

Third Exodus Assembly

# Convinced Then Concerned

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Oh sing it again...Spirit of God move

*...of God move,*

*Write Your Word in my heart*

*Fill my whole being, consume my life*

*Spirit of God move*

*An empty vessel I want to be*

*So that you can come,*

*Lord and fill me.*

Amen, we want to greet everyone, this evening, in the precious and the lovely Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to invite your attention over in the Bible to St John, chapter 1. We came for prayer service tonight. Praise His wonderful Name. Praise God, amen.

I would like to read from verse 25, St. John, chapter 1. Glory be to God. Praise the Lord...reading from verse 25, St. John, chapter 1. This is where the Pharisees and the religious people, they went out to enquire of John who he was.

*And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?*

*John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;*

*He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.*

*These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.*

*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

*This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made*

*manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.*

*And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.*

*And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*

*And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*

*Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;*

*And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith,  
Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.*

*Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?*

*He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.*

*One of the two which heard John [speak], and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.*

*He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.*

*And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.*

*The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.*

*Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.*

*Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

Let me read that over again.

*Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

*And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*

*Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold and Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!*

*Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.*

*Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.*

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these.*

*And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we are so thankful to be in Your Presence tonight, to come into Your house Lord, not as a tradition, this evening, but coming with purpose. Lord, we have been in our homes today, the place where we reside. We have been out in the offices where we work. We have been in the stores and the groceries where we would shop and buy things for ourselves that we have need of. We got into our cars, Lord, and we drove and we come to this place which we call 'meeting place', the place, dear God, where we come and assemble together. Dear God, coming in here this evening, we come to Your House, Father. We come, dear

God, and gather in Your Divine Presence. Our hearts are bowed with reverence because we remember Your promise that said, 'where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in the midst'.

And so Lord, as we are gathered here, this evening, Father, we ask of You, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Lord, that Lord as You promised You would be present and also it's Your promise that the Spirit of Truth will lead us and guide us into all Truth, will bring back Things that was spoken by the Son of Man to our remembrance; teach us all Things and show us Things to come. This is the objective and the purpose with which we have come, Lord; knowing that faith comes by hearing and hearing by Your Word. And knowing that You sent a Message in this hour; a Message that has called our names, gathered us together; a Message that has come for preparation, to show to us how to prepare for great translation faith in this hour that we are living in.

And tonight, the night that is designated, prayer service, Lord God, we have come in anticipation that we would pray together, Father, as a church with things, oh God; Father, that You have made the Church of the Living God responsible for. Lord, that we would fulfil that which You've spoken concerning us in these last days; that we will do the service according to Your will; that we will come to understand from You how to do this service; that Lord God, You will release Your Spirit and Your power, power for service into our hearts Lord, the Spirit that will place us out according to our gifts. That You, the very Spirit will deal every man, the Great Joshua; even as Joshua divided up the natural land of Canaan to the elected called out people in the first exodus, that You, the Greater than Joshua, the Holy Spirit, will divide up even as You said in Your Word that You have dealt every man a measure of faith. That Lord God, You would so equip us, Lord, with that which is so needed in our lives to do You the service according to Your will.

May You have Your blessed way here tonight, that Lord You would bless our gathering. You would bless all within our gates. You would lead us and direct us, dear God. And Father, You

would open up the channel of revelation and release Your inspiration, that our communion with You, tonight, can be in the Spirit. That Lord, the Holy Spirit would speak to us, Lord and move our souls, our minds into the channel that Lord we could speak to You concerning these things as the Church of a Living God in this hour.

May You have Your blessed way, Lord. Bless each son and daughter, each one that is on their way travelling to come to Your House. May You bring them in peace and safety. And may dear God, we be gathered and raised up into heavenly places tonight. That Lord Jesus, when we leave this place, we could leave with that blessed assurance, knowing dear God, that the purpose for our coming has been fulfilled, and dear God, we are closer drawn to You when we would be going out, Father. May You grant it, dear God. Take full and complete control in this service. We commit all things into Your mighty hands; giving You thanks in advance for what You will do because we believe and pray, asking these mercies in the All-sufficient Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen, amen.

Let's just sing a little song before we have our seats tonight, *It's the anointing...amen*. Praise His wonderful Name. We want to welcome you all in the House of God.

And we have some very special guests here tonight, among us, Brother Gord Russell and Sister Rahael and their two children by God's grace. They looked forward to being here for a very long time. I have known my precious sister many years ago in Germany and then she resides in Canada. I'm just so sorry in my heart her mom couldn't make it tonight. She's a dear old saint. But we are glad that they could be here tonight and not just tonight but be with us over the next couple of weeks. God will make it a real spiritual vacation for them. They've come to have a little rest, get away with their children, have some family time but we are very happy to have them, tonight. God bless you Brother Gord, Sister Rahael, God bless you richly tonight, amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Glory be to God, amen, amen.

Then we have some saints from Dominica coming in for the wedding tomorrow. You know, tomorrow is the wedding of Brother Lofton and Sister Keren Wallace...Brother Lofton Charles. And the Charles family, I believe, is here in the island and they must be in the service tonight. We have Brother Prince and Brother Florian, elder brothers from Dominica that are here. God bless them tonight. We are glad to have them. Amen, Brother Lofton is here also. Amen, praise His wonderful Name.

And then from Tobago, we have Brother Andy George and his family. God bless, Brother Andy and Sister Suzette and their children by God's grace. Amen, praise His wonderful Name. We have a little international prayer meeting, tonight, in the Presence of God. We are so thankful for that. *It's the anointing...* tonight. May this Great Logos, this Pillar of Fire, this Anointing, without which it will just be mechanics. It will be works struggling in the energy of the flesh. But may this Holy Spirit just sweep down, amen. Let's worship Him in the Spirit and Truth here tonight.

Let's start with the chorus...*It's the anointing...*

*...the anointing,*

That makes the difference...*That makes the difference.*

Oh, once you have known it...*Once you have known it,*

Oh, you will never be the same

Oh, you can't live without it...*You can't live without it*

Once it rests upon you...Let it rest upon us, those tongues of fire tonight, hallelujah!

It will teach you...*It will teach you...*

How to walk...*to walk in Jesus Name.*

Oh sing it again...it's the anointing...*the anointing,*

Oh, that makes the difference...*the difference...* hallelujah!

And once you've known It...*Once you have known It*  
Oh, you will never be the same...*the same,*  
Oh, you can't live without It...*You can't live without It*  
Once It rests upon you...*Once it rests upon you*  
It will teach you...*It will teach you*  
How to walk...*How to walk in Jesus' Name.*

Oh let the sisters try it...It's the anointing, tonight  
Just worship Him, amen.  
May this great Holy Spirit just breathe into us such a quickening  
tonight? Hallelujah.

Oh, you'll never be the same.  
God give it to us tonight, hallelujah!  
God has an anointed Church in these last days, hallelujah, Spirit  
quickenened people.

It will teach you...He said, *I will pour out My Spirit upon My  
sons and upon My daughters,* amen, hallelujah! Oh let's lift our  
hands and sing it together, amen.

It's the anointing...tonight  
*It's the anointing,*  
That; that makes the difference  
Hallelujah...*known It*  
You'll never, never be the same  
Oh, you can't live without It  
*You can't live without It*  
Once It rests upon you  
It will teach you...May He teach us, tonight?  
*It will teach you how to walk*

*in Jesus Name.*

Hallelujah, praise His wonderful Name. God bless you. You may have your seat tonight. Praise the Lord. I just want to take a few minutes and speak a little bit, **CONVINCED THEN CONCERNED**; very simple. But such a great thing, that if God is to get anything done in this hour, it must be a people that is convinced. A people convinced that:

This is the will of God

This is the time for these things

This is the plan of God

That you have been called of God

And this is the purpose of God

These things must be settled in your heart and mind first. To do anything for God, you must know what God wants done. And you must know that it's God's will for you to do what He has called you to do.

That's the problem we have today. That's why there is so much people just sitting in benches. That's why there's so many people just sitting in church. And they come to church; they go home - they come to church; they go home. They talk about the Word, so to speak, which is more like trying to show each other what they know, what they understand. But where you find people in service for God, this is a people who have come beyond, wondering if they are called, wondering if this is the hour for these things. These are people who are stepping out, anointed and quickened, to make the things that God promised happen. Because there are things spoken for this day that is to be accomplished by a special set of people that God has predestinated on the earth for this.

There was nobody to trying to get the Prophet to do what he was called to do, to say, 'That's you, Brother Branham, that's you. No he knew it was him. An Angel came to him and revealed to him that's him and proved to him that was him. And he went forth there as one man from 1946 to 1965, a one-man move.

And you hear him talk about Moses after he met the Pillar of Fire and they say, 'Where are you going Moses?' He said, 'I'm going to take over Egypt'. He said, 'a one-man invasion going with his wife, his two little boys on the donkey and was heading down to Egypt the super power in the world in that day'. This was a man who for...had run from God. This was a man who had run away from the people. This was a man who was making excuses when God called him to go. This was a man who was told by his mother from birth, growing up that 'You were born for a special purpose, Moses. There is something different about you. There was a Light when you were born hanging over your crib, Moses.' The Bible says, *He was born a proper child.* His parents had faith, that they defied the king's commandment and they took the child and the mother made the little pitch... the little ark and put him inside of it and put it on the river Nile because they were convinced. 'We will put our lives in jeopardy because we are a people believing a promise. And we believe that this child will bring deliverance to fulfil a promise that we are waiting for, for four hundred years, and now is that time.' They were convinced that that was that time.

The Bible says that when they saw the time of promise was drawing near, the time was at hand for these things, the people got to hungering and praying and they begin to cry out to God. And that is what brought down the Holy Spirit. And God said, 'I have heard the cries of My people and I'm come down and I'm sending you, Moses.' The man who had run away; the man who started to make excuses and says, 'The people won't believe me, Lord. You don't know those people, those people...you know they, I tried to help them forty years ago and they came and they start to threaten me and start to, you know, resist me and say, who made me a ruler over them and these things. And I had to run for my life. They

start to talk about if I want to kill them like I killed the Egyptian'. And Moses fled in fear for his life.

