonders, miracles, (see?) discernment of spirits, faith, (see?) speaking in tongues, everything. It's all the goods of the Master. St Mark 11:23, John 14:12, St John 15:7, Mark 16, it's the Master's goods. But that steward was more interested in using it for his own personal benefits and he was an unjust steward. But he was so wise, he was so shrewd, that he was thinking about dwelling places, habitations to receive him when his time is expired, when his service is terminated, when he saw... when he came to the awareness that his time is running out; his time had come to an end.

The end of all things is at hand. The end of this world system is at hand. The end of this human race, this Satan's Eden, this civilization is at hand, this world is again falling apart. This church system, rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, rejected the Word of Eternal Life; like the rich young ruler, religious to the core and rich and had crossed the line and ended up in hell, and this generation will be cremated. As it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah when God turned those cities into ashes. It's going to pass away to bring in another Kingdom.

At the last Trumpet, time shall be no more. Six Trumpets have already sounded and Seven Thunders uttered their Voices to gather the Bride for the sounding of the last Trumpet. And right in there we have been given a stewardship; right in there we have been dealt a measure. We have obtained part of this Inheritance. A part of the Ministry of the Son of Man has been given to us and everybody has a part in that part. The last part of that Ministry is to be fulfilled in the Bride. And that

is a body Ministry, a many-membered body, and by and through the members of the Bride, God is going to bring that to pass. A stewardship that we, every one of us, would find ourselves in the place where we must give account for the stewardship.

And if even in the natural things we are delinquent, He said, "How could God commit to you the true riches? Are you wondering why, maybe, you are rich? Remember Paul said, "As having nothing, yet possessing all things; as poor yet making many rich." [2nd Corinthians 6:10 -Ed.] Is that right? How did he make them rich? He had the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ. He could bring them to make all men see the fellowship of this Mystery; to bring them to the richness of the Inheritance in Christ.

Remember God told the Smyrna church, "You're poor but yet you are rich"? Think of what has been committed unto our trust, friends. Think of even right in this local assembly what has been committed into our trust. Think of how we ought to stand in this Hour. All these great Things we are looking at in the Word, what do they mean to us? What does it do to us? What kind of effect does it have upon us? Where does it contact on the inside? Do we really see what the Holy Spirit is trying to show to us? Do we really realize that the things that Jesus had in His mind, when He was teaching this when He was placing man in a certain place?

When you go home, maybe today or tomorrow, open it back, read it and grasp the picture real good. When you come on Sunday, the Lord's willing, may God help us to look more into it. Friday night, we come back for a little time again, a little more prayer and a little more of the Word to strengthen the places that we can see the church rise a little higher; we can see the Holy Spirit bring to pass these things that are promised.

You have to want it, you have to desire it, you have to be determined that you are part of it. The reason why sometimes some of you can't even move is, because

you're not really sure you are part of it and then the fearful part is you are not even concerned that you are not catching it sometimes. You should be so hungering and thirsting that God makes it real in your heart, that it would never leave you. But may tonight, as we see that man when he saw time was running out... When we see time is running out—time is running out. We don't have to make up that now; that has been spoken. That has been identified. This is the end, friends. The generation that sees Israel become a nation will not pass away.

This last Church Age has blacked out, everything shows this is the end. Judgment has already started in this earth, this is the end. The end of all things is here. This world is again falling apart, it's dead, it's finished, indicted and condemned, ready, just waiting for the atomic bomb, but it can't fall until the Bride goes.

And when we see what is taking place spiritually among us in our lives, am I involved? Am I fulfilling my stewardship? Am I taken up with my Master's business or am I even using my Master's business for my own personal benefit and wasting my Master's goods? I'm not interested in capitalizing on the present opportunity to make preparation for my future state when my time here is finished.

Every one of them had a revelation of the resurrection; that is why they were sealed until the day of their redemption. They knew there was life after death. That is why Jacob and Abraham said, "Bury me in the land of my fathers!" That is why Abraham left his people and sought a city whose builder and maker was God. They knew that. They were looking for that. They confessed they were pilgrims and strangers.

Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God. He counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; refused those things to go forward to fulfill the Word. Think of it. He was a steward, faithful and wise steward. Blessed is a

faithful and wise steward,” he said, “enter into the joys that have been prepared for you.” If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, when your time is up, there’s another one waiting. You are going up into a higher order, rather than to descend into a place where there is no habitation, no theophany; just a disembodied spirit, a soul without a theophany, like under the altar in the old nature. But think of going on and entering into that dwelling place. Think of it. Let us pray.

Gracious God, we feel that Your Word has been spoken so expressly by the Holy Spirit, so clear, Father; the Scripture being anointed and coming to life, being made plain before our eyes; an entrance that we could walk in It, Father, if we desire a closer fellowship; something that we could surrender our lives to if we are convinced and recognize Your Presence and recognize Your Word, recognize Your promise and recognize the Hour that we are living in. And how You have not failed to clearly identify all these things in this Day. When your Prophet saw that blast and Seven Angels and said, “Sirs, is this the sign of the end?” It was. He said, “What was prophecy, has become history. This day is this Scripture fulfilled.”

And dear God, when we realize down through these years how it is unfolding, sometimes we look for some great outward something to take place, no wonder You said, “The Rapture is a revelation only for the Bride.” The world, while they go on, Father, looking around and taken up—no man knew it until the day Noah entered into the ark and You shut the door, and then the flood came, and they realized they had missed it.

Enoch walked with God and was not. Elijah walked in there; knew he was going to meet those Angels, that Chariot of Fire that was going to come down low and pick him up. You took your disciples on the mountain top because You knew You were fixing to leave. You had to ascend that day because You were conscious of the plan of God. You had to go before the Feast of Pentecost

could come, so when You go, the Holy Ghost—you could come back in the form of the Holy Spirit and be in Your people, Lord.

And so dear God, we realize that down through the Scriptures when You showed the shadows and types of these things, they knew the Hour, they understood the program, they redeemed the time. You said, “Awake! It’s high time, awake out of your sleep and Christ shall give you Light. Be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is and redeeming the time.”

Oh God, when we see the end of all things are at hand. When we see Lord, the time clock striking the Hour. When we see that Angel with His hands raised saying, “Time shall be no more.” Gracious God, may Your Holy Spirit give us personally and individually, the experience of that awakening. As good people, many people feel the pull of the Hour. They know something is fixing to happen, but they are not awakened to what is taking place, Lord. And I pray, dear God, that You would help us to examine, to have spiritual discernment, to watch the Word, to listen to the beat of the Symphony, to hear the junctions, to hear the Drums drumming out, Lord; to hear the Trumpets trumpeting out, the Cymbals clashing, knowing that we are at a junction time, knowing what is happening, Lord.

May Your grace abound, Father, as it has already abounded, may it abound even more, that there would not be one that would miss it, Lord. We think of those wise Virgins, they were looking for the Bridegroom. They rose up and trimmed their lamps and they went in into everlasting habitations. Oh God, but the foolish ones, the unwise ones... You wanted Your children to have wisdom, You wanted them to have the kind of wisdom that would cause them to prepare for their future state. We see so many, Lord, failing to prepare for that future state.

Lord God, while the Holy Spirit is still speaking, still pushing upon us as we strive to enter that Heavenly

place, that blessed place of the region of the Above and shun that downward path that goes down to the regions of the lost below, where they are in torment, may even tonight, Father, our theophanies draw near. May even tonight, those Things that are to be, hover all around us, Lord. May even tonight, Lord, You bring such a charge of faith that would cause us to look up and lift up our heads. Oh God, this is the time of the claiming works. This is the time, Lord, God, when You are here to enforce a rightful condition of restoration to all the things that belong to us. This is the time of jubilee when everything goes back to its beginning. This is the time, dear God, when we have to fight to possess everything that You have made available. The Land is subdued, may we not be slack to go up and possess it.

Oh, gracious God, may Lord, the Holy Spirit tonight, touch Your people Lord, touch them once again. We need wisdom, we need power, true love for each other, Lord. May we not miss these things, Father, but may we prepare. You have sent a Message for preparation, a Pillar of Fire for vindication and the Token for consolation. In this dark Hour, when gross darkness is upon the earth and upon the peoples, Lord, let Your Light shine in, Father. Let this Treasure be in every earthen vessel, tonight. Grant it, we pray.