But the thing about God is, if God called you for something and you are born for something, God comes to find you. God don't just replace you because you don't want to go. Jonah ran from God and God ran down Jonah. You see God's thing is not...God's works are settled before the foundation of the world. And when God comes to His people, to whom He has called for certain things, this is the manner in which God deals with them. He don't deal with them as somebody just, you know, started their lives and their existence a couple years ago.

When God came to the Prophet, He went straight to the Scripture. He says, "He began to explain to me my misunderstood life. And He began to refer to me in the Scriptures and in the Bible. And everything He was showing me about the visions and why the Magis and they said, 'you're born under a sign' and what this means, He was referring to me the Scriptures." He was born for this.

And so, I want you to catch and understand that when God calls people, He don't leave them up to their human mind and their human reasoning to go and try to do something for God. No, God from birth is preparing these people for the hour, when He'll call them and anoint them and send them in service. You read the life story. As a little baby, he was dying in the snow storm. His mother was dying. And God caused a neighbour to look and see no smoke is coming from the chimney and realize, 'If no smoke is coming and we're in a snow storm and it is maybe about five, six feet of snow out there already, and in that house there's supposed to be a mother and a baby.' That is like a distress thing. The man got in the snow; he got out there, got to the house and found the mother

freezing and trying to keep the baby warm with her body while she's dying there, hungry and everything else.

We read of him when he got shot and losing all that blood and left the body and went down to hell, fourteen years old. We read of him as a young widower after his wife died, trying to electrocute himself and trying to shoot himself because of these pressures. But we read that from a baby God is protecting this life, preserving this life, keeping this life.

And when God came to him, God began to talk to him because God knows, if he had to do anything for God, he had to be convinced, he is that person. That is why when he stood up to pray for people there, he's not trying to fight up in his mind to pray for the people, he said, 'Father, You sent me for this. I am that servant at supper time who is to call, the halt, the lame, the maimed and the blind. This is the First Pull. This is what the ministry of Jesus was. You are creating an attraction by healing people to get them ready for the Voice of the Sign, a Message that will follow this healing revival.' He expected God to heal the people. He went out convinced of that. Most of all he saw in the Bible, that was the day. 'This was the time; this was the season for those things to happen.' And then, here was God coming down to confirm that to the person.

God has done that in every age. Did God come to Gideon? Was he ready to go? No he wasn't ready to go. But when God was finished with him, did he go? That's right. Did God come down to Moses? Did Moses go? Was he making excuses first? But he got convinced.

Nobody went out there trying in their human mind to try to do something. God's order, God's way, God's provided way for this day; and there is only one way provided by God for everything that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. If that's how He prepares somebody before He sends them, He is going to prepare them and send them that way. Did He prepare Isaiah before He

sent him or did He send him without preparation? Did He prepare Elijah before He sent him? Did He prepare the Apostles before He sent them? Did He tell them, 'go and wait, you shall be endued with power from on high?' Did He send power from on high that they could go forth and do what they're called to do? That's God's way. In any age in the Bible, that's God's way.

Many times because our thoughts are not Scriptural and we are looking at things and not seeing Scripture, we're seeing people, we stand up with our human minds, 'this one is trying to do that; maybe this one is trying to do that', because maybe they themselves are trying to figure out too because there is no knowledge of the Scripture. But we are not called to live like that. That is how people in the world live. That is how people without the Holy Ghost live.

People in the economy of God knows that God allots a Word to every age. And God predestinates the people in that age to meet that Word. And then God, Himself Who put the people in that age, because nobody had a choice which age they want to be born in. But God spoke a Word for an age and God allot the people for that age to meet that Word. Is that right? Then God Himself has to make the connection. God has to make the connection with those people to the Word in the Bible where He spoke of them.

If God does not do that those people do not know what to do. They would live a normal life, give out a tract, give out a book and say they are a Christian. But if those people are called for service for God, God will start to teach them how the gifts will find their places. God will start to lead them to that place. God will start to teach them about their position and the power that goes with their position. And for God to teach them that, God will have to go back to the Bible and show where He did that before and let them see He is dealing with them the same way today, as He did with others yesterday. Does that make sense? That makes all the sense to me because that's the way God is.

God can't do that and then teach you about it in the papers. He has to go back to His Word, because why? Faith only has one resting place. What does faith rest on? The Word of God. Why does faith rest on the Word of God? Because that is the only certain thing there is. That's the only certain thing there is. 'Heaven and earth will pass away but My Word will never pass away'. Jesus said, 'You do err not knowing the Scriptures, the Scriptures cannot be broken'. It cannot be broken, 'not one jot or one tittle shall in any wise fail'. All Scripture come by inspiration. Even Jesus Who was the living Word when He came; He had to go to the Scriptures. He said, 'search the Scripture, in them you think you have eternal life but they are they that testify of Me'. Is that right? It must come back to the Scripture.

It must come back to the Word. This is the great thing. This is the great thing because this is what brings peace. This is what gives comfort. This is what brings assurance. And this is what your relationship with God is established upon. There's no relationship with God outside of that, you know. Know that for a fact. Because a person, who does not know their place, does not know what part of the Word they are, does not know what age they are in, they will go and talk to God about all kinds of things; instead of talking to God according to the things that reveal the purpose why they are on the earth. Does the Bible say, 'you are the called according to God's purpose? Did it say, 'no man could come except the Father first draws them? That's right.

Well then, that means if God puts you there and you do not know... because your first part of your life under your first birth is you're under amnesia. Is that correct? Are you born from your mother's womb knowing who you are, knowing what age you are in, knowing what's to happen? Do you know that? It can't be. It is

not so at all. You're born with amnesia. You're trying maybe to be like other people. You're trying to – you're being influenced. But all the time, there is something inside of there that cannot be satisfied until that God comes down. When that God comes down, He is coming directly for the purpose that He puts you on the earth for.

The first time He came to the Prophet, what did He say? "Don't drink or smoke because there's a work for you when you get older." He starts to talk to him about the purpose on earth from a little child, seven years old. Then he had gifts in his life. So God starts to use those gifts because those gifts! God showed him a vision. Sixteen men are going to fall off the bridge. He didn't even know when. He didn't know how; but the vision started. And as the vision started, he started to get confidence 'this thing don't fail and whenever It comes', he said, 'if God tells me He is going to raise George Washington, I will invite the whole world to see it.'

Like the boy in Finland, he says, 'if this boy doesn't raise in two minutes, run me out of Finland, I'm a false prophet.' Why? Here is a big full man, who from a little child, seeing his first vision at eighteen months and knows that those things have never failed. He knows he is a secured channel. Satan can't come in there and bring anything. He knows he is predestinated to a purpose. This is the thing, friends. To be convinced, God has to convince us.

That's why people don't have faith really many times. They want to have faith. They wish they could have faith. The most that happens is, they get worked up for a little while and then after a few weeks after, they're back down in the dumps because they don't have something to sustain that faith. They might have had an experience and the feeling that that experience brings, you know it was something supernatural. Maybe it's the Presence of God

comes close to you; maybe it is something you dreamed or something. But for that faith to – then you are on a high, you are on a charge but if understanding is not accompanied to that...

That's why he had visions from 18 months to 37 years but he is in the cave praying, 'take this away from me. I don't want nothing of the devil' and all this kind of different things. That is why he was trying to kill himself a couple of times because he didn't fully understand. All he knows is, I'm a man with gifts. I'm a man that has supernatural experiences but there is no understanding of the Scriptures yet because you could have that. Jesus told them, He said, 'Don't rejoice the devils are subject unto you.' He said, 'after you're converted', because you could have a lot of supernatural experiences unconverted because there is no understanding. You are just a recipient of Divine Grace, of something supernatural in your life. But faith is a revelation and faith is rest upon the Word. And if it's something that you are going through, it's always in the Bible but you do not know it's in the Bible. You don't know how to find it in the Bible. But when God comes, when the Spirit of Truth comes and begin to take you to the Scripture and teach you and show you, that that's not just one place; that's how He dealt with man from the very beginning coming right down, then that does something to you.

When people do not know what to seek, many times they're seeking, they want a supernatural something. Seek understanding. Seek revelation. Because the same God, the same goose bumps you want with something, revelation will give you stimulation. See, you'll get a feeling with it too but you'll have understanding. You will have understanding. You see when God – you're going and try to dream a spiritual dream. No, when God wants to reveal things to you, He will come and reveal that to you. Daniel saw

over Nebuchadnezzar's dream because it was something that God wanted to make known.

Six people dreamed dreams in the tabernacle because God wanted to confirm the vision that was coming by these things because it was time for the Prophet to go to meet the angels. People were coming on the platform and he was discerning and seeing visions and so on, it was to help the people get faith so they could come into the healing they had need of. In other words, he is not just, 'I want to see a vision. I want to see a vision'. No, no, when he comes and somebody's sick and they had respect to him and they had faith, and they come there believing that God is a Healer and their faith wasn't sufficient, he could see things to help build their faith. Or he could see things to confirm to them, God accepts their faith and he says, 'You have just been healed. God accepts your faith. You had more faith than you thought you had'. The vision is settling them. It is not to show he was powerful. It was something, that God is making His will known to the people. God was convincing them; 'you could stand and hold to this healing'. That is why he says, 'Will it help if I say, **thus saith the Lord**, you are healed'. He said, '**thus saith the Lord**, you are healed.' It anchored them.

Somebody comes he says 'am', he says 'you expect me to see a vision but His Word also says, 'if you lay hands on the sick', he says, 'what if I lay hands on you, will it be okay with you?' Some of the people have faith, they say, 'yes'. Maybe some are coming, in their minds, 'so why can't he see a vision over me too?' Then the devil turns back around and tells them, 'Ah, he's only saying that but that mightn't happen'. Then you doubt the vision; then you put yourself in a worse place with God.

But when he comes there and he could say; he will lay hands and pray, that is Mark 16, heaven and earth will pass away, that can't fail. Because the faith is not what he tells them, the faith is in the Bible. Because if he stands up and says something different to the Bible, he'll be wrong. He's only – he's there only confirming what already has been said in the Word, proving that the Word is true, and proving that God keeps His promises.

Now when you don't understand it the right way, your faith don't last, you have to understand it the right way. Because when you understand it the right way, you relate the right way to it. And when your situation comes, because you understand it the right way, you don't have to go and look for somebody. You could say, 'that woman with the blood issue, she just reached out.' She had no preacher, she had no deacon, she had no usher, she had nothing. She could try and get it right there because she had something to tell her, 'That's Him, that's the Word, He is present. I could have that now.'

Martha... who was there to coach Martha? She said, 'Yea Lord, our brother is dead but if You had been here, he wouldn't have died. But nevertheless whatsoever You ask the Father, He will give it to You.' The Prophet said, "She could have reproached Him and said, 'we sent for You, we called for You, we ask...we did so much for you and this is how You treated us?'" No, no, no, she had respects, her faith – because she had faith; because she already knew who He was regardless of how He treated them.

He never sent a bunch of flowers for John when John's head got cut off. From the time he knew John was in prison, he moved to the next place because the symphony was a next part of the Word had to be fulfilled. Half of the time, people get tied to sympathy and all these kind of things; get themselves in a place where they

get bent out of shape because faith is not there. They want to attract human attention. You must walk in a place where your tie post is Jesus Christ. Your soul is anchored to the Word. Once you're in the right place and you're seeing from the right angle, you will always behave the right way. It will come out of you the right way.

Now this is where, unless you don't get there or strive to get there, Satan is going to mess up your mind and give you all kinds of illusions that you will be walking and calling it, 'God' and calling it 'the will of God' and you go into things. And from the time, you get questioned by the Word with it, you have nothing to stand on because you're walking after your own imagination, after your own human desire. That does not bring power and strength in your life; that weakens you. That keeps you in a place where you're vulnerable. What brings strength and power in your life is where you're walking in line with the Word.

You see, Satan knew if he quotes the Word correctly, he'll only strengthen Eve's faith. You catch that? If he only brings the Word and keeps It the way God said It, he'll only strengthen their faith because you can't live by the Word and die. It's impossible. You can't live by the Word and be in defeat all the time, no, it's impossible. 'If you abide in Me and My Word abides in you, you can ask what you will'.

The Prophet said, 'when God wanted to fortify them', he said, 'if you are a parent your children needs security, and you know a ninety foot wall will keep them secure from whatever wants to come against them', he said, 'you will put it maybe ninety by three, two hundred and seventy feet high,' Because why? You don't want to take any chances. He said, 'Well, when God Who is the Creator

thought of what was the most secure thing to fortify them by, was His Word.' He knew; That's why when He came He overcame the devil without a sign, a wonder or a miracle. He overcame him by the Word, to prove the Word is the thing the devil cannot battle against. You see? Because the Word is life; the devil is death. Life is more powerful than death. The Word is Light, he is darkness. There is no way wisdom could overcome faith. Faith is the victory that overcometh, not wisdom, faith. Human wisdom, we're talking about, which the devil has. The devil doesn't have divine wisdom. Divine Wisdom is Christ, 'Christ is made unto us wisdom'.

God wants to bring you to a place where you're convinced. Now sometimes people; if you stay shallow you will... and you are not living in a... taking self-inventory and self-examination, which this is something that any true believer that wants to make progress with God, they continually keep themselves under self-examination. They continually filter their own thinking by the Word of God. From the time they see their thoughts want to deviate and they desire wants something that the Word did not promise, they know that is danger. They know they're under temptation. They know the devil is trying to move them out of their position and he's going to control them because you can see where your thoughts are going. That's why the Bible says, 'bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ and having a readiness to revenge all disobedience'.

But when you get taken up in your human desire and you stay in the second realm, in the realm of reasoning and affection and imagination and you are not staying in the realm of, you're not in the realm of faith, you are going to be easily seduced and be misled. Now in there, you can't be in there with reasoning because he has access to those senses. He has access to your body and

access to your spirit. God gave him that. That's why you have to stay in the realm of the soul. You have to stay behind the Word because in there is faith or unbelief. You have to accept or reject. So you have to try everything by the Word that is coming in to you; because your fortification is what? The Word.

Now if you want to see your faith increase, if you want to walk in victory, not just come to church, you must see that coming to church is not it. That's just, '...not forsaking the assembling of yourselves...' you could be in the building; in other words, 'you're assembled' and you fall asleep ten minutes after. Best you had stayed home. Do you understand what I'm saying? Because you come in the House of the Lord for a purpose, not to sleep. It means, if your body is tired, stay and sleep and get a good rest because here is not the place to sleep. So it shows you're confused, you don't know where your bedroom is. You should be wearing your pyjamas. I think someone should say, 'hey, go home, go home, go home'. But when you're in church clothes, tie and dress and you're in church coming to sleep, oh God, God have mercy. You're either dreaming you're going out to church and you end up here walking in your sleep. But the thing is you want to be conscious. You want to be convinced.

Now we are talking about **CONVINCED THEN CONCERNED**. Now I was – this just came to me. I was in a conversation and in that conversation, I was travelling and this conversation and I'm hearing myself saying things. So when I finished I said, 'Boy! That was a mouthful'. I took up my pen quick and write down some things there to speak on, Burden and Sacrifice and realized, 'Why don't people have a burden?' When you want to have a burden – if a person doesn't have a burden for

lost souls, it means to say you're out of touch with your calling and your purpose. Because the Word says, 'You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth.' The Word says, 'by and through the members of the Bride, God is going to finish the work'.

And if you know He had not even used you or start to use you yet. so far your biggest thing is 'I go to church' church attendance. And because you purpose in your mind, 'I'm going for me. I'm going to hear the Word. I'm going to get the Holy Spirit. I'm going; I want to walk closer to God. I'm going; I want to serve God'. Then all of that effort is for you personally as an individual.

But then the time comes around, when God now, wants to make you an instrument in His hand for the deliverance of others, for the strengthening of others, where you could motivate and inspire others because you are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. If the salt has lost its savour, it's good for nothing, if it's lost its saltiness. It means to say, God puts you there that when people get in contact with you, and He puts you in a place where if it's your job or your school or whatever it is, you are in contact with people. Then that saltiness that you have; when salt contacts it creates a thirst. You will get - people will get thirsty for what you have. They'll say, 'wait, I have been watching you for a little while, you know. And I noticed something different about you. And today I decide to find out what it is. Why are you so? Where do you go to church? I realize you are a Christian. I see you reading your Bible.' Why? You attract. Light attracts. And God knows they are going to catch others.

Just like he said, 'the Angel taught him how to fish.' He said, 'Put a bait'. That is to attract. He said, 'Pull it slow'. They will follow it. It will draw them. That is God's way of drawing people to the Truth. No man can come except He draws them. Well God

has a method of how He draws people. It's the same way He says, 'You know how to draw fish and catch them on your hook. You are a fisher of fish. I'll now make you a fisher of men. I'll use the same principle to catch men.' This is God's way.

This is why, you know, you travel, you go different places and you see you are burdened to see people get delivered. You are burdened to see people rise up and take their possessions and their position because this is God's plan. When Joshua took them over into the land, they fought for their possessions and then they took their position in their possessions. And then the church in the end was placed positionally.

But before that, they're coming through the wilderness. They're coming to fight for their inheritance and their placing. When they come in the land they must know 'We are not in the wilderness.' Because in the wilderness they know, 'We're in journey but one day we will have to start to fight, really fight. One day, we will possess and be placed but now we're in journey, we want to keep pressing. We want to keep going forward. We want to keep following the Pillar of Fire. We know while we are coming through the wilderness, Egypt is leaving us, sanctification. We are getting cleansed. We're coming to the filling.'

They didn't eat the grapes in Egypt. When they reached Kadesh Barnea, close to the promise, they started to taste things in the land where they're going. What is God doing that for? Getting them ready for what they're coming to possess. God has a perfect plan and He lays it out in the Bible.

And the Word is a Lamp unto your feet and a Light unto your pathway. You are making progress as you walk in the Word. And as you walk in Light, more Light unfolds. And as more Light unfolds, more understanding comes is what it means. And as more understanding comes, your faith starts to be increased because

you're seeing clearer. You are understanding better how you're journeying, where you're journeying to, what is yours, how you are going to fight and take it. You're starting to come in harmony with the Holy Spirit.

Now what the devil does, he starts to play on your emotions, starts to play on your feelings; get you excited for things and you start to run ahead of God quickly. God had you started, seeking the Kingdom. You don't even understand the Kingdom fully; you are not in the Kingdom yet, but the other things God promised after you seek first the Kingdom, you're trying to get those things and you have not sought the Kingdom as yet. You hear about the Kingdom but you are not there.

So things now, pushing you this way, pushing you that way, influencing you this way and you get yourself in trouble. Because when you get the Holy Ghost, when the Holy Ghost comes in you; you are in the Kingdom and the Kingdom is in you, then whatever God gives you, you know how to use it for the Glory of God. And whatever the devil tries to bring to you, you could discern it and withstand it because Christ is in you; you are in the Kingdom and the Kingdom is in you.

But people don't wait. They don't let God lead them. That's why they have plenty church, they could say, 'I never missed a service in the last eight years.' It means nothing. Are you overcoming, is what we are talking about. Are you seeing the enemy? Do you recognize the tricks, how he is trying to come into your life? Do you realize you are being paralyzed in certain places? Do you realize your mind gets stagnated? He brings you under an obsession for this and an obsession for that and you can't think outside of that box because you get so obsessed. He brings you into a mental slavery. Your mind becomes captivated and now that mind is coming under control because this is 'The greatest battle ever fought', the battle in the mind. And you're taken a

prisoner in the mind war. And you're living now under illusion and you're only talking fantasy, not reality. You don't get convinced. When testing time comes, you realize you can't stand. You want to know, 'why can't I stand?' Because in that realm, he makes you think of yourself more highly than you ought to think of yourself. In that realm, he holds you in a place and keeps you under that influence.