As we leave this place tonight, to go to our homes, may dear God, we go with such an attitude, so determined. The song says: I am determined, I've made up my mind, I will serve the Lord. The cross before me and the world behind me. We've come this far by faith, no turning back, Lord. Oh God, let's just be shut in with You Lord, in that secret Place, there in the Spirit, beholding Your face, gaining more power to run in this race. Quiet us tonight, Lord; quiet us. May Your Holy Spirit whisper Your Secrets in our ears. May You take our souls beyond the veil, where that great Shekinah Glory could so surround us. Quicken the Word within us. Grant it, Father. Let the things of this world grow

so strangely dim, Lord, in the light of Your glory and grace. May You grant it, Father.

Go with each and every one. Bring us back on Friday should You tarry and allow us life. Keep us in prayer, keep us in consecration, keep us walking in the Spirit. Let's dig deeper in the revelation, Lord. Oh deeper yet, we pray, and higher every day, and wiser blessed, Lord. Even though it costs hard trials, Lord, take us deeper still. Let us go out there and testify of You. Let us go out there and shine the Light. Let us go out there and be courageous. Let us not lose the vision, Lord. Let us become so focused, so in tune to the Spirit, so sensitive, so receptive to Your instructions, so yielded under Your guiding influence. God, may You grant it tonight. Grant it, we pray, Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask it. Amen.

[#376 - Shut In With God - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Shut in...

Gaining new power to run in the race,

I love to be shut in with God.

...to be shut in with God.

Let us pray for this dear sister tonight. She's in need of a touch from the Lord. She saw some signs of sickness in her body and she's just believing God tonight while she knows His Presence is here. Let's just believe Him together with her, putting our faith with hers and raising this request in the Presence of the Almighty God, Who said, "If you ask for a bread, I will not give you a stone; when you stand praying believe that you have received what you asked for and you shall have it."

Almighty God, You are here, Father, Your great Divine Presence; You Who are interested in Your children's needs; You Who said, "Cast your cares upon Me because I careth for you." Oh God, I lay my hands upon this dear sister, and together with this church praying for her deliverance now; in the Name of Jesus Christ may You touch her in her body, oh God. And in this

secretion that she sees coming forth, Lord, from her breast, I pray God, it will stop and You will remedy the situation, everything will come back to normal. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may she be made well, Lord? We ask it for her and for Your glory in the precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our dear sister, with this pain, Lord, and this fluttering in her stomach tonight, oh God, the enemy is just coming and trying to take this old worn-out body and trying to rack it with pain, and trying to bring disorders and anything he could throw in our way to be an obstacle to hinder us. But when faith is determined to walk on with God, when faith can rise up and see Your promise, Lord—we know You are more than able to keep that which we commit unto You even against that day. And so dear God, as we anoint the sister with oil and lay our hands upon her, in the Name of Jesus Christ agreeing together with this church, Father, God, for her deliverance, may the Spirit of God that is present here, move now, and may You touch her, Lord, and may she be made well. Lord, I rebuke this pain, Lord; I rebuke this fluttering, Lord. May she be well. May she be so quickened by the Holy Spirit and this condition be so stabilized, in the Name of Jesus Christ. As she believes it, Lord, may she receive it for your glory, in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

You believe God, tonight, and just let Him take you closer, friend. Amen. I wonder if Sis. Arlene would come and sing: *Draw me deeper, deeper...* as we get ready to leave.

And may God take you safely to your homes, give you good rest and watch over you and keep you in His Presence. Keep focused; it takes a lot to hold the vision. Every day, it's something battering your mind, and trying to throw you this way, and throw you that way, but that is where you have to tie to your Tie Post. No matter how the storms blow, you are anchored in There.

And do everything that you can to stand and then stand.

Sometimes you find your mind gets so far away out on one side, and you have to try to remember what God is speaking to you about. Remember on what He's trying to deal with you, remember what he is trying to attract your attention to, what He's is trying to speak to you about and just get your heart there, get your prayer there, stay right there, wait before God. No matter if you have to read the Scripture over and over, just wait. And as Habakkuk said, "Stand on your watch and see what He will say to you." When you see He reveals to you the channel and opens the way to you, stay right there and watch it without fail, He will come and give you what you have need of to overcome in this Hour. God bless you.

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