Today you see so many people they have no burden for the things God promised. And if you have no burden, anybody who has no burden, they can't sacrifice for anything. It is your burden that makes you sacrifice. But you can't even have a burden without a vision. It's the vision, the revelation that's open to you, is what brings the burden because the revelation shows you the need.

That is why the Prophet says, 'I'm mowing my lawn and I'm hearing 'unclean, unclean, the leper cried in torment'. He said, 'I'm seeing the prayer line. I'm seeing the plane passing'. I say, 'Oh God, it's time to go again.' Why? He is burdened for this. Why? The influence of what the Angel told him, 'you're born to pray for the sick', can't leave him. He sees sick people, it attracts him, why? There's love there wants to help people.

That so governs him, he can't think about trying to progress in natural life, build a Bible school, say he's successful; have a whole man-made program like Oral Roberts, build a whole city of faith like Oral Roberts. He lived saying, 'I want something more than a healing revival. I'm tired tramping on this mountain. I'm heading down to Jordan.' All that time Oral Roberts is saying, 'I want a statue of me over here. I want a Bible school here. I want to have ministers train over here. I want to do this over here.'

And by the time he visits Oral Robert's place, he says, 'Oh God, look at me, my trailer in the back here and look at this,' and then God comes and says, 'but I'm your portion.' In other words, God is saying, "I have you so. It is I have you so, because you were convinced; because you got under the effects of the vision; because you say, 'who will go for us'; because you come through confession, cleansing and commission and you say, 'here am I Lord, send me'. You see the prayer line. You see the sick. You can't sleep. You want to rise up. You see God's people suffering here. You see the church being beaten down by that man with the three cornered stick; that trinity doctrine striking the people." Something inside of him – something inside of him.

I want to read something for you from a message called, "**Early Spiritual Experiences**". He says:

*...I remember as a little lad, then setting in school, and I seen what whiskey had done to my home, how I went to school with no shoes on, no shirt on all winter and my coat buttoned up like this.*

Seven years old when the Angel talked to him out of the tree in the whirlwind. He was packing the water to make illegal whiskey. His father wasn't seeing he had a son who was a prophet. His father saw the Light there over the crib. It didn't mean anything. It was a Light. The father's mind is enslaved by the kind of life in the environment where he's living, in the hills of Kentucky; what his father used to do, how the woodsmen live up there and that kind of culture. And the father there; because the father wasn't a Christian. The mother was a Catholic girl, fifteen years old. The little baby boy born, they saw a Light. The Light didn't spend all day and all night there for the father, for it to sink in. The Light appeared,

shrrrr, it's gone. They knew there was a Light. They didn't have a Bible in the house, much more to go and find out what this means and so on. They say nobody had the record. He, maybe said April the 6<sup>th</sup> 1909 because having vision he could see back. But he said, nobody kept a record in those days up there. They just said, 'This one was born in the time of picking corn. This one was born in the time the robin comes out and sings.' That is how they used to identify the time when you were born. 'This one was born in the beginning of the rainy season'. You know, this was the way. See? So he says:

*And I remember as a little lad, then setting in school, and I seen what whiskey had done to my home,*

When he starts to go to school now, out of the home and get among other children and see their mothers give them a little lunch kit, they come to school. They have clothes. If it's a little cold they have a nice little coat. And he's seeing no shoes, no clothes, it's then he started to feel funny. Because it was only then he realized, 'I'm deprived'. And then he feels ashamed. Remember he talked about the coat, how he buttoned up that coat. And the teacher says, 'Why do you have that coat, Billy? He says, 'I'm feeling cold, ma'am.' She says, 'but now it's not cold.' He says, 'Ma'am, I'm feeling real cold'. She says, 'Take that coat off.' If he takes off the coat he is bareback so he's trying to keep it like this. So she says, 'Oh well, since you're feeling cold, maybe you have some inward fever or whatever you have.' She puts him by the fire. Well now he starts to sweat more because... You see? Because it's shame, he was ashamed to say he had no clothes.

So here is the boy going through this in his mind. He was a deprived child but he is discovering this and then realizes, 'wait, I

love my parents and I think my parents love me, but though my parents love me, they don't really care for me into the extent where they are going to provide and be concerned about my welfare. They are not even living their lives in my feelings, what I am going to feel when I get among the school children there'. Because remember when he got that coat, that thing, he begged Lloyd for it. And by that time Lloyd only had a leg remaining. And took that leg now and tried to use it as clothing. See? Now it's a point I'm making here. I'm showing you how he is coming to discover this. He says:

*And how I went to school with no shoes on, no shirt on all winter and my coat buttoned up like this.*

*I was reading...*

Then he started to read. He's learning to read in school so he could read a book now about Abraham Lincoln. He didn't have the Bible yet to read you know, but he could read. But he is reading something about a great man of God. And God has that there for him to read to inspire and influence his life; because what we are talking about? How God gets to convince you. **CONVINCED THEN CONCERNED.** Watch.

*I was reading where Abraham Lincoln got off the boat...he said:*

*I had seen...first...I had seen what whiskey had done to my home...*

He explained that; by not having clothes, not having shoes, all winter no clothes and these things, suffering. He said:

*I was reading where Abraham Lincoln got off the boat down in New Orleans and during the day of slavery, and seen them taking a great big, burly colored man and his little wife, and his two kiddies, screaming, and crying, and praying. They was auctioning him off there to breed him amongst bigger women, to bring forth a bigger bunch, healthier, fatter slaves.*

Hear this man. This man, this slave buyer went down by the wharf when – the harbour when the ship comes in with the slaves. And they walked off the boat as a family, the man, his wife and his sons because they bought them as a family there. But this slave buyer now, he doesn't want all of them. He's accustomed to breeding bulls with cows. He's not thinking family. He's thinking breeding. And he realizes, "I have two big ladies there, kind of big. They are my two hardest workers. I have this bunch of small weak men. They're dying off early on me. They can't even lift up the bale of hay when the time comes. They work a little bit in the hot sun; they're collapsing on me and these things.' When he looks around at the slaves, he sees this big one here. He says, 'Give me, him'. He's not thinking, 'this man has a wife and two children'. He's not thinking he's breaking up a family. He just knows, 'All I want is this big one here. Every seed will bring forth after its kind. If I put him with those three, four big ladies...' This man is accustomed to being with this woman alone. That is his wife. This man is taking him now to use him now with different women because they are just livestock. This is a labour force the man wants to produce. 'More labour means – because I'm going to buy some more acres of land and I'm going to increase my production rate and I'm going to, you know, have a greater income and by that profit I'll buy a next farm.' He is thinking business and wealth. So this is a man, fitting into a plan of man who is having now power and rights over him and ownership over him, to advance his own estate.

This is what Satan takes people when you obey him, when you start to obey him and play around with him. He's not interested in you, you know. He is not interested in your welfare, you know. If you have beauty, he knows what beauty can do in an age like this.

If you have talent; you could sing, you could sew, you could do different things; he knows what kind of revenue this could generate. 'Because you could sew but you have a conviction, you wouldn't sew pants for women. You wouldn't sew all those kinds of naked clothes, you're playing Christian. I'll break you. You are the most skilful seamstress I have here and tailor.' Well, when he is done with you, you are sewing things, when he advertises that in an age of globalization and your line of clothing is selling across the world. He is using your talent to strengthen his kingdom and his grip on the lives of people.

I'm using this here to show you – Is Satan a slave master? Does he capture people? Does he hold them in bondage? Is this his way to keep you in ignorance and use you? Right; well this is what slavery was. Natural slavery is a type of spiritual slavery. Did Jesus come to die to redeem us from a life of slavery, a slave to sin? That's right. There is physical slavery and there is mental slavery. When he captures your mind, then you start to think his thoughts. You start to see the world through his eyes. Then he starts to drive you. Because remember, if the Spirit of God comes in you, that Spirit of God will make you a powerful instrument in God's service. If the devil comes in you he is going to use you. You are just mechanics. The driving force is either God or Satan.

God has a purpose for you. But sometimes, before God could bring that revelation to your heart, Satan already start to show you what they call, 'success in the world'. And you're only seeing until you get old. So you want to give the devil your youth. You want to do all of this. And when you get old and you can't do anything for God, you want salvation, like if God don't have a plan and He created man that man was to be His temple. And man was to be His instrument to do what He is doing. And He is the One who gave man the talents and everything to advance His Kingdom. Then Satan comes to circumvent God's plan, take God's people,

carries them there. And when he can't use them no more in this kingdom, they become expendable, he says God could have them now. And then you want to say, 'I love Jesus.'

But when you come in at that age, you can't do anything for the Lord's Kingdom. Because you gave your life, you're used, you get abused, you get manipulated, you get exploited, you get bent out of shape, you get worn down. You are no good for God. That is why the Bible says, 'Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.' Wake up. Wake up and think. The privilege that you have in this day, the last days when knowledge shall be increased, the privilege you have in this day is that, what it took people five hundred years to learn in a past age, and it took people eighty years to get a hold of, you could get a hold of the right things from a very young age.

When my mother and they started, they thought, a man of God was the Anglican priest. And when he comes she had to get the whiskey for him. And he's coming in this big white gown, take some water from the pipe, call it holy water because they put it in a little decanter and throw it on our wall and then make some sort of signs and says the house is blessed. And then for that now, she has to give him an offering and she has to come out with the bottle of whiskey because he's an alcoholic. And her mind's so blind that they're trained to see the institution and not to see the kind of men the institution is producing, to know the real condition of the institution. In my day, I live to see that same church now has a homosexual archbishop. So when it comes down to you to see... why? They get them when they're small and indoctrinate them with this nonsense.

Like we were in the wedding last week, a lady who we knew, passing there at the side there and she says... you know she was in the service in the wedding. So I'm preaching about the condition of how the marriage institution was brought down to such a place

and so on. So afterwards she says – I guess maybe she must have felt happy to see well at least we're serving – we're going to church. And in her mind she sees that we are going to church and maybe not drinking and smoking and so on. So she says, 'My children, my children'. She says, 'I used to lift you up and take you all to church.' Before I could even think, I heard myself saying, 'Yea, you carried us to the Catholic Church.' In my mind I said, 'Oh God, I hope this doesn't sound offensive.'

But like I'm saying, but when God has a purpose, when God puts you in the age to meet the Word, God comes to you. God doesn't run His business in a haphazard way. God chose you before the foundation of the world, predestinated the age you were going to come in. He brings you there. He watches over you because you're born for a purpose. When the time of that calling comes, He comes to you and starts to knock on your heart's door. He's ready for you. He says, 'I'm ready for you.' God might use circumstances to drive you to the cave like He had the Prophet, all nervous and flustered, but it drive him in the place God wants him. Just like how he had Jacob at Peniel, he used circumstance to drive him to that place of desperation. That's the way God is.

Sometimes when you think your life is all going topsy-turvy, it is not going topsy-turvy. Sometimes God starts to root up things from you, take away things from you, He says, 'that is not for you,' takes that away. And you find - You're crying, you get into and emotional tantrum. You think you're in a relationship. You think you're falling in love and God saying, when the devil is finish with you here, you are not good for your own self. This is, be careful and understand.

You see, you have to see God in your life. You have to see God has a plan. You have to see – You have to know God's Word reveals His plan. You have to understand when you're coming to church, what you're hearing is the teaching on the plan. That is to filter your thinking, so you could know the right way before you learn fifteen wrong ways, hoping it is right. Or you get in that carnal feeling, you're hoping now the lie gets blessed and become the truth. No, no, no, no, no, God don't run His business so.

You see, God so knows His children that they are part of Him. They are His genes. They have the same DNA like Him. And God knows Satan can't tempt Him to make Him get away from the Word at all. That is why when Jesus came, that was God in the flesh. Everything the devil said, He said, 'It is also written Satan...' He knows every one of his tricks. Until the devil got his feathers singed and had to take off.

God knows His children are so too. So God knows, 'I am not afraid to put you to the test. If you are My child and I can't put you to the test, something's wrong.' Because the whole plan is, He was tempted in all points yet without sin. And He is the overcomer in you and me. And He wants to come in there, I will dwell in you and I will walk in you. And greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world', because God has a point to prove to the devil, that you will not sell out. Because God knows, light is stronger than darkness and love is greater than hate, and faith is more powerful than wisdom.

God is not scared because God knows, 'When I'm giving you, I'm not giving you wisdom to fight wisdom. I'm giving you faith.' When they come with hate against you, God says, 'I am giving you love.' When they throw all kinds of darkness upon you, God says,

'I'm giving you light.' Everything the devil throws God knows "I have something more powerful to give to you. Because it's greater after I humiliate him already and then he's coming with this bluff and I teach My children, he is a bee without a stinger. He is just a big bluff, himself. And then, when I watch him lying on his back, his eyes black and blue because My son gave him a left hook, an upper cut, and has his foot on his throat and I'm watching him eye to eye and He knows I'm telling him, 'You want to tackle Me and you can't deal with my son? Behave yourself. You want to come against Me and look how My daughter have you. Look at My little girl - look how My little girl here have you. You want to come and mess with Me? Behave yourself. He'll leave with his wounds, going licking his wounds.

Come back to this man buying this slave, breaking up the family because he is thinking about breeding a bigger slave.

*And they were auctioning him off there to breed him amongst bigger women, to bring forth a bigger bunch, healthier, fatter slaves.*

*And that little mother standing there, and old Abraham Lincoln...*

The Prophet said, 'I read this about Abraham Lincoln in New Orleans'. Watch him, he has a ministry going forth, that will go forth one day to deliver people from slavery, religious bondage, all kinds of sickness. He says, "In my own home I grow up seeing what alcohol – alcohol did to our family." So he is growing up there, knowing, 'One of these days, God gives me grace, I'm called to preach the gospel, brother, to see young men throw away the bottle and see young men throw away their cigarettes and these things and all the drugs and walk and give their lives to Jesus Christ', he knows, 'I'm looking for that'. Because why? Things...

he had an experience that burned something into him. And he sits down and thinks about that experience.

He thinks as a little boy in school, when he was going through that shame and that ridicule and they're laughing at him and making jokes and thing, he is seeing, 'If my parents were like their parents, I would not be in this condition to be laughed at.' But God in his wisdom, seeing, 'You – when you get big and grow up, you will deliver people and change homes. And because of the work, you have to get prepared for, I'm passing you to see these ills and the things in this age that gripped men, who are heads of homes and break them and deform them and then they're deforming their own children.'

Like the drunk man who was walking zigzag so, Christmas time. And then he turns around and sees the boy and the boy is coming the same way, and he says, 'What's the matter with you? Walk better than that!' And he says, 'Daddy, I'm only trying to follow your footsteps.' When he realize, he said, 'God help me, I'll never take another drink.' Because he started to realize, example is influence. And he sees that's the wrong influence and the wrong influence was bringing others the wrong way.

You see when you live for self-glorification, and self-advancement and advancement of your own person and these things, you don't think anything, you know. But when you live for God, you want to make your life count. You want to be an example that could bring a godly influence because you understand the warfare; because you see how Satan's corrupting people.

And this is what you young people have to get a hold of. We're at a junction here at this time, where you need to know, you have to be a thinking young man and a thinking young woman, a thinking father and a thinking mother. You have to be in a place where you

want to know in your heart and your life, 'How deep are my convictions? Am I in this just on the surface? Is this just cosmetic in my life or is this real? Do I want to be cosmetic or do I want to be real? Do I want to appear like I have the thing and then I don't have the thing, but I'm projecting like I have it because I'm just creating an impression? Can I live with myself in that condition? Or do I want to be real from the inside out? You have to come to a place in your life where you know these things because the time is at hand. **CONVINCED THEN CONCERNED.**

Did you notice in the Scripture reading there what happened? John was saying 'there is one standing among you, whom you know not'. John said, 'I didn't see Him as yet but I know He is somewhere there.' John was convinced the time was at hand for the Messiah to come. And John knows, 'I'm preaching and the One Who sent me to baptize with water tells me, 'I will give you a sign. A Dove will come down on this One when the thing happens'. He said, 'I saw and bore record the Spirit of God coming in the form of a Dove.'

And then, John so under expectation in his heart, so believing, because when they asked him 'Art thou the Christ? Art thou Elijah?' He said, 'No,' they said, 'Who art thou then?' He said, 'I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness.' He already had revelation of his position. He was convinced he was that person. Because he knows, the Angel Gabriel not seen since the days of Daniel appeared to his father and told his father, he will go in the spirit and power of Elijah. His father died by the time he was nine years old but yet the father in the first seven years put that in his heart, 'Son, you're born for a purpose.'

He went out in the wilderness. Twenty one years he stayed there. He comes back to preach for six months. But in those six

months when he comes forth, he knows that Messiah is there somewhere. He is convinced. He knows that now is not a time for me to say, going after this. 'A, A, young man, I know your daddy well. I want to give you a job.' He says, 'I appreciate your kindness, sir, but that is not my line of work. I was not born for that.' Say, 'Boy, you have no ambition. What is the matter with you? I'm trying to help you. Look at the kind of clothes you're wearing, a piece of leather, a little piece of camel skin. Look at the young people out there, dressed better than you.' He said, 'I'm not here to win a popularity contest or to be in the latest fashion, Sir.' He said, 'I have a different conviction to that.' He said, 'For four thousand years, our people is looking for a promise since the Garden of Eden. And I believe my ministry is to introduce Him. I believe this is the hour for these things to happen.' He says, 'Son, we are the religious authority in the land. Do you expect to know these things? If somebody is to know these things, it will come to us.' He says, 'No, there was an old man named Simeon and an old woman named Anna; and there were some shepherds, and I understand that when this thing happened those few people gave testimony and witness. But you all didn't believe the things. He said, 'Look at the kind of people you all are putting out today, arguing, strife, contention. Look how dead this religion is. Do you think God's in that? He says, 'no'. They say, 'But son, who is going to hear you in the wilderness?' He said, 'I don't know but the One Who sent me to preach, He will bring the people.' They say, 'Did you ever hear anybody go in the wilderness? Prophets go in the city. What kind of prophet are you? You're confused, boy.'

When he started to preach, people were leaving all the cities and they're going in the wilderness. In the wilderness there is no

cathedral. There is no fine soft seat. You have to sit down on stone. You have the hot sun. You have to get where there is plenty trees with branches for shade. But something in the Word had a power that was pulling those people. He was convinced - he was convinced the time was at hand.

Then when the next day, he still – he sees Jesus going and he’s seeing the disciples there, he says, ‘What’s the matter with you all?’ He said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ They left him and they started to follow Jesus. They understood that he introduced them to the Word. The Bible tells us, one of those two was Andrew. And it says, Andrew was so convinced that John was Elijah and so convinced, this Man is the Messiah, he went looking for Peter. He says, ‘Peter, come.’ When Peter comes, He says, ‘Your name is Simon’. Is that right? He says, ‘You will no longer be Simon. You will be Cephas. This is by interpretation; Stone.’

Then the next thing happened after that. We see Philip of Bethesda come. And when Philip come and saw; because Andrew and they met Philip and testified to Philip, he got convinced too. It’s a whole set of people start to get convinced. They say, ‘We have found the Messiah of whom Moses did speak of’. It already had one man carry four hundred in the desert and a next man led some to their destruction. And people say, ‘Hmm, the third Messiah, you have found the third one? Where is he from, Nazareth? Or the same one? I did some investigation on your prophet. His mother had him in fornication. A soldier raped her. She was pregnant and they say that is the virgin conceive’. They say ‘We didn’t come to argue with you, friend.’

They went to Nathaniel, Nathaniel said, ‘Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?’ He says, ‘Nathaniel, please, just come and see, just come and see’. He walked in, He said, ‘Behold, an

Israelite in whom is no guile.’ He said, ‘Rabbi! When did Thou see me? Thou art the King of Israel!’ No crown, no big entourage, no celebrity, no religious authority endorsing this; revelation, God was giving people revelation because they were elected. God was convincing the elect that the Word had come and the hour was here and they are part of the plan of God. What were they before? A fisherman, a tax collector, a woman in adultery, had five husbands, what were they?

God was dealing with His people, convincing them because God knows, ‘The first thing I have to do is convince you of the time. I have to convince you of the Word of the hour. I have to convince you Elijah the prophet has come. I have to convince you the Son of Man has been revealed and that a way is going to be made to bring you into the New Birth. And the same thing will continue through you.’ This was God’s plan of convincing.

This was God’s plan of opening a vision to them that what hour they were living in. And that the Word was confirmed and that man was Elijah, the prophet. And that man introduced the Word and that is the Lamb of God that comes to take away. This is the One Isaiah talked about Who will be wounded for our transgression. This is where it was moving from the animal lamb every year to the real Lamb of God. This is the Kinsman. This is Boaz. This is the Rock that they followed in the wilderness. This is that Logos, that God above is God with us here. This is it. They were being convinced. That is what we are talking about.

You have to know that that is how He has brought you. You can’t miss these things, friends. Because once it’s revealed to you, you see the need why that Word – why Elijah had to come. It was time for the hearts of the fathers to be turned to the children. When Elijah comes, it was time for the heart of the children to be turned to the fathers. When Elijah introduces the Word, this One Who comes down from heaven, Revelation 10:1, it is time for the Rapture. You have to understand the day that you’re living in.

You have to be convinced of the day. Then what you're in, when you hear It talking about, the hour that has come upon us, what is happening, what is taking place, where the burden is, where by and through the members of the Bride.

Because when He was calling them, the big Sadducee church was getting bigger. The big Pharisee church was getting bigger but in there, that was the dead. And God does not work through the dead, God works through the living. And these were waking up to recognize their day and their message. The man says, 'We know Messiah will come.' He said, 'I, that speak to you am He'. He said, 'Rabbi, Thou art the King of Israel.' He said, 'because I tell you, you are an Israelite in whom there is no guile, you believe?' He said, 'You will see greater things than these. If the Second Pull moved you there, I discerned your heart, wait until you see the angels coming to the Son of Man. You will see greater things than the discerning of the hearts, when those angels come and the Word opens and you start to see you.'

The mother was crying. She was watching those boys going. He said:

*...and old Abraham Lincoln took his hat off of his head...and his fist, he hit his fist, and said, "That's wrong. That man's a human, just the same as I'm a human. And someday I will hit that with all I've got, if it costs my life."*

Vision – the man sees the need. And when Abraham Lincoln sees that need, like the Prophet said, 'I see what alcohol did to our home', he said, 'a burden; that vision brought a burden, when he saw that need'. He said, 'I will stop this thing.' Abraham Lincoln, maybe a young senator going up, he said, 'I will stop this thing.' He starts to campaign. He becomes President. He comes to the place where he broke that thing and signed the emancipation proclamation that 'the slaves, from the sunrise tomorrow, you all

will be free'. He broke that slavery. Why? They made it their life's purpose.

God, having us in our journey to meet things that turn us around, give us direction, bring conviction, give us purpose. And for these things, we start to live for it. We start to sacrifice for it. We start to make it so important that everything else in our lives fade away to finish this course. Friends, if you don't get there, 2020 would meet you sitting down here, talking about the Rapture, 'And you know Brother Branham says...and Brother Branham says...and Brother Branham says...and Brother Branham says...' and 'Do you have a next picture? I have no more wall space to put up the next picture.' And you're living in that kind of world.

But if you start to realize and wake up and you start to get convinced of the age; convinced that the Prophet has gone off the scene forty five years; convinced there is a Word waiting here for somebody to catch; for somebody to walk into; for somebody to start to realize 'I just don't want to be in a Message church, I am the Message. This is what I was born for. I am one of those children in the Bible. I'm one of those members of the Bride in the last days.'

Then you will do exactly what those apostles and they did because when they saw that John was Elijah. Did you hear what Philip and Andrew told Nathaniel? 'We have found the Messiah.' Not anyone, you know. 'The One of Whom Moses did speak of in the law and the prophets.' In other words, they say, 'the One that is promised in the Garden of Eden to Adam and Eve, the One promised to Noah, the One promised to Abraham, the One promised Isaac, the One promised to come through Jacob, the One promised to come through Judah; the One that is promised to come

through David, that is the One here, Jesus of Nazareth'. They named Him – They named Him, Jesus of Nazareth!

So we named Brother Branham. 'We found the Seventh Angel Messenger. We found Elijah. We found the ministry of the Son of Man to the Gentiles. We found the Last Sign.' If we found that, we are looking for the change of body. If we found that, we see the world like Sodom. We see how worse it's becoming. We know it is time to be changed and get out of here. It's the same kind of conviction. We get convinced that this is that hour. When that drives down in your heart, you don't live your life normal. Today you are there, tomorrow you are not there. Today you're on something else. You get talked out of this and talked into that. No, no, no, you sit and you watch just like him, he said, 'Look what alcohol done,' he said, 'but I rise up.'

He talked about Arnold Von Winkelreid. Have you ever heard the story about him, the man in Switzerland; stopped all wars when the big army was coming in? And they were just little mountain people, no weapons, not even trained men. And when they think of their wives, their child, the future of their land; they see the spirit of tyranny coming in to take that whole country and bring it under dominion. And they say, 'We have a free country here. We could hunt. We could fish. We could raise our families. We have this nice thing.' You know, they were enjoying that. They said, 'Look what our land is going to become.' They say, 'No, I want to make a difference'. They say, 'But you are no trained soldier. You can't face those people.' He said, 'I don't know how but I have a conviction. I mightn't have fighting skills but I have a conviction. And my conviction is so strong inside of me, I'm not just going to lay down and let this thing happen here. No, no, no, I think I

could make a difference.’ He said, ‘Men of Switzerland’, he says, ‘this day I die for my country.’ They say, ‘What do you mean?’ He says, ‘You follow me.’ He watched those soldiers and he see where the spears, where they are coming in rank and file, ‘like a wall’, the Prophet says coming. He ran where it was the thickest and he grabbed all those spears and he plunged them into himself. He says, ‘Freedom!’ He cried out for liberty for that land. He said, break the ranks of that army and so those men got a courage and fought and defeated what was like impossible odds. He said, ‘And when they called that man’s name’, he said, ‘tears swell up in the people’s eyes in that country because they remember ‘look how we could walk free because somebody cared for this land’. He says, ‘I am out here,’ he says, ‘my wife and my son are not going to see me after today. I would not be going back home. But I’m believing today, I’m willing to pay a price that they could go back and this country could be free.’

The Prophet says, ‘that was one of the greatest things in army life’. He says, ‘But oh friends, one day the human race was pinned down, the sons of Adam, men - sons and daughters who were born to have dominion, fellowship with God, amen, eternal life, were pinned down,’ he said, ‘and the portals of heaven opened and there was One Who stepped forward and says, ‘I’m going down. I am going down.’ Amen! ‘I am going to take death. I am going to conquer the sting to see them free,’ He said, ‘I’m going down.’ Because he said, ‘I’m going to lick that thing.’

Abraham Lincoln, he said, ‘When he sees - when they bring that family in tears and them... ‘oh God, daddy, daddy, that’s my daddy’.

And the woman saying, 'It's my husband, how could you do that? Have a heart.' He said, 'Lady, have a heart? I didn't make you all slaves and bring you all on the boat. I came here to buy livestock. If you have a problem, talk to the person who brought you here.' See? 'I didn't start this. The thing didn't start with me.'

Abraham Lincoln was – God had Abraham Lincoln right there to see that, see those children cry, see the tears, see the grief in the mother's heart when he falls there and tries to hold on. And those big strong men drag her back because that is just property. They threw one of the whips, put her in line and threaten the children and they're cowering under the mummy. The next thing a man takes one child, a next one takes a next child. And that is the end there. When Abraham Lincoln sees that, he says, 'That is a human being just like me'. He says, 'I'll stop that thing.' He says:

*...I will hit that with all I've got, if it costs my life." And he did.*

*Here not long ago in the coliseum where that dress lays and his blood from the assassination... I was in that coliseum, I seen an old darkie, little rim of hair around the back of his head, white as wool, walking along with hat off like that, stooped way over. He seen something and jumped back. I seen him bow his head and the tears running off his black cheeks. I seen he was saying a prayer, praying. I stood near him till he got through praying; he raised up his head, and said, "Thank You, Lord." I touched him, I said, "Uncle?"*

*He said, "Yes, sir," he said. I said, "I--I'm a minister. I was wondering while you were saying the prayer. What was the matter?"*

*He said, "Look over there." I couldn't see nothing but a dress.*

*He said, "On that dress lays the blood of Abraham Lincoln, who took a slave belt off of me." Said, "Do you see why I'm excited?" I said, "Yes, sir." And I thought, "O God, if the blood of Abraham Lincoln would excite a slave that was took from slavery, what*

*ought the Blood of Jesus Christ to do to a borned again man or woman?"*

*I said, "Drinking and so forth is wrong, and someday I will hit that." I'm still on the battlefield. The Prophet says, I'm putting every wage against it...everything that I can. I know what it does to homes.*

When you get a vision and you see the need, you see where God's children are, like the Prophet says, 'the eagle in the cage'. He said, 'I wanted to pawn my Ford as a young minister. At the end 1965 **Works Is Faith Expressed**, November the 26<sup>th</sup> 1965, he stood there and he saw, not an eagle in the zoo this time; in that dream he saw all those people beating their heads against those big bars, ten inches, thick steel. They can't come out. And they said, 'Brother Branham, help us, help us.' And he was trying to push that and his strength can't move those bars. Said, 'Brother Branham these are good people inside of here, some of them, they are good people.' He said, 'then he felt so discouraged, so weak, so insufficient to meet the need.' He said, "And then Jesus came down with a rainbow over Him and He says, 'speak and deliver them'.

From a young preacher, seeing a caged eagle, he said, 'when I see that caged eagle, I think of sons and daughters drinking alcohol, in the fashions of the world, messed up, caged up by the devil, just like that eagle who was born to live in the heavenlies, born to be a heavenly bird. The wisdom of man captured him and enslaved him in that cage. He is bleeding because he looked up there and sees the heavens and the deep calling for there, and he flies and beats against the bars and fall back down but he refuses to be domesticated. He keeps hitting against those bars. He said, 'finally, in the end, when he spoke that Word, those bars and them popping'.

I believe I was one inside that cage. Brother, where the Message met me, and the kind of enslavement I had and then I come and get convinced. I get convinced of the time that we have come to. Friends, it's frightening. It is frightening in this hour when we see the place that we have come to.

Stand, with me. I came back from Africa, bleeding for about six days, blood just constantly. I looked at it, I called my wife couple times, I said, 'Come and see this'. Sometimes when I am on the field with Timmy and there it's happening, I would call him and show him, just as a witness to show 'look what is happening'. And I'm the least phased because I know I'm out here for a purpose. I am not just, somehow wanting part; I know I am part of the Bride. I know all hell is against this Truth.

And I know if our lives are going to have any meaning and any purpose is to fulfil the Word in this hour. The secret of the Message, not just being in the Message; the secret of the Message is to do the Father's business. Whatever little portion that He revealed to you is yours. Whatever little equipment He gives you, after you have that gift, get some love. A lot of people have gifts but they don't have love. They have no burden. They have no vision. Some people's best gift is criticism. Some people's best gift is to spectate. 'But the harvest is ripe', he says, 'and the labourers are few'. He said, 'Pray that God sends labourers into the field.'

I came back. Immediately after I saw that, and the way I was feeling too, I cancelled out the meetings. I was supposed to be in Peru and Ecuador. Three sets of meetings in Peru, then in Ecuador and I cancelled the meetings. After I cancelled the meetings, while I am sending Word to the brothers 'Please reschedule, I cannot come at this time and I cannot give you a date or time when I'm

going to come. But for now, you know, there is not going to be any meetings during that time.'

While it's crossing, these brothers are sending me this letter, stamped with, you know, official stamp and letter head and two people signing and a whole set of things. So when I saw it, I forward back the letter to the brothers there, telling them, 'try and get a hold of these brothers who had the meetings planned and tell them I cannot come because of how I'm feeling and different things'. The brothers said, 'Okay, we appreciate that. We know you just came from Africa. We know you were here after Ukraine and you know before Africa and how it is. And we know you need a rest and so on.' So they contacted the brother and they told him, they say, 'This can't be done, you know the minister he's come back how he's feeling and so on'.

A couple days after, the letter comes back again. In reading, I'm thinking; I could read a little Spanish, so I'm getting some sense but I'm saying 'this can't be what he is saying'. So I asked one of the brothers to translate it for me. He translated it for me and I wanted - just let me read it for you because we are talking about **CONVINCED** and **CONCERNED**. We're talking about the commitment because of what we're called for. He says:

*I express my warm greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that you, your family and the people of the Lord are very much enjoying the blessings, to think that the enemy insists to hinder the commission that Father had entrusted us. I have been informed by Brother Ever Montelvan of Chiklayo the sad news of your health being depleted preventing you from coming. We are praying for you, those that will accompany you and your helpers to fulfil the challenge coordinated for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February in Terapoto Peru. But in order for your health to be restored, of course it is very healthy for a very good rest but we*

*know by word of mouth, the Prophet of God in this time told us that sickness is of the devil and health is of God.*

*So many times, beloved Brother Vinworth, we went to fasting and praying for your restored health and for you to come to this convention in this part of the planet. Soon if it be the will of God, we are scarce of days that leads up to the dates that had been announced. Rise up with new strength and power because we want Him to show us something more. You remember what our Creator and Healer told us in this day.*

He is sending me a whole quote now from the message **Be Certain of God**. He says:

*You know God likes to try us. He likes to see the reaction of our faith. Do you know God likes to see how you – we are going to react? It doesn't matter what dark clouds that you see. You could say it looks like I'm sick, that doesn't matter.*

This is the Prophet talking about this, he is quoting from the quote.

*It's only angels' wings beating together. That's all. It is God in the form of a blessing. If for you it looks like dark clouds, come a little closer and look again. See? See if it isn't God fulfilling His Word. Even though in the midst of circumstances things look like it's falling left and right, this faith shall never be moved because you are sure that He is God. He keeps His promise. He cannot make a promise and then don't fulfil it. If He is God, He has to fulfil His promise. Oh I love that (the Prophet says) When a man fulfils what God tells him to do and that he is certain that He is God. Then He has to respond. Faith calls him on the scene every time. When you have done all that you know is correct, when you have met all the requirements, when you have confessed and corrected and made restitutions and have put everything before God, it doesn't matter if He is silent. Nevertheless He is God waiting with faith in there. You had done all your works now he desires to see your faith by your works. He desires to see what you will do. From the message **Be Certain of God***

*Even so however, I am not being conformed to this obstacle that the enemy had put. Come, Brother Vin, we need you. I have never remembered if in any of the times that we spoke about here in Terapoto. We also have an international airport from Terapoto that had flown directly to Venezuela etc.*

*In the wait of your response and presence, if it is possible for the same dates, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> of February, because we have less than a month to advertise the dates that you could be here with us. But in spite of this negative report of your health until the dates mentioned, inform us of your presence. I am praying and asking in favour of this. I do not want to take back the down payment for the auditorium, accommodation and other services desired for in the city.*

They went and paid up all these things to hold the places of the hotel, the auditorium all these things.

*If you feel and believe that you will be better, don't doubt in taking up your suitcases and to come on the dates mentioned. He doesn't need much time to make the impossible possible. We are ready. We are waiting. Only when you respond to this letter then I will be sure to advertise based on what you personally tell me. Meanwhile we continue on praying and fasting in favour of your coming. However my faith is not conformed to these dark clouds. Okay then, I'm leaving in the Love of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*God bless you, amen.*

This is the faith and the conviction of these people. This is what they want. This is what they're seeing. I read that, my wife start to laugh because she already knows what I will do. So I say, 'Girl, God responds to faith.' I looked at my condition and say, 'Best, I don't go. Let me just stay.' They say, 'We're fasting and praying, and we heard what has been spoken to us concerning your condition. They say, 'we refuse to see that.' because he is going now on **Be Certain of God**. Now, when he is quoting me the Word, now that is something there. You really have to find an also written that is harder than that to cancel out that.

So when you go on your knees in a little while, just remember me because I'm in a straight because this is my life. My life is not about how I feel or what I don't feel. Because look at me, I could have avoided speaking what I spoke tonight and take a different path and speak something else but what I speak, I put myself in the same place, because I'm convinced I'm carrying the Word. I'm convinced I have the Message. I'm convinced I'm anointed and commissioned. And I'm convinced that they really need me. That's right. When you see the need, when you have a vision of the Word, your place, your work, what you're called for, your life on earth; you see the need that brings a burden. A burden is not a thing you have for a day or a week. Go in the Bible, the burden of Dumah - the burden of Egypt... The burden - just seeing the Bible, and the Word talking about burden, how that is.

That is why I read to you about Abraham Lincoln, he says, 'Before I die, I'll hit this thing'; where the Prophet, when he was a little boy and seeing what alcoholism did and he...where that caged eagle is. When you find something in life and you understand the equipment you're given, why you're given that equipment and what is God's purpose and intention in calling you and making you part of His Bride. It is not to walk around and say, 'I am Bride, I'm going in the Rapture. You all are denomination.' No, no, no, it is not that kind of thing. We stand between the living and the dead 'By and through the members, He will finish the work'.

And that work is not done easily. All hell garrisons there – all hell - They sealed up the tomb to make sure He stays dead. They put guards around it to make sure this Man is not coming back out. 'When we get Him and we'll be able to bury Him after we kill Him, He will remain buried.' But God's determined; He is not to remain

buried. 'If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwell in you, it will quicken your mortal bodies. '

Do you feel you have enough conviction, tonight, in your heart from what has been spoken to spend a few minutes? Not long, I don't say you have to pray long, but I say you have to pray sincere. I say you have to pray with faith. It's not how many words you go down with. Because sometimes you have many words and ninety percent of the things, you didn't need to tell God all of that. God didn't need to hear that.

But the things you talk to God about, is what I want you to have focus. The focus I want you to have is what I have spoken here. That we as a people, are we convinced the time is at hand like those disciples? Could we be convinced that the time is at hand and then not look to see the behaviour follow that? Which is, if the time is at hand, then who is going to go, 'Who shall go for us?' Who is going to say, 'Here am I, Lord, send me?' Who is going to say, 'Lord, is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?'

Or are you trying to negotiate with God for months, going to years for things you want for yourself. And God's not even answering that or giving heed to that because God wants you to start to see what He wants. And see, that your life on the earth is not for you, what you want. The resurrection is for those who serve God's purpose; it is they who come up. You don't live for yourself and come up. No, no, you live to fulfil the Word and you come up because you are serving God's purpose.

The sun doesn't say, 'You see me, I don't think I want to shine tomorrow, you know. I don't think I want to do that. I doing that routine, I want to break that routine. I am not ready for that.' No, no, that sun will come up as normal in the morning. All the devils in hell can't stop him from coming up. That doesn't even have a

soul. You are a greater light than that light. That light can only bring botany life to life. You can bring another one that is in darkness. Your life could influence and quicken. This is the life we want tonight.

Let's just sing a little verse, a little chorus, *Lead me Lord, and I will follow*. We want His leadership. We want His hand in our lives. We want Him to empower us. We want Him to make clear to us His will, where we can best serve Him. I want you to, if it's just for fifteen, twenty minutes tonight. You can get on your knees right there and settle that with God. Talk to Him with a surrendered heart. Don't just talk to Him with words. Talk to Him with a heart that means to surrender that if He shows you, go right, you go right. If He shows you, leave that, you will leave that. If He shows you, 'give more time to this', you're ready to give more time to it.

Many times people just go down and say words, but go down in the way I speak to you tonight, convinced. Ask Him, "Lord, convince me because I want to be concerned. I don't think I'm concerned. I'm just concerned about my own things. But the Bible says, *think on the things of others...fulfil, bear one another's burdens and fulfil the law of Christ. Let the strong bare the infirmity of the weak. It is more blessed to give than to receive.*"

*...have called me,  
And I will answer,  
Lead me, Lord, I will go*

Oh just worship Him.  
*Lead me Lord,  
And I will follow  
Lead me, Lord and I will go  
You have called me, Jesus  
And I will answer*

Oh, lead me, Lord...

One more time... You want to stay in your seat, stand right there and pray; you want to come here, kneel before Him; a few minutes of concentrated prayer. It doesn't take long to burn that incense when it burns with the fire of God in your soul. Then that incense goes up, your prayers coming to remembrance before God. This is the hour, all prayer is being offered and all prayer is being fulfilled.

*I will go.*

(The saints pray)

Let us stand to our feet.

Draw me deeper, deeper, into Your Word of Truth. Praise the Lord. I believe this should be the desire of every heart, tonight.

*Deeper and deeper into Your*

*Word of Truth*

*Deeper and deeper to prove*

*My love for You*

*Deeper and deeper to the place*

*Where You are*

*Draw me deeper and deeper*

*That I may know Your heart.*

Oh sing it again...draw me deeper

*Deeper and deeper*

*To your Word of Truth*

Oh we see the need for it. We desire more and more, a little deeper, a little closer, make us a little stronger.

*Deeper and deeper*

*To the place where you are*

*Draw me deeper and deeper*

*That I may know Your heart*

Oh, draw me from fear...that's the greatest plague in the Church.

Draw me from fear into faithfulness  
Oh, lead me along Your way, Lord  
*Lead me along Your way*

*...holiness*

That I might be a living praise  
Oh, why don't you lift your hands to Him

*Deeper...*

Tell Him, say, 'Lord, I'm not just singing this, but this is my prayer. I'm expecting this, Lord'.

*Deeper and deeper  
To prove my love for You  
Deeper and deeper to the place  
Where You are  
Draw me deeper and deeper  
That I may know Your heart.*

Oh, draw me from hate...

*Draw me from hate into charity*

Oh, from restlessness...

*From restlessness into your peace,*

Oh, draw me from anger...this age of tension, neurotic strain,

...till every storm in my life...

*...in my life shall cease*

Oh, draw me deeper...until the veil falls around you and shuts you in the Holy of holies.

*Deeper and deeper  
To prove my love...  
Deeper and deeper to the place  
where you are  
Draw me deeper and deeper  
That I may know Your heart*

As we bow our hearts in His presence. Before we leave, we just want to take those things that He spoke to us this evening, where the Spirit has put that emphasis, we want to go back out with that feeling. We want to keep that Word in our remembrance. We want to keep our lives under that focus, under that examination. Sometimes when we hear the Word, we stand right there before the Mirror. We can look into the Mirror and see just what we are, where we are lacking, where we have need, where we might have been failing. But to retain that, as our prayer would continue right in those places, while that Word has pricked our conscience; while that Word has reflected the inner man, brought it out that we can see where we need to be in this hour, where we should be, that we might truly do Him the service according to His will; that we might be in condition to do Him the service, that we could see the need for closer fellowship with Him.

We could see that it's a lack of love, lack of interest sometimes, that cause us not to be walking that close, where we could say, *'My heart is fixed and my soul followeth hard after thee...As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul – so thirstiest my soul for the living God'*. This living God Who can visit you, come down, talk to you; His Presence surrounds you and overshadows you; Who can teach you His Word and His will concerning your life; Who could impart to you and endue you with more of Himself to bring you in condition to face the challenges that might be confronting you and you find yourself unable to walk in the victory as you should; could give you the strategy how to fight, show you how to choose your battle grounds; what strategy to employ in your warfare, so that you don't fight as one that beateth the air; Who could show you what part of your armour you're lacking, why the enemy is penetrating your defences, so you could be more fortified that you would be walking conscious.

The Scripture says, 'awake thou that sleepest, you don't want to be asleep in this hour. They that sleep - they who are asleep are of

the night but we are of the day. We are children of Light not of the darkness, 'be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. His Word is His will; His Word being revealed, making His will known unto us that the Mind of Christ can come in. We see where we need to focus, what we need to be doing in this hour; where we are lacking, where we need to - what place we need to take and what sacrifice we must make to come into that place so we could see progress in our lives. We could see growth. We could see strength being increased, where there is no prevailing power as that revelation, that Word being made Spirit and Life in us.

Gracious Father, as we get ready to leave this spot of ground tonight, may You help us to keep the Word in our remembrance? May it be the meditation of our hearts and our minds? So many times we hear the Word, Lord and we know that's just hearing it. But when that Word begins to bathe down on the inside, then what that Word is speaking of begins to be produced in our lives. And we begin to see change being effected in us, in places where the enemy had access and entrance.

Lord, we see him being shut out and we can walk in closer communion under the influence of Your Holy Spirit. We know You taught us, that the fowls of the air were spirits come to pluck that seed out when that Word is planted in our hearts. But if that Word - faith could find its bedding ground; if that seed could find a place to grow, it could drop in that fertile rich faith, that prepared ground, it will bring forth Father, after its kind. That Word will begin to be reproduced in and through us. We'll be fortified. We would be a people becoming that Word.

May we continue to pray over these things, Lord? May our prayer meeting continue on long after we are dismissed; we keep that blessed sweet communion with You in our hearts, in our minds; be convinced of the time. The time is at hand. You said, 'Seal not up these things.' This is the hour when soon, he that is filthy will be filthy still. We can't even measure that, Lord. It's

upon us. That day is here. That's why it is becoming so difficult. That's why the people are in this state of lawlessness.

That's why we look at leaders and people who aspire to be leaders in this world and see them so confused, so void of leadership. To see the things in this nation, that they are debating and wasting their time and the arguments and just confusion. And the people oh God, following these things in such a hopeless condition; the systems of religion so dark and dead, Lord. And even among what is called, 'the called out, the believers', so few with inspiration, so little with victory.

God may You drive Your Word down so deep within us, Lord, that Lord God, we will make these things our personal possession. Let Your Love be so shed abroad in our hearts, Lord. We know love drives people to do things. Love influences people to sacrifice. We don't just want to give of our possessions, Lord, because we know true giving is giving of ourselves; even to give when it becomes painful, oh God.

We don't want to live and serve in convenience, but Lord, where we could have a clear vision of the time and the need of this hour and become burdened, oh God, to know this is why You have called us, Lord. This is the purpose for which You have called us. This is why You equipped us with Your very Own potentials. This is why You have led us to discover, Lord that we are of the same species like You. We are Your offspring. This is why You are endeavouring and labouring to make us understand our strange and misunderstood life, to bring us to know as we were known, Lord. For You say, 'in that day you will know as I was in the Father and the Father in Me, so I in you and you in Me; you shall know as You were known.' And we see You are doing this to take away our amnesia. Let this bring such a quickening influence upon us.

Lord, to see it was so good last night, to see this group of young men and young women in the assembly. We could sit Lord, and to see them willing to put their shoulders to the wheel with such conviction, trying to see an increase come in certain places in the

work; to help bring the work to be better established only because they have been touched. They see the need. They see how many people are desiring to have more of what You have imparted to us, Lord. And they have stood there that late hour last night.

Others since Sunday night, night after night, striving, oh God, to do everything that we could really rise up and make every day count, Father, that we have left in the allotted time that You have given unto us; time that is running out swiftly. But Lord, what an encouragement it is, to see those who know that by their attention that they could give to these things, by their sacrifice, sacrificing their time, their energy, putting their best into it, Lord, it could make a difference.

May this move in the Church that love would cause us to dash out in the forefront. This is what You did, Father. And did so much more in that final hour, when You were under such rejection and persecution; being humiliated to such an extent, but Lord God, You were so willing to drink that bitter cup. Nothing could have turned You back. You spoke of that hour coming, but when that hour arrived, You declared, 'Now is My hour come, Father, glorify Thy Name'. In that hour, You said, this is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm well pleased. Hear ye Him.

Now our time has come, Father. May You be able to say, 'This is My beloved Bride, hear ye her. She is the final Voice to the final age. That You find us being Life of Your Life, Spirit of Your Spirit, Word of Your Word; Jesus in Bride form in the Bride age, in the Bride coming. You said, 'if the Bridegroom hits sixteen cylinders so the Bride will do the same.' God, we want to be so surrendered to Your will that You could truly have the pre-eminence that You desire in us, Lord. May You grant it, Father. Bless each one tonight. Take them safely to their homes.

Remember the wedding tomorrow. We ask that Your Holy Spirit will be present. Service on Sunday; all the things that have been designated for these days, the little meetings and all those things, Lord, as we strive to walk closer in this 2012; and to be willing to see that we could be so much more available unto You

that all that You desire, Lord, You'll find no resistance coming from us; that the same harmony that existed between the Father and the Son would exist between the Bridegroom and the Bride. Unto this end Lord, we believe we were born, for this cause we came into the world and whatever it takes to draw closer to You, that's what we are willing to do.

Touch Your people Lord, once again, with Your precious holy hand, Father. Touch each one tonight, Lord. Lord, we need a brand new touch, our strength of yesterday is gone. Give us the touch to the depth, the measure oh God, that we need to rise up and get done what You are requiring of us, Lord. May You grant it, tonight. We commit each and every one into Your mighty hands. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

Why don't you turn around and greet your brother and sister. Tell them God bless them. As the song leader would come, we want to sing this little song, *Touch your people once again...*